

Obituaries – “C” Surnames

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Date of death: 16 Nov 1917

Subject: Samuel Mathew Cady

Source: [Maryville MO] Daily Democrat-Forum, 12 Dec 1917, Wednesday, p. 4

Samuel L. Cady, a resident of Nodaway County some twenty years ago, and known to many of the older residents, died at his home at West Plains, Mo., on November 15. The following is from the West Plains Journal:

Samuel M. Cady died at his home in the southeast suburbs at 3:30 o'clock Thursday morning, November 15, from afflictions incident to old age. He has not been in robust health for a year, and since the death of his wife last spring he has been steadily declining.

He was born in the city of Chicago, April 13, 1834, and moved with his parents to Wisconsin where they resided some years before coming to Missouri. They first located in Nodaway County, and came to West Plains in 1896.

Mr. Cady came of a family noted for its longevity, his mother, Rachel M. Cady, living to be within a few days of 86. When Mr. Cady's parents moved from New York they stopped at what is now Chicago and his father after looking over the place is said to have remarked, "There is nothing about Chicago I would take as a gift," and the family shortly afterwards moved on to what is now Joliet, Ill., where they resided until attracted to the new country in Wisconsin.

He married Mary A. Barter in 1879 at Pleasant Prairie, Wis., and was engaged in farming and stock raising until a few years ago. He is survived by three sons, Ferry Cady of West Plains, Theodore Cady, a banker of Kansas City, and Charles Cady of Harrisburg, Ark.

Date of death: 22 Jul 1913

Subject: Napoleon Bonaparte Cain

Source: Denver [CO] Post, 23 Jul 1913

Napoleon B. Cain, one of the oldest employees of the Continental Oil Company, died at his home, 4423 Zuni Street, yesterday. Mr. Cain had been ill for several weeks. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. C. W. Hall of Denver; three sons, C. B. Cain and F. A. Cain of Denver and H. M. Cain of Houston, Texas.

He was in the service of the oil company as engineer for fourteen Years. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Date of death: 10 Apr 1913

Subject: Thomas Edward Cain

Source: The Holt County [MO] Sentinel, 18 Apr 1913, Friday, p. 8

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Thomas E. Cain, 25 years old, 532 West Chestnut street, St. Joseph, Mo., was instantly killed, April 10, 1913, when he stepped in front of Burlington passenger train No. 32, in an attempt to evade a freight train coming in the opposite direction. The accident occurred just above the bend in the tracks north of the Francis street depot.

Cain, with his father, William Cain, and brother, Lowell, were walking north on the Burlington tracks when they heard the freight train whistle behind them. The father crossed the tracks and Cain followed him. He evidently did not see the passenger train coming south, or else misjudged its speed. He was nearly across the tracks when the engine struck him, the pilot tearing a hole in his forehead and crushing the back of his head.

He was employed at the street railway car barns. He is survived by his wife and two small children.

The deceased was born near Fillmore, Andrew county, leaving there about 15 years ago, and at one time was a resident of this county. His grandfather, Uncle Thomas Cain, lives near New Point.

The funeral was held Sunday, April 13. His uncles, James and Thomas, of near Oregon, were in attendance at the funeral.

Date of death: 4 Nov 1900

Subject: James Baird Calaway

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 15 Feb 1900, Thursday, p. 6

James Calaway, aged 67 years, died at his home at Bean lake last night of pneumonia. The burial will occur at Iatan tomorrow.

Date of death: 24 Jan 1919

Subject: Mary Eleanor (Calaway) Jenks

Source: *Albany [OR] Daily Democrat*, 24 Jan 1919, Friday, p. 1

Mrs. Mary E. Jenks, pioneer resident of Linn county and well-known in the Tangent neighborhood, passed away at her home near that place at 7 o'clock this morning.

The deceased was born on August 29th, 1838, in Illinois. Later she moved with her parents to Missouri, where she was married to James B. Jenkins in 1866 [sic]. With her husband she crossed the plains with an ox team and settled on the farm where she has since resided for the past 53 years.

The deceased was a faithful and devout Christian and has always been an active worker in the M.E. church south. She is survived by nine sons, Floyd B., Wm. D., James M. C., Oliver, Charles, Jesse, Forest and Enoch Jenks, all of whom reside in the vicinity of Tangent; and one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Rickard, who resides in the vicinity of Harrisburg. She also leaves 25 grandchildren, of which 22 are still living, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will in all probability be held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

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Date of death: Feb 1878

Subject: _____ Caldwell

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 23 Feb 1878, Saturday, p. 4

Mound City, Mo., was thrown into a state of intense excitement yesterday afternoon, between 3 and 4 o'clock, by the explosion of the boiler in Hall's flour mill, and the killing of five men, who happened to be in the engine house, adjoining, at the time of the accident.

The cause of the fatal occurrence is not definitely established, but it is the universal opinion of the citizens of that place that it was a derangement in the mill machinery. All that is known about the affair is, that a terrible explosion was heard between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, destroying the mill in question beyond all hopes of repair, and killing the five men in the mill at the time, either outright, or wounding them so seriously as to cause death within a few hours after.

The names of the killed are: Adkins, the engineer at the mill, whose body was found in a condition as almost to defy recognition; Anderson, a farmer; McWilliams, who was taking a load of wood to the mill at the time, and whose horses, tied to a post near by, were seriously injured; Hall, a brother of Mrs. Hall, the proprietor of the mill; Anderson and Caldwell.

The mill, a frame building, as stated, was utterly destroyed and a piece of the boiler, weighing about 2,000 pounds, was thrown a distance of one hundred yards, while other piece [sic] of iron was thrown into a field, some four hundred yards distant, killing or seriously injuring a horse attached to a plow.

Of the men killed, all have families except Hall, and it is said that the large families of Adkins and McWilliams are left in destitute circumstances.

Our informant tells us that others may yet be buried beneath the ruins, as the five men mentioned are all that are known to have been in the mill at the time of the accident.

The coffins were ordered at the establishment of D. J. Heaton & Co., of this city, late last evening. The burial will take place some time to-day.

Date of death: 16 Jan 1916

Subject: Stephen Call

Source: *Stillwater [OK] Gazette*, 28 Jan 1916

Mrs. William Wilson returned from Bristow Tuesday of last week where she was called to see her father, Dr. Stephen Call, who was not expected to live, being enfeebled by old age. He passed away on Sunday, the 16th of January. He was 93 years and 5 months old. Dr. Call enlisted for the Mexican war and fought under Gen. Scott, and in 1860 he enlisted with the Union forces and served as commissary sergeant through the war. In 1891 he was instrumental in reviving the town of Ingalls and lived here and practiced medicine and kept a drug store until six years ago, when he sold his property and moved to Bristow. He leaves a wife and stepdaughter, and two daughters and one son to mourn his loss.

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Dates of death: 1885-1887

Subjects: The Call Family (Mary, Amanda, John; Hannah Foster)

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 21 Mar 1885, p. 4

Mr. Samuel Call, who resides on a farm near Taos, in this county, and is a descendant of one of the best families in the state, certainly realized yesterday that his cup of sorrow was full to overflowing. In company with his son John and daughter Amanda, the gentleman arrived in St. Joseph at an early hour yesterday and took passage on the outgoing St. Joseph & Des Moines train for Union Star, some twenty-five miles distant, where a married daughter, Mrs. James Murphy, was reported as lying dangerously ill, being taken bedfast Monday. It was 9:30 o'clock when the train pulled out from the Union depot, and at 10:5 [sic] a.m. the party reached their destination and at once repaired to the residence of Mr. J. F. Call, but were little prepared for the blow that awaited them.

The daughter and sister whom they had expected to cheer by their arrival was found in the cold embrace of death, which had occurred at 5 o'clock Thursday evening. The news was first imparted to the father and son, who were bowed down with grief. Miss Call was then apprised of the true situation, when she instantly swooned away, so great was the shock. Medical aid was at once summoned, but to no avail, and the conclusion finally forced itself upon all present that the end had been reached, death having resulted from paralysis of the heart.

Mrs. Murphy had died at her home eight miles from Union Star, and the body was taken to the village for the purpose of conveying it to St. Joseph. The preparations to that end had about been completed when the second blow fell, and the father was completely prostrated. Caskets were procured and both bodies were brought to this city, arriving at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

When they reached the Union depot they were removed to the baggage-room when the lid covering the remains of Miss Call was removed and an idle crowd permitted to gaze upon the features of the young woman who, earlier in the day, had taken her departure in the full bloom of health.

As there have been cases of this kind where the application of a galvanic battery resulted in resuscitation, it was determined to make the test in this instance, and Dr. W. L. Heddens was summoned. The body of the deceased was conveyed into a private room at the Union depot, and the application was made, the battery being operated for three-quarters of an hour, but it failed to bring back the spark of life.

Realizing that the last ray of hope had fled, the casket was again closed, and an hour later the remains of the two sisters were placed in two hearses and followed by a single carriage[,] were conveyed to the home of Mr. Call, from whose residence the funeral will take place Sunday, the services being held at Old Union church.

Both Mrs. Murphy and Miss Call were members of the Christian church and had been for years. The former was 28 years old and leaves a husband and three children. The latter was 25 years of age. They were ladies of education, refinement and social worth, and their death will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends in Buchanan and DeKalb counties.

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The family of Mr. Call is certainly a fatal [?] one, as his wife died several years ago while sitting at the breakfast table; and now, in the loss of his two estimable daughters, he will indeed receive the sympathy of his neighbors and friends.

Date of death: 5 Oct 1914

Subject: Lottie (Callaway) Smith

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 7 Oct 1914, p. 6

Word was received in St. Joseph yesterday of the death at Clearmont, Mo., of Mrs. James Smith. Mrs. Smith was a sister of Mrs. L. C. Bowen of 403 Hamburg avenue. Mrs. Bowen several days ago went to Quitman, Mo., the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tip Calloway [sic], to look after her mother, who is also seriously ill.

Date of death: 24 Jul 1913

Subject: Emma (Caloway) Evans

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 25 Jul 1913, p. 6

Mrs. M. J. Evans, 702 Lincoln street, died at 11:30 o'clock last night. She is survived by a son, James, and two daughters, Myrtle and Edith. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon, burial at Oakland Cemetery.

Date of death: 20 Feb 1898

Subject: Mrs. Matilda A. Cambron

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 5 Mar 1898, Saturday, p. 5

Conception. Mrs. Henry Cambron, one of our former parishioners, died recently at Parnell City, Mo.

Date of death: 7 Dec 1915

Subject: Anna (Campbell) Still

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 Dec 1915, Wednesday, p. 6

Mrs. Anna Still, 23 years old, wife of Morgan Still of Tarkio, Mo., died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at a hospital here. The body will be taken to Tarkio for burial.

Date of death: 30 Nov 1890

Subject: son of Alexander Campbell (possibly Edward)

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 1 Dec 1890, p. 3

A son of Policeman Alex Campbell died of consumption yesterday. He was an honest, hard-working, clever and industrious young man, and a member of the colored band. His disease was aggravated by undue exertion required in playing upon the tuba, of which instrument he was an accomplished performer. His relatives and friends deeply deplore his death.

Date of death: 11 Apr 1873

Subject: Mary (Campbell) Cardwell

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Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 25 Apr 1873, Friday, p. 2

Died. On Friday, April 11, 1873, Mrs. Mary Cardwell, wife of Wilcher Cardwell, aged 63 years, 3 months and 27 days.

After fulfilling the duties imposed upon her long life on earth, she has been called to the fathers, leaving many friends to mourn her loss. May we meet in heaven.

Date of death: 22 Sep 1886

Subject: Robert Campbell

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 24 Sep 1886, p. 5

Maryville Items.—Robert Campbell, colored, drives for Shoemaker & Son, died here this morning. All of the above died of typhoid fever.

Date of death: 7 Feb 1912

Subject: Emma G. Cannon

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 8 Feb 1912, p. 2

Maryville, Mo., Feb. 8.—Mrs. [sic] Emma Cannon, one of the best known teachers in Nodaway County died at her home here last night. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Gallatin Craig. The Rev. Samuel D. Harkness will officiate.

Mrs. Cannon retired from active work some years ago after twenty-six consecutive years of teaching. Since that time she has made her home with Mrs. Craig here. She was about seventy-five years old. Her work had been principally in the primary and intermediate grades in the city public schools. Besides Mrs. Craig, a daughter, Mrs. A. L. Holmes of this city, survives.

Date of death: 2 Jan 1884

Subject: Charles Wesley Caples

Source: *The [Sacramento CA] Record-Union*, 21 Jan 1884, Monday, p. 3

Amazonia, Missouri, January 2—Charles Caples (father of Dr. Caples, of Sacramento county), 88 years.

Date of death: 2 Aug 1922

Subject: William B. Carey

Source: *Seneca [KS] Courier-Tribune*, 5 Oct 1922, Thursday, p. 5

William B. Carey was born September 29, 1861 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and came to Brown county, Kansas where he lived until he came to Seneca about twenty-five years ago. He was one of fifteen children, born to Robert B. and Mercy Ann Ellis Casey, five of whom, Mrs. W. C. Humes, Mrs. Mary Rohl, Mrs. Amanda Haner, Charles Carey and W. B. Carey have been engaged in the restaurant business here in Seneca. William B. Carey was in partnership with his brother, Charles, until the death of Charles Carey in Seneca about twenty years ago. Mrs. Mary Rohl and Mrs. J. P. Emerson, sisters, also preceded him in death.

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Mr. Carey was married on May 31, 1908 to Mrs. Avonia O'Neill. To them was born a son, William Carey, jr. His widow, son; two stepdaughters, Dorothy and Kathleen O'Neill, and many other relatives survive him.

The funeral services on Thursday afternoon will be held from the Congregational church with Rev. A. B. Appleby conducting. The tribute to Mr. Carey is given elsewhere in this issue.

Date of death: 6 Jun 1914

Subject: Edwin H. Carland

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 6 Jun 1914, Saturday, p. 1

Liberty, Mo., June 6.—Edward [sic] Carland, fourteen years old, was drowned near here today while swimming. The lad with two companions had started out to pick cherries, but the three decided it was too early to go to work and went swimming.

Same

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Star*, 6 Jun 1914, Saturday, p. 1

Liberty, Mo., June 6.—Edwain [sic] Carland, 14 years old, was drowned here this morning while in swimming. He was a son of Mrs. Lena Carland, who runs the Carland House here. The boy had left home about 6 o'clock and was going into the country to pick cherries. Deciding that it was too early to go to work he and two other boys went in the water. The body was in the water an hour and a half before being found. The Electric Light Company pulmotor was brought out from Kansas City in an attempt to save him.

Date of death: 8 Nov 1892

Subject: James Carmichael

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 11 Nov 1892, p. 3

James Carmichael of Nodaway Island, whose death occurred Tuesday, November 8, was born in Scotland, November 9, 1820, and came to Missouri in 1858. He was one of the oldest citizens of Nodaway Island and highly respected by all who knew him. The deceased was buried at Amazonia Wednesday, November 9.

Date of death: 7 Sep 1885

Subject: William Carmony (or Cormady)

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 10 Sep 1885, Thursday, p. 1

Rochester, Mo., September 8.—Last night William Carmony was drowned in Platte River, at about 10 o'clock. He was on his way home from Helena, and when within about one-half mile of home the road passed within fifty or sixty feet of the river. At this point his wagon struck a stump, throwing him out. After regaining his feet he wandered up and down the road, and finally leaving the road he tumbled over the bank into the river, where he was found this morning. From appearances he made a fearful struggle to regain the bank. He has many acquaintances in St. Joseph.

Date of death: 13 Jun 1875

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Subject: Henry Oscar Carpenter

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 18 Jun 1875, Friday, p. 8

Died. In this county, on Sunday, June 13, 1875, Henry Oscar, son of George and Martha Carpenter; aged about 1 year.

Date of death: 30 Mar 1916

Subject: Hugh A. Carpenter

Source: *Frankfort [KS] Index*, 4 Apr 1916, Tuesday

Hugh A. Carpenter was born in Fairfax, Iowa on August 26, 1858 and died in a Wichita, Kansas hospital on March 30, 1916 at the age of 57 years, 7 months and 4 days.

He came to Kansas in 1874 and was married to Jennie Inman on April 26, 1878. To this union was born ten children, four of which died in infancy.

Death was caused from gaul [sic] trouble of which he had been a patient sufferer, undergoing an operation ten days before his death.

Besides his wife and six children; Arthur A. Carpenter, Protection, Kansas, Mrs. Retta Helig, Rozel, Kansas, Gale G. Carpenter, Bigelow, Kansas, Mrs. Vance Koelling, Bluff City, Kansas, Mrs. Velma Hunt, Hoxie, Kansas, John D. Carpenter, Bigelow, Kansas; also one sister and two brothers.

Funeral services were held in Bigelow Christian church at 11:00 a.m. on April 1, 1916 with Reverend F.E. Barber officiating.

He was a member of the Modern Woodman [sic] of America and the membership conducted services graveside at Antioch Cemetery, southwest of Frankfort, Kansas.

Date of death: 19 Mar 1876

Subject: R. Ella A. Carpenter

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 24 Mar 1876, p. 8

D. B. Carpenter, for over a year in our employ, was suddenly called away on the 10th inst., to go to Clarinda, Iowa, to attend the bedside of his sister Ella, wasting away in the last stages of consumption. The announcement of her death will be found in another place. Mr. Carpenter himself has had an attack of bleeding of the lungs for several days past. We understand his parents, also, died of consumption.

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Died. In Clarinda, Iowa, at the residence of her grand-mother, Mrs. Sarah Hiatt, on Sunday morning, March 19th, 1876, at 6:30 a.m., Mrs. R. E. A. Carpenter, late of Savannah, Mo., in the 19th year of her age, of consumption.

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The deceased was a member of the Christian Church of this city, and her death will be mourned by her many friends, for her many good qualities. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Clarinda, on Monday, March 20th, at 12 o'clock.

Date of death: 5 Apr 1892

Subject: Nathaniel Carrel

Source: *The Holton [KS] Weekly Recorder*, 14 Apr 1892

Mayetta, April 11, 1892, at the residence of A. J. Carrel, two and a half miles southeast of Mayetta, Mr. Nathaniel Carrel, aged eighty years, three months and four days, after a brief illness. Mr. Carrel was born in Tennessee, and when eight years old left that state with his parents for Clay County, Missouri, and from there he moved to DeKalb county, that state, and resided there until recently, becoming old and infirm, two companions having preceded him, and his family being broken up, he concluded to come to Kansas and spend the remainder of his days with his son, who is himself blossoming with many years of honest toil and Christian endurance. Here Grandpa Carrel fully resigned himself to the care of Him who rules the destiny of mankind and seemed to enjoy remarkably good health for one of his age. Recently he was stricken with paralysis, which with his old and declining years, baffled all medical skill. But Grandpa Carrel became perfectly resigned to the will of Him who doeth all things well. His life has been a exemplification of Christian forbearance, he having early on in life professed his faith in Christ, and in his last hours of affliction fully exemplified the words of the poet: "Here, Lord I give myself away; Tis all that I can do." The many sorrowing friends have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad hour of affliction, and especially his aged son, who has had the care and attention of his kind old father during his last hour of affliction, but his friends can have the comforting consolation of knowing that in his death these words shall be verified: "If a man die he shall live again." After that mortals could do all that remained of Grandpa Carrel was tenderly laid to rest in the Stanley cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Date of death: 8 Jun 1920

Subject: William Harold Carrel

Source: *Greeley [CO] Daily Tribune*, 14 Jun 1920, p. 4

Platteville, June 14.—Funeral services for the body of Harold Carrel, U.S.N., were held from the Methodist church Sunday afternoon. Twenty-five ex-service men marched at the head of the hearse from the house to the church and later from the church to the cemetery. Besides his parents, who live in Platteville, he is survived by a sister, Cora, living in Greeley. Rev. J. M. Eldridge of Eaton and Rev. W. L. Cline of Greeley officiated.

Same

Source: *Greeley [CO] Daily Tribune*, 16 Jun 1920, p. 9

Platteville, June 15.—The funeral services of Harold Carrel were held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon, Rev. Eldridge of Eaton and Rev. Cline of Greeley officiating. Harold enlisted in the navy about a year ago and had been in poor health for some time. He passed away at the Base hospital at San Pedro, Calif. His mother was the only relative with him when the end came.

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Source: *Greeley [CO] Daily Tribune, 18 Jun 1938, p. 3*

A correction about the way the new flag came into the possession of the [Noble Grand] lodge was made. Mrs. Mary Jane Carrol [sic], member of the lodge, donated the beautiful flag which accompanied her dead son, Harold Carrol's body home from the war. Mrs. James Morgan, her daughter, made the presentation.

Date of death: 10 Oct 1898

Subject: Caleb Cox Carriger

Source: *Petaluma [CA] Daily Morning Courier, 11 Oct 1898, Tuesday, p. 4*

Caleb C. Carriger, another pioneer of Sonoma valley, died Sunday. Mr. Carriger came to Sonoma in 1846, and settled on a farm on the west side of the valley, where he resided continuously up to the day of his death. Deceased owned one of the finest orange and lemon groves in this part of the county, from which he shipped large consignments to the San Francisco markets. Mr. Carriger was born in Carter county, Tenn., in 1832. He leaves a widow and four children besides a large number of other relatives.

Date of death: 29 May 1890

Subject: Christian Carriger

Source: *The [Mankato KS] Jacksonian, 19 Jun 1890, Thursday, p. 5*

Died, on Thursday morning, May 29th, at 4 o'clock, Christian Carriger, aged about 74 years, of paralysis of the heart.

The deceased was a well-known and highly esteemed colored citizen of Bedford, who had resided here for about five years past. His death was wholly unexpected, he having gone to bed the night before in apparent good health.

Mr. Carriger was born in Carter county, Tenn., of slave parents, and as was customary in those days, took the name of his master, who sometime prior to 1850 removed to Andrew county, Missouri, bringing the subject of this notice with him. Here the deceased married Miss Harriet Davis, and in 1850 bought his own freedom and started across the plains in pursuit of means to buy his family. He was industrious and prospered well in California, and as soon as he raised money enough, returned and paid \$1,250 for his wife and \$850 for his son. Another child had been born to him during his absence, and he again went back to California and worked until he accumulated enough money to buy it, and also a small farm of about 50 acres two or three miles north of Fillmore, Mo. Six more children were the issue of the marriage, all of whom survive him. In 1874 his wife died, and on the 14th of April, 1875, he married Mrs. Clara Lucas, who survives him. He came here, as has been said, about five years ago.

Mr. John Graff, who knew the deceased here and in Missouri for over thirty-five years, tells us many interesting details of his life, all of which go to show that during a long life he was very industrious, a man of the strictest integrity, a good neighbor and a kind and affectionate husband and father. His children who live in Missouri

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came here on receipt of the news of his death, and the remains were taken to that State for interment—Bedford (Iowa) Republican.

The subject of the above remarks has a daughter, Mrs. A. B. Turner, residing in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are highly respected citizens who have the sympathy of our people in their affliction.

Date of death: 5 Mar 1919

Subject: Dorrel Carriger

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 15 Mar 1919, Saturday, p. 2

Maryville, Missouri.

Rev. L. P. Bryant conducted the funeral services of Dorrel Carriger at Savannah, Mo., Saturday morning. Mrs. Bryant accompanied Rev. and the family.

Date of death: 8 Apr 1916

Subject: Earl Carriger

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 15 Apr 1916, Saturday, p. 8

St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Earl Caggier [sic] died Saturday, the 8th, at his home, 7th and Middleton, and the funeral took place at the A.M.E. church Monday, the 10th. The service was conducted by Rev. Holly. He leaves a mother, father, brother, and two sisters to mourn his loss.

Date of death: 28 Sep 1918

Subject: John Carriger

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 5 Oct 1918, Saturday, p. 2

Maryville, Mo. Mrs. John Fields was called to St. Joseph on account of the death of her brother, Mr. John Carriger.

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Lincoln, Nebraska. Word was received here last Saturday that Mr. John Carriger, who recently left Lincoln to live at St. Joseph, Mo., died there last Friday of a complication of diseases. Mrs. George B. Evans, the daughter, left Saturday for St. Joseph to attend the funeral; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Choron and family went Monday.

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St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. John Carriger dropped dead at his home Saturday on Middleton street, and the funeral was held at the A.M.E. church. He leaves a wife, one son, a daughter, two brothers, and two sisters to mourn his loss.

Date of death: 12 Sep 1912

Subject: Winford Carriger

Source: *Lincoln [NE] Journal Star*, 12 Sep 1912, Thursday, p. 2

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Winford Carriger, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Carriger, colored, died this morning at the home, 1137 Rose street. Burial will be in Wyuka Saturday at 3 p.m. from the residence.

Date of death: 15 Nov 1921

Subject: William S. Carrion

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 15 Nov 1921, Tuesday, p. 7

Dr. W. S. Carrion, negro physician, died this morning at his home, 1021 Francis street. He had practiced here for nineteen years and had tawen [sic] a keen interest in the advancement of his race and community activities. He was active in several fraternal orders and for several years had been grand medical director of the negro Knights of Pythias of Missouri. He was a charter member of the Pan-Medical Association of the state, comprised of negro physicians. Doctor Carrion had been confined to his bed several months. He is survived by his widow, a son, who is a senior in Bartlett High School.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 22 Nov 1921, Tuesday, p. 18

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, also for the beautiful floral offerings. Especially do we thank the fraternal orders. Mrs. W. S. Carrion and Children.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 29 Nov 1921, Tuesday, p. 6

The will of Dr. William S. Carrion, negro physician, who died Nov. 15, was filed for probate today. He bequeathed \$3,000 to a son, William Mason Carrion, upon condition that it be used in educating him for a profession. If the son declines to pursue a profession, the money goes to the widow. He also left \$500 to a daughter, M. Gladys Carrion, and the remainder of the estate to the widow. There is no estimate of the value of the estate.

Date of death: 21 Mar 1879

Subject: Agnes Carson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 21 Mar 1879, p. 4

Miss Agnes Carson, daughter of William Carson, superintendent of the county farm, has been very sick for some time. Word came to the city yesterday that she would probably not live till this morning.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 22 Mar 1879, p. 4

Miss Agnes Carson, daughter of Wm. Carson, superintendent of the Count poor farm, mentioned yesterday as dangerously ill, is dead. The funeral will take place to-day at Walnut Grove cemetery. Several persons will attend from the city.

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Date of death: 16 Oct 1891

Subject: Elijah A. Carson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 18 Oct 1891, p. 6

E. A. Carson, of Savannah, died at his home in that city Friday, aged 81 years. He had resided in Andrew county for forty-five years and had a great many friends and acquaintances in St. Joseph. His wife survives him. The remains will be buried today at 2 o'clock.

Date of death: 10 Jul 1890

Subject: Elizabeth (Carson) Butcher

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 11 Jul 1890, p. 4

Mrs. Elizabeth Butcher, mother of Mrs. Dr. W. H. Bryant of Savannah, died at that place Wednesday night at nine o'clock of old age. Mrs. Butcher was 99 [sic] years old and came to St. Joseph from Kentucky with her husband, David Butcher, in 1832. They afterward removed to Andrew county where both spent the remainder of their days, Mrs. [sic] Butcher having died two years ago at the age of 96 [sic]. The funeral will take place at Savannah at 9:30 o'clock this morning, Rev. M. M. Goode of St. Joseph, officiating.

Same

Source: same, p. 8

Mr. Arthur Bryant, of The Gazette composing room, was a grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Butcher, who died at Savannah, Wednesday night, at the age of 88 years.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 10 Jul 1890, p. 6

This morning Mrs. Elizabeth Butcher died at Savannah, Mo. The deceased was eighty-nine years of age, and had spent forty years of her life in Savannah. She was the mother of Mrs. Bryant, wife of the doctor. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

Date of death: 29 Apr 1912

Subject: Kit Carson

Source: *The Holton [KS] Signal*, 2 May 1912

Netawaka. Kit Carson, the barber, died suddenly Monday morning April 29.

Date of death: 14 Jul 1914

Subject: William H. H. Carson

Source: *[Phoenix] Arizona Republic*, 15 Jul 1914, Wednesday, p. 6

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William H. H. Carson died yesterday morning, July 14, a little after five o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Spear, 916 East McKinley street. The funeral will take place this afternoon at four o'clock from the undertaking rooms of Moore & McLellan. Mr. Carson had been a sufferer of cancer of the stomach for several years and it was this, with complications that caused his death.

His passing was recently preceeded [sic] by that of his aged wife, who died on May 24, and as she lay dying he prayed that he might accompany her. He will be laid by her side in Greenwood today. They had been married fifty-six years.

Mr. Carson was born in Marion county, Indiana, March 4, 1837. When a child he was taken by his parents to northwestern Missouri where he grew to manhood and married Julia Ann Ruby in 1858. They resided in the vicinity of Cosby, Mo., until four years ago when Mr. Carson moved to the Texas Panhandle. Accompanied by his wife he came to Phoenix on a visit to his daughter not quite two years ago and soon after, he decided to spend the rest of his days in Phoenix.

He served through the war in a Missouri regiment and at the close of the war resumed farming which he followed successfully until failing health compelled his retirement.

He was a consistent member of the Baptist church for many years and he enjoyed the confidence and respect of all his neighbors in both the community where he grew to manhood and in his later Texas home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson are survived by two children, John Henry Carson of Fort Scott, Kans., and Mrs. Spear.

Date of death: 9 Apr 1902

Subject: David Carter

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 11 Apr 1902, p. 2

The body of David Carter, the negro who was killed at Humboldt, Neb., Wednesday, arrived in St. Joseph at 6:10 o'clock Thursday night on the B. & M. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon and interment will be made in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 2 May 1910

Subject: Elizabeth Ann (Carter) Jessup

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 2 May 1910, p. 6

Elizabeth A. Jessup, sixty-nine years old, died at 3 o'clock this morning at the home of her son, C. E. Jessup, 1??5 Holman street. She is survived by two sons and a daughter, Mrs. C. H. Allen of Savannah, Mo., W. C. Jessup of Atchison, Ind., and C. E. Jessup. The body will be taken to Rochester, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 3 Apr 1895

Subject: J. W. Carter

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 5 Apr 1895, p. 7

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A dispatch from Chickasha, I.T., states that a colored man from St. Joseph named J. W. carter was shot in the head and instantly killed, Wednesday night, while looking at some land. The name of his murderer is not given.

Date of death: 6 Nov 1915

Subject: Samuel J. Carter

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 7 Nov 1915, pp. 1 & 2

A few minutes after he was place in No. 4 cell at central police station on a charge of drunkenness, Sam Carter of Savannah, a negro, 27 years old, was kicked to death by Joe Erenhoffer of Kansas City, a fellow prisoner, held on the same charge. The trouble occurred after the negro had called Erenhoffer, who is a white man, several vile names.

Erenhoffer knocked the negro down, jumped on him, and while twelve other prisoners looked on, too frightened to interfere or shout for help, kicked him until his head was a mass of bruised flesh, and his skull was fractured at the base.

Erenhoffer became a maniac, other prisoners said, after he struck the negro. The negro fought back desperately at first, but a few blows from the heel of Erenhoffer's heavy shoe rendered him unconscious. They fought almost without noise, and officers across the corridor from the cellroom knew nothing of the fight until Patrolman Banker and Cycle Officer McMillion, making the rounds a minute or so after the fight, saw the negro lying in a pool of his own blood at one end of the cell.

Dr. F. G. Beard found a faint spark of life still apparent, and he rushed the negro to St. Joseph hospital in the ambulance. When the ambulance arrived, the negro was dead. Dr. T. J. Lynch, coroner, was notified, and he went at once to the station and started an investigation. He did not say when an inquest would be held.

Officers at the station, which is in charge of Sergeant J. P. O'Brien at night, were found to be blameless in the matter. Five minutes before the fight, Dr. Beard had returned a prisoner to that cell after giving him medical treatment.

Prisoners questioned gave the story that Erenhoffer, who was arrested after some difficulty at Oscar Kleinbrodt's saloon, Third and Edmond streets, was in a good humor when the negro was placed in the cell. Carter surveyed his cellmates and began to get ugly. Erenhoffer was standing up, and Carter addressed most of the remarks to him. Several times Erenhoffer told Carter to "sit down and behave," other prisoners said, but the negro kept talking.

"I'm the only nigger in here, and you white --- --- you can't run ... [*rest of article illegible, except for a few words*] disposition ... coroner's jury ... working in St. Joseph ... watchman for the ... company, Carter ... Savannah.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 Nov 1915, p. 1

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The police department was yesterday subjected to considerable criticism because of the killing early Sunday morning in a cell at central station of Sam Carter of Savannah, a negro, who was kicked to death by Joseph Erenhoffer of Kansas City. Both were prisoners. That the death of the negro could not have been avoided, has been borne out by all the facts in the case. Five minutes before Carter was found fatally wounded, officers had been to the cell to return a prisoner who had been given medical treatment by Dr. F. G. Beard, police surgeon. All was quiet then.

In the opinion of Chief of Police J. A. Clouser, the death of Carter has again brought out the fact that cell accommodations at central station are woefully inadequate. More than fifty prisoners were held at the station Saturday night and Sunday morning, and of these, about eight were women. For the more than forty men, there were only four cells. Quite often a larger number than this must be imprisoned in these four cells, each of which is about 5x12 foot in size.

Some time ago the police department requisitioned the city council for sufficient funds to build four more cells, but this request was refused because there was no sufficient money to meet the cost, which was about \$2,200.

Erenhoffer last night lay on a cot in the same cell in which the tragedy occurred, and tried to sleep. But sleep was not for the youth who, sobered since the tragedy, lay with closed eyes that opened with suddenness when anyone approached the cell and spoke to him.

Erenhoffer was not averse to conversation, although he did not have much to say, further than that he felt much grieved over the affair. He declared that he could remember no detail of the fight, although he had a terrific struggle with the negro, who outweighed him by twenty pounds or more and was in wonderful physical condition from his work in a stone quarry.

Following the killing, Erenhoffer was in a frenzy and had to be kept for hours in a padded cell, and then was returned to the cell where the fight occurred, the other occupants having been removed.

Early yesterday morning, W. C. Dillingham, foreman of the work being done here by the Metropolitan Paving company for whom Erenhoffer had been working as a fireman for three weeks, visited the prisoner and had a long talk with him. Later in the day, J. C. Dillingham, who lives at 720 West Twentieth street, Kansas City, visited him. J. C. Dillingham is Erenhoffer's brother-in-law.

Erenhofferr who is only 21 years old, declared last night that he never had been in serious trouble before, and ascribed the tragedy to drink. It is thought that he is a dope fiend and that the use of the drug may have contributed to the tragedy. He is six feet tall, well built, and weighs 180 pounds. He has red hair and is not vicious looking. In his fight with the negro he received several blows that cut his lip and caused his face to swell.

No charge yet has been placed against him. An inquest will be held at 11 o'clock this morning at the Rock undertaking rooms, by Dr. T. J. Lynch, coroner.

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O. F. Spiers, president of the Savannah Stone company, Carter's employer, was in St. Joseph yesterday investigating the death of the negro. According to Spiers, Carter was a hard working negro, and he had charge of a gang of men at the company's quarries, and did all the buying for this gang. Through hard work he had accumulated several hundred dollars, and children of the dead man have asked that he, Spiers, be made administrator of the estate. It was because of this and his interest as an employer that Spiers is looking into the case. He said yesterday that the heirs of Carter will file suit against the city, and that inadequate cell accommodations [sic] would be one of the grounds on which damage would be asked.

Same

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 13 Nov 1915, Saturday, p. 5

Samuel J. Carter, a negro, who was locked in the holdover at police headquarters Monday night, with a number of others, became involved in a row with Joseph Ehrenhofer, a white man, and in the fight which followed was killed. A coroner's jury exonerated the slayer.

Date of death: 3 May 1884

Subject: Mrs. Sarah Carter

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 4 May 1884, p. 2

To-day the remains of Sallie Carter, an old colored woman who lived on Charles street, between Fourth and Fifth, who died yesterday morning, will be buried in Mr. T. W. Kiger's lot in Mt. Mora cemetery, such being her dying request.

This esteemed old colored woman was fifty-two years old, and was born at Front Royal, Warren county, Va. She was a slave and belonged to Mrs. Kiger's parents. Upon a distribution of the estate, "Aunt Sarah" became the property of Mrs. Kiger, and possessed all the devotion for her mistress which distinguished the colored people in that day. When the emancipation proclamation was issued, Aunt Sarah knew what was best for her, and remained with "Old Missus," and even accompanied her in her removal to this city twelve years ago. Mrs. Kiger was laid to rest in Mount Mora four or five years ago, and the dying words of "Aunt Sarah" was to be laid by the side of "good old missus."

Date of death: 23 Jul 1881

Subject: Mrs. Vina Carter

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 24 Jul 1881, p. 4

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Vina Carter died at her home on Levee street, between Michel and Lewis. The deceased was a colored woman, and had lived in St. Joseph and the Platte Purchase for fully forth years. She came here with her master, Mr. Carter, from old Virginia, when this section was a howling wilderness, and the home of the red men and the wild animal. She was somewhat over one hundred years of age, but did not know her exact age. She remembered the Revolutionary war, and many events a year or so prior to that, which places her at about 105 or 106 at the very least. The funeral will occur to-day.

Same

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 24 Jul 1881, p. 4

An old colored woman by the name of Vinie Carter, known to be over one hundred years of age, died at the residence of her daughter on Levee street near Lewis last night.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 26 Jul 1881, p. 4

The remains of the late Vina Carter, the colored woman who died Saturday evening, were deposited in Mt. Mora yesterday afternoon. The services were very solemn and impressive. The attendance at the funeral was very large and the procession to the cemetery was one of the largest seen in the city for some time. The deceased was a very old and truly highly esteemed colored woman.

Date of death: 31 Jul 1898

Subject: Andrew Carther

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 21 Jun 1898, p. 3

After quarreling over a woman for whose affections they were rivals, Andrew Carther was shot by Robert Jackson Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock, near the corner of Second and Louis streets. Two bullets were lodged in Carther's body and it was at first supposed that his chance for recovery was very slender, but at 11 o'clock last night Dr. Kaull, steward at the city hospital, reported the wounded man as showing some signs of improvement and that he has at least "a fighting chance."

It appears from the story of eye witnesses that the two men, both of whom are colored, were seen to come from a house in the neighborhood indicated and were followed out by a young mulatto woman. They indulged in some talk on the sidewalk, when suddenly two shots were fired and Carther fell with one bullet through his shoulder and the other through his bladder. The latter is, of course, the most serious, but there have been cases known where such injuries were survived.

Those who saw the shooting say that Carter [sic] was making no offensive demonstration and that Jackson forced the fight from the start, but Jackson claims to have fired in self defense and says Carther was armed with a knife. Lotta Williams is the woman over whom the row occurred, and she lives with Cora White, said to be a white woman. The two men met at the house and Jackson claims that Carther tried to force Lotta Williams to go away with him, which she did not want to do.

After quarreling for some time they left the house and renewed their difficulty on the sidewalk, with the result already stated. Carther seems to have tried to avoid being shot by grabbing the Williams woman and using her as a shield, but she managed to wrench herself from his grasp and ran screaming away. She was out of range when Jackson turned loose with his 13-inch gun and escaped injury.

The physicians who were summoned expected Carther to die inside of an hour, but he didn't and may not die for some years. Jackson was arrested by Officer Hensley and was turned over to the state authorities yesterday morning. If Carther should die he will be tried for murder.

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Carther has a record as a bad man and was wanted on two state warrants when he was shot, and [sic] charge being assault. He has a reputation as a fighter, but failed to respond in time when Sunday's engagement occurred.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 22 Jun 1898, p. 5

Carther, the negro who was shot and wounded on Sunday at the Chicago Great Western passenger station, and who is now at the city hospital, gives greater evidences of improvement. One bullet was located in his back by Dr. Kaull yesterday. Assisted by Dr. Graham, Dr. Kaull determined to perform an operation last night and the bullet was removed.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 23 Jun 1898, p. 5

Dr. James K. Graham, city physician, yesterday cut a bullet out of Andy Carther's left shoulder, near the shoulder blade. It was one of the two lodged in his body Sunday by Robert Jackson. Carther continues to improve and will probably get well, which will save Jackson from being tried for murder.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 9 Jul 1898, p. 5

Andrew Carther, a negro inmate of the city hospital who was under treatment for a bullet wound, slipped out on the night of the Fourth of July intent upon celebrating. He grew worse and yesterday called upon Dr. Harry Kaull to treat him. Carther will recover from his wound.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 31 Jul 1898, p. 5

Andy Carther, a colored man, who is well known to the police force of St. Joseph, having frequently been in difficulty, was shot in Atchison at 7:30 o'clock last night and it was not expected that he would live until this morning.

Carther resides in St. Joseph, but has been spending a good deal of his time in Atchison lately. About a month ago he was shot in this city by a colored man named Jackson, the trouble being over a woman. Jackson was held for the shooting, but had [sic] not been tried.

Yesterday Carther was more than usually troublesome. Early in the day he had a difficulty with an unknown man and wounded him with a knife. In the evening he renewed his blood thirsty tendencies at Gus Haney's saloon in Atchison. He was remonstrated with by the bartender, George Walker, and offered resistance with his knife. Walker seized a revolver that was lying behind the bar and fired one shot which penetrated both of

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Carther's lungs. The wounded man was taken to the house of friends, but there is no hope of his recovery. Walker was placed under arrest.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 2 Aug 1898, p. 5

The body of Andy Carther was brought to St. Joseph for burial yesterday. He is the colored man who was shot in a saloon in Atchison on Saturday evening. He died from the effects of the wound late Sunday afternoon.

Although Carther's wife lives in Atchison, he claimed St. Joseph as his home and during his career in this city made the police no end of trouble. He had not recovered from the effects of a shooting scrap in which he was engaged about a month ago and in which he was wounded. But he did not profit by his narrow escape, and kept up his quarrelsome gait until it ended in Atchison on Sunday.

Walker, who shot Carther, also formerly lived in St. Joseph. He is under arrest in Atchison. There is little doubt, however, that Carther was looking for trouble, and that Walker acted in self-defense.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 2 Aug 1898, p. 5

Andy Carther who was shot by another negro named George Walker at Atchison Saturday night, died there Sunday morning. The body arrived in this city yesterday morning and was interred in the city cemetery yesterday afternoon. Particulars of the shooting, which resulted in the death of Carther, were given in The Gazette of Sunday morning.

While he was not living in this city when killed Carther had been a resident here and had not lived in Atchison long enough to become a legal citizen of that town. Therefore the body was brought here and this city was obliged to bear the expenses of the burial. Carther had figured in a number of unsavory episodes in this city.

Date of death: [9] Apr 1902

Subject: David Carther

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press/Gazette*, 10 Apr 1902, Thursday, p. 2

Humboldt, Neb., April 9.—Crushed to death by the shifting of a load of lumber on a car in the yards here was the fate that befell David Carther, a young colored man of St. Joseph. Arthur Webster (colored), also of St. Joseph, was seated on top of the pile of lumber in the car when his friend met his tragic death. The boys had been here several days visiting friends. About 1 o'clock this afternoon they went down to the depot on climbed on board a west bound freight. They mounted a flat car loaded with heavy lumber. In order to avoid being seen by the trainmen Carther got down in the end of the car. Webster climbed on top of the pile.

Several cars were drilled out of the train. In making a flying switch a line of cars was send pounding in to the rest of the train with extra momentum. The sudden forceful bump dislodged the limber. The load shifted to the

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end of the car where Carter lay, crushing the life out of the victim. Webster was knocked off the car by the falling apart of the timbers in the load, but escaped injury beyond a few scratches.

Webster ran to the train crew and told them of his companion's fate. The car was set out on a sidetrack, and more than half the lumber was unloaded before it was possible to remove the body of Carther. An inquest will be held.

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David Carther has a mother and two brothers in this city. Until a short time ago the Carthers lived on North Second street, near Louis. Edward Carther, 719 Pendleton street, is a brother of the victim. George Carther, employed at Beach's shining parlor is also a brother.

Date of death: 2 Nov 1918

Subject: James Edward Casey

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Star*, 3 Nov 1918, Sunday, p. 12A

James E. Casey, 35 years old, a horseman, died yesterday at his home, 412 East Fair Avenue, Independence[,] of influenza and pneumonia. He was born August 26, 1883 at Cameron, Mo. He is survived by his widow, a daughter 9 years old, his father, John E. Casey, of the home address, and a brother, William E. Casey, 1811 Prospect Avenue. The funeral will be at St. Joseph, Mo.

Date of death: 26 Aug 1910

Subject: C. L. Cash

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 27 Aug 1910, p. 1

C. L. Cash, a negro, thirty-five years old, of 118 Francis street, committed suicide at 3:30 o'clock yesterday after jumping into the Missouri River at the foot of Felix street. The body was not recovered. Cash had been drinking steadily for several days and was believed to have been insane.

He came here about a week ... Leavenworth. He was a hotel waiter and his mother lives in Kentucky.

Cash is said to have announced the intention of taking his own life to ... at Main and Felix streets shortly before he plunged into the river. Several ... tried to stop him as he ran toward the river bank but they were out... He was seen to rise in the water ... times, but before rescuers could ... him he sank, about fifty yards from the short [sic].

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 29 Aug 1910, p. 6

The body of C. L. Cash, the negro who committed suicide last Friday afternoon by jumping into the Missouri River at the foot of Francis street, was recovered at 10 o'clock this forenoon, at the foot of Charles street. The corpse was discovered by Edward O'Rourke, 2204 Bartlett street, and Roy and Mike Walker, 926 North Fifth street, and with the assistance of two friends, they secured a boat and towed the body to shore. Coroner Byrd was notified and after viewing the corpse, he ordered it removed to L. F. Ramsey's undertaking establishment.

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Date of death: 7 Jan 1906

Subject: John A. Casteel

Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 19 Jan 1906, p. 5

Mr. Casteel, father of Frank Casteel, of Forest City, died in St. Joseph, Wednesday last, January 10, 1906, and the remains were brought to Forest City for interment, the funeral services being conducted from the home of the son, by Rev. Brummett, the following day.

Date of death: 4 Jul 1877

Subject: Albert (or Walter) Castle

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 6 Jul 1877, p. 1

Albert Castle, the colored boy who accidentally shot himself in the bowels, while playing with a pistol of Tuesday afternoon, died Wednesday at 4 p.m. from the effects of the wound.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 4 Jul 1877, p. 4

Up to yesterday the spirit of patriotism in the boys of the city had been kept in subjection, but as the grand old independence day began to loom up in the near future, the juveniles began to get uneasy and longed to drag forth their rusty old guns from their hiding places, and put them in order for duty. Such was the case with Walter, a colored boy, about thirteen years old, who lives with Mr. A. A. Dougherty, on Fifth street, between Faraon and Roubidoux [sic]. It was not a gun, however, which Walter brought forth, but a pistol, one of the small vest pocket pattern, carrying a No. 22 cartridge, which had been borrowed from Babe Sparks. It seems that he was playing with the deadly instrument, on the corner of Fourth and Franklin streets, and while endeavoring to fix the lock, which was out of order, the weapon was discharged, the ball striking the unfortunate boy in the abdomen, entering just below the umbilicus [sic]. From there it ranged down and toward the right side, producing a severe and, it is thought, a fatal wound. The lad was immediately taken to his home and Dr. Westover called to his assistance. At last accounts the poor boy was still living, but it is thought impossible for him to recover, as the pistol ball, though small, had injured him internally.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 7 Jul 1877, p. 4

The colored boy who shot himself on the evening of the 3d inst., died Wednesday. Coroner Trevor viewed the body and satisfied himself that the deceased came to his death by accidental shooting.

Date of death: 20 Dec 1899

Subject: Charles M. Castle

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 21 Dec 1899, p. 6

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Charles M. Castle, son of L. S. Castle, who lives at Avenue City, eight miles northeast of the city, died at the family residence at 8:40 o'clock last night. The interment will be at Fairview Friday morning. The deceased was twenty years of age and is well known here. Death was caused by typhoid fever. Mr. Castle was a student of the Central Medical College in St. Joseph last year and he had been attending the University Medical College at Kansas City up to the time he was ... with fever.

Date of death: 7 May 1915

Subject: James Edwin Castle

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 May 1915, Saturday, p. 6

[Note: ... indicates illegible words]

[James E.] Castle, ... years old, died yesterday afternoon at his residence, 26?7 ... street. Besides his wife, he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. J. C. Bird of Andrew county, Mrs. R. M. Calli [sic] of P..., Mrs. Joseph Castle, and Mrs. J. M. DeShon, both of St. Joseph. Castle was born in Andrew county.

Date of death: 18 Aug 1914

Subject: Orville Castle

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 19 Aug 1914, p. 6

Orville Castle, 80 years old, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his stepson, Perry Sountin [sic], one mile northwest of the city limits. Besides his stepson he is survived by one son, J. S. Castle. The dead man was a resident of this locality for fifty years, having conducted a number of farming projects during that time. He was a veteran of the Civil war, a member of the G.A.R., and of the Methodist church of Amazonia. The funeral services will be conducted at the Riverview schoolhouse Thursday morning. Burial will be at Green Valley [sic] cemetery.

Date of death: 11 Mar 1876

Subject: Sarah Ellen (Castle) Augustine

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 18 Mar 1876, p. 4

On Tuesday evening, Rev. S. W. Thornton, was called to go some twelve miles east of the city, to preach the funeral sermon of Mrs. Ellen Augustine, wife of John Augustine, and daughter of Mr. J. B. Castle, one of the first settlers of this county.

Mrs. A. had been long a sufferer, having been afflicted with consumption for seven years. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church, and died in the triumphs of the Christian faith, aged twenty-nine years, three months and fifteen days. The funeral services took place at Pleasant View Church, at eleven o'clock on Wednesday last, after which, notwithstanding the heavy rain, a large concourse of friends attended the burial, which took place some five miles distant from the church.

Date of death: 26 Oct 1909

Subject: Thomas J. Caswell

Source: *Moberly [MO] Monitor-Index*, 28 Oct 1909, Thursday, p. 1

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A message was received in Moberly this morning conveying the sad news of the death of Thomas J. Caswell, which occurred last night at the hospital in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mr. Caswell had been a patient in the Wabash hospital here for the past two weeks, suffering from asthma and heart disease. It was known that his condition was critical and that he could not long survive and he was permitted to go to Ottumwa, Tuesday, to be among his home folks. The news of his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Caswell had been a resident of Moberly and an employe of the Wabash for many years. Formerly he was in the train service, attaining the rank of conductor, but later he lost out and accepted a position as switchman. He was a faithful employe and one who was very popular with all of the railroad boys and others who knew him.

Deceased leaves a wife and two children, residing in this city.

The funeral will be held tomorrow in Ottumwa and a number of Moberly friends will leave this evening to attend the obsequies.

Date of death: Mar 1870

Subject: Harvey Catlett

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 2 Apr 1870, p. 4

Mr. George Hillyer, county and City Undertaker, during the month of March buried thirty-four persons. Those not given below were infants. Not all of these were paupers:

[*burial date not given*] Harvey Catlett, col., 2 yrs. Mo.

Date of death: 4 Jan 1919

Subject: Mrs. Margaret A. Catlett

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 18 Jan 1919, Saturday, p. 7

St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. Margaret Catlett, 91 years old, died at 12:13 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pauline Steel, 2003 Prospect. She has been a resident of St. Joseph for more than a half century and was well known by all of the older families. She was survived by another daughter, Mrs. Ida Walker, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren,

Date of death: Nov 1868

Subject: Charles Caton

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 8 Dec 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.

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17 [Nov]—Charles Caton, colored, of consumption, aged 11 [or 41] years, City Cemetery.

Date of death: 18 Aug 1916

Subject: Allie (Cavanaugh) Washington

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 26 Aug 1916, Saturday, p. 8

St. Joseph, Missouri. Mrs. A. Washington died at her home on North 13th street on the 18th. She leaves a husband, one daughter and two sons to mourn her loss.

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Date of death: 2 Jul 1908

Subject: Cecilia (Cecil) Phipps

Source: *Skidmore [MO] New Era*, 9 Jul 1908, p. 1

Mrs. C. L. Phipps died at her home southeast of town at 12:45 a.m. July 2, 1908, aged 79 years, 5 months, and 26 days.

Mrs. Phipps' maiden name was Cecelia Cecil. She was born near Frankfort, Kentucky, January 6, 1829. When six years of age, she moved with her parents to Knox county, Illinois, and when a young woman her parents moved to Adams county, Illinois.

Mrs. Phipps was raised a Catholic, her parents being very devout Roman Catholics.

Mrs. Phipps was a member of a family of fourteen children, all of whom, except two, lived to be grown and reared families of their own.

Mrs. Phipps was twice married. When quite young she was married to Mr. Nelson. To this union was born one daughter who died in infancy. She was united in marriage to Cornelius L. Phipps December 24, 1854. To this union were born ten children. Helen, Laura, Edgar, Lewis and Jessie died in infancy. The other five are still living. Lawrence, the eldest child, lives at Caldwell, Kansas, Maggie, wife of James M. Mann of Holt county, Owen, who is married and lives near home, and Winfield and Millie who reside at home.

When a young woman, Mrs. Phipps left the Catholic church and united with the Congregational church at Bowen, Illinois. In the summer of 1904, Mrs. Phipps attended the tent meeting at Skidmore, conducted by Elder Chilton, and was converted to the belief of baptism by immersion. In the fall of 1906, she was united with Palestine church and was baptised [sic] by Rev. Burk, an evangelist, who was conducting a meeting there at the time. It had been Mrs. Phipps' desire for a number of months to unite with the Christian church at Skidmore, but failing health prevented her from doing so.

Date of death: 20 Sep 1919

Subject: Elijah Shelton Chamberlain

Source: *The Alliance [NE] Herald*, 25 Sep 1919, Thursday, p. 9

Elijah Shelton Chamberlain, known to Alliance people when he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Cole, died at Auburn, Neb., Sept. 20, 1919. Mr. Chamberlain made many friends while here, but it was thought that the altitude was too high for him, so he went farther east, making his home with his children. He had been in poor health for years and the end came at the home of Mrs. Frank Argabright.

Mr. Chamberlain was married to Falba J. Elkins February 2, 1871. There are six surviving children: Mrs. Mary Argabright, Auburn, Neb.; Mrs. Maud Crawford, Cassody [sic], Kas.; Thomas S. Chamberlain of Springfield, Ill.; Mrs. Grace Cole of Alliance, Neb.; Robert Fay Chamberlain of Springfield, Ill., and Mrs. Leta Vore of Luther, Okl.

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For more than thirty years Mr. Chamberlain was a minister of the Church of Christ, continuing his ministry until his health would not permit. He preached in four states, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Nebraska. His longest pastorate was at Phelps City, Mo., where he was located for ten years. About twenty-five years ago he was the writer's pastor at Tecumseh, Neb.

Two years since, we spoke the last words over the remains of the faithful wife and now the husband follows. The remains were brought to Alliance from Auburn, Neb. The funeral services were held from the Christian church on Monday afternoon, September 22. The sermon was delivered by the minister, Stephen J. Epler, to a large company of friends. The body was placed beside that of his wife in Greenwood cemetery.

Stephen J. Epler.

Date of death: 24 Oct 1899

Subject: Emily Jane (Chamberlain) Flanery

Source: *Signs of The Times*, Vol. 67 No. 23, 1 Dec 1899

My dear mother, Mrs. Emily J. Flanary, after more than fifteen weeks of intense suffering, has entered that home "where pain and sorrow cannot come." She departed this life on the morning of Oct. 24th, 1899, aged 66 years, 6 months and 3 days. She was born in Mead Co., Ky., and when ten years old went with her father to Missouri. Was married to Thos. G. Flanary, Feb. 28th, 1850, after which time until his death their life history is so blended that by referring to his obituary notice in the November 1st issue of the SIGNS, the chief events of her temporal life will be found. She received a hope in Christ in the spring of 1853, and united with the Hillsboro Old School Baptist church, and was baptized by Elder Wm. Simpson, in July of that year, remaining a devoted member of our faith until death. She was ever ready to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. As many brethren and sisters know, there was always a warm welcome for them at the "Old Home." The day she was taken sick she went to the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Letitia Bonebrake, who with her husband was untiring in their efforts to relieve her and make her comfortable. "Her children arise and call her blessed," and if she ever had an enemy I do not know it. After she had the bronchial pneumonia she became well enough to go into the dining room two days to dinner, then was not so well for three days, when she had an attack of heart failure, and after that could scarcely get any rest except when under the influence of opiates. She suffered much with shortness of breath and weakness. Often her anguish for breath was distressing to see, yet she bore all this with remarkable fortitude, and left many assurances that all was well with her. Said her "only hope of salvation was in the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ; she had no merit or righteousness of her own to plead." One day I said to her, "It is so hard to see you suffer such agony." She replied, "Yes, dear child, but it has to be. It is nothing to what my dear Savior suffered on the cross, he sweat great drops of blood." One time she said, "I sometimes think my cup of suffering must be an awful large one, it takes so much suffering, and so long to fill it." Sometimes she felt that she was in the dark, and would say, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" One time she said, as if it was an after thought that comforted her, "The Savior said that too, did he not?" Once she said in the assurance of faith, "I feel that underneath are the everlasting arms," then added, "I cannot sink with such a prop." One day she told me to hold her in my arms. I did so; presently she said, "O to rest in the arms of my Savior." She said she could never forget the expression on old brother Hess' face (just before he died, and in the midst of great suffering), when he looked up and said,

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*"Jesus can make a dying bed
Feel soft as downy pillows are."*

One time she said, "Maybe if we would all pray together the Lord will give relief," and during the silence that followed she prayed God to relieve her of her sufferings, or give her patience and resignation to his will. Several times she expressed her gratitude for help given her, in nursing her, by kind friends who she said had been so faithful to her during her long sickness. Her chief earthly desire was to have her children all near her and present when the end should come. She was delirious or unconscious much of the time during the last twenty-four hours, but the last morning, in a lucid moment, she looked up at Letitia and said, "My work is done." She passed away without a struggle or a groan, and the next day, after brief services at the house by Elder W. J. Hess, her frail casket was laid to rest beside father's to await resurrection morning, and we returned to our homes with a sense of desolation never felt before. May each of us be enabled to say,

*"Though cast down, we're not forsaken,
Though afflicted, not alone;
Thou didst give, and thou hast taken,
Blessed Lord, 'Thy will be done.'"*

It had been mother's custom for several years when reading the SIGNS, to mark the pieces she especially liked, and give the papers to us to read. There were many pieces marked, and on the margin we would find, "Just my feelings," "I cannot keep the tears back," and other expressions which make me feel to say when reading them now, "Though dead, she yet speaketh." It has been my blessed privilege to be where I could visit my dear parents often, and for years I seldom failed to go and see them at least once a week, which was a mutual comfort to them and me, and though I have neglected my work at home many times to visit them, I have a sweet memory I would keep, and to you, dear readers, who still have your parents near you, do not neglect this great privilege and duty to visit them often, for you will never regret it when they have passed from your sight.

SONORA HESS.

Date of death: 9 Jul 1916

Subject: Huldah A. (Chamberlain) Pistole

Source: [Maryville MO] *Daily Democrat-Forum*, 10 Jul 1916, Monday, p. 2

A telegram to Hopkins from W. B. Pistole tells of the death of his mother whose body will be brought back to that city for burial. Her death took place at Artesia, N. M., where she had gone for her health soon after the death of her husband two years ago. The funeral will probably be held in Hopkins Wednesday.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 10 Jul 1916, Monday, p. 8

A telegram received in St. Joseph from W. R. Pistole, an attorney in Artesia, N.M., announces the death of his mother in that city at an early hour yesterday morning. It stated that the funeral party will arrive here tomorrow

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over the Burlington, and that the funeral will be in Hopkins, the former home of Mrs. Pistole, Wednesday. These are the only details contained in the message.

Mrs. Pistole was a member of one of the prominent and well to do families in Nodaway county. Her husband was one of the leading farmers near Hopkins. Soon after his death two years ago, Mrs. Pistole became ill, and for more than a year had been practically an invalid. Immediately after her husband's death she removed to Artesia. W. B. Pistole was for many years a practicing attorney in St. Joseph. Seven years ago he removed to Artesia, a growing town in the Pecos valley of New Mexico, where he has been unusually successful.

Same

Source: [Maryville MO] *Daily Democrat-Forum*, 11 Jul 1916, Tuesday, p. 4

The body of Mrs. Stephen Pistole, who died in Artesia, N. M., Sunday, will arrive in Hopkins tonight, accompanied by her son, W. B. Pistole, who is an attorney in Artesia. The funeral services will be held from the Methodist church in Pickering tomorrow morning, the Rev. H. McNamee officiating. Burial will be in the Hopkins cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pistole were old residents of Nodaway county. They went to Artesia for the benefit of their health. Mr. Pistole died in February 1915 and was brought home to Hopkins to be buried. Mrs. Pistole was born in Ohio and was 78 years old. She was a sister-in-law of J. C. Pistole, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants bank at Hopkins.

Same

Source: *Bedford [IA] Free Press*, 18 Jul 1916, Tuesday, p. 5

Hopkins-- Mrs. Stephen S. Pistole died Sunday morning of last week at the home of her son, Bert Pistole, at Artesia, New Mexico. The remains were brought to Hopkins and the funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. McNamee, and assisted by the other pastors of the town. Interment was made in the Hopkins cemetery.

Date of death: 21 Oct 1895

Subject: William Lillard B. Chamberlain

Source: *The Nebraska Advertiser*, 8 Nov 1895

Rev. E. S. Chamberlain received the sad news last week of the death of his brother, residing in the western part of the state. He had been sick for a long time with Bright's disease.

Date of death: unknown

Subject: Samuel Champlin

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 23 Nov 1872, p. 4- not an obituary

Last evening Mr. Samuel Champlin, while engaged in painting the new school building, which is now being erected in Savannah, fell from the top of the building, a distance of forty feet. He was standing on a ladder, which gave way, throwing him on his head and right arm, dislocating his arm at the elbow and fracturing his

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brain. Drs. Smith and Bryant were sent for, and after examining his wounds, they pronounced them fatal. It is thought it will be impossible for him to live.

Mr. Champlin is a young man loved and esteemed by all who knew him, and the sad misfortune that has happened to him will bring sorrow to the hearts of his many warm friends in Savannah.

Date of death: 11 Apr 1910

Subject: John Milton Chandler

Source: *The [Decatur IL] Daily Review*, 13 Apr 1910, Wednesday, p. 3

Arcola, April 13.—John M. Chandler, formerly a well known resident of this section of the country, died in Texas, where he and his wife had been spending the winter, on Monday. Bright's disease is supposed to have been the cause of his death. The body will be shipped back to his former home near this place for interment [sic] and it is expected that the funeral will be held on Thursday.

John M. Chandler was a prominent member of a family who were prominent in the early history and development of the northwestern portion of Douglas county. He was about 70 years of age and the greater portion of his life had been spent here. A few years ago he removed to Missouri where he has two farms. His son, Newton Chandler, resides on his farm northwest of Arcola. His health had been affected for the past eighteen months and the trip to Texas was made to find a milder winter climate.

Date of death: 6 Aug 1922

Subject: Nancy Elizabeth (Charter) Bowman

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 7 Aug 1922, Monday, p. 7

Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Bowman, sixty-nine years old, wife of J. J. Bowman, of Dwyer, Wyo., died at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Ricketts, in Maxwell Heights. Besides the husband and daughter, she is survived by two sons, J. V. Bowman, Dwyer, Wyo., and Leonard Bowman, Savannah, Ga.; also by three sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Olive Wooler, St. Joseph; Mrs. Ida Carter, S..deler, Okla., and Mrs. Mary Williams, Hewins, Kan.; John, Perry and William Carter [sic], all living in Oklahoma.

Date of death: 12 Jan 1885

Subject: Elmer E. Chase

Source: *Everest [KS] Reflector*, 15 Jan 1885, Thursday, p. 3

Kennekuk Gossip.

We are sorry to learn that our friend Elmer Chase has lost the sight of one of his eyes and almost the sight of the other. We are very sorry for him, and truly sympathize with him in his affliction. Our young folks went up to give him a party Monday night.

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Source: *Everest [KS] Reflector*, 22 Jan 1885, Thursday, p. 3

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Ed. Reflector:-- We were grieved to be called to pay our last tribute of respect to our young friend, Elmer Chase, who departed this life Jan. 12, 1885, aged 24 years. He will be sadly missed and sincerely mourned by his young comrades, and we extend the hand of heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved parents.

Date of death: 21 Dec 1894

Subject: Elisha Arthur Chenoweth

Source: *The Decatur County [KS] News*, 3 Jan 1895

Died - Near Oberlin, on Friday morning Dec. 21, Mr. E. A. Chenoweth, of lung trouble. He is well known here, his home being near Allison, but he has been teaching near Oberlin and died there quite suddenly, having been ailing but a few days. His remains were laid to rest at Allison, Sunday, Dec. 23rd. There was a large crowd at the funeral. The family have our sympathy in their bereavement. - Jennings Echo.

Date of death: 3 Feb 1892

Subject: infant son of Elisha Chenoweth

Source: *The Decatur County [KS] News*, 18 Feb 1892

Allison Items.

Elisha Chenoweth buried his infant boy on 3d of February. This makes the eighth child he has lost.

Date of death: 25 Apr 1919

Subject: Mary (Chenoweth) Ogle

Source: *Boynton [OK] Index*, 5 May 1922, Friday, p. 9

Mrs. Mary Ogle, formerly of Orlando, Oklahoma, but late of Winfield, Kansas, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charlotte R. Powers, 1510 east 8th street, after a lingering illness. Aged 79 years 1 month and 24 days.

Mrs. Ogle was born near Savannah, Andrew County, Missouri, March 1, 1843

She was married to Elisha B. Ogle September 10, 1865. To this union was born seven children, two of whom died in infancy. Fred B. the youngest died in Paton, California, November 24, 1919.

She professed her faith in God in early womanhood and lived a faithful Christian life. Mrs. Ogle moved to Orlando, Oklahoma, with her husband and family December 1889, and resided on the homestead near Orlando until two years ago, since which time she has lived in Winfield, Kansas.

Her death marks the passing of another pioneer mother of Oklahoma whose fine Christian character helped to make life worth living. She was of a quiet, unassuming manner and was loved and respected by all.

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She leaves to mourn their loss three daughters, Mrs. Laura J. McBee, Sulphur, Oklahoma, Mrs. May Hitsman, Perry Oklahoma, and Mrs. Charlotta R. Powers, Winfield, Kansas, one son, John Ogle, Boynton, Oklahoma and ten grandchildren, two great grand children, five aged brothers and sister and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Morris Undertaking parlors, Winfield, Kansas, by Rev. I. D. Harris, pastor of the Grace Methodist church. A quartette consisting of the Y.W.C.A. girls of Southwestern College sang, "The Home of the Soul" and "Abide With Me."

Mrs. Ogle was referred to as an aged saint ripened and mature for Heaven; one who was waiting longingly for the call of the Master and that death in this case was a triumphant victory.

*"Servent [sic] of God well done,
Thy glorious warfare is past,
The battle is fought, the victory won,
And thou are crowned at last."*

Burial was made beside the grave of her husband who departed this life April 28, 1914, at Law View cemetery near Orlando, where services were conducted by Rev. Sanders of the Christian church at Perry assisted by Rev. Thomas of the Presbyterian church. Music was furnished by a quartette from the Christian church choir.—Perry Republican.

Date of death: 21 Sep 1867

Subject: Alonzo Childs

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 22 Sep 1867, p. 3

[Note: ... indicates illegible sections]

A Negro Lad Struck on the Head by an unknown White Man. He Receives Injuries Which Occasion His Death.

Yesterday morning an outrage was perpetrated on one of our streets by some fiend as yet unknown, who, without any cause, assaulted a young lad and inflicted such injuries that death shortly afterwards results therefrom.

Many of our readers have doubtless heard of an old negress washerwoman named Sally O'Toole; she lives in one of the houses in the Robidoux Block, at the foot of Jule street, with one of her children, named Alonzo, a lad of about ten years.

Yesterday morning the lad left the house and about nine o'clock returned, with difficulty managing to crawl along. He had the marks of a blow on the back of his head, which was badly fractured. He ... his mother, when questioned, that while walking along, (he did not mention the street) he was assaulted by a strange white man, who hit him across the back of the head and neck, and then ran away, that he had not done or said anything to the man to provoke him; that he was knocked down by the blow and afterwards found by a passer-by, who helped him part of the way home.

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The boy lingered in great pain until late in the afternoon, when his spirit took wings for that land from whence no traveler returns.

Coroner Berghoff was at once apprised of the occurrence, but the inquest was held last night, as he deemed it advisable to delay the same until some reliable testimony relating to the murder could be obtained. The facts as above given were stated to us by the relatives of the lad and are doubtless correct.

Since writing the above, we are informed that the boy was poisoning. That a fruit vender at Market Square, who had been subject to small peculations, had placed poison on an apple, and that the unfortunate lad had stolen and eaten the apple in question. If this is the true version, the fruit vender is deserving of the most severe punishment known to the law.

The correct statement of the cause of the lad's death, our readers will probably learn when the verdict of the coroner's jury is rendered.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Morning Herald*, 24 Sep 1867, p. 3

[There is an article of several paragraphs, but only a few words can be read.] ... away... complained of pain in the back of the ... and on the temple ... cramped with ... o'clock in the afternoon.

Several other witnesses were examined and gave testimony to co... the mother's statement ... that he was.

Coroner Berghoff made a Examination ... in the deceased lad...

... gathered....

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Morning Herald*, 25 Sep 1867, p. 3

The coroner's Jury, sworn to inquire in what manner and by whom the colored boy Alonzo Childs came his death, yesterday returned a verdict that the ... came to his death by a blow on the back of the head by a person unknown to the Jury, thereby causing a rupture of a blood vessel of the brain and extensive hemorrhage, which occasioned his death.

Date of death: 21 Jun 1885

Subject: Campbell Ewing Chrisman

Source: *Eugene City [OR] Guard*, 27 Jun 1885

Mr. Campbell E. Chrisman departed this life in Cottage Grove precinct June 21, 1885, at the age of 74 years, and was buried in the Masonic cemetery June 23d according to the rites of the Masonic order, of which he was a member, by the Cottage Grove lodge, assisted by a delegation of Eugene Masons. He was born in Virginia, emigrated to Missouri, and from there he came to Oregon in 1851, and settled in Lane county in the spring of

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1853. In April 1835, he first married Phoebe Flannery, who died, and he was again marriage in 1854 to Lucinda McGill, who survives [sic] him. His surviving children are: Mary J. Walker, Sarah A. Cathey, C. P. [sic] Chrisman, N. P. Chrisman, W. S. Chrisman and Gabriel Christman, of this county, and Peter G. Chrisman of Lake county. He always took great interest in the politics of the State and county, and was truly a man of considerable energy and ambition. For a long time he was the wealthiest man in the county. His remains were followed to their last resting place by a large number of relatives and friends. This another of the pioneers passes away. Peace to his ashes.

Date of death: 21 Apr 1910

Subject: Mary Jane (Chrisman) Walker

Source: [Portland] Oregonian, 23 Apr 1910, Saturday, p. 7

Eugene Or., April 22.—Mrs. Mary Jane Walker, wife of J. F. Walker, after whom Walker Station, a few miles south of here, was named, died at her home there last night at 11 o'clock. She was one of the best-known pioneers in the country.

Mrs. Walker was born in Andrew County, Missouri, February 16, 1839. She crossed the plains in 1852, locating in Lane County, where she married soon afterward. A few years later she and her husband moved to where Walker Station is now, and have resided there since. She leaves the following children: Mary Ann Walden, of Chester, Mont.; Robert E. Walker, of Walker Station; John William Walker, of Waldport; Mrs. Martha Wiseman, of Idaho, and George Walker, at home. Besides Judge Chrisman, she leaves the following brothers: C. F., Peter G. and W. S. Chrisman.

Date of death: 24 Apr 1911

Subject: Peter Green Chrisman

Source: Lake County [OR] Examiner, 11 May 1911, p. 1

P. G. Chrisman died at his home in Baker City on April 24, 1911, of pneumonia, after an illness of four days. Mr. Chrisman was born in Missouri in 1841, and would have been 70 years old had he lived until the 18th day of June. He crossed the plains with his father's family when in his teens, driving an ox team, which he always took pleasure in telling his friends about. His father settled in the Willamette Valley where he lived until 1847.

Mr. Chrisman was united in married in 1863 to Nancy Porter. The children born from this union were F. M. Chrisman, of Silver Lake, Mrs. F. L. Moore, of Baker, City, Rhoda A. Chrisman, deceased 1869, and Wiley A. Chrisman, deceased 1895.

In 1847 he moved to Lake county where he engaged in the stock business until 1884, after which, he with friends organized the Lakeview Bank, the first in the county, of which he was president for 11 years, when the bank was dissolved by mutual consent, without a creditor or stockholder having lost a cent from the management.

Besides his wife, son and daughter, Mr. Chrisman is survived by four brothers, C. F., W. P. and S. W. Chrisman, of Cottage Grove, and G. R. Chrisman, of Los Angeles, California.

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The deceased was a faithful member of the Baptist Church and was always a kind and indulgent husband and father. His demise will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

The funeral services were held at the residence in Baker City on Wednesday, April 26, 1911, at 2:30 p.m., and the remains laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery in that city.—Silver Lake Leader.

Date of death: 12 Jan 1904

Subject: John C. Christianson

Source: *Henry County [MO] Democrat*, 21 Jan 1904, Thursday, p. 2

John Christianson died at Savannah, Andrew county, last Tuesday from the result of a peculiar accident. The day before he was assisting George Norris in cutting down a tree. He was standing near the tree when it fell. The base of it slid from the stump and caught in Christianson's clothing. The top of the tree fell in a ditch, forced the base of it high in the air, throwing Christianson 25 feet. He struck on his head.

Date of death: 15 Aug 1913

Subject: Peter Christianson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 15 Aug 1913, p. 16

Savannah, Mo., Aug. 15.—Peter Christianson, sixty-six years old, a prominent Savannah business man and a pioneer of the county died at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Death came as a result of a fall through an open sidewalk cellarway at Excelsior Springs, Mo., about a year ago. There is a suit in the courts now over the accident.

Mr. Christianson was first in the wagon business when he came here in 1869, later went into the hotel business and was an undertaker and furniture dealer at the time of his death.

Mr. Christianson was born in Denmark, in a province which has since come under Germany rule, and came to this country in 1865. He moved here four years later. He was a good linguist, speaking French, Danish, German and English fluently.

Until a few years ago Savannah had no town clock. Mr. Christianson decided the town should have one, in the courthouse tower.

By private subscription, which he personally solicited, he raised nearly enough to buy the coveted timekeeper. Then the women of the town came forward and with the money gained from a banquet, the fund was boosted until the necessary amount was gained.

He served several years as councilman.

Mr. Christianson leaves a large estate, most of which is in Savannah and the rest in Western lands. The disposition of his properties has not been made public.

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He is survived by his widow, two sons, Carl M. Christianson, in business here, and Harry, a traveling salesman for a Boston firm, and a brother, Chris Christianson, Savannah.

The funeral will be held from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and burial will be in the Savannah Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Campbell will officiate.

Date of death: 14 Jun 1917

Subject: Edna Pearl (Christie) Hagler & infant daughter, Edna Christie Hagler

Source: *The Colby [KS] Free Press*, 20 Jun 1918, Thursday, p. 1

Word was received here Friday morning that Mrs. Roland Hagler, formerly Miss Edna Christie, niece of Mr. and Mrs. George Kinkle, had passed away Thursday morning at the hospital in Virden, Ill. She died immediately after the birth of a little baby girl. The little child lived only two hours after the death of its mother. This is indeed a very sad blow to the friends and relatives, for only a few short weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Hagler left Colby for Virden, Illinois, where they expected to spend the summer months, and she was at the time apparently in good health. The body of the mother and little baby, Edna Christie, were brought here for burial, arriving Saturday night. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Edna Pearl Christie was born Nov. 28, 1886 [sic], at Rosendale, Andrew county, Mo. Her mother died when she was a babe. When about six years of age she came to make her home with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Kinkle of Colby, Kansas. At the age of 14 years she was converted and was baptized by Rev. Beauchamp, later uniting with the Methodist church. August 14, 1917, she was united in marriage with Roland E. Hagler. She died at Virden, Ill., June 14, 1918, at the age of 31 years, six months, 16 days. She is survived by her husband, her father, who lives at Rosendale, Mo., three brothers, five sisters, other relatives and a host of friends. Her brothers John and Mitchell live at Baldwin, Kans., Alonzo at Siebert, Colo. The sisters are Mrs. Amanda Cobb, Flat [sic] Springs, Mo., Mrs. Effie Harrison, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Florence Beattie, Ray [sic], Mo., Mrs. Alma Jackson, Rexford Kans., Mrs. Minnie Gupton, Seibert, Colo. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. Westerman of the Methodist church.

Date of death: 2 Jun 1912

Subject: Henry Christie

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 3 Jun 1912, p. 5

Henry Christie, sixty-one years old, died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock at a local hospital, to which he had been brought from his home at Rea, Mo., for treatment. He was a farmer. The body was taken to Rea yesterday for burial.

Date of death: [Oct] 1868

Subject: Mary Church

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 8 Dec 1868, p. 1

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We are furnished by Mr. Hillyer, undertaker, with the following list of interments made under his supervision during the month of November.

November 1—Mary Church (col'd), fever, aged 6 months -- Green Cemetery.

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Date of death: 18 Apr 1917

Subject: Herbert Ray Clardy

Source: *Skidmore [MO] News*, 19 Apr 1917, p. 1

Herbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Clarady [sic], died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Patterson Thursday morning from a severe attack of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarady had been living south of Kansas City until a short time ago when they sold out and expected to move to western Kansas. During the time Mr. Clarady was moving, Mrs. Clarady came here to visit her parents. No arrangements have been made as to burial as Mr. Clarady will not reach here before this—Thursday-- evening.

same

Source: *Skidmore [MO] News*, 26 Apr 1917, p. 1

Herbert Ray Clardy, son of J. M. and Effie M. Clardy, was born near Skidmore, Nodaway Co., Mo. May 18, 1907 and departed this life April 19, 1917, age 8 [sic] years 11 months 1 day.

His death was a shock to all. He was sick only a few days. He with his mother, sister and brother had come on a visit to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Patterson.

Herbert was a frail child, being of delicate constitution. he loved to attend Sunday school and just before he was called home, he prayed and then sang "Oh, How I Love Jesus," and asked for his Bible.

His father and oldest brother were unable to be present at his bed side. His greatest desire was to live until they came. He leaves his father, mother, two brothers Maurice and Wayne, one sister Anna May, his grandparents and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the home of W. L. Patterson Friday afternoon by Elder S. D. Harlan of Graham. Interment in Masonic cemetery.

Date of death: 26 Jan 1919

Subject: Mary Frances (Clardy) Harris

Source: *The Goff [KS] Advance*, 30 Jan 1919, Thursday, p. 1

After months of suffering, death came as a relief to Mrs. Andrew Harris at the home in Goff on Sunday, January 26th. Several operations in recent years had failed to give relief, and the kind ministrations of the family endeavored to make her last hours on earth as pleasant as was possible.

Mary Frances Clardy, daughter of Michael and Sarah Clardy was born June 22, 1853, near Savannah, Andrew county, Mo., and passed away January 26, 1919, at the home in Goff, Kansas. She was married to Andrew Harris in April 1871, and to them nine children were born. Two have proceeded [sic] their mother into the great beyond, Della Anna who died in infancy and Bessie Mae Allen who died Dec. 3, 1918. The seven children who

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survive are Mrs. Plummer, Fred, John, Dave[,] Will, Miss Iva all of this community and Mrs. Dollie DeFord of Eureka, Ill.

Besides the husband, children and grandchildren there remain to mourn her death two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Susan Lightbody and Mrs. Anna Downing, P. H. and S. P. Clardy of Savannah, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris and family have made their home in Kansas for thirty-four years, coming here from their Missouri home. They have a host of friends who join with them in honoring the memory of a splendid mother.

Funeral services were held from the Christian church in Goff Tuesday afternoon, January 28th, conducted by Rev. Chas. A. Richard and interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Date of death: 2 Apr 1913

Subject: Ada Clark

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 3 Apr 1913, p. 1

Ida [sic] Clark, a negro woman, thirty-four years old is supposed to have died of fright from the storm last night. Her lifeless body was found early this morning by a street car conductor on the porch of a vacant house at the southwest corner of Twenty-fourth and Jule streets, where it is presumed she had sought shelter. As the woman's health had been good and as she had been known to have had great fear of storms, it is the theory that she was scared to death by the thunder and lightning.

The woman left Miss West's school at Twenty-seventh and Jule streets, where she was employed as a cook, about 9 o'clock. Her home was at 511 South Sixteenth street.

After viewing the body Coroner Lynch sent it to Ramsey's undertaking rooms.

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 4 Apr 1913, p. 3

Coroner Thomas J. Lynch will hold an autopsy this morning of the body of Mrs. Ida [sic] Clark, a negro woman, 34 years old, who was found dead yesterday morning on the porch of a vacant house at Twenty-fourth and Jule streets. The woman, who formerly lived at 511 South Sixteenth street, was in good health Wednesday when she left Miss West's school at Twenty-seventh and Jule streets, where she was employed, and it is believed that the fierce storm which was raging at the time frightened her to death.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 4 Apr 1913, p. 6

The autopsy held this morning on the body of Ida [sic] Clark, the negress found dead yesterday morning at Twenty-fourth and Jule streets, verified Coroner Lynch's opinion that the woman had died from apoplexy, brought on by fright while Wednesday night's storm was in progress.

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Date of death: 7 Mar 1879

Subject: Clarence Leslie Clark

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 11 Mar 1879, p. 3

Clarence Leslie, infant son of Walter F. and Mary A. Clark, died on Friday morning, and was buried on Saturday; aged four months and three days.

Date of death: 20 Jan 1910

Subject: Clarinda (Clark) Bell

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 22 Jan 1910, p. 12

Mrs. Clarinda Bell died Thursday, Jan. 20, 7:15 p.m., at the age of 79 years, leaving to mourn her loss three children, Walter Bell, W. D. Bell and Mrs. R. Jordon, and two grandchildren, J. A. Payne and Robert Jordon Jr., all of St. Joseph, Mo. The funeral service will be at the M.E. Church, 19th and Angelique, Sunday, at 2 p.m.

Date of death: 17 Dec 1897

Subject: Clay Clark

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 18 Dec 1897, p. 3

[Note: ... indicates illegible sections]

For once, at least, Friday sustained its reputation as an unlucky day. Between fatal accidents, hold-ups and minor disturbances, the police had their hands very full last night.

At 10:30 o'clock two men lay side by side in Sidenfaden's morgue, ... representatives of the Caucasian and Ethiopian races. ... the body of the negro was, after consideration, undoubtedly identified as that of Clay Clark, a former resident of this city and whose wife and her relatives reside on North Seventh street.

D. C. Ellis, a Chicago Great Western car inspector, discovered Clark's body about 9:25 last evening lying between two tracks in the Ma... yard, thirty feet north ... street, and ... The ... sign ... the death ... from any ... the unfortunate man was killed ... Chicago Great Western train is merely conjecture. Officer R... had passed the ... a few minutes ... of the body and ... nothing ... Then a ... passed at ... was sure it w... that there is ... connected with the body.

The officers of the Maple Leaf ... there is a northbound freight that goes through at almost any time from 9 to 10:30 and it is possible that Clark came in on this train and on reaching the Franklin street crossing, which is the nearest point to his home or at least the home of the people ate... leap off ... ground on ... vital ... there ... on ... here to... his theory. Dr. Graham was of the opinion last night that Clark died from natural causes and not from any outward violence or hurt.

After the body had been removed to the morgue, a search was made for any papers by which it might be identified. There was a vast quantity of letters and papers in the pockets, many of the former being from the dead man's wife, sister and other relatives, whose address was 935 North Seventh street. They were dated as far back as February 3, 1893, and as late as March 3, 1897. All were addressed to Clay Clark at Jefferson City case

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of "Box 47." It appeared from these and was subsequently stated as a fact, that Clark had served two terms in the state penitentiary. He could not have been a very bad man, however, for the letters addressed to him were all filled with expressions of the tenderest love and sympathy, and it was evident they had been affectionately treasured up by the poor fellow. It was stated last night that Clark's two terms aggregated five years. None of the relatives had been notified of the death of Clark up... home and had consequently not appeared to explain his mysterious appearance and death.

The coroner will hold an inquest in this ... morning.

Date of death: 22 May 1899

Subject: Edwin S. Clark

Source: *St. Joseph Weekly Herald*, 25 May 1899, p. 3 and *St. Joseph Herald*, 23 May 1899, p. 5

Hopkins, Mo., May 22.-- Ed Clark committed suicide here this afternoon, shooting himself through the temple with a 22-calibre Winchester rifle. The cause is supposed to be insanity. He left here a week ago for Arkoe, Mo., and the next heard of him he was in Boulder, Colo. He leaves a wife and four children, all boys, the oldest being 7 years old. His life was insured for \$6,000 in the Woodmen of the World and The Bankers of Des Moines. The coroner held an inquest tonight and a verdict of suicide was returned.

Same

Source: *Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 25 May 1899, Thursday

Edwin S. Clark was born August 16, 1870 on his father's farm east of Hopkins, Mo. Was married August 4, 1889 to Miss Ida Umbanhower, who, with four children, all boys, survive him, the eldest boy being seven years old. His mother, two brothers and two sisters also survive him. He was a member of the Christian church and a kind and loving husband and father. His death was caused by accident, May 22, 1899. He had resided all his life in this county.

Date of death: 24 Oct 1919

Subject: Emma Jane (Clark) Elliott Fee

Source: *The Marshall [TX] Messenger*, 29 Oct 1919, Wednesday, p. 3

Mrs. Emma Fee, mother of Mrs. Arley Merrill and Mrs. Allen Beck of this city, died last Friday at her home in Fillmore, Mo., after a lingering illness. Mesdames Merrill and Beck were with her when the end came.

Date of death: 17 Jun 1892

Subject: Hester Clark

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 18 Jun 1892, p. 5

Hester Clark, an aged, colored woman, died at her home 1712 North Second street, yesterday evening, of pneumonia. She had lived in this city a number of years, and was very eccentric, but well known and a respected woman.

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Date of death: 21 Sep 1890

Subject: Marion Bigham Clark

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 4 Oct 1890, p. 5

Marion Bigam [sic] Clark, who died at his home in this city on the 21st day of last month, was born January 4, 1827, in Cole county, Mo., near Jefferson City, on a farm. He was married in Atchison county, December 4, 1850, to Miss Isabella Stone, an exemplary Christian lady, who survives him, and by whom he had eight children, one of whom died in infancy and seven of whom are now living—all well educated—all happily married and all settled in business as good citizens and doing honor to the memory of their dutiful father. The oldest, Eliza, is the wife of J. D. Violette, who keeps the hotel at Parnell, in Nodaway county. Catherine is the wife of W. H. Kirby, a contractor in this city. Belle is the wife of E. V. Myers, the cutter in the Wyeth collar factory. John D. Clark, the fourth child, is connected with the St. Joseph *Ballot*. Alice is the wife of T. H. Buckner, who is in the ice business, and James G. is the pastor of the Baptist church at Wathena, Kas. The youngest child, Albert M. Clark, is a collar maker in the Wyeth factory.

At the breaking out of the war the deceased man was established as a farmer in DeKalb county. He was a zealous union man and although bound by the strongest ties of love and affection for his devoted wife and six children then born, he made provision for them and enlisted as a private in Co. C of the Forty-third Missouri Infantry Volunteers, for the perpetuity of our government and national union. His whole soul was in the cause, and he made a valiant soldier. He was promoted to sergeant and the pay which he received from the government he regularly sent home to his family.

He was with his regiment in several hotly contested engagements in this state. At the battle of Glasgow he was taken prisoner by Gen. Price and paroled. During his term of service he contracted disease from which he never recovered. In 1867 he sold his farm in DeKalb county and came to St. Joseph, where he continued to reside until his death. For a number of years he conducted a livery and feed stable where the Chestnut grocery now stands. He afterwards managed a milk dairy, and at the time of his death was connected with a real estate business on Felix street. In all his business transactions and relations he was honest and just. Politically Mr. Clark was an ardent Republican. For many years before he died he took active part in every campaign as a zealous worker for the success of his party ticket, although he never sought, or ran as a candidate, for any office. At the time of his death he was a member of the Methodist church of this city. During his last sickness he calmly resigned himself to his great bodily suffering and never lost faith in the wisdom and goodness of Him who doeth all things well. One year ago the last 4th of July he was first treated by his physician for a cancer which was located on one side of his face. He was never able after that to leave his dwelling, and for eight long months prior to his death he was confined to his room, and suffered intensely. Fully conscious that there was no cure for the malady, he awaited his final doom with patience and Christian fortitude.

On the 14th day of January 1884, Marion Bigam [sic] Clark was mustered into Custer Post No. 7, Department of Missouri, G.A.R. He ever afterwards took a lively interest in the affairs of the post and uniformly maintained the respect and esteem of all his brother members of the order.

[Resolutions of respect by the G.A.R. Post]

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Date of death: 21 Aug 1912

Subject: Nora Susan (Clark) Mast

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 23 Aug 1912, p. 5

Skidmore, Mo., Aug. 22.—Mrs. W. A. Mast died here at 8 o'clock last night, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Clark. Tuberculosis, from which Mrs. Mast had suffered for several months, was the cause of death. She had steadily grown worse recently, and a trip West did her no good.

She is survived by her husband, two small sons [sic], and her parents. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

Date of death: 5 Sep 1895

Subject: Perry Emil Clark

Source: *Saguache [CO] Crescent*, 12 Sep 1895, Thursday, p. 3

Thursday morning, Sept. 5th, Emil Clark, son of Mr. Thos. C. Clark, of Lockett, died from typhoid fever. Deceased was a bright young man of about 19 years and was a universal favorite. He had been sick for several weeks and was supposed to be on the road to recovery when he suffered a relapse. The funeral was held Friday and the interment took place on Saturday in the cemetery at this place.

Date of death: 30 Apr 1899

Subject: Mrs. Rena (Clark) Lawrie*

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 2 May 1899, p. 3

Mrs. Rena Clark, wife of Moses Clark [sic], died Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock. She was but 20 years of age but was known as a bright young woman, being one of the leading colored women of the city. Mrs. Clark was the secretary of the ex-Slaves' home. Her last official act as an officer of that institution was the transfer of the home to Father Graham several months ago. Mrs. Clark was a member of the African Methodist Episcopal church at Third and Antoine streets, and the funeral will take place at that place this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. W. Sexton.

Same

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

C. S. Baker seems to have acted in considerable haste when he appeared before the county court yesterday and made complaint that his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mollie Clark, colored, was insane. Mrs. Clark called at The Daily News office this morning and talked and acted very much unlike a crazy person. She does not deny that she assaulted her son-in-law, Moses Lawrie, but if her statement of the affair is correct, there was some provocation.

Mrs. Clark says Lawrie had placed the twin babies born to her daughter a month ago in the hands of his sister immediately after the death of his wife. The understanding was that Lawrie's sister would raise the motherless twins, but Mrs. Clark, learning that she was anxious to dispose of them, offered to take them to the home of her

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mother, the great-grandmother of the babies, at Savannah, to be cared for. All of the persons interested agreed to this last week.

Sunday Mrs. Clark went to Lawrie's home to get the babies and, according to her story, Lawrie's sister insisted upon accompanying her to Savannah. The mother-in-law objected to this arrangement, feeling that her son-in-law's sister was not particularly interested in the welfare of the children. A quarrel ensued in which Lawrie is said to have taken the part of his sister against his mother-in-law.

However, the twins were conveyed to Savannah, where they were placed in the care of their great-grandmother. During the trip there was constant quarreling between Lawrie's sister and Mrs. Clark. Mrs. Clark was displeased with the conduct of Lawrie, and the assault made on him in his tailor shop was the result of a quarrel that took place between them there.

Mrs. Clark has the appearance of being a hard working woman and she has recommendations from some of the best families in St. Joseph. There seems to have been no good reason for accusing her of insanity. Her affection for her dead daughter's babies is pathetic and entirely reasonable and creditable.

Date of death: 13 Jan 1890

Subject: William Clark

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 6 Jan 1890, p. 5

Peter W. Wright, a young colored man, stabbed another colored man named William Clark at the residence of Mr. Sam Nave, Eighth and Jule streets, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Both men were employed by Mr. Nave, but a few days ago Wright disappeared very mysteriously and didn't return until yesterday morning. He found his place had been filled and he accused Clark of back-capping him. This led to a quarrel and Wright whipped out a long knife and stuck it into Clark's right groin. Clark is seriously hurt, and as the police were not informed of the affair until several hours after it occurred, Wright succeeded in escaping. Clark is said to be a very peacable [sic] man, while Wright bears a pretty hard name.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 14 Jan 1890, p. 5

Wm. Clark, the colored coachman for Abraham Nave, 311 North Eighth street, who was stabbed a week ago last Sunday by another negro servant named Peter Wright, died from his injuries yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

The altercation between Clark and Wright, which cost the former his life, took place about eight o'clock in the morning. Wright had absented himself from Mr. Nave's premises without excuse for several days, and when he returned, found his place had been filled. There was some jealousy existing between Clark and Wright and the latter immediately accused the former with being responsible for his discharge. The trouble took place in Mr. Nave's kitchen and words led to blows. Finally Wright said to Clark, "You black s-u-a-b, I'll kill you," and drawing a long knife, he thrust it into the left side of Clark's back.

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The instrument made an ugly wound and when Dr. Heddens was summoned he immediately expressed the opinion that it would prove fatal. The wounded man was carried to his room in the servant's quarters where he remained until his death.

After the cutting Wright walked leisurely down street and, meeting Clark's son, informed him that he had stabbed his father and advised him to see him at once. He put in several hours idling about the city and suddenly disappeared. He has not been seen or heard of since, although several colored men express the opinion that the murderer has frequented the house on North Second street where his family lives.

Clark, the murdered man, was about 65 years of age and was an old and trusted servant of the Nave family. He has a wife and several children residing at 1407 South Tenth street. He was a member of the lodge of colored Masons, and also of the Hod Carriers' Benevolent association. His remains were removed to his residence yesterday afternoon and the funeral will probably take place to-morrow.

The officers will immediately commence a search for Wright and it is probable that he will soon be within the confines of the county jail.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 15 Jan 1890, p. 5

The funeral of William Clark will take place at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at the M. E. church, colored, North Third street, by Rev. Terrille.

Date of death: 4 Jun 1895

Subject: Nancy (Clark) Welch

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 8 Jun 1895, Saturday, p. 8

Nancy Clarke Welch, colored, known in many portions of Missouri as a famous cook, died in this city on Tuesday last, aged 85 years. Many were under the impression that she had passed the century milestone, but according to her family Bible she was born in 1810. About eight years ago she was married to an aged negro in Oregon, Mo., named Welch, who was then 98 years old, and lived until about four years ago. From the fact that the old man had seen over 100 birth days, his wife who has just passed away had been supposed to be close on to the same age. She was a good woman and of more than ordinary intelligence.

Date of death: 14 Apr 1916

Subject: Mary Frances Clay

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 14 Apr 1916, Friday, p. 20

Mary, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clay, died at 8:45 o'clock this morning at the home, 1420 North Eighth street. The body will be taken to Gower for burial.

Date of death: 6 Jul 1879

Subject: William Henry Clay

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 8 Jul 1879, p. 4

[Note: ... indicate illegible sections]

Sunday morning, about 9 o'clock, a colored man named William H. Clay, aged forty years the day before, and for many years a resident of St. Joseph, living on Prospect Hill, on land belonging to Capt. Smith, accompanied by a colored woman, his housekeeper, named Mary W. Duncan, started out into the Missouri river to secure the skin of a cow which had been killed by the cars. He got out into the water which was three or four feet deep, and ... proba... and ... skin... hardly speaking a word during ... the woman keeping her seat in the ... same there was a ... near the ... just ... Clay had ... his ... and ... on the bank ... quantity of drift wood, and ... the ... near it, asked Mary ... in the river. She replied ... And almost instantly ... began to fall over towards ... [quite a few lines illegible] instantly after ... speaking a word ... [another paragraph illegible].

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 8 Jul 1879, p. 4

Henry Clay, a mulatto, went out on the sand-bar beyond Dug Hill yesterday, where was the body of a cow which had been killed by the cars and floated out to the bar. He began to skin the cow, and when he had the hide about half off he complained of feeling unwell, but resumed his work, and suddenly staged and fell into the water. His housekeeper, Mary Duncan, dragged him out and got him into the skiff, but he was dead. Dr. Trevor held an inquest, and the verdict of the jury was accidental drowning. This is the same man who, a month ago, had a disturbance with John O'Connor, who assaulted him with a hoe-handle, and was arrested and sent to jail.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 17 Jul 1879, p. 4

When William Henry Harrison Henry Clay Webster, a colored boy, got drowned in the big muddy Missouri, a few days ago, his anxious friends were in despair about the recovery of the body for sepulture in Potter's field; and Dr. Trevor, the coroner, concealed his grief at the prospect of the loss of his fees for the "crownor's quest"—at least twenty dollars. Phil. Helsey had come to the resque [sic] in various firings, all in vain, of a keg of blasting powder, to raise the body, resulting in bringing to the surface nothing but a dead horse and four mammoth catfish with bursted bladders and the loss of two dollars and six bits in powder. Finally, as a heroic measure, Professor Saxton was applied to for advice. He had had great experience in acoustics of late—of shattered nerves of his own, from diabolical sounds—as well as educated bruits [sic] of the long-eared kind. He stipulated with his friend Kingsburry, of the printing and book binding concern, next to the State Savings Bank, for half of the coroner's fees if he would give one of his well known continuous noon blasts on his steam kaliopie [sic], that calls his two boys from labor to refreshment, and if that did not raise the dead, the Professor would agree to have his head shaved for a lunatic. At precisely 12 noon the blast blew its allotted time of fifteen minutes,

And the whole half square

Commenced to swear,

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but Dr. Trevor, with his green umbrella spread, was watching on the river bank and saw the body rise—like a thing of life—

*At the whistle's call,
With a busted gall,*

it floated to the shore for the inquest.

*Saved, said the Doctor, twenty dollars saved!
And Saxton's head is safe from being shaved,
But if the dead can't rest for such a sound,
What shall poor mortals do above the ground?*

Date of death: 29 Feb 1880

Subject: Celia M. (Clelland) West

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 4 Mar 1880, p. 4

Concerning the death of Mrs. C. M. West, which occurred at Maryville on last Sunday, the following is taken from the *Democrat* of its last issue:

Last Sunday night, while the earth was wrapped in slumber, the death angel visited the house of Mrs. E. R. Cleland [sic], claiming for his own her last living daughter, Mrs. Celia M. West, wife of Charles West, of St. Joseph, Missouri. Mrs. West came up from St. Joseph to Maryville last Friday evening, being in her usual health. She was daughter sick about two o'clock Saturday morning and died the following Sunday night, despite the efforts of our best medical men to save her life.

Mrs. West had just completed her 27th year. She was born and raised in this county, having lived in Maryville for a number of years. Six years ago last September she was united in marriage to Charles West, since which time her home has been at St. Joseph. Several years ago she united with the Episcopal church and lived and died in that faith.

Thus do we see another pure one of earth has passed away to her reward in the better land, leaving behind her two little daughters. She was a loving daughter, a faithful wife and an affectionate mother. Her death is a sad loss to her heart-broken mother, a bereaved husband and only brother, who, with a large circle of friends, are left behind to mourn her loss. They have, however, the sweet consolation that their loss is her gain.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Sherman, on last Monday afternoon, at the Episcopal church of this city, after which her remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Date of death: 4 Jun 1895

Subject: Nancy (Clerk) Welch

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 5 Jun 1895, p. 6

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Nancy Clerk Welch, a colored woman, died yesterday at the home of a family of negroes named Dayton, at ? 120 South Twelfth street, having attained the ripe old age of ninety-eight years. Nancy Welch was a character well known in St. Joseph, where she had lived for the past ... years. Her death ... result of extreme old age ... have been very feeble... woman's mind was ... in the least. The reputation ... the deceased was ... She had been employed ... owned ... near Oregon ... way, and has ... for the last ... family, al... has cared ...

[Another paragraph, mainly illegible, except for [... Nancy mar... was born in ... Missouri after ... city cemetery this

Date of death: 23 Jan 1870

Subject: John W. Clifton (or Wesley Fouts)

Source: St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald, 25 Jan 1870, p. 4

[Article begins with long treatise on "calamity," with no specifics] ... on Sunday morning last, some time near four o'clock, fire was discovered in the brick building, or row of brick buildings, on the west side of Second street near and south of the Blacksnake bridge. When first seen by parties some distance off, the flames were leaping out of a second story window near the northwest corner of the building. At that moment, there appeared to be no one of the inmates of the row aware of the fire, the building in which it originated being unoccupied. This was the house known as the old "Rosebud."

Soon after, the alarm was given and the inhabitants of the building, generally aroused, made their escape, some few of them saving their clothing, but most of them losing their effects. All the occupants got safely out except one, a young man, son of an old and respectable citizen, out of respect, to whose sorrow we omit the name of the unfortunate. ... [More on this death]

...When the alarm drew out a crowd of citizens, a general hand was lent to the work of saving what it was possible to save from the house, now evidently devoted to the fire demon, which roared and cracked through the wood work of the rooms. Furniture was pitched out from upper windows on the awning which roofed the sidewalk, and of course that which was breakable got broke. [More about items and the inmates of the place]

Notwithstanding there was a wall between all of the five buildings burned the fire seems to have progressed as rapidly as though the houses were not thus protected, for, catching at the northwest corner of the north building a little after four o'clock, in about an hour and a half, the whole row was hopelessly aflame, the roofs, floors and rafters of the first ignited falling in rapidly.

After the buildings were utterly consumed, and the firemen had commenced leaving about half-past six o'clock, it was rumored that the remains of the unfortunate young man who had perished in the building were seen among the steaming debris in the cellar of the third tenement. Directly there was a rush of the firemen and others to the place, and a number of them went down the cellar way from the pavement and commenced grappling among the bricks and burning debris for the remains. While this was going on the most horrible occurrence took place.

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The unsubstantial foundation of the South wall of the third building from the North, weakened by the action of the heat on the limestone of which it was made, crushed beneath the weight upon it and the wall tumbled over with a terrible crash on the forms of two devoted men engaged in the work of humanity. Here was a fearful and horrifying state of things. Six men were buried beneath those heated bricks and lime in firey [sic] graves of hot ashes and cinders. Frank Y. Hill, Arthur Colburn, Julius Sidekim, Blass Argus, Julius Giske, all firemen, and a colored man, John W. Clifton, (commonly known by the name of West Fouts), the last to go down, were all swallowed up in this terrible avalanche.

Here was work for all who felt a spark of human feeling. Immediately, as many as could find places to work were tossing the hot bricks from off the fearful pile that covered the victims. As quickly as the work could be done, they were taken out from the seething tombs and carried off. While this was going on water had to be thrown on the bricks to cool them so that they could be handled. This tortured the men entombed below with steam and the greatest wonder of the event is that any of them were taken out alive. But all were brought out with life in them except the colored man, Clifton, who was dead. He was struck fair in the face and head by a large portion of the wall and knocked violently against the opposite wall. A horrible gash was cut on his left cheek, another on the left side of his head, and innumerable smaller wounds were on his head and body. His left arm was broken. He was part proprietor of the Tremont Billiard Saloon, on Second street, about one block south of the scene of the fire, where he was taken.

[More information on others and property damage]

The Coroner next held an inquest at the Tremont Exchange, kept by two colored men named John W. Clifton and Talbot Bluford. Clifton was one of the victims of the falling wall, and was taken out dead. Witnesses at the inquest stated that they were conversing with Clifton a few minutes before he went down the cellar way, persons down there were calling for help and for water to cool the heated bricks so that they could throw them off the body. Soon after Clifton went down the wall fell on him and the others. Clifton's body was the last taken out, and it was carried to the Tremont saloon. The jury returned the same verdict as in the case of Argus [accidental falling of a wall] ... *[more information about the cause of the fire]*

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 26 Jan 1870, p. 4

The remains of John W. Clifton or Wesley Pfouts, who was killed at the fire on Sunday morning, were yesterday removed by train to Atchison, where his relatives live.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 25 Jan 1870, p. 1

[After a long, similar article about the fire] A negro man named Wesley Fouts, keeper of the Tremont Saloon, on Second street, was found dead in the ruins. He had dashed boldly in with the rest, and was probably killed instantly by the falling wall. He was about 28 years of age, formerly belonged to the late Col. Dugan Fouts, and was a steady, industrious man. He had a brother named Alfred Fouts, who for many years "turned the wheel" in

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the old Gazette office, and has for the past few years been engaged in the same business in the Atchison *Champion and Press* office. The latter is also as faithful, honest and steady a hand as we have ever seen. The body of the man was taken to his home, and buried by his friends yesterday.

Date of death: 29 Nov 1922

Subject: Martha Jane (Clore) Ashford

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 2 Dec 1922, Saturday, p. 1

For the past 53 years Mrs. Martha Jane Ashford, widow of the late Thomas J. Ashford, a well known contractor, has made her home here. Tuesday she passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. P. Miles, 529 North Twenty-second street, after but a brief illness. She was born in Oldham County, Kentucky, April 13, 1833. Rev. C. M. Chilton conducted her funeral services Wednesday afternoon. She was a noble Christian wife and mother and is survived by three other daughters and two sons beside Mrs. Miles at whose home she died, the others being Mrs. J. B. Farber, St. Joseph; Mrs. Walter L. Earls, Yakima, Wash.; Mrs. William M. Wilson, Chicago; Thomas K. Ashford, Wichita, Kan., and John A. Ashford, St. Louis.

Date of death: 27 Sep 1885

Subject: Lydia (Clutch) Ware

Source: *Greenleaf [KS] Herald*, 02 Oct 1885, Friday, p. 3

Lydia Ware, aged 85 years, died at Greenleaf Kans. Sunday Sept. 27th. On Monday morning Sept. 28th. her body was taken to Brownsville Neb. for interment where here [sic] husband was burried [sic] five years ago, at which place her funeral services were held. Sister Ware leaves behind her a bright evidence that she has gone to live with the Savior having been a christian and a member of the M.E. church from a child. She leaves eight children and a large number of grand children to mourn her loss.

J. T. Dennis.

Date of death: 1 Nov 1889

Subject: Alfred A. Clutter

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 3 Nov 1889, p. 5

Alfred A. Clutter, a well known and respected citizen of Hopkins, died at his home on the first day of this month, aged 49 years. He was well known in this city having been a former resident.

Date of death: 26 Sep 1898

Subject: Lizzie (Clutter) Ewing

Source: *Kansas City [MO] Journal*, 28 Sep 1898, p. 2

Maryville, Mo., Sept. 27.-- (Special.)

Mrs. Ida Ewing, wife of George Ewing, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Lizzie Ewing, her sister-in-law, wife of Frank Ewing, at the former's home in Hopkins, last night. The brothers were absent and the wives had arranged

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to spend the night together at George's home. According to Ida Ewing's story, they were in their night clothes and ready to retire when her daughter Blanche fell over the sleeping form of Lizzie's son, little Harold. Lizzie seized the little girl and threw her against the wall, declaring she "had no sense and had never been taught any." The women then fought. The surviving woman claims that her antagonist reached into her bed, drew forth a pistol and threatened to kill her. Ida then reached into a closet near and drew out a self-acting revolver and shot her antagonist twice. Both balls took effect in the head, and either would have proved fatal. The murderess then ran across to a neighbor's in her night clothes and told what she had done. She was held to-day by the coroner's jury. It is said that on a former occasion Ida Ewing made an attempt to drown the woman whom she killed last night.

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Date of death: Mar 1922

Subject: Alice Louise (Cobb) Sells

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 19 Mar 1922, Sunday, Second Section, p. 2

Memorial services for Mrs. O. V. Sells were held Saturday afternoon at the First Baptist church. The burial was in Savannah cemetery.

Date of death: 17 Aug 1921

Subject: Elisha Cobb

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 20 Aug 1921, Saturday, p. 5

Elisha Cobb, 68 years of age, a well known farmer, died at his home, 2005 North Second street, Wednesday morning.

Date of death: 12 Jul 1895

Subject: Henry DeLorme Cock

Source: *Yakima [WA] Herald*, 18 Jul 1895, p. 4

Henry D. Cock, known far and wife and for many years as Colonel Cock, who died at his home here last Friday, was the best known of all the old-timers in Washington. He was a resident when the territory was set off from Oregon, and was a member of the first territorial legislature, having been elected to the council from Yakima county. Some years later he was elected to the lower house from Walla Walla.

He came with his father from Pennsylvania when a boy. For some years the family lived in Wisconsin, from whence by wagon train they came to Puget Sound and settled in Olympia. The father was known as "Col." too, and was a man of strong character and a vitality that lasted him into the nineties. He died in Walla Walla, at the home of his son.

In the early days, when history was making that seems more important, looking back to it, than the present, Col. Cock was young and active, always in demand, and always at the front. It was then that he took rank as a trusted leader and a fearless scout and messenger. The circumstances of his daring ride to bring dispatches through the country of the hostile tribes in the interior from the west side to Gen. Haller at Fort Simcoe, and his pursuit across the Ahtanum and narrow escape, are matters for more careful setting down, after inquiry and reference. It is enough for the present purpose to state that he never flinched nor lagged when something had to be done. Col. Shaw, of Vancouver, Gip Wills and other old Indian fighters can help out the future and more particular writer of these incidents.

He was the company and guide of the first governor of the territory—Gen. I. I. Stevens—and his interpreter as well, and was a party to many important and interesting pow-wows with the Indians at a time when all hands were sharp-eyed for uprisings and ambushes. In this capacity he was in all parts of the state before its settlement by whites; and later, though still in early days, he went over it again with Prof. Gibbs, of the Smithsonian Institute, on a tour of exploration and specimen hunting. This experience seemed to have made a deeper impression than any other in his life. He was a born naturalist, and entered with zest into the study of

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animal and plant life. While not a master of the technique, few men knew more of the flora and fauna of the northwest than Col. Cock. Of late years he was anxious to see fish and game preserved in the forests and streams of Washington, and on the day of his death expected the arrival of an agent of the United States fish commission with food fishes which had been promised him for stocking the streams in this vicinity. There was no leaf so small nor insect so tiny but he could spend some time with it for the love he had of nature in all her expressions of life. His grandsons were latterly his companions on his fishing trips, and they—especially Ted Owens—never tired of learning from his lips the curious things he could tell.

Without attempting to state any facts of his life in exact order, nor to include all the events of mature years, it may be said that he took a hand in all the affairs of his day. He tried steamboating on the sound for some years, and with the results of his selling out he bought cattle and came to this county. The home ranch was on the river near where Zillah now is, and adjoining the old Sam Chappell homestead. Even before this he had joined with some friends and attempted mining in the Caribou country. He for a while kept a miners' hotel away up in that region, and was full of stories about the attempts to use camels for pack animals on the trail passing his place.

The cattle business stripped him of what was left from steamboating, and he went with his family to Walla Walla, where he bought a drug store, with no better luck. Then he was made city marshal, as he was several times afterward for North Yakima. As an executive officer he was rigid and unswerving. This sort of thing makes enemies in certain quarters, but you could hear it said all over the streets the day he died that he was the best one we ever had. One who had himself done well in this position was quick to say so, and no one need feel slighted at the comparison.

He planted the shade trees that are the pride and glory of the town, and as he went and came they nodded to him as so many long rows of friends who had known his protecting hand. His love of nature will in these trees live as a monument.

He was a great old mountaineer and camper. Each summer found parties urging him to go along. He knew the Big Klickitat, the Tietan, and all the lakes and passes and trout streams; could point instinctively to the bush behind which was a prairie chicken. Griffin, Col. Walker, Dr. Hare, and all the men who hunt and fish for the many-sided benefits of the sport, will miss Col. Cock.

He died suddenly and quietly at his own house—just lay back upon the bed and quit the life of which but a glimpse has been given here. The two children, Charles and Mrs. H. K. Owens, were at the funeral, and hundreds of friends and neighbors bade a final adieu to his Bismarckian face last Sunday afternoon.

Date of death: 6 Mar 1920

Subject: Roxa Sophia (Cock) Shackelford

Source: *Morning [Portland] Oregonian*, 9 Mar 1920, p. 7

The Dallas, Or., March 8.—Funeral services for one of Wasco county's oldest pioneers, Mrs. Roxie Shakford [sic], 72, a resident of The Dalles for 50 years, will be held tomorrow morning. The body will be transported to Portland for cremation. Mrs. Shakford was the widow of Dr. William Shakford, who died a year ago here.

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Date of death: 25 Jan 1915

Subject: John Plato Coe

Source: *The Chariton [IA] Herald-Patriot*, 28 Jan 1915, Thursday

John Plato Coe was born in Covington, Ky., on June 19th, 1834, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Jones, in west Chariton on January 25th, 1915, of paralysis and dropsy, at the age of 80 years, 7 months and 6 days.

He moved with his parents to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He enlisted in the Civil War of 1861 and served to within three months of the end.

He was married at Watseka, Illinois, on September 8th, 1867, to Mary Ellen Warren, who preceded him in death on February 14th 1908. To them were born eight children, three dying in infancy. Those living are George, Raymond and Mrs. C. W. Jones, of Chariton; Lee, of Memphis, Tenn., and Leonard, of Sioux City, Iowa.

In 1886 he moved with his family to Marysville, Mo., where they lived until 1906, when they moved to Chariton, which place has since been his home. Mr. Coe had been a great sufferer since the 16th of October and the past two weeks he had been helpless. He was a good neighbor, ever ready to help those in need.

He leaves to mourn his death five children and seven grandchildren.

Since the death of his wife he had made his home with his daughter and will be greatly missed in the home. All were present at the last sad rites except Lee and Leonard, who were unable to come.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. J. F. McKnight, of the U. P. church, were held at the Jones home on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Chariton cemetery.

Date of death: 26 Jul 1897

Subject: Jane M. (Coffer) Smith Murphy

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 29 Jul 1897, p. 7

Savannah, Mo., July 28. Tuesday morning the many friends of Mrs. Jane M. Murphy were shocked by the painful intelligence that she was dead. She had not been well for the past week, but was not thought to be at all serious. Mrs. Murphy has been a citizen of Missouri for more than two score years, and all who knew her well felt a strong personal attachment, so kindly and gentle was she by nature. Her children were loyal and loving. They were an honor to her, as she has been to them. She united with the Baptist church when quite young and has always remained loyal to her belief. A mother's love and a grandmother's devotion will be sorely felt by the devoted ones she left behind. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Coffee [sic], one of the first families of Virginia. When very young she was united in marriage to Charles Smith in the Old Dominion. Of this happy union six children were born. Of these Mrs. B. Bedford, Mrs. William Dysart, Mrs. Samuel Daily and Frank Smith survive her. After the death of Charles Smith she married Reed Murphy and by this union one son was born, Samuel Murphy, with whom she lived at the time of her death. Mrs. Murphy was sixty-five years,

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nine months and nine days old. The funeral services took place Wednesday, July 28, from the M. E. Church, South, Rev. J. B. Kuby of the Baptist Church officiating. The remained were interred in the Daily Cemetery, five miles east of Savannah.

Date of death: 17 Jan 1920

Subject: Bruce R. Coffman

Source: *Phillipsburg [KS] News*, 22 Jan 1920, Thursday, p. 1

Last Saturday morning upon opening the office door we found poked underneath a card bearing the name of B. R. Coffman, who had evidently paused long enough in passing the night previous to leave same for our notice. We naturally supposed Bruce had ran [sic] up from Haddam for a day or so with relatives and would show up some time during the day for a bit of a social visit. Later we learned that he tarried here only an hour or two, boarding a late train for the west, to visit his son Ruby and a brother living there.

On Sunday we were informed a telegram addressed to Mrs. Coffman had been received here the afternoon previous conveying information of his death shortly after arriving in Denver. Mrs. Coffman was at the home of her brother, Ollie Rhoades, in Belleville at the time, and the sad word was sent to her. She caught the first train through to Denver so we are informed, accompanied by her little son.

Only a few months ago Mr. Coffman disposed to his newspaper plant at Yuma, Colo., as the altitude did not agree with him. Three or four weeks ago he bought the Clipper at Haddam, and had apparently regained strength and was enjoying best of health. While not having been informed as to the nature of his taking away, we presume the sudden jump from here to that higher altitude brought on a heart attack.

Bruce Coffman learned the printing trade at Smith Center, and during the twenty odd years he had been at the game had filled various positions. At one time he edited a paper named the Razoo at Agra; later he chased up and down the alleys in the Post printer of this city; was at the head of the printing department in the industrial school at Topeka for a time. He had been twice married. To the widow and other relatives our sympathy goes.

Same

Source: *The Haddam [KS] Clipper-Leader*, 22 Jan 1920, Thursday, p. 1

Bruce R. Coffman, aged 49 years, editor of the Clipper-Leader, died suddenly at Denver Saturday morning. This information came to this paper Tuesday morning in a letter received from Mrs. Coffman, who was visiting her brother at Belleville. No particulars as to the cause of Mr. Coffman's death were given, but it is the supposition that he died of heart trouble. As his mother is buried at Smith Center, which was his former home, the funeral and burial probably will take place there.

Mr. Coffman, his wife and little son left Haddam last Thursday afternoon, driving to Cuba where they boarded the Rock Island for Belleville. Mrs. Coffman and son remained at that place while Mr. Coffman continued his journey to Denver, stopping off for a brief visit with friends at Smith Center and Phillipsburg, and it is apparent that his death occurred soon after reaching that city. He had gone there with the intention of visiting his brother, Dr. Coffman and his son, Ruby, who is studying dentistry.

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While Mr. Coffman was comparatively a stranger in Haddam, yet he made a large number of friends during his brief residence here, who were shocked to learn of his sudden death. He purchased and took charge of the Clipper-Leader Nov. 1 of last year and was the owner of the same at the time of his death. He was a man of wide experience in the newspaper and printing business, having spend something like thirty years in the harness. Prior to coming here he owned the Yuma County (Colo.) Times.

The writer had occasion to come into pretty close personal contact with the deceased, whom we found of a whole-souled, agreeable disposition and honest in every particular. It was indeed a severe shock so [sic] hear of his untimely death and the bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community.

Same

Source: *The Haddam [KS] Clipper-Leader*, 29 Jan 1920, Thursday, p. 1

Bruce R. Coffman was born in Carroll, Ohio, October 14, 1870, a son of Milton H. and Abbie H. (Knight) Coffman, and died at Denver, Colorado, January 17, 1920, aged 49 years, 3 month [sic] and 3 days.

Bruce R. Coffman was reared in Ohio and Kansas and pursued his education in the school [sic] of those states. When his textbooks were put aside he began learning the printer's trade at Smith Center, Kansas, and afterwards worked for others at the trade in all parts of the country. He was the owner of several papers in Kansas, Nebraska, Washington, and Colorado and in 1890 he took up his abode at Castle Rock, Colo., where he engaged in the printing business and also conducted a drug store. He continued active in that field for two years. He also has published papers in other states and in March, 1917, he purchd [sic] the Yuma County, (Colo.) Times, which he published for two years. In November 1919, he purchased the Haddam (Kansas) Clipper-Leader and was the editor of that paper at the time of his death.

On the 24th of December, 1896, he was married to Miss Carrie Wilson and to them was born a son, Ruby T., who is now a student in a dental college at Denver, Colo. For his second wife Mr. Coffman chose Essie Rhoades, who me wedding on the 14th day of October, 1911, one son, Harry, being born of this union, who together [sic] with the widow survive.

Mr. Coffman belonged to the Court of Honor and was a charter member of the Knights of Phythia [sic] at Colville, Wash. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party and his religious faith is evidenced by his membership in the Episcopal church. His business activities had taken him to various sections of the country, bringing him a wide knowledge of his native land, particularly west of the Mississippi, and he thereby developed the progressive spirit which wide travel fosters.

The funeral and burial took place at Phillipsburg, Kansas, on January 20, 1920, thus ringing down the curtain and closing the last chapter of a busy and active, useful life.

Date of death: 18 Jan 1910

Subject: Beulah A. Cohron*

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 19 Jan 1910, p. 8

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Beulah Cohron, aged 16 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cohron, died at family home, 708 N. 24th, Jan. 18, 1910, 9:50 a.m. Funeral Thursday Jan. 20, 2 p.m. from Francis street Baptist church. Burial Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: [25] Nov 1922

Subject: Emmett M. Cohron*

Source: *Lawrence [KS] Daily Journal-World*, 29 Nov 1922, Wednesday, p. 3

Word was received today by Mrs. Mary Salisbury of the death of Rev. E. N. [sic] Cohron in Denver, Colo. The body will be taken to St. Joseph, Mo., for burial Friday. Rev. Mr. Cohron was formerly a minister of the Ninth Street Baptist church.

Same

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 2 Dec 1922, Saturday, p. 5

The Rev. E. M. Cohron who for many years was pastor of the Francis Street Negro Baptist church here, died in Denver Saturday The body was brought here Friday and buried in Ashland.

Date of death: 8 Feb 1922

Subject: Verta Cohron*

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 Feb 1922, Friday, p. 2

Miss Verta Cohron, negro, 39 years old, died at the home of her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Cohron, 708 North Twenty-fourth street, Wednesday morning. Rev. Cohron is pastor of Francis Street Baptist church. Besides her parents, she is survived by three brothers, George, Jordan and Marvin Cohron, all of St. Joseph; and five sisters, Mrs. Mamie Catrer, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Oneda Hawkins, and Misses Lois, Mary Katherine and Ruby Myra Cohron, all of St. Joseph. The funeral will be held at the family home at 2 oclock Saturday. Burial will be te [sic] Ashland cemetary [sic].

Date of death: 27 Mar 1919

Subject: Donald Cole

Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 4 Apr 1919, Friday, p. 9

On the 29th of December, 1917, there was born to Mr. C. W. Cole and wife of Fillmore, Missouri, a baby boy, to women they gave the name of Donald, by which they hoped he would be recognized through long years of infancy, childhood and manhood. Little Donald in due time recognized the name given him as his and joyfully responded to his parent's call of the name with looks of love and childish affection. The little one grew in favor with his parents and neighbors, always greeting their attentions with a smile and a beaming countenance. But it was not for long, for only a little while after Donald had passed his first year mile-stone he was stricken with double pneumonia, and after only nine days' [sic] of battle for life, though having the best of care and the attention of skilled physician, his little life candle was snuffed out at the tender age of one year, two months and 28 days. Only those who have had a like experience can know the deepness of the shadow that shrouded that

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stricken home, when the little one's life here on earth had ceased. But the baby boy left imbedded in the hearts of father and mother many memories which will recall to them the winsome ways of their baby and make them glad that he came to them and brightened their home, even for the little while he tarried with them. For one of his age little Donald gave evidence of unusual perception in recognizing the wish of his parents to do or not to do a thing, folding his little hands at the table and in his childish way saying grace and in other ways impressing others that he was a precocious child.

On Sabbath afternoon, March 30th, 1919, relatives and neighbors gathered at the family home and after prayer at the house the little body was taken to the M. E. Church of Fillmore where the funeral rites were held, conducted by Rev. T. D. Roberts, of New Point, who, in the absence of their own pastor, was asked to preach the funeral sermon. A large choir and a lady soloist rendered tender and beautiful selections appropriate to such an occasion and which added much to the comfort of the bereaved family.

The tiny casket was more than once covered with beautiful flowers, tokens of the resurrection life and were also a tribute of love to the memory of the dear little one. The large church building would not seat nor hold the throng of friends and neighbors who wished by their presence to honor the memory of a little child and show their sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Cole in the hour of deep affliction. In a long ministry the writer of these notes does not recall so large a funeral attendance for a little child. But why not as much for a child as for an adult? At the conclusion of the services in the church the remains of little Donald, the tenantless body was tenderly laid away to rest in the Fillmore cemetery, under the direction of the father who, being himself an undertaker, took the funeral direction at the home, the church and at the grave, thus ministering to his own as he has so often ministered to others in the burial of their dead.

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Date of death: 25 Dec 1883

Subject: John D. Cole*

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 28 Dec 1883, p. 5

The remains of John D. Cole, colored, were interred yesterday afternoon, the funeral being conducted by Pride of the West lodge A.F. and A.M., and the Knights of Tabor, the deceased having been an honored member of both orders. The funeral cortege was headed by Harry Robinson's band, which played appropriate dirges while enroute to the burial ground.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 27 Dec 1883, p. 4

J. D. Cole died Tuesday night, of consumption, at the residence of George W. Jones, Second and Franklin streets. He was formerly cashier for Harry Robinson, and lately conducted a barber shop at Troy, where he was taken ill and returned to this city. He was a member of the A.M.E. church and the Masonic bodies, including the Knights of Tabor. He was well known and esteemed as an industrious, upright man.

Date of death: 1 Dec 1910

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Subject: Margaret (Cole) Hurst

Source: *Hiawatha [KS] Daily World*, 2 Dec 1910, Friday, p. 2

Mrs. Margaret Hurst, wife of A. Hurst, died Thursday morning, Dec. 1, at her home south of town of heart trouble. She was 69 years old. She leaves a husband and 11 children: J. F. Hurst, of Hiawatha; J. M. Hurst, of Rosendale, Mo.; J. G. Hurst, of Powhattan; E. E. and G. J. Hurst, of Bolckow, Mo.; Rebecca C. Slater, of Bolckow, Mo.; Eliza A. Gunselman, of Wakefield, Kans.; Sarah A. Worth, of Fillmore, Mo.; Melinda N. Adkins, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Mary E. Couch of Rosendale, Mo.; Mary E. [sic] Hoover, of Rosendale, Mo. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at the Christian church at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. W. Carpenter. The burial will be made in Hiawatha cemetery.

Date of death: 11 Oct 1890

Subject: Samuel Smith Cole

Source: *Hill City [KS] Democrat*, 6 Nov 1890, Thursday, p. 2

Dispatches from Wilbur, in the Big Bend country, Wash., report the murder of S. S. Cole, a freighter, by Colville Indians. Cole left Cummings Ferry, and has not since been seen. His blood-stained wagon and hobbled horses were found, but persistent search has failed to find the missing man. He had considerable money, and loafing Indians saw him receive it. A few days prior to his departure the Indians held up another freighter and robbed him. The whole country is being scoured, and a call has been made on Agent Cole for the surrender of the suspected Indians. The settlers are fully aroused, and unless the agent takes prompt action trouble is feared.

Date of death: 6 Feb 1911

Subject: Tobias Cole

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 7 Feb 1911, p. 6

Tobias Cole, one of St. Joseph's best known and most highly respected colored men, who had lived here forty years, died at 8 o'clock Sunday night at his home, 1515 Sylvania street. He is survived by his wife to whom he was married in 1863, one sister and a brother. Tobias Cole was born in Brunswick County, Va., March 7, 1833, and during slavery was owned by Mrs. Mary Cole, Fifteenth and Beattie streets. He had been a devout member of the church since 1864, and had been a deacon in the Francis Street Colored Baptist Church since 1880. His funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the church.

Date of death: 4 Jul 1888

Subject: William Washington Cole

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 5 Jul 1888, p. 4

Yesterday morning a C. K. & N. train ran over and killed a deaf mute named William Cole, near Wathena, Kansas. It seems, from the best accounts, that the accident is not chargeable to anyone. The train came around a curve and before it could stop struck the man. Cole was about 65 years of age and lived about twelve miles northeast of Savannah, in Andrew county. What he was doing out on the C. K. & N. track nobody knows. He left home a day or two ago to visit relatives and friends near St. Joseph. Yesterday evening two of his nephews arrived in the city, and to-day will take the man home for burial. The body was brought to St. Joseph and placed

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in Sidenfaden's undertaking rooms, where Coroner Stringfellow summoned a jury in the evening. The remains were viewed, and an adjournment taken until this morning, when the evidence will be heard.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 6 Jul 1888, p. 4

The coroner's jury met yesterday morning and examined the testimony related to the death of the deaf mute Cole, by a C. K. & N. train near Wathena, on the morning of July 4. It appearing that the railway company was in no way to blame, a verdict was rendered accordingly.

Date of death: 23 Sep 1916

Subject: Josiah Coleman

Source: *Clarinda [IA] Journal*, 28 Sep 1916, Thursday, p. 11

A very serious accident occurred Saturday evening about 10 o'clock at the corner north of the Alfred Lawrence place, one and one-fourth miles east and a half mile north of Braddyville when four Hopkins, Mo., young men in a new Ford were on their way toward Braddyville. From all appearance they were going at a pretty swift gait and instead of turning south at the corner the car went over the embankment into a ditch, eleven feet deep, killing Joseph Coleman, breaking the leg of Glaucus Luce and the collar bone of Mack Russell. Faye Morehouse, the other occupant of the car, was unhurt. They were discovered by George Laub who was going home from Braddyville. Mr. Laub called Dr. R. A. Hawthorne, who examined Mr. Coleman and found him to be dead. It was not decided whether he was drowned in the water by his body, or if death was caused from a broken neck. His body was brought to Holton's undertaking rooms in Braddyville and was taken to his home near Hopkins the same night. The other boys were taken to the home of Alfred Lawrence where their wounds were dressed and also were taken home Saturday night. At the last report, Tuesday, Mr. Luce and Mr. Russell were getting along nicely.

Date of death: 20 Jun 1914

Subject: Robinson Crusoe Coleman

Source: *[Maryville MO] Daily Democrat-Forum*, 20 Jun 1914, Saturday, p. 1

When Robert [sic] Coleman, 69 years old, a resident of Nodaway county since 1855, died suddenly at 6 o'clock this morning of acute stomach trouble, there occurred the fourth death in the community of Hopkins within a week, three of them being sudden. Clyde Lincoln died last Monday morning of tuberculosis, William Hendry while attending the Lincoln funeral Thursday was stricken with paralysis and died the next morning, Miss Mary Simmons died Thursday afternoon while sitting in a rocking chair in her home.

Mr. Coleman had just returned to his home, one mile south of Hopkins, last night from Omaha, where he had been visiting, passing through Maryville on his way home. This morning when he awoke he complained of stomach trouble, a disease from which he has been bothered for some time. He drank a hot toddy to relieve himself, but soon began to struggle for breath and in a few moments was dead. The doctor pronounced his death due to acute stomach trouble.

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The funeral will be held Monday, burial taking place in the Hopkins cemetery. Mr. Coleman, who had lived near Hopkins for twenty years, is survived by his wife and fourteen children.

Robert Coleman, son of Dr. Josiah Coleman, was born in Adair county, Illinois, January 8, 1843. In April 1855, the family moved to Nodaway county, where Josiah Coleman laid off the town of Pickering, Mo.

In June 1861, Robert Coleman enlisted in the army and served throughout the civil war. He was a Republican and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln.

He was married twice, first in the fall of 1866 to Miss Minerva Awalt, who died, leaving one child, Mary, who now lives in Denver, Col. His second marriage was to Miss Lydia M. Livasy, who, with their thirteen children, survives him. The children are Adolphus, Oliver, Edward, Walter, Joseph, Clay, Lewis, Misses Neet, Maud, Bertha, Helen and Mrs. Ray Dowling, all of whom live near Hopkins, and Mrs. Harl Scribner of Craig, Mo.

Date of death: 27 Mar 1911

Subject: Martha (Collet) Bickett

Source: *Helena [MT] Independent Record*, 31 Mar 1911, Friday, p. 13

Mrs. Martha Bickett, one of the pioneer women of Montana, the widow of the late W. J. Bickett, who was one of the early settlers of the state, arriving in 1864, died in this city in 1869. The deceased is survived by a son and a daughter, W. J. Bickett, of Helena, and Mrs. Robert P. Thoroughman, of Cascade.

The son left yesterday for Cascade to bring the body of his mother to Helena, where it will be interred. The funeral will take place from the Union depot on the arrival of the 1:10 p.m. train from great Falls and friends are invited to be present. The body will arrive here today and will be conveyed to Forestvale cemetery for burial beside that of her husband.

Date of death: 10 Jun 1913

Subject: Abraham M. Collier

Source: *Page County [IA] Democrat*, 12 Jun 1913

This community was grieved to hear Tuesday morning that Mr. A. M. Collier of Hawleyville died Monday night at his home, after an illness of over five months from a tumor in his stomach. His age was 86 years and 18 days.

Mr. Collier was born in Lee County, West Virginia, May 21, 1827, in a family of 10 children. When he was 10 years of age his parents removed to Platte County, Mo., where they cleared a timber farm. In 1848 they removed to Andrew county, and engaged in farming again.

In February, 1849, Mr. Collier was united in marriage to Miss Nancy McAlpin. The following year he caught the California fever and emigrated to that state where he following teaming and gold mining until the fall of 1851, when he returned to his Missouri home and immediately removed with his wife to Page county, locating

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at Hawleyville which had since been his home. Soon after reaching Hawleyville he purchased a sawmill and continued the sawing of lumber for a time, when he converting it until a flouring mill and furnished flour for the farmers for many miles around for years. He was also interested in farming on a quarter section of land which afterward became the site of Hawleyville and for several years the leading town in Page county. He was also engaged in the mercantile business several years and finally gave his entire attention to the milling business which was improved and enlarged in time and is still in operation.

Through his industry and frugality he acquired a liberal share of this world's goods, at one time owning 400 acres of fine land.

Mr. Collier proved himself to be a man among men and was highly respected by all who knew him or had business dealings with him. He had also held many offices of trust. He was the father of nine children, three of whom are still living. His good wife passed away several years ago.

In 1910 he was again married, this time to Mrs. Frank Cooper, who survives him.

Mr. Collier was a life long democrat and much of his time and money was spent in advancing the party. For long years he was a member of the masonic lodge of this city and an active worker.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from his late home at 2:30 o'clock conducted by W. O. Hutchings of this city, with ceremonies at the grave by members of the Nodaway Lodge No. 140, A.F. and A.M., in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends. A true and noble old man has gone to his last resting place.

Date of death: 31 Mar 1913

Subject: Lula Collier

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 31 Mar 1913, p. 6

Lula Collier, thirty years old, died this morning at 8 o'clock at the home of her mother, Mrs. Fannie Martin, 2510 Bartlett street. The body will be taken to Maryville, Mo. tomorrow, for burial.

Date of death: 13 Aug 1897

Subject: Frank Collins

Source: *Albany [MO] Ledger*, 20 Aug 1897, Friday, p. 1

A tramp whose name was Frank Collins, was run over by the freight train on the Q., which arrives here at 9:25 a.m., in attempting to board the train at Helena, last Friday. One leg was crushed, and after it was amputated, death ensued. The remains were shipped to his home at some point in Iowa.

Date of death: 18 Nov 1889

Subject: Grandy Collins

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 19 Nov 1889, p. 3

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Grandy Collins, (colored) aged 69 years, died last evening at his residence on south Seventh street. Funeral will be announced later.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette, 19 Nov 1889, p. 2*

Grundy Collins, colored, died at his late residence on North Seventeenth street yesterday morning at 1:40 o'clock, aged 67 years. The deceased was one of the oldest colored Masons in St. Joseph, and was an intelligent and industrious citizen. He leaves a wife and two children. Funeral from the A.M.E. church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Terrill officiating.

Date of death: 29 Apr 1905

Subject: Harry F. Collins

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press, 29 Apr 1905, Saturday, p. 2*

The mangled body of a man apparently about twenty-five years old, supposed from letters found in the pockets of the clothing to be Harry Collins, a laborer whose home is in Patterson, Iowa, was found on the Chicago Great Western railway track at 6:30 o'clock this morning at a point near Crowley's pond, two miles north of Krug Park.

Farmers who viewed the body before it was removed to Savannah and the instance of the coroner of Andrew County are of the opinion that the man was murdered and his body placed on the railroad tracks to hide the crime. The left arm was severed from the body, there was a small hole in the back part of the head and the left shoulder was slightly bruised.

The arm was cut off by the wheels of a locomotive, but farmers who examined the wound in the head say that it appears to have been made with something blunt. The fact that there was no blood on the ties or rails at the point where the corpse was found increases the suspicion that the man's death was by foul means.

The thirteen-year-old son of Hugh Lewis, a farmer who lives about three miles north of Krug Park, in Andrew County, discovered the body while he was walking along the tracks. The elder Lewis telephoned neighbors and later in the day Sheriff Gamble and Coroner Wears of Savannah were notified. The coroner ordered the body taken to Savannah, where an inquest was held this afternoon.

A telephone message to The News-Press from Savannah this afternoon said that the dead man was well dressed. He was smooth-shaven, had dark-brown hair and weight about 165 pounds. He had in a hip pocket of his trousers a letter addressed to Harry Collins at Kansas City. This letter was from his mother at Patterson. It is presumed that Collins was on his way home at the time he met death.

The Andrew County authorities say they have no theory as to how the man met death. It is possible that Collins was walking on the railroad track and was run down by a train. Another theory that has been advanced is that he sat down to rest, fell asleep and was struck by the cars.

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Date of death: 27 Sep 1916

Subject: Maria (Collins) Porter

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 30 Sep 1916, Saturday, p. 2

Quitman, Mo., Sept. 30.—With the funeral here yesterday of Mrs. Maria Porter the last chapter in the famous Siam, Iowa, murder mystery probably was written. Mrs. Porter was the principal witness in the case, and through a story told by her in July of last year three prominent Taylor County, Iowa, men were arrested for the murder of an unknown cattle buyer in 1868. The case came to trial at Bedford, Iowa, but was thrown out of court because the evidence was too indefinite.

Mrs. Porter, who was sixty-three years old, died at her home a mile and a half north of Quitman Wednesday night.

She claimed that as a girl of fifteen she witnessed the murder of the cattle buyer by a gang of counterfeiters operating near the frontier cabin of her parents. She had not told of the murder until last year, she said, for fear that she would be killed by members of the gang who were still living.

Date of death: 23 Sep 1920

Subject: Willis Leonard Collins

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 9 Oct 1920, Saturday, p. 2

St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Willis Collins, formerly a policeman of St. Joseph, died at Cameron, Mo., and was buried there. He leaves a son and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Date of death: 7 Jul 1915

Subject: Jeff Colston

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 10 Jul 1915, Saturday, p. 5

"Uncle" Jess Colston, 85 years old, a negro character of the city, died Wednesday morning at his home on South Fifteenth street. He was born in Virginia and came to St. Joseph in 1866, and was an old-time dinky and a slave in the early days.

Date of death: 18 Jun 1922

Subject: Frederick Colyer

Source: *[King City MO] Tri-County News*, 23 Jun 1922, Friday, p. 1

Frederick Colyer, 43, was found dead in his chair Sunday afternoon at the home of his brother-in-law, H. N. Sompson [sic], by S. J. Hutton, his father-in-law, while the other members of the family were away from home. Heart disease was given as the cause of his sudden death. He had been ill about a year, but his condition was not considered serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Colyer left early Sunday afternoon for Grand river to spend the afternoon fishing. Mr. Colyer was feeling quite well, but did not care to accompany them, remaining at home with Mr.

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Hutton. Mr. Hutton was resting in the yard, and had been asleep. He awoke later in the afternoon, and when he found Mr. Colyer apparently [sic] asleep in the house, was unable to rouse him. A physician was summoned, but it was too late.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Simpson hime [sic], conducted by the Rev. C. S. Dayhoff, pastor of the Methodist church, and burial was in King City cemetery.

Mr. Colyter was born Sept. 7, 1878, at Bolckow, Mo. At the age of 11 he moved with his parents to St. Joseph. He was married March 20, 1902, to Miss Artie Hutton of King City, and in 1905 they moved to East St. Louis, Ill., where they have since made their home.

He became a member of the Methodist church there ten years ago, and remained a faithful worker. During his illness he was very cheerful, and always optimistic, looking ahead to the time when he could return to his work. For a number of years he had been a traveling salesman for Armour & Co., and was held in high esteem by the company officials. He had been offered a higher position in the company's offices, and was hoping to regain strength enough to take up the work again.

He came here several weeks ago to rest and recuperate at the Simpson home.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his parentse [sic], Mr. and Mrs. George B. Colyer of Seattle, Wash., and seven brothers and sisters, and his passing is mourned by a host of other relatives and friends. He was a member of the Masonic lodge.

Date of death: 2 Oct 1903

Subject: Gilla (Combest) Talbot

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 3 Oct 1903, Saturday, p. 4

Mrs. Gilla Talbot, wife of John Talbot, died at 5 o'clock last evening at the family home, 2103 Lafayette street. Mrs. Talbot has been in failing health for eight years but was confined to her bed only a week. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Talbot was a well known resident of St. Joseph. For twenty years she was associated with her husband in conducting the Galt house at Fourth and Sylvania streets, in the early days one of the best known hostelrys in this part of the county. Both she and her husband were very well known.

A sister, Mrs. Mary A. Saunders of Savannah, was at Mrs. Talbot's beside [sic] when she died, with Mr. Talbot and Henry Talbot, their only child, and Mr. Talbot's mother. Two sisters live in DeKalb county and two brothers in Andrew county.

The funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The body will be placed in the receiving vault at Mount Mora cemetery.

Mrs. Talbot was born in Andrew county and for many years had lived in St. Joseph.

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Date of death: 14 Mar 1917

Subject: Harriette (Combest) Shepherd

Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 23 Mar 1917, Friday. p. 1

Harriette Combest was born in Pulaski county, Kentucky, in 1834, and, with her parents, moved to Platte county, Missouri, in 1839, and from there to Andrew county in 1845. She was united in marriage to Jacob Shepherd in Gentry county, Mo., in 1851. They moved to DeKalb county in 1870 where she lived until her death. She departed this life March 13, 1917, at the home of her son, Jacob, near Union Chapel, in DeKalb county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd twelve children were born, two died in infancy. The surviving children are, Wyatt of Maysville, Mo., J. V. of Helena, Mo., J. M. of Miller, Kansas, Emma D. of St. Joseph, Mo., Mary J. Rhudy of Fargo, Okla., J. O. of Helena, Mo., J. R. of King City, Mo., Hattie A. Babit of Clarksdale, Mo., W. H. of Helena, Mo. and J. B. of Clarksdale, Mo., and one sister, Maryann Sanders, of California, also 37 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Harriette Shepherd united with the Christian church at Whitesville in 1860 and lived a consistent christian life.

The funeral services were at Union Chapel, March 15th, and were conducted by Rev. Baird of Union Star. The remains were laid at rest in the church cemetery.

Date of death: 19 Jun 1890

Subject: Joseph E./C. Combs

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 20 Jun 1890, p. 3

One of the most peculiar fatalities in the history of the city took place shortly before 6 o'clock last evening at 106 South Eighth street, in front of Frank Eichenlaub's barber shop, during the heaviest downpour of the tremendous rain storm. A rushing, resistless torrent of water came from Frederick avenue, North Eighth street and Felix street, and met at the intersection of the three thoroughfares with a violence that produced a roar something gin the nature of a great waterfall. The people of the neighborhood became alarmed at the rapidly rising water, which threatened to fill their collars and cause great damage.

In front of No. 106 South Eighth street there is an inlet to the Frederick avenue sewer, and the only hope of averting a flooding of the locality was to keep the gutter opening to the inlet free from the vast amount of debris which was forced along from the several streets above.

Joseph E. Combs, a colored man, undertook the work of keeping the mouth of the inlet open, pushing the accumulating rubbish away with a long pole with a brush on one end of it.

He succeeded well for a while, but as the deluge continued and the water rose rapidly he found it difficult to retain his foothold in the slippery gutter and do any effective work in keeping clear the sewer opening. A bystander named Millan reached out and caught [sic] Combs by the arm to steady him. By this time the water had risen to two feet and threatened to enter the barber shop of Eichenlaub. The force of the stream was terrific

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and Combs could scarcely keep on his feet, his rubber boots affording but little resistance [sic] to the polished surface of the stones.

Suddenly he slipped and fell on his back, disappearing beneath the muddy water. Mr. Eichenlaub and Andrew Ginley each grabbed him by an arm as he was carried toward the gutter inlet of the manhole, across which there was but a single bar of iron. He was strangling and struggling, which together with the force of the water, rendered them powerless to prevent his approach to the dark cavern into which a veritable river was pouring. He struck the protecting bar feet foremost and the north end of it broke away from its fastenings, letting part of his body pass through the opening. He threw up his arms and grasped the men who were using every effort to drag him out and shouting at the same time for assistance. His struggled and the fury of the stream quickly washed his body further into the hole and the men were compelled to let go of him to save themselves, and he was dashed down to death in the abyss of gurgling, foaming water.

In a few minutes there were two hundred people on the spot, followed in half an hour by a thousand, who stood in the heavy rain and gazed with morbid curiosity at the place where the unfortunate man had plunged into eternity.

The Frederick avenue sewer runs diagonally in a southwestern direction from the inlet where Combs disappeared, a distance of about three blocks, crossing Edmond and Sixth streets, connecting with the main sewer on Charles street, which empties into the river.

As soon as he heard of the accident, which was but a minute or two after the occurrence, D. A. Heaton and another man drove rapidly to the mouth of the Charles street sewer and watched for the arrival of the body. For two hours they carefully scrutinized every object which was discharged from the sewer, but nothing bearing the semblance of a human being was seen. Some people are of the opinion that the body is still in the Frederick avenue sewer, the force of water not being sufficient to carry it to the main sewer, while others are of just the opposite opinion. These are mere theories. It was believed by many theorists that the body was in the river three minutes after the man disappeared, and others maintained that it would take ten minutes for it to make the journey. The distance is eight blocks—or half a mile.

Joseph C. Combs was born in Missouri, and was about 30 years old. He had lived in St. Joseph since boyhood and at one time was a barkeeper, but of late years he has been doing odd jobs about saloons and officers and driving horses for liverymen and for Undertaker Heaton. He was a jolly, good natured fellow, and an incessant joker and was popular with all his associates. He resided on Nineteenth street, near Mulberry, and leaves a wife and three children and a mother to mourn his loss.

Some parties acquainted with Joe Combs think that he, perhaps, escaped drowning and is clinging to some imaginary obstacle in the sewer. Being a good swimmer, they say, unless he was injured when being washed into the inlet, he may yet be alive. Parties will go through the sewer to-day, as soon as the water subsides, in search for the unfortunate man.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 21 Jun 1890, p. 5

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Search was made in the river yesterday for the body of Jos. C. Combs, the colored man who lost his life in the Frederick avenue sewer during the heavy storm of Thursday night, but no trace of the remains was found. Jack Ring made a tour of the sewer in the forenoon. He found the great sluiceway as clean as a whistle.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 22 Jun 1890, p. 3

The report circulated by a colored man named John Middleton that he had seen Joseph Coombs [sic] since his unfortunate death was wholly unfounded. Middleton stated to a party of gentlemen that he was a half brother to Mrs. Coombs which that lady denies. She also denies that he was at her house on the evening her husband was drowned.

What object Middleton may have in telling such stories is not known.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 24 Jun 1890, p. 3

A conductor on a Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs passenger train which arrived here last evening, said that the body of a colored man had been found in the river between Beverly Junction and Weston yesterday, and from the description was supposed to be the remains of Jos. C. Combs, the colored man who was drowned in the Frederick avenue sewer during the heavy rain storm last Thursday.

Inquiry at D. E. Heaton's undertaking rooms, where it is supposed the first authentic information would be received, as the unfortunate man had been an employe of the establishment, developed the fact that nothing had been heard regarding the fine, but it was thought the floater was very likely Combs' body. Inquiry will be made by telegraph this morning.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 10 Jul 1890, p. 3

Anna Coombs [sic], wife of Joseph Coombs, the colored man who lost his life in a sewer during the recent hard storm, yesterday filed suit against the city for \$5,000.

Date of death: 25 Feb 1922

Subject: Mrs. Martha Combs

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 27 Feb 1922, Monday, p. 2

"Aunt" Martha Combs, probably the oldest resident of St. Joseph and at one time a slave owned by Mrs. Frances O'Neill, mother of Mrs. Virginia Weakley, died Saturday afternoon at her home, 1603 North Second street, of pneumonia. "Aunt" Martha was said to be one hundred and nine years old, although the records in an old Bible give the date of her birth as 1818, at Shelbyville, Ky. She was brought to St. Joseph by the O'Neill family in 1857. During the years she was a slave girl she was nurse to the late Dr. John S. Logan, Mrs. Milton

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Tootle Sr., Mrs. William G. Fairleigh and Mrs. Virginia Weakley, children of Mrs. O'Neill. After she was freed she had always proudly claimed to be a member of the O'Neill family and was greatly attached to her mistress' descendants.

Aunt Martha was married while young, to a slave husband, who died about ten years ago, having reached an age of more than one hundred years. They had no children, although they adopted a daughter, whose arrival is awaited before the funeral arrangements are completed.

The aged negress had a remarkably clear memory up to the time of her last illness. She recalled the stars falling in 1833, and it was a wonderful sight. "Of course," she said, "we all were scared and everybody prayed."

Aunt Martha was a devout Methodist and until a year ago had been regular in her church attendance.

Date of death: 3 Jan 1875

Subject: George Washington Comegys

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 5 Jan 1875, p. 1

At half-past twelve o'clock, on Sunday morning, George Washington Comegys breathed his last at his residence, in Andrew county, about five miles from the city on the Rochester road.

Mr. Comegys was a native of Virginia, having been born in Berkley county, February 22d, 1814, and was therefore 60 years 10 months and 12 days old at the time of his death. In 1838 he emigrated to this country, settling in Andrew county, upon the land now known as the Preston Richardson estate. He remained in Andrew county until 1849, when he again moved west, emigrating to California. He remained in California, trying the varying fortunes of that country, until the fall of 1856, when he returned to his native State, Virginia. In May of the following year he was married to Miss Lizzie Peregoy, who survives him. He soon after emigrated a second time to Missouri, settling upon the tract of land upon which he resided until his death. In 1856 he united with the Episcopal church. Three years later he changed his church relations, connecting himself with the M. E. Church South. His record as a church member was of unchanging fidelity, and his example as a Christian was constantly worthy of imitation. Quiet and unostentatious, yet sociable and ever fond of good company, his society was sought for by both old and young, while his large experience made him always an interesting companion and enabled him to perform the duties of a good citizen with practical alacrity. He was wanting in no good quality that renders life successful, useful and happy. Industrious, upright, kind, he has gone, regretted by all who knew him.

His illness was very protracted, lasting about twenty months. Early in 1873 he was stricken with a partial paralysis, affecting first the foot, then the leg, the side and body, and increased until it became complete, laying its stupor on every vital organ. For nearly, or quite, a year, he was confined to his bed, and for several months previous to his death was speechless. This long, long illness, during which he sank lower and lower, and saw life receding stage by stage, he bore with remarkable patience and resignation, seldom giving expression to a murmur of complaint, and has left behind an example of fortitude under suffering, in keeping with his whole previous character. He was conscious until death, and left a dying testimony of faith in Christ and in religion.

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During his long illness he was attended and tenderly watched by and waited upon by neighbors and friends, to whom the bereaved family feels truly grateful.

The deceased leaves behind him a widow and two children, William and Frank, aged 17 and 10 years respectively, and a handsome competency for their support. In their deep affliction, they have the sympathy of the entire community.

The funeral took place at 1 o'clock p.m. yesterday at the Fairview church, near his late residence, and the remains were interred in Fairview Cemetery. The funeral discourse was delivered by Rev. Mr. Parker, pastor of the Tenth Street M.E. church of this city.

Date of death: 14 May 1896

Subject: Samuel J. Comer

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 15 May 1896, p. 5

Sam'l J. Comer, aged 57 years, died of consumption at his residence on the Waterworks road yesterday at 11 o'clock, a.m. Funeral will occur from the residence Saturday at 1 o'clock. Interment ins [sic] City cemetery.

Date of death: 25 Jan 1890

Subject: Jasper Conger

Source: *The Quincy [IL] Daily Whig*, 5 Feb 1890, Wednesday

Mr. Jasper Conger, who lived with his parents about 4 miles south of Mendon, died on the 25th, after an illness of about three months. He was buried on the following Monday at Wesley Chapel.

Date of death: 9 May 1910

Subject: Myrtle E. Conger

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 10 May 1910, p. 6

Myrtle Conger, aged nineteen years, a nurse, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a local hospital, of tuberculosis. She was the daughter of Mrs. Laura Adams and lived with her mother one mile east of the Stuppy greenhouses on the Karnes road. The body will be taken to Helena, Mo., for burial at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Date of death: 10 Sep 1915

Subject: Wilson Thomas Conger

Source: *Chetopa [KS] Advance*, 16 Sep 1915, Thursday, p. 1

Wilson Conger, 73 years old and a veteran of the civil war, dropped dead on the sidewalk at the bottom of the stairs leading to the Odd Fellows hall Friday night. Appoplexy [sic] was the cause of death. Mr. Conger had complained a few moments before his death of a pain near his heart. Just as he started to mount the steps to the lodge hall he threw up his arms and exclaimed “Boys, I am blind.” With the words almost on his lips he fell to the sidewalk dead. The body was removed to the Wackerle undertaking rooms until the widow was notified, after which it was removed to the home. Funeral services were held in the Methodist church Monday afternoon,

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Rev. O. K. Hobson officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery. Peak Ridge post of the G. A. R., of which Mr. Conger was a member, had charge of the services.

Mr. Conger was born in Ohio, September 3, 1842, and remained there until he was 8 years old, when, with his parents, he moved to Illinois, locating on a farm near Quincy. Although only 18 years of age at the outbreak of the civil war, Mr. Conger enlisted in the northern army when Lincoln made his first call for volunteers. He serviced throughout the war, his service being all in the southern states. He took part in some of the hardest fought battles of the war, among them being Shiloh, Corinth and Altoona Pass. In the latter battle his right arm was shot away.

January 12, 1875, he married Miss Josie Bear [sic] of Athens, Mo. Four children, two sons and two daughters, were born to them, all of whom are living.

Date of death: 24 Aug 1875

Subject: Matilda Stuart (Connett) Hughes

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Morning Herald*, 25 Aug 1875, p. 4

Mrs. Matilda S. Hughes, wife of Elder Martin Hughes, died at the residence of her husband in Andrew county, five miles from this city on the Rochester road, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. She was taken violently sick with cholera morbus on Sunday at 1 o'clock and passed away on less than forty-eight hours. She had a similar attack early in the season, from which she had been weak during the entire summer, and her system was doubtless in a poor condition to withstand another.

The funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock this morning, when the remains will be laid to rest in the family burying ground of the Connett's [sic]. The friends of the family in the city and county are invited to attend.

Mrs. Matilda S. Hughes was the daughter of Major William G. [or C.] Connett, of this county, who died in 1864. She was born at Lexington, Ky. On the 25th of July, 1837, and removed to this county in 1839. She was married in 1857 or 1858 to Mr. James Hodges, of Jackson county. From there they removed to Mississippi and afterward to Texas, where Mr. Hodges died about the year 1862. In 1865 she returned to this county, and was married to Elder Martin Hughes in 1866. She leaves five children, the oldest a young man some fifteen or sixteen years of age, the son of her first husband. The other four are the children of Mr. Hughes, three girls and a boy, ranging from three to eight years of age.

Mrs. Hughes was a woman of great firmness and decision of character, and though well aware that she must die she met death without flinching, stating that she had been prepared for life's last great change for a long time, and was willing and ready to go. In all the relations of life she has been true, every duty has been faithfully performed, and as daughter, sister, wife and mother, she has borne her part faithfully and well, leaving at the last a good example for those who shall come after.

Date of death: 27 Apr 1917

Subject: Margaret (Connor) Wyatt

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 5 May 1917, p. 5

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Savannah, Mo. Margaret Wyatt, wife of Charles L. Wyatt, and a former resident of St. Joseph, died at the family home in Savannah, Friday forenoon of last week, after a lingering illness.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Wyatt is survived by two children, one brother, Rev. M. F. Connor, chancellor of the diocese of St. Joseph, and five sisters: Misses Nellie and Julia Connor; Mrs. T. J. Seifert and Mrs. A. C. Edgar of St. Joseph, and Mrs. Mary Riesenmy of St. Louis, Mo.

The funeral was held last Sunday afternoon from St. Rose of Lima church of which the deceased was a member. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Roberts, O.S.B., pastor of the church, who commended the deceased for her beautiful Christian life. For fourteen years she had been an invalid, bearing her sufferings with edifying endurance, but evincing a sweet and patient disposition which endeared her to all who knew her. Rev. Charles F. Buddy of St. Joseph, was present in the sanctuary during the services which were attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends, two interurban coaches being required to accommodate parties who came from St. Joseph to attend the funeral. The interment was in the cemetery at Savannah, the remains being placed beside those of her two children who had died some years ago.

Date of death: 8 Jul 1884

Subject: Benjamin Franklin Conrad

Source: *Dodge City [KS] Times*, 19 Feb 1885, Thursday, p. 4

The remains of B. F. Conrad, who was killed by lightning last summer, were exhumed last week, and conveyed to Bolckow, Andrew county, Mo., for re-interment. Miss Sarah Conrad, a sister of the deceased, caused the removal of the remains for burial at their home.

Date of death: 1 Mar 1920

Subject: John Evy Conrad

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 6 Mar 1920, Saturday, p. 4

The death of Rev. John Conrad, O.S.B., which occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital last Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock, came as a great surprise to his many friends in St. Joseph and elsewhere.

For the past few weeks Father John, as he was best known to his co-laborers and personal friends, had been temporarily stationed at St. Stanislaus Church in South St. Joseph. He was in his usual good health up to Monday, Feb. 23, when he appeared to be suffering from a severe cold, but his condition did not become alarming until Friday of last week, when he was removed to the hospital. On Saturday, his physicians discovered that he had suffered a hemorrhage of the brain, and Sunday, at noon, his condition became so serious that his brother, Right Rev. Frowens Conrad, O.S.B., of Conception, was summoned to his bedside, and arrived just in time to be present at the administration of the last rites of the Church, given to the stricken priest by Rev. Louis Hefele, C.P.P.S., pastor of St. Francis Xavier's Church. Although at times unconscious, when receiving the Sacraments, Father John possessed his full mind. He lingered until Monday evening, when he peacefully rendered his saintly soul to his Maker.

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Tuesday morning, the remains were removed to St. Patrick's Church, where Solemn Requiem High Mass was chanted at 10 o'clock. Right Rev. M. F. Burke, with Rev. B. S. Owens of Easton and Rev. R. Monnin, C.P.P.S., as deacons of honor, presided at the Mass, of which Rev. E. A. Bolder was celebrant; Rev. Father Hefele was deacon and Rev. W. Gott sub-deacon of the Mass; Rev. M. M. Grace was master of ceremonies. Present also in the sanctuary were Very Rev. James P. Brady, V.G., Revs. J. D. O'Donnell, M. F. Connor, C.F. Buddy, F. Joannes, L. Slisz and Lawrence, O.S.B., of Conception. At the conclusion of the Mass, Father Bolger addressed the congregation present, expressing his deep regret at the death of Father John, whose zeal and unselfish devotions were proverbial throughout St. Patrick's parish. Father Bolger was limited for time, as the remains were to be forwarded to Conception on the train which left shortly after 11 o'clock, but brief as were his words, they bespoke his deep love and appreciation for the gentle and humble Benedictine whom he cherished as his best friend. The congregation present was a large one, and it was evident that the pastor, in paying his tribute to Father John, echoed the sentiments of those in attendance, for sorrowful faces and tear-dimmed eyes were everywhere visible.

The remains were accompanied to Conception by Abbot Frowens, Father Lawrence, Father Bolder and Father Buddy.

The funeral was held Thursday morning from the Abbey Church. The Office of the Dead was recited in a most impressive manner by priests of the Abbey, after which Solemn Requiem High Mass was chanted by Abbot Ignatius, who was assisted by Rev. Father Patrick, O.S.B., as deacon and Rev. Father Paul, O.S.B., as sub-deacon. The sermon was delivered by Father Hefele, who, when needing extra help at his church, asked the assistance of Father John. The speaker spoke feelingly and with appreciation of the character of the departed priest, whose devotion to duty made him esteemed both by the clergy and laity. The interment took place in St. Columban's [sic] cemetery at Conception. Besides Father Hefele, Father Bolger and Father Grace of St. Joseph were among the priests from a distance who attended the obsequies.

By the death of Rev. John Conrad, O.S.B., Conception Abbey, Conception, Mo., loses not only one of its oldest, but also one of its best known members. Besides being closely identified with the history of Conception at different times he had done service in the vineyard of the Lord in various parts of the State of Missouri.

Born in the Canton of Aargau, Switzerland, May 27, 1851, he was at the time of his death nearly 69 years old. He was the son of parents who gave to the Catholic Church five priests, three of whom are living. They are Abbot Frowens, previously mentioned; Right Rev. Ignatius Conrad, O.S.B., Abbot of New Subiaco Abbey, Spielerville, Ark., and Rev. Pius Conrad, O.S.B., Chaplain of a Benedictine convent at Chewelah, Wash. A sixth son, Peter Conrad, having but one arm, was unable to enter the priesthood, and became an attorney, attaining prominence as a great statesman in his native country.

Father John came to Conception in December 1872, after having finished his classical studies in Switzerland. Jan. 1, 1875, he took the vows of a Benedictine, and was ordained priest Sept. 29, 1877. For the ensuing forty-three years of his life, he was entirely devoted to the care of souls, sometimes as pastor, or again as a missionary. For fifteen or more years, he was pastor of the Church of St. John the Baptist at Clear Creek, Mo. Subsequently he became assistant pastor at Maryville, Mo., where he remained for many years. The latter part

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of his life was spent in helping the priests of the diocese who were in need of an assistant. He was kindness itself, and always happy in doing others a service. As a result, he was loved wherever he went.

The death of Father John comes as a great loss not only to Conception and the monastery of which he was a devoted member, but in other localities where his spiritual ministrations were known. In every parish in St. Joseph he had at one time or another assisted the pastor. So often had he served St. Patrick's that he could well be said to have a claim upon that parish, where his benign smile and kindly voice will be missed, but in the hearts of his friends the memory of his lovable character will continue to live. Patient, mild, unobtrusive, it was not surprising that Father John made friends among all ages and all classes. To each he was ever a loyal father and friend. Although never of a robust constitution, he possessed up to the time of his last illness an amazing vitality, which he used unsparingly.

As was said by one of his clerical friends, were it not that he was so tireless and indefatigable a worker, his career might not have come to so short a close.

Father John's life was a blessing, and his beautiful, peaceful passing into eternity recalls the words of the poet-priest, Father Ryan, whom he knew so well—

*"On the shadow of death there is flashing
The glory of noble deeds done;
On the face of the dead there is glowing
The light of a holy race run;
And the smile of the face is reflecting
The gleam of the crown he has won."*

Date of death: 30 Jan 1908

Subject: William D. Conyers

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 31 Jan 1908, Friday, p. 14

William D. Conyers died January 30, 8 a.m., aged 75 years, 2 months and 6 days. The funeral services will be held at the late residence, 3201 Lafayette street, tomorrow afternoon, February 1, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Mount Mora cemetery.

Date of death: 19 Mar 1883

Subject: Mrs. ____ Cook

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 21 Mar 1883, Wednesday, p. 4

Holt County Press: A Mrs. Cook, wife of one of the hands at Van Camp's mill, south of Bigelow, was burned to death last Sunday morning. Her clothing caught in the draft of a heating stove. Her husband had just left the house. She was heard screaming and seen running [sic] out of the house all aflame. A neighbor with great presence of mind ran with a quilt and enveloped her, thus putting out the flames, though burning his own hands badly. The poor woman lived till Monday morning, giving birth to a child that was dead when born. She was expecting to be confined and the child was born twenty minutes before the mother died. The woman was

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horribly burned and was unconscious, till the child was born, crying, however, that she was "freezing to death," and calling for clothing.

Date of death: Jul 1896

Subject: Allan Cook

Source: *The Cleveland [OK] Bee*, 24 Jul 1896, Friday, p. 2

One week ago last Tuesday the usually quiet little rural neighborhood of Lela, just across the line in Noble county was aroused by the announcement that Allan Cook, one of their most respected citizens, had been foully murdered. Cook had been engaged in a land contest with a man by the name of Doc Bennett and about one year ago they had a personal altercation in which Cook shot Bednett [sic]. For this crime Cook was tried and sentenced to two and one-half years in the Lansing penitentiary. He took an appeal and was out on bond at the time of his death. The contest was fought through the different stages of the senseless land procedure of this country until it finally reached the secretary of the interior whose decision sustained the land office awarding the claim to Cook a few days ago. When Bennett hear of it he remarked that Cook would never live to enjoy the fruit of his victory. That remark taken in connection with other circumstances leads those familiar with the affair to believe him the guilty party.

The cause of the killing will be found in the foregoing history of the relations existing between Cook and Bennett. The circumstances surrounding the murder are as follows:

Last Sunday it was reported that Al Cook had been killed and his body made way with and there the matter rested until last night when the mail brought the information that his body had been found.

The T-D dispatched a reporter to the seat of trouble early this morning. When the reporter reached there he found the honest farmers, who make up that community in a fever of excitement. The body of Al Cook had been found buried in Bennett's cornfield and the coroner was there holding an inquest. Two men had been arrested, charged with being implicated in the murder. They were Jack Montgomery and Charles Hyatt, while Doc Bennett had fled from the vengeance of his neighbors. Mr. M. E. Hann and family who live very near the Cook claim were on terms of the greatest intimacy with Al Cook, he having staid at the Harn residence as much as at his own and from Mrs. Hann our reporter learned that a week ago last Tuesday late in the afternoon, shots were heard in the direction of Cook's spring and knowing the trouble Cook had been in they were uneasy and went to his house but could not find him, his saddle, Winchester and revolver were gone. The alarm was given and search instituted. The neighbors gathered in from the surrounding farms and aided in the hunt. They went to where the shots were heard and found the evidence that some one or some thing had been killed and drug about twenty yards along the river bank there a rope had been tied around the body and a horse hitched to it and it had been drug a ways to where there were some wagon tracks and there were lost. Believing it was Al Cook's body that had been drug along there the people searched all the surrounding country but in vain. They were just getting ready to go to the Arkansas rover and drag for him when B. F. Jones organized a party to search the corn fields. They had not gone far when they found what appeared to be clay freshly thrown up. A skunk or an opossum [sic] had dug a hole there and peering down the hold they saw something that looked like the side of a man. Quickly digging down they uncovered the remains of Al Cook.

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After finding the body they began to look for the murderers with the result as above set forth.

Cook had been shot a little behind and just above the left ear, the bullet ranged down, indicating that his slayer had shot from behind and above him while concealed.

It was a foul murder and the people are terribly indignant many threats of summary vengeance being made.

Bennett was seen about 4 o'clock yesterday at Shaunsenbaugh's place about five miles southeast of the place where Cook was killed, going east. Hundreds of people are looking for him and it is believed he cannot escape.

A reward of \$100.00 has been deposited for Bennett's arrest. He is described as being about 55 years old, weight about 145, slightly gray hair and beard, with small deep blue eyes. When last seen he was riding a very large grey horse.

Date of death: 2 Oct 1898

Subject: Mrs. Edward Cook

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 4 Oct 1898, p. 8

Savannah, Mo., Oct. 4.—The funeral of Mrs. Ed Cook took place from the Christian church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Gresham officiating.

Date of death: 6 Mar 1917

Subject: Eugene Sumner Cook

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 7 Mar 1917, Wednesday, p. 10

Eugene S. Cook, assistant cashier of the State Bank of Savannah and a member of the city council there, died at his home there yesterday morning. He had been a resident of Savannah since 1865 going there from Morgan county, Ohio, with his parents. He was born in Ohio in 1858. For the last sixteen years he had been connected with the State bank.

His widow, Mrs. M... Cook, and four children, Miss Maizie Cook of Kansas City, and Mrs. Philip Prince and Bennett and Robert Cook of St. Joseph, survive. Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home, and then immediately following memorial services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church, South. Burial will be in Savannah cemetery.

Cook was a member of the Men's Bible class of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. Death was due to an attack of heart disease.

Date of death: 20 Feb 1879

Subject: Harry Marchant Cooper

Source: *Weekly Chillicothe [MO] Crisis*, 27 Feb 1879

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Died in this city on Thursday, February 20, 1879, Harry Merchant [sic] Cooper, infant son of Rev. R. H. Cooper, of pneumonia.

Harry Merchant Cooper, the bright and sprightly little child of Rev. R. H. Cooper, of Chillicothe, Mo., died in that city on Thursday, February 20, 1879. Mr. Cooper was recently pastor of the M.E. Church, South, in this city, and he and his estimable wife have the sympathies of our citizens in their bereavement.

Date of death: 18 Jan 1896

Subject: J. H. Cooper (aka Jack Lavalley)

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 21 Jan 1896, p. 8

Bolckow, Mo., Jan. 18. J. H. Cooper, better known as Jack Lavalley, a well known character of this place, was found dead this morning at the foot of a flight of outside stairs which lead [sic] to his lodgings. It is supposed that Cooper, while drunk, attempted to go up the stairs, slipped and fell, was stunned into helplessness, and froze to death.

Coroner Ward of Andrew county held an inquest over the body today, the jury this afternoon bringing in a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

Date of death: 13 Jun 1923

Subject: Nannie Jane (Cooper) Cobb

Source: *The Christian Worker*, [Wichita KS], 28 Jun 1923, Thursday, p. 3

Nannie Jane Cooper was born July 6, 1857, at Rochester, Mo. She departed this life June 13, 1923. Age 65 years, 11 months and 7 days.

In early childhood she moved with her parents to Doniphan Co., Kansas. While living there she was married to John Cobb April 26, 1882.

After eleven years['] residence in that county they moved to the farm two miles north of Mulvane, Kansas. In 1915 they bought a farm east of Wichita, where she passed away.

One son and five daughters were born to them. Mrs. C. H. Blumenshine of Mulvane, Charlie Cobb of Okmulgee, Okla., Mrs. Ward Anderson of Wichita, Adelaide and Estelle of U. S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, and Laura of Detroit, Mich. These, with husband, four grandchildren, two sisters, one brother and a host of friends, mourn the departure.

She obeyed the gospel of Christ under the preaching of D. W. Nay, March 25, 1896. Her life was a living monument of Christian principles, for she was a Christian, and of course was a devoted wife, affectionate mother and a good neighbor.

In her scrap book was found hundreds of quotations from the Bible, bearing upon subjects concerning the faith and devotion that we should possess. It was her delight to study the Book and make it part of her life.

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The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Bro. J. B. Nelson, in the Church of Christ chapel at Mathewson an[d] First, Wichita. The body [was] interred in Maple Grove Cemetery. May the blessings of God be with the bereaved.

D. T. Broadus.

Date of death: 15 Jan 1892

Subject: Henry Corbin

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 16 Jan 1892, p. 5

Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 15.—Henry Corbin, the colored brute who was lynched at Oxford, Ohio, last night for murdering his employer, Mrs. Georgia Horner, and ravishing her daughter, went to Oxford from St. Joseph, Mo., about a year and a half ago to enter the employ of Mrs. Horner. It is said that he was well known in St. Joseph, and his brutal proclivities were notorious.

The lynching was the most terrible in the history of crime in Ohio. Corbin was already dying from a wound in his head inflicted with suicidal intent. He was dragged a considerable distance along the ground by ropes, his tongue hanging from his mouth, making an awful appearance, and was finally strung up to a tree.

Date of death: 13 Oct 1869

Subject: male Cordeel

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 14 Oct 1869, p. 4

An express messenger named Cordeel was killed at Kansas City yesterday afternoon. He was attempted to get on his car while the train was in motion and fell beneath the wheels. He was instantly killed.

Date of death: 31 Dec 1905

Subject: Mrs. Malvina (---) Corder Beckett

Source: *The [Stockton KS] Western News*, 18 Jan 1906, Thursday, p. 6

Mrs. B. F. Smither left last Sunday evening for Rosendale, Mo., to attend to the estate of her mother, Mrs. Beckett, who died at this place a short time ago. B. F. left on Monday mornings [sic] freight with stock and will go on to Rosendale and both return home together.

Same

Source: *The Weekly Echo*, 4 Jan 1906

Melvina [sic] Beckett was born in Kentucky, Dec. 29, 1847. Died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Smither at Woodston, Kans., Dec. 31, 1905. She was united in marriage to Mr. Corder. To this union was born one child, Mrs. Edna Smither of Woodston. Her husband died and she later married Mr. Beckett. Her home was in Rosendale, Missouri. On Nov. 23rd, she came to make her daughter a visit and while here God's messenger called her home.

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Date of death: 8 Aug 1901

Subject: Carrie Crystal Cordill

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 12 Aug 1901, p. 5

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 10.—Crystal Cordill, aged four years, daughter of County Clerk Tunis S. Cordill, died Thursday at St. Francis hospital after a three days' illness. Reverend Lawrence, pastor of the Christian Church, preached a funeral discourse at the church Friday morning. The remains were taken to Parnell for interment.

Date of death: 11 Feb 1913

Subject: Eva Clare Cordry

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 12 Feb 1913, p. 12

Eva Clare Cordry, 19 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cordry, formerly of St. Joseph, died at Helena, Mo., Feb. 11. She is survived by one sister [sic], Miss Ada Cordry, St. Joseph, and two brothers, Thomas and William Cordry of Helena. Funeral at Helena Thursday, Feb. 13.

Date of death: 16 Sep 1921

Subject: John Frank Cornelison

Source: *Hiawatha [KS] Daily World*, 19 Sep 1921, Monday, p. 1

Frank Cornelison, former Reserve citizen, son of late E. R. Cornelison, who settled in Brown county in 1855, died in Pasadena, Calif., hospital Friday, Sept. 16. Death followed an operation that was performed several days previous. At first it was believed that operation was successful, that Mr. Cornelison would soon be on way to complete recovery. Mr. Cornelison is survived by his widow, 2 children, Edward and Nova, and one brother, William T. Cornelison, Hastings, Nebr. Had Frank Cornelison lived until Sept. 23 he would have been 68 years old. It was about 2 years ago when Frank Cornelison moved his family to Los Angeles. His body will be buried there as Mrs. Cornelison and children will continue to make their home in California. Frank Cornelison was a good citizen, had many friends. He was a member of Reserve Christian church, Masonic lodge, Eastern Star. He owned Cornelison home place near Reserve. He was born in Andrew county, Mo.

Date of death: 3 Nov 1923

Subject: Robert Elsworth Cornelison

Source: *Brown County [KS] World*, 16 Nov 1923, Friday, p. 8

Robert Elsworth Cornelison was born May 15, 1866, near Fillmore, Andrew county, Mo. Died Nov. 3, 1923, in Park hospital, Livingston, Mont. He came to Kansas with his parents, William Wallace and Caroline Cornelison, at the age of 6 weeks. Here he grew to manhood and lived until Oct. 17, 1898, when he went to Redding, Calif. He corresponded with home folks until March 31, 1899. From that time, until his fatal accident, his whereabouts were unknown. He was injured by a falling tree. Benj. Cornelison went to Montana, identified his brother. He leaves one sister, Martha M. Cornelison; 2 brothers, Thomas H. and Benjamin F. Cornelison. Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at the Cornelison home east of Reserve conducted by Rev. C. A. Long, and Rev. A. C. Stewart. Chester Jones, Miss Grace Watkins with Mrs. June Hall as organist furnished the

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music. The body bearers were S. B. Stewart, Jeff Gillispie, Miles Grove, James Margrave, Albert Phillips, Thomas Hart. The funeral was largely attended: the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

Date of death: [May] 1906

Subject: Robert W. Cornelison

Source: *The [Hiawatha] Kansas Democrat*, 9 May 1906, Wednesday, p. 4

The people of Brown county were pained last week to hear of the death of Robert W. Cornelison of Reserve. Rev. James McGuire pays this tribute to his memory:

Robert W. Cornelison was born in Missouri in 1856 [sic]. At the time of his death he was 50 years and 18 days of age. He came with his parents to Brown county while quite young. He spent his entire life on the homestead just east of Reserve until the last ten or twelve years he lived in Reserve. He first engaged in the mercantile business and later in the grain and lumber business. In all of his business relations he was honest and honorable. There was nothing little, tricky or mean in his dealings with men. He was a large, well-balanced, full-orbed man. I have known him for thirty-three years and in all these years I never heard him speak ill of any one. He was kind in his family sympathetic and helpful to his neighbors true in all of the posetions [sic] of honor and trust which he held for many years in the Woodman lodge and in the church. He united with the Christian church while attending school in Columbia, Mo., more than thirty years ago. He was ever a faithful and consistant [sic] christian. He will be greatly missed in the church and in the community. Four weeks ago his accomplished daughter Violet was taken away, and now his wife and son Robert are quite low with typhoid fever. The sympathy of the entire community go [sic] out to the stricken family. "There remaineth a rest for the people of God, there to enter into that rest."

Date of death: 13 Feb 1918

Subject: Elsa E. (Cornelius) Bottorff

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 14 Feb 1918, Thursday, p. 13

Bottorff, Elsie, wife of Edgar Bottorff, age 22 years, died at her home, 5 miles north of Clarksdale at 11:35 p.m. Wednesday. She is survived by husband and two children, her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cornelius, three brothers, Charles E., Earl and Orville, and two sisters Jessie and Fern. Funeral will be held at First Christian Church of San Antonio at 11 o'clock Friday morning. Burial at Bowen cemetery. Friends invited.

Date of death: 16 Nov 1900

Subject: John G. Costello

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 1 Dec 1900, Saturday, p. 5

Maryville, Mo. The funeral of John G. Costello, who died at his home near Quitman, Mo., on the 16th ult, occurred from St. Mary's Church, Maryville, on the following Sunday. Requiem services were conducted by Rev. Father Anselm after which the remains were interred in St. Mary's Cemetery. Mr. Costello, who was a native of Galway, Ireland, was a prominent factor in Nodaway County history, and his hosts of friends unite in offering sympathy to his surviving widow and children.

Date of death: 31 Mar 1914

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Subject: Mary Elizabeth (Cotter) Pearson

Source: *The Browning [MO] Leader-Record*, 2 Apr 1914

The sad news flashed over this section Tuesday afternoon of the sudden death of Mrs. H. C. Pearson. She had not been feeling well since Sunday but was not thought to be serious. Mrs. Wm. Hatch came over to see her and Mr. Pearson and Mr. Hatch came to town. While the two ladies were talking Mrs. Hatch noticed that Mrs. Pearson seemed to be in a dazed condition and she phoned for a doctor but before he arrived her spirit had been called by her master. The subject of this sketch Mary Elizabeth Cotter was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Cotter, pioneer settlers of Linn county, and was born Jan. 19, 1858 on the old homestead a few miles south and east of this city. When she had grown to womanhood, she was united in marriage to H. C. Pearson to which union seven children survive: Mrs. Cora Tilly, Calro, Nebr.; Mrs. Ada Straight, Polworth, Sask., Canada; Earnest and Luther Pearson, Ekalaska, Mont.; Mrs. Estell Green, Browning; Mrs. Haddie Standlee, Dunning, Nebr., and Jimmie Pearson, Eklaska, Mont.

Mrs. Pearson was a christian lady, loved by all who knew her and her death cast a gloom over this entire vicinity. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. W. W. Clay, minister of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city at 2:30 today, after which burial will take place at the Jenkins cemetery. Mr. Pearson and children have the heartfelt sympathy of all in the hours of sadness.

Date of death: 27 Aug 1915

Subject: Roy Elden Cottril

Source: *Skidmore [MO] New Era*, 2 Sep 1915, p. 1

In Memory of Roy Cottril

To be born to die is decreed of all men. Death is certain - it may come in youth, young manhood or old age, but come it will; therefore it is well that we be on the alert, ready to meet the Grim Reaper. Mystery, to a certain extent surrounds death. We know not why one whose life is so full of promise, should be suddenly taken from us, but the great consolation comes that the time is short when the great reunion will take place. How fortunate it is for us that there is a plan outlined whereby the grave is robbed of its victory and the sting of death is eliminated. In planning his future Roy did not fail to take advantage of this plan. He followed it in the same manner that he followed all his undertakings, thoroughly and conscientiously. He has left monuments that make it impossible to forget him - not monuments of stone but monuments of progressiveness, integrity and love. He did not acquire the habit of inhaling ideas, but learned to do his own thinking, therefore he was progressive to an advance degree, and although young in years, he was considered authority on many subjects. His heritage is rich in all the attributes that tend towards perfect manhood. In a word, his life was well lived because he used the talents his Maker had bestowed upon him.

He was born March 20, 1885, six miles northwest of Skidmore. Later he moved to the farm one and one-half miles northwest of Skidmore, where he resided until he was called away, on August 27, 1915. He leaves a wife and two children, brother and sister and a host of friends who mourn his departure, but who find consolation in the fact that his was an honest, upright, Godly life, whose reward will be immortality. - A Friend.

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Date of death: 26 Mar 1896

Subject: Flora Alice (Cottrill) Cline

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 29 Mar 1896, p. 7

Probably one of the largest funerals ever seen in Savannah was that of Mrs. Flora Cline, who died on her 28th birthday at Rochester. She was buried by the Daughter[s] of Rebekah and the pallbearers were all ladies. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wesley of this city attended the funeral.

Date of death: 12 Aug 1889

Subject: Meshach I. Couch

Source: *The Wichita [KS] Beacon*, 14 Aug 1889, Wednesday, p. 1

Kingfisher, Ok., Aug. 14.—M. I. Couch, formerly of Wichita, was buried on his claim one mile south of the Cimarron river today. He was bitten by a rattlesnake Sunday at 7:30 p.m., and died at 12 noon Monday. He is a brother of Mayor Couch of Oklahoma City. The Odd Fellows, K. of P. and G.A.R. assisted at the funeral.

Date of death: 4 Apr 1876

Subject: Pratt Coursey

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 4 Apr 1876, p. 2

A frightful accident occurred at the Twelfth street crossing of the Pacific railroad at three o'clock this afternoon. At the hour named the wheels of a freight car passed over the head of a negro man named Pratt Coursey, mashing it and literally beheaded the victim. The accident happened at a point about 250 feet south of the Union Depot, on one of the tracks used exclusively by freight trains. Coursey was picking old plunder—rags, broken glass, etc.—while thus engaged was unmindful of the approach of a train which was being backed west.

The poor man so suddenly hurled into eternity was well known to many of our older citizens, having been a resident here for forty years. He was single, aged sixty, and boarded with a colored woman named Lucy G. Young, at 117 South Tenth street. The body was taken in charge by the coroner, who had it removed to the morgue [sic], where an inquest [sic] will be held this evening.

No blame whatever is attached to the railroad employes.

Date of death: 23 Jan 1923

Subject: James M. Courton

Source: *Smith County [KS] Pioneer*, 1 Feb 1923

James M. Courton, sixth child of Richard and Nancy Courton, was born on the 26th day of Dec., 1852 at Savannah, Andrew county, Missouri and departed life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. August Fiene, Jr., January 23, 1923, at the age of 71 years, twenty-seven days. In the spring of 1865 he moved with his parents to Robinson, Brown county, Kansas, there he grew to manhood. In the year of 1876 he came to Smith county, Kansas, where he homesteaded the farm he now owns, northeast of Athol. He was married to Sarah Emily Hopkins, June 1, 1881, to this union being born four children, William of Franklin, Nebraska, Mrs. Georgia Fiene of Smith Center, Ks., Clarence of Siloam Spring, Ark., and Florence who preceded him into the Great

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Beyond in infancy. In 1889 he moved with his family to Brown county and after 3 years residence there they returned to Smith county. He was a member of the United Brethern [sic] church at West Beaver of which he was an earnest and faithful worker, in the year 1893 he transferred his membership to the United Brethern [sic] church at Athol. Having come to Smith county in 1876, he passed through all the hardships of pioneer days, and watched the county develop to its present state, with an interest always for its betterment. He was a man of noble character and no person ever went to him for help or sympathy but received the best he had. Although in feeble health the last few years of his life he devoted his time to his wife who was an invalid. He leaves to mourn him, his wife, two sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren, one brother and one sister. Five brothers and three sisters preceded him to the better world. His wife being an invalid, only a brief funeral service was held at the home, the main service being in the United Brethren church at Athol, Wednesday, January 24. A large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends were present to pay their last respects to a good man who had proved himself worthy of their confidence and love. The funeral was conducted by Rev. G. N. Walsey. Burial in Myers cemetery.

Date of death: 15 Oct 1879

Subject: John Franklin Cox

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 16 Oct 1879, p. 2

From the Maryville Legal Tender News. It seems that one Dick Cox went to the blacksmith shop of I. N. Wood, and there got into a dispute with young Wood, who slapped him. He then started off, saying he was going to have him (Wood) arrested. Meeting his father, John F. Cox, he told him of the difficulty. The old gentleman then went down and he and the boy then had some words. Young Wood had been shingling and still had the hammer he had been using in his hand, which Cox took away from him. I. N. Wood then stepped in and took his son's part, whereupon Cox struck at him with the hammer once or twice, and was just in the act of throwing it at Wood, when he picked up a club and struck Cox on the head, fracturing his skull. Cox was taken to the drug store of Dr. Gerard and later in the evening he was removed to the Johnson House, where he died yesterday about noon. I. N. Wood is a married man and a blacksmith by trade, living in Hopkins. Yesterday he was placed under \$4,000 bonds.

John F. Cox is a farmer, living some three miles west of town.

From what we can learn it is hard to tell which was to blame, but we believe it is generally thought that Wood was justified in what he did. We can only regret that anything of the kind happened, and that it may be long before Nodaway county is again the scene of two such terrible tragedies.

Date of death: 13 Sep 1903

Subject: Joseph Columbus Cox

Source: *The Springdale [AR] News*, 27 Nov 1903

(from The Rogers Democrat) Joseph Cox, one of the best known residents of the northeast portion of Benton county, died Friday at his home at the Elk Horn Tavern on Pea Ridge. Mr. Cox died very suddenly, his death resulting from a severe attack of rheumatism which finally reached his heart. Elk Horn Tavern, which has been the home of Mr. Cox for over fifty years, has a national reputation for it is located on the Pea Ridge battle field

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and has been visited by thousands of visitors from all parts of the country.

Mr. Cox took part in the battle on the Confederate side and his parents then occupied the old tavern which occupied a prominent position on the battlefield and was badly scarred as a result. Mr. Cox took great pleasure in escorting visitors over the hills that mark the scene of carnage in 1862 and in showing the collection of relics that he had gathered. The old tavern was burned a number of years ago but was rebuilt on the same spot. Elk Horn Tavern received its name from the elk horns that adorned it and the custom is still retained.

Date of death: 18 Feb 1922

Subject: Lillian (Cox) Alexander

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 2 Jun 1922, Friday, p. 2

Maryville, Mo., June 1.—The trial of Mrs. Bessie Maud Woodard, charged with first degree murder in connection with the killing of her husband, Shubael Woodard, here Feb. 8, continues the center of public interest here. The session of the trial this afternoon at which Mrs. Woodard testified in her own defense, was attended by all who could crowd into the courtroom. The corridors outside the entrances were also packed.

The state rested its case at noon today after attempting to prove that Mrs. Woodard obtained the gun with which she shot her husband from her brother, Frank Partridge, several days before the shooting, in order to show that the shooting had been premeditated. The state also tried to show that Mrs. Woodard had been jealous of her husband for nearly a year because of his attentions to a waitress here, Mrs. Lilie Alexander, who, a week after the killing of Woodard, committed suicide at the home of Mrs. Inez Gray, southeast of here. Mrs. Grey [sic] is under bond now, on a charge of violating the liquor laws, in connection with some mash which was alleged to have been found at the Gray home at the time of the Alexander woman's suicide.

When Mrs. Woodard took the stand in her own behalf the crowded room was hushed in expectation of the most sensational feature of the stirring murder trial.

She told her story simply and without traces of emotion. She told of her early married life with her husband, how they had lived in relative happiness until a little more than a year ago when her husband became cold and unresponsive to her attentions.

Then, she told the jury, she began to hear rumors of "the other woman." Quarrels and domestic unhappiness followed. She left her husband finally, going to the home of her mother.

On the morning after she had left her husband, at about 5:30 o'clock, she sent her 5-year-old daughter to her former home to get some milk. The little girl, Mrs. Woodard said, returned without the milk, saying that she had seen her father in the house with Mrs. Alexander and another woman.

Calling the city marshal and her husband's father, she went to the house. After finding her husband in the company of the women, according to her testimony, she left the home again. Shortly afterwards, she filed suit for divorce. This suit was still pending at the time of the killing.

[more article about the trial]

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Date of death: 23 May 1881

Subject: Permelia (Cox) Baublitts

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 26 May 1881, p. 1

From the Maryville *Democrat* we learn the following particulars of a sad and fatal accident to Mrs. John F. Baublitts, of Graham. Mrs. Baublitts, her husband and a child three or four years of age, left Graham last Monday, in a two-horse wagon, for Gentry county, to visit friends and relatives there. They had gone out about four miles northeast of Graham when they met a drove of hogs. The horses became frightened and started to run away at a lively rate. Mr. Baublitts, in order to stop them, turned them in against a fence. When they struck the fence the force of the shock threw Mrs. Baublitts out on the ground. She spoke once after the fall, to a young man by the name of Earnest Schaetlsky, who happened to be riding with them for a short distance, to raise her up that she could not get her breath. Mr. Baublitts and the young gentleman carried her into the house of Mr. Greetlow, near by, where she was placed on a bed. She spoke of having a doctor and died in a minute or two after being carried into the house.

Her funeral was preached Monday by Rev. Showalter of the Methodist church, after which her remains were consigned to their last resting place in the Shamberger cemetery, three miles southeast of Graham. She leaves a loving and deeply-stricken husband and several children to mourn her death.

Date of death: 8 Feb 1891

Subject: Sarah (Cox) Holmes

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 16 Feb 1891, p. 8

Maryville, Mo., February 15.—Mrs. D. S. Holmes, daughter of the late Robert H. Cox, died at her home in this city last Sunday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. M. Yetter at the First M. E. church Tuesday afternoon.

Date of death: 12 Feb 1912

Subject: Andrew Jackson Coy

Source: *Plattsburg [MO] Leader*, 23 Feb 1912, Friday, p. 2

A. J. Coy died at his home in Stewartsville, Feb. 12th, aged 86 years, 11 months and 8 days.

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Date of death: 22 Dec 1913

Subject: Emmett M. Crandall

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 23 Dec 1913, Tuesday, p. 11

Emmett M. Crandall, eighty years old, a resident of St. Joseph for forty-five years, died at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, 3129 South Eleventh street. He was born in Ohio, and was foreman at the Burlington shops here for thirty-five years, but retired ten years ago. His wife died three years ago, and he is survived by a stepson, Edgar E. Myers of St. Joseph.

Mr. Crandall was a member of St. Joseph Lodge No. 178, A.F. A.M., and Eclipse Lodge No. 143, I.O.O.F. The service at the grave will be under the direction of the Odd Fellows. The body will lie in state at Wesley M.E. Church, Eleventh and Sycamore streets, from 12 to 2 tomorrow afternoon, and the funeral services will be conducted there at 2 o'clock. The following will act as pallbearers: F. R. Wilkins, Charles F. Langtim, Chris Myers, Philemon Merryman, James Young and M. R. Ault.

Mr. Crandall had made all arrangements for his funeral before he died.

Date of death: 1 Apr 1879

Subject: Mrs. Martha A. Crandall

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 2 Apr 1879, p. 4

Yesterday evening at five o'clock, Mrs. Martha A. Crandall died at the residence of her husband, Emmett M. Crandall, on South Eleventh street. Mrs. Crandall had been confined to her bed almost constantly for the past six months, and suffered much previous to her death. She was a most estimable woman possessed of the most noble qualities of mind and heart, and will be missed by her large circle of acquaintances. Funeral services will take place at the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon, which all friends of the family are invited to attend. The remains will be taken to Maryville on Thursday and buried at that place.

Date of death: 9 Sep 1911

Subject: Jesse C. Crane

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 11 Sep 1911, p. 7

Burlington Junction, Mo., Sept. 11.—Lying at full length upon the counter of his little store here, the body of Jesse C. Crane, eighty years old, was found about noon yesterday. Heart disease is given as the cause of death. It is believe that Crane had been dead since an early hour Saturday morning. Coroner J. H. Todd of Nodaway County viewed the corpse. Burial took place here this morning.

Crane's body was found by W. W. Jones, a neighbor, who had been caring for him some time. Mr. Jones took the aged man some food early Saturday morning. Sunday when he did not see him about the place he became alarmed and made an investigation.

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Crane was regarded as one of the most eccentric characters in Nodaway County. During the last thirty years he had conducted a little store here which in many ways resembled an old-time curiosity shop [sic]. Crane, it is said, was wealthy.

Crane's particular fancy was to bar as much light from his shop as possible. Searchers who have gone through the place since the discovery of the body found wares, dress goods and even merchandise which were fashioned many years ago and which the aged storekeeper had never troubled himself to throw away. One room which has been broken into is said to have remained locked ever since one day thirty years ago when some children at play found considerable sums of money which Crane had stowed away in shoes and other out of the way places.

So far none of Crane's relatives has been located. It is said that he had a brother who conducted a store quite similar to his own in the eastern part of the state. The local authorities are making every effort to locate this brother.

Crane was a veteran of the Civil War. His wife died many years ago.

Date of death: 3 Sep 1888

Subject: Hervey Manlove Cranor

Source: *Albany [MO] Ledger*, 7 Sep 1888, Friday, p. 4

Harvey [sic] M. Cranor died at the home of his mother, in Stanberry, Monday night, September 3d at 10 o'clock. Those of his friends who had lately seen him and noted his feeble condition, were not surprised at the news, but there are hundreds of old time friends of Harve Cranor who knew him as an exceedingly robust and health man in former years, will be surprised to learn that he died on consumption. For several years past Mr. Cranor has been a resident of Scott county, Kansas, having returned to Albany two or three weeks ago to spend his last days at his old home.

The remains were brought over from Stanberry and the funeral services took place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, at the residence of his son, James M., Rev. J. H. Coffey conducting the religious services in the yard, where a large number of the friends of the deceased had congregated. The burial was conducted by Richardson Lodge No. 100 A.O.U.W., and Athens Lodge No. 127, A.F. and A.M., of which orders he had been a member for many years. The remains were interred in the Highland cemetery.

Deceased was a pioneer in Gentry county. He was born in Wayne county, Ind., September 22, 1834. When he was seven years of age, his father, Col. Manlove Cranor, moved to Missouri, and a few months later, located in Gentry county. He served eighteen months in the rebellion as first Lieutenant. In 1865 he was elected treasurer of the county, and at the expiration of his time was re-elected to a second term.

Date of death: 6 Oct 1873

Subject: Ephraim Cranston

Source: *Weekly [Salem] Oregon Statesman*, 7 Oct 1873, p. 3

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DIED - Ephraim Cranston, an old resident of Marion county, and well known to many of our readers, died yesterday at the house of his son, Warren Cranston, in the Waldo Hills at the ripe old age of seventy-three. Mr. Cranston was born in Rhode Island in the year 1800. He removed to Oregon from Ohio, in 1851, and settled on a farm midway between Silverton and Sublimity, where he has resided most of the time since, save a few years when he lived in Salem. He left here, last year, and went with one of his sons to Eastern Oregon, where he lived til about the middle of last July, when he returned to this county. Soon after his arrival here he was stricken with an apoplectic attack under which he gradually sank till yesterday morning when he died. His remains will be buried in the Odd Fellows Rural Cemetery, about two o'clock this afternoon.

Date of death: 19 Aug 1922

Subject: Phoebe Anna (Cranston) Breyman

Source: *The [Portland] Oregonian*, 22 Aug 1922, Tuesday, p. 4

The ranks of the pioneers, as well as many civic and patriotic organizations of Oregon, lost a conspicuous member in the death of Mrs. Phebe Breyman, widow of A. H. Breyman, on August 19, at her late residence, 555 Montgomery drive. Mrs. Breyman was born in Woodstock, O., in 1846, and was brought to Oregon by her parents in 1852. As a girl, Phebe Cranston attended school in Portland and later married A. H. Breyman in Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Breyman lived for several years in eastern Oregon, later coming to Portland and at the time of her death Mrs. Breyman had lived here continuously for 40 years. Mrs. Breyman was one of the organizers of the Portland Woman's club. She was also one of the earliest members of the Multnomah chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. For several years she sang in the choir of the old Trinity Episcopal church and was a life-long member of that denomination. Her ancestors, the Cranstons, came from a long line of patriots and pioneers. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Ash and Floy Breyman, and two sons, Otto Breyman and Arthur Cranston Breyman.

Date of death: 26 Jan 1896

Subject: Jane (Crawford) Davies (or Davis)

Source: *Highland [KS] Vidette*, 30 Jan 1896, Thursday, p. 1- *not an obituary*

Aunt Jane Davis [sic], who with her husband, Thomas Davis, settled here in the early fifties, is dangerously ill of heart disease.

Same

Source: *The [Troy] Kansas Chief*, 6 Feb 1896, Thursday, p. 3

Died, near Fanning, Kansas, at the home of her son, January 26th, 1896, Mrs. Jane Davis. The deceased was born January 25th, 1817, at Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana. Her maiden name was Crawford. She was married to Mr. Massey, in 1839, and resided at Ottumwa, Iowa. To them were born six children; all died in infancy except one son, and he grew to manhood and enlisted as a soldier, and died at Little Rock, Arkansas, while defending his country. In 1852, she married Thomas Davis, and resided in Missouri, until 1854, when they moved to this County, locating near Fanning, where they resided until death called them. He died December 2, 1891. Unto them four children were born, two sons and two daughters, three of whom survive to mourn her departure; also quite a number of grandchildren. She united with the Reorganized Church of Jesus

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Christ of Latter Day Saints, on the 11th day of August, 1866, and always endeavored through her long life to live as a saint in very deed. Funeral sermon by Elder W. E. Peal, in Saints' church. The remains were then interred in Fanning cemetery.

Date of death: 31 Jul 1907

Subject: Isaiah Timothy Creek

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 31 Jul 1907, Wednesday, p. 6

The Rev. Isaiah T. Creek, forty-eight years old, and pastor of the Savannah Avenue Baptist Church, died this morning at 8:30 o'clock at the family home, 179 Savannah avenue. Mr. Creek was stricken five weeks ago with typhoid fever and death resulted from that disease.

The dead clergyman was born June 20, 1859, in Clay County, Missouri, near Liberty. He attended the district schools and later the high school in Liberty. After finishing in the high school, he entered William Jewell College, the celebrated Baptist institution at Liberty, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was a conscientious student and pursued his studies with the idea of devoting his life to ministerial work. Following out this desire, he later entered the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., from which he emerged a young, but earnest, expounder of the gospel.

The first pastorate held by Mr. Creek was at Clearmont, Nodaway County, Missouri, where he preached several years. Later he was pastor of Baptist churches at Webb City and Pierce City, this state, the Savannah Avenue church in St. Joseph and the First Baptist Church in Galveston, Texas. He returned to Missouri from Texas and accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Maryville, from which he again came to the St. Joseph church. He was stationed in Galveston when the city was destroyed by flood, in 1900.

Mr. Creek's second term of service in the St. Joseph church began in August, 1905, for a term of three years. Just before he was attacked by fever he received a call to the Baptist church in Wetherford, Texas, at an increased salary. This he declined, and he said to his congregation from the pulpit, at the time, "I want to stay with the people I love."

Mr. Creek was greatly beloved by his congregation and was popular with all who knew him. He had the reputation of being one of the most conscientious and hard-working pastors in this field. He is survived by his father, James Creek, of Liberty, who is more than eighty years old; his widow, and three children, Bernard, Everett and Alice Creek, all of St. Joseph. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. T. D. Ballard, of Topeka, Kan.; Mrs. M. Boggus, of Liberty, Mo., and four brothers, Thomas Creek and David Creek of Liberty, William Creek of Excelsior Springs, and James Creek of Montana.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Date of death: 31 Dec 1919

Subject: Anna (Creg) Renfro

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 10 Jan 1920, Saturday, p. 2

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St. Joseph, Mo. Mrs. Anna Renfro, one of the daughters of the Abyssinnia [sic] Tabernacle and Phoenix Temple died January 2nd [sic] at Noyes hospital. The funeral services were held at 19th and Sylvanie New Hope Baptist church. A great number of the members were in attendance. Rev. Tally officiated.

Date of death: 18 Apr 1920

Subject: Dola L. (Crenshaw) Jennings

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 19 Apr 1920, Monday, p. 6

Mrs. Dola Jennings, twenty years old, wife of Roy Jennings, died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 512 North Third street. Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Erline, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crenshaw of St. Joseph. The body will be taken to Parnell, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 17 Jun 1916

Subject: Sam Crews

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 8 Jul 1916, Saturday, p. 4

St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Sam Crews died at the age of 66 in the State Hospital, June 28 [sic] and was buried from that place. No relatives could be found.

Date of death: 15 Mar 1917

Subject: John L. Crocker

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 15 Mar 1917, Thursday, p. 9

John L. Crocker, age 69 years, died Thursday at 5:30 a.m. Survived by three sons J. E. Crocker, city; R. D. Crocker, Jerome, Idaho, T. L. Crocker, Mariposa, Cal. Funeral services will be conducted this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at his residence, 920 Dewey ave., as remains will be in transit tomorrow morning to Helena, Mo. for burial. Friends invited to attend services this evening.

Date of death: 31 Dec 1916

Subject: Daniel W. Croner

Source: *The Garnett [KS] Review*, 4 Jan 1917, Thursday, p. 4

In the passing of Daniel W. Croner, which occurred at his home, in Westphalia township, at 7 p.m., Sunday, December 31st, this community suffers a loss in the death of one of its most progressive farmers and stockmen and successful citizens. His late illness extended over a period of eleven weeks, from paralysis, which made him practically helpless, except the retaining of his speech.

The subject of this sketch was born near Savannah, Andrew county, Mo., July 1, 1861, and, therefore, was fifty-five years and six months of age.

With his parents, he came to Anderson county, Kansas, in the spring of 1869, and settled on the farm on Pottawatomie creek which has ever since been his home.

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He was united in marriage with Miss Ella Griffin, December 31, 1884, and died at almost the exact hour of their thirty-second marriage anniversary. To them were born Jesse (now at home, Ethel, or Mrs. Dave Nesbit, and a daughter dying in infancy.

He was active and industrious, and, by strict attention to his business, gained a competency for himself and family. He was esteemed by all his neighbors for his honest and fair-dealing, and was ever ready to help the needy and contributed of his means to every worthy and deserving cause.

He leaves, to mourn his death, a loving wife, son, daughter, sister, Mrs. Sarah Ent, of Savannah, Mo.; a foster-sister, Mrs. J. H. Hill; brother, Jerry Croner, of Burlington, and a large circle of relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at Cherry Mound, Tuesday, January 2d, at 2:30 conducted by Rev. Foiles, of the Mont [sic] Ida M. E. church, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining the church.

Thus another of our pioneer citizens is called to his eternal home.

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Date of death: 23 Oct 1911

Subject: Elias D. Croner

Source: *Goodland [KS] Republic*, 27 Oct 1911, Friday, p. 1

E. D. Croner, who for the past two years has resided eight miles north of town with his family, was stricken with paralysis Saturday, October 13, and after nine days of suffering, died Monday evening October 23, at 6 o'clock.

He was fifty five years old and leaves a son and daughter to mourn his loss, a brother, D. W. Croner of Westphalia, a sister, Mrs. Sarah Ent, of Amazonia, Missouri, came and were here several days before his death, also his daughter, Mrs. Pitts and husband.

They started from Goodland Tuesday evening on No. 40, for Westphalia, Kansas, with the remains, where he will be buried beside his wife.

Date of death: 5 Oct 1921

Subject: Jeremiah H. Croner

Source: *The Garnett [KS] Review*, 13 Oct 1921, Thursday, p. 1

Jerry H. Croner, a former resident of Anderson county, died last week, in Coffey county, where he had been living some time. The funeral took place at Cherry Mound Friday morning. He formerly lived in that neighborhood. Mr. Croner was about seventy-five years old.

Same

Source: *Westphalia [KS] Times*, 13 Oct 1921, Thursday, p. 3

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Jerry H. Croner died at 11 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of Joseph Gibbon where he has made his home for some time. The funeral will be held at Cherry Mound Friday morning, at 11 o'clock, with burial at the Cherry Mound cemetery, the procession leaving here about 9:30. Mr. Croner was about seventy-five years old and has been sick with cancer for a long time. He formerly lived in the Cherry Mound neighborhood coming to Burlington a few years ago.—Thursday's Burlington Republican

While Mr. Croner has not resided in this neighborhood for a number of years, all the old settlers will be pained to learn of his death. The Croners were among the very early settlers of this county and township, and no family was held in higher esteem. He owned and improved one of the fine farms of this township. Mrs. Croner preceded him to the Great Beyond several years ago. They had no children, but left many relatives and friends who now mourn his death.

Date of death: 13 Sep 1902

Subject: Ulysses Grant Crosby

Source: *Estherville [IA] Enterprise*, 17 Sep 1902, Wednesday

Armstrong: N. S. [sic]Crosby died at his home Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock, the funeral services were held at the M.E. church Sunday afternoon.

Date of death: 7 Dec 1881

Subject: Belle Cross

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 9 Dec 1881, Friday, p. 3

A most shocking accident occurred at the residence of Jasper Woolery, two miles south of Hall's Station, yesterday afternoon, by which Mrs. Woolery's sister, Miss Belle Cross, was instantly killed. The young lady was in one of the rooms of the house, and seeing a small pocket pistol lying on the mantel-piece, took it down, it is presumed, to examine it. While she was thus engaged, the lock was drawn back, and it accidentally slipped from her grasp and struck the cartridge. Unfortunately, the muzzle of the pistol was pointed directly toward her forehead, and the pistol being discharged sent a bullet crashing through her brain, striking her fair between the eyes. The shot was heard in the other parts of the house, and the occupants rushed into the room, only to find the girl lying on the floor with the blood oozing from a ghastly wound in her forehead. Miss Cross was about fifteen years old, and was a very bright, intelligent young girl. She was loved by those who knew her, and gave promise of blossoming into an intelligent and useful woman. Justice John T. Jones, of Wayne township, was notified, and as acting coroner caused a jury to be summoned and held an inquest last evening. The verdict returned has not been learned.

Date of death: 26 Oct 1887

Subject: Jennette (Cross) Buck

Source: *Great Bend [KS] Daily Graphic*, 27 Oct 1887, Thursday, p. 3

Mrs. Jennette C. Buck, who died yesterday afternoon, at the advanced age of 70 years and over, was buried this afternoon from the residence of Rev. S. H. Enyeart, her son-in-law.

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Date of death: 10 Mar 1918

Subject: John Russell Abra Crossland, Jr.

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 11 Mar 1918, Monday, p. 5

Sergt. John R. A. Crossland, Jr., 25 years old, son of Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, prominent negro physician, died suddenly yesterday morning at the home of his father, 903 1/2 Frederick avenue, following an attack of what is thought by physicians to be spinal meningitis. He was first sergeant in the ninety-second division, Infirmary No. 19 at Camp Funston, Kas., at the time of his death.

Sergt. Crossland arrived home Saturday night at 9 o'clock from his camp, and complained of feeling bad. He complained of pains in his stomach and head, and was sent to a drug store for some medicine. He retired feeling somewhat better and slept fairly well. When he arose yesterday morning he still complained of a little indisposition but was considerably better. Dr. Crossland left him shortly before 10 o'clock, intending to return with his car, and the two were to go for a ride. The father called over the telephone from the garage and failed to receive an answer. When he returned to his rooms he found several men who, attracted to the rooms by shrieks of pain, had gone to the aid of the sick soldier and called a physician. Medical aid was administered to no avail and death ensued in a few moments.

Sergt. Crossland had been a student soldier at Camp Funston since last October, having left his studies at Ann Arbor, Mich., to enter the army under the selective service law. He finished the grade schools here and attended Bartlett high school for one year. He later went to the state normal school at Jefferson City where he was graduated with a degree of C. S. After his graduation he went to Kansas university, where he spent one year. He then went to Iowa university, where he studied advanced physiology and also studied military training. Following his course there, he went to Michigan university at Ann Arbor, where he received the A.B. and M.D. degrees, It was at this stage of his studies he was called to Camp Funston.

After entering the service he petitioned the government through his father to be furloughed to the reserve in order to complete his studies and receive his full medical degree. Just a week ago, his father was informed that his son would be sent home, awaiting the reply.

Dr. E. A. Logan, city bacteriologist, took several cultures of the brain of the dead negro yesterday and will determine some time today whether meningitis was the cause of death.

Dr. Crossland was overcome by grief and last night was unable to say when the funeral will be held. The father and son had been living alone several years since the death of Mrs. Crossland.

same

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 16 Mar 1918, Saturday, p. 8

Following a brief illness, Sergt. John R. Crossland, Jr., twenty-five years old, died suddenly Sunday morning at the home of his father, Dr. J. R. Crossland, the negro physician, 903 1/2 Frederick avenue. It is thought that death may have been from spinal meningitis, and an analysis of brain cultures taken from the dead soldier was

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made by Dr. E. A. Logan, city bacteriologist [sic]. The funeral, with military honors, which took place on Thursday, was one of the largest colored funerals ever held in St. Joseph.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 16 Mar 1918, Saturday, p. 1

It was a loss that he could hardly comprehend as it came so sudden, but Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, the well known negro physician, stood it with all possibly bravery. His only son—and the one on whom he had lavished all that a devoted father could—was suddenly taken away at his home, 903 1/2 Frederick Avenue, Sunday morning. The remains were buried here Thursday afternoon with full military honors, a special escort of sixteen white soldiers coming for that purpose from Camp Funston.

John R. A. Crossland, Jr., was twenty-five years of age and was in the service of his country, he being attached to the ninety-second division of the infirmiry hospital No. 19 at Camp Funston and had just returned on a few days furlough when he was suddenly stricken with spinal meningitis and died before any relief could be had. He was a most promising young man, a graduate of Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City, where he had finished with high honors when but sixteen years of age. His father determined that he should have opportunities that he had denied to himself, sent him to both state universities of Iowa and Kansas, and went the war broke out he was a student in medicine at the famous Michigan University at Ann Arbor, where he was fast winning a medical education. His death is a heart stab to his father and a blow to his many friends.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 15 Mar 1918, Friday, p 6

The funeral of Sergt. John R. A. Crossland, the negro soldier who died here Sunday, was held yesterday afternoon from Ebenezer A.M.E. church with full military honors, and the procession was witnessed by several hundred persons as it wended its way to Ashland cemetery. The church was crowded to capacity and Third street for two blocks was filled with people. The body was conveyed to the church at 12 oclock and there was a steady stream of people in and out of the church from then until the services commenced at 2:30 oclock.

[photo included]

Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, father of the soldier, entered the church on the arms of Mayor Elliot Marshal and Dr. J. B. Reynolds, who sat with him throughout the services.

Rev. J. B. Walker read the contents of thirty-nine letters and telegrams of condolence which had been received by the father. Rev. F. E. Maloney, pastor of the church, preached the funeral sermon and dealt at length on the great sacrifice made by the father and the son for their country.

Lieut. J. L. Leach, negro medical officer from Camp Funston, who is here in the interest of the dead soldier, spoke at length on the life of young Crossland while under his command. He said that Crossland was the most efficient soldier in the infirmiry and could be depended upon at all times to perform any task required. He said

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he was loved and respected by the other men in the command. Many of his comrades wanted to come to St. Joseph for the funeral, he said, but they could not be spared.

The casket was taken from the church while a funeral march was played by Musician Harry Norton of Fort Leavenworth, and was placed on a truck draped with the national colors, which served as a hearse. A firing squad in command of Sergt. C. A. Proper led the procession to the cemetery.

When the services at the grave were completed the squad fired three volleys as the musician sounded taps over the grave.

Sergt. Homer F. Pennington of the army recruiting station here, and several soldiers who are in St. Joseph on furlough, attended the funeral and walked to the cemetery.

Same

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 30 Mar 1918, Saturday, p. 1

When John R. A. Crossland, the colored soldier, died so suddenly here while at home on a visit March 10, his viscera was sent to Frank P. Hall, a Kansas City pathologist, for examination. On Monday Dr. Hall reported that he had found traces of strychnine in the stomach and the facts were reported to Prosecuting Attorney Lawrence Bothwell. While his father, Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, was absent from the room going after his motor car to take his son for a ride, the young man died. He was a most promising young colored man.

Date of death: 7 Jan 1922

Subject: Catharine Jane (Crossley) Clemens

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 12 Jan 1922, Thursday, p. 5

The Oak Grove Presbyterian church, Maxwell heights [sic], will received \$100 from the estate of Mrs. Catherine Jane Clemens, who died Jan. 7. The will has been admitted to probate and the heirs are Albert W. Clemens of St. Joseph, a nephew, and William James Crossley of Danville, Pa., a brother.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 13 Jan 1922, Friday, p. 22

I wish to thank the many friends and neighbors, especially the friends at Burlington shop and community of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, for the kindness and sympathy shown during the illness and death of my beloved aunt, Mrs. James Clemens, also for the beautiful floral offerings. Mr. A. W. Clemens.

Date of death: Feb 1885

Subject: John Crowder

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 5 Mar 1885, p. 4

During the present winter season it has been the policy of the board of health and the newspapers to suppress mention of the appearance of small-pox in St. Joseph for the reason that in the majority of cases no serious

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results follow, and that no one is benefitted in the least by the publication of the facts in the case. The disease was first reported to the health officers last fall, and prompt action was taken to prevent a spread of the contagion. These efforts were in the main successful, and in the course of several weeks the city was declared free of the dread disease, the fatality having been quite small.

A careful watch was kept to prevent a reappearance of the disease, and it was thought the city would escape a second visitation. This has proven a false hope, however. Two weeks ago last Monday the attention of Dr. French was called to the condition of a negro named Crowder, who was very sick. Drs. Geiger and Heddens pronounced the case small pox, but Dr. French, while admitting it resembled that disease very much, entertained a different opinion. The patient was removed to the home of Mrs. Smith, colored, on South Fifth street, a day or two after, where he shortly died. In compliance with the request of a number of citizens the room at Mrs. Smith's, where Crowder had lain, together with the clothing were thoroughly fumigated. These ... tions being taken the only thing remaining was to await developments and be prepared for any emergency which might arise.

When the second case appeared it was proposed to pursue the same course in regard to... the facts to the public as had been following, but upon ... in rapid succession the ... became aroused and the most exaggerated reports became current. All sorts of rumors were set afloat, and to ... these it became necessary to give the facts as they exist.

[*More information on other cases*]

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 6 Mar 1885, p. 4

In a card to The Herald, Dr. French says Drs. Geiger and J. W. Heddens had charge of the case of John Crowder, who died of small-pox at a colored boarding house on South Fifth street, and did not notify him that Crowder had small-pox until February 14, after all the latter's associates had been repeatedly exposed to contagion. Dr. French says Crowder was removed to the colored boarding-house while Drs. Geiger and Heddens were still in charge of the case; that he (French) went to the boarding-house and ordered that the sick man be kept in a room by himself, and that no one should be allowed to visit him, which order was disobeyed; that finally he had to have a policeman to guard the house in order to keep people away. Dr. French says he was notified at too late a day to prevent the disease spreading.

Date of death: 7 Sep 1918

Subject: Joseph Crowder

Source: *The Bottineau [ND] Courant*, 12 Sep 1918

Joseph Crowder, one of the pioneer residents of Bottineau county, living four miles north of this city, passed away at an early hour Saturday morning from paralysis, with which he had suffered for a number of years past.

Joseph Crowder was born in Baryville [sic], Macon county, Missouri, Jan. 8, 1854. At the age of one year he moved with his parents to Sullivan county where he was reared to manhood. On March 28, 1879 he was united

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in marriage to Ollie Elizabeth Delzine Helton. One daughter, Vera, now Mrs. Jens Anderson, was born to them. After 18 months residence in Sullivan county they moved to Jewelsburg, Nebraska, where their second child Melvin, was born but died in 1907. Thinking that there were more opportunities farther north they immigrated to South Dakota, where they filed on a homestead in Edmonds county, near Aberdeen. During their seven years residence there three sons were born to them, Ora, Roy and Irwin. On Sept. 23, 1891 they moved to this county where they purchased 160 acres of land four miles west of this city. Here June and Ethel were born, Ethel dying at the age of nine years.

Mr. Crowder was a kind and generous man, an affectionate husband and father and was respected by all who knew him.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 3:00 at the house and at 4:00 from the Methodist church, Rev. Maunder officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Oak Creek cemetery.

That the deceased had many friends was shown by those who attended the funeral.

Joseph Crowder is survived by his wife and one brother, Horatio Crowder, and six children, namely Vera May Anderson, Bottineau; Ora B. Crowder, Ackworth; Roy Lee Crowder, Ft. Laramie, Wyo., who was not able to attend the funeral; Irwin Ray, Bottineau, Walter, Perry, Okla., and Joseph Ellsworth, who is now serving his country in France.

Date of death: 23 Sep 1899

Subject: Andrew C. Crowl

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 23 Sep 1899, p. 6

A. C. Crowl died at 3:35 o'clock this morning at the residence of his son, 1009 South Eleventh street. The funeral will be announced at a later time.

Date of death: 29 Dec 1917

Subject: Elvira (Crowley) Henderson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 1 Jan 1918, Tuesday, p. 11

[Note: ... indicate illegible word or words]

Henderson—Mrs. Elvira Henderson, age 62 years, died at 4:08 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at her home ... st. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Hannah Miller of Kansas, two daughters Mrs. Georgia Cooper and Miss Minnie Henderson of St. Joseph, and three sons, Oliver, John, and S... Henderson. Funeral from Francis Street Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial at Ashland Cemetery.

Date of death: 11 Feb 1920

Subject: Nettie Crowley

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 15 Feb 1920, Sunday, p. 25

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Miss Nettie Crowley, aged 40 years, died at her home, 511 S. 15th st., Feb. 11, at 10... a.m. She was a member of the Francis Street Baptist Church and also a member of Queen May Tabernacle No. 5. She leaves a mother, Mrs. Pardee Crowley; her father, two sisters and one brother. Funeral from the family home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial at Ashland Cemetery.

Date of death: 15 Dec 1905

Subject: John Crowner, Jr.

Source: [Pendleton] East Oregonian, 15 Dec 1905, p. 7

This afternoon John Crowner, father of Thomas I. Crowner, died at his home in this city. No funeral arrangements have been made yet, but interment will probably be tomorrow afternoon.

Date of death: 28 Jun 1905

Subject: William Croy

Source: Stanberry [MO] Owl-Headlight, 4 Jul 1905, Tuesday, p. 1

William Croy was born in Corhocton [sic] Co. Ohio Sept. 11th 1813. Died in Stanberry Mo. June 28th 1905. He was married to Miss Anne Joy in Dec. 1833. To this union was born ten children, seven of whom survive them, the other three dying in infancy. Mr. Croy came to Mo. in Sept. 1865 locating near Graham, in Nodaway County. He afterwards moved five miles northwest of Maryville, where he lived till 1895. He then moved to Stanberry, where he has made his home with his son, D. G. Croy in the central part of Stanberry. He had been a member of the Methodist Church for over fifty years and died firm in the faith of a joyous awakening in Christ. He was taken to the Cain Cemetery seven miles west of Maryville where he was laid beside his wife who died in 1876. He was known as a man of strict integrity and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. The family name of Croy is well respected in Nodaway County.

Here in Stanberry they are among our best citizens. Grandfather Croy was one of those pioneers whose whole straight forwardness and honest commended him to everyone. A short funeral service was conducted at the house Friday morning at 9 o'clock by J. E. Davis, minister of the Christian Church. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Taylor of Maryville at Wesley Chapel near the cemetery.

Date of death: 15 Feb 1916

Subject: Raleigh Bennett Crull

Source: St. Joseph [MO] News-Press/Gazette, 16 Feb 1916, Wednesday, p. 10

R. B. Crull, fifty-six years old, a packing house laborer, died at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night at St. Joseph's Hospital from the effects of gas which he is supposed to have inhaled with suicidal intent Tuesday afternoon in his room at 5206 Lake avenue. Shortly before 3 o'clock Crull was found in an unconscious condition by his landlady, Mrs. J. Waggoner, who summoned Drs. A. R. Timerman and F. G. Beard, police surgeon. Unable to revive him, the physicians sent him to the hospital where he remained unconscious until his death.

Crull, who had been sick several days, did not appear at the dinner table Tuesday, and persons passing his door heard him breathing, but supposing him asleep and snoring did not disturb him. When found he was stretched

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across the bed, with the gas from two light burners flowing. The window blind was drawn, the window locked and an overcoat lying at the bottom of the door.

Crull was employed in the dry salt department of the Morris packing plant until ten days ago, when sickness compelled him to lay off. He had been living at 5206 Lake avenue since Dec. 18. He came here from Savannah, Mo. Besides his wife living in North St. Joseph, from whom he was separated, three daughters and two sons survive. They are: Mrs. Georgia Rich, Mrs. Angie Rough of St. Joseph, Mrs. Hattie Tillery of Oregon, Mo., Roy and Buard Crull of St. Joseph. He also leaves a sister, Miss Mina Crull of Savannah. Funeral services will be conducted at the Meierhoffer undertaking parlors Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with burial in Ashland Cemetery.

Date of death: 20 May 1900

Subject: William Cruse

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 22 May 1900, Tuesday, p. 3

Sunday afternoon at his home, six miles north of the city, occurred the death of William Cruse, aged 41 years. Deceased was married and leaves several children besides a widow. He was born and raised in Missouri.

Date of death: 31 Oct 1885

Subject: Jonathan Cryder

Source: *Nodaway [Co. MO] Democrat*, Nov 1885

Jonathan Crider [sic], an aged and highly respectable farmer of Hughes Township, who resided about three miles east of Graham, died quite suddenly last Saturday. Mr. Crider ate his dinner and in about two hours thereafter he fell over on the floor dead. His disease is thought to have been apoplexy. He was buried on Saturday. Rev. Sapp conducting services.

Date of death: 1 Jul 1874

Subject: Jesse Cullison

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 10 Jul 1874, Friday, p. 1

From Clay Township. Old Mr. Cullison, who has been a citizen of this township for about eight years, departed this life on the 1st inst., after a protracted illness, with consumption.

Date of death: 14 Jun 1911

Subject: Frances (Culp) Cessney

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 17 Jun 1911, p. 10

Mrs. Francis [sic] Cessney, aged 65 years, died at her home 1404 N. 17th [?] st., June 4, 1911. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and three sons. Funeral from Francis street Baptist Church Sunday, June 18, at 11 a.m. Burial at Mt. Mora.

Date of death: 17 Feb 1916

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Subject: Christopher C. Cummins

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune, 26 Feb 1916, p. 5*

Maryville, Mo. By the death of Christopher Cummins, which occurred Thursday, Maryville loses one of its oldest and most estimable citizens. Born in County Dublin, Ireland, December 20, 1833, Mr. Cummins had attained the ripe old age of 83 years. He is survived by eight children. They are: Attorney Thomas A. Cummins, Dr. K. C. Cummins, and James B. Cummins, all of Maryville; Mrs. N. Y. Jameson of Stanberry; John A. Cummins of Gentry county; Mrs. I. N. Gartin of Gentry county; Rev. Father Francis P. Cummins of Brookfield, Mo., and Mrs. T. W. Costello of Conception Junction.

Date of death: 23 Feb 1914

Subject: George W. Cunnigan

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 24 Feb 1914, Tuesday, p. 5*

George Cunnigan, a negro, 78 years old, a familiar figure out the courthouse, died yesterday at his home, 71 Dewey avenue, of a complication of diseases. Cunnigan had lived in St. Joseph fifty years, and notwithstanding the fact that he had lived in this country during the time of slavery, was a free man all his life. For the last seventeen years he had conducted a small cigar stand in the corridor of the first floor of the courthouse, and he was known to nearly all St. Joseph's prominent men, who hailed him daily as "Uncle" George.

Cunningan came to St. Joseph when he was 28 years old. A few years later he engaged in the restaurant business with another negro named Morris. Until a short time before he took the cigar stand in the courthouse Cunnigan operated a restaurant at 520 Francis street, on the site where the Tootle-Lemon National bank now stands. He became ill a month ago.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at his home.

Date of death: 1918

Subject: Roy Curd

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer, 23 Nov 1918, Saturday, p. 2*

Sergt, Roy Curd, negro, died at Quebec while on way to point of embarkation.

Date of death: 26 Mar 1910

Subject: Amos L. Cure

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 28 Mar 1910, p. 5*

Amos L. Cure, 73 years old, died early Saturday morning at Dallas, S.D. He lived four miles south of the city, on the Sparta road, until three years ago. He is survived by his widow and one son. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the home of J. H. Young, five miles south of the city, with interment at Rochester [sic] cemetery.

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 28 Mar 1910, p. 5

Amos L. Cure, seventy-three years old, died Saturday at Dallas, S.D. The body was brought to St. Joseph yesterday. Until three years ago he had lived on a farm four miles south of the city, on the Sparta road. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the Ninth Missouri cavalry. He is survived by his wife and one son, Benjamin Young of Clayton, Wash. The funeral will be Tuesday morning from the home of J. H. Young, five miles south of the city. Interment in Register Cemetery.

Date of death: 13 Dec 1903

Subject: James Resley Cushwa

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Star*, 14 Dec 1903, p. 5

J. R. Cushwa died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. A. Holmes at 1132 Chestnut street, Kansas City. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon from the home and the burial will be in the Union cemetery. Mr. Cushwa was 84 years of age and had been a resident of Missouri for twenty-seven years. He had three children, Claude Cushwa, one of the oldest conductors in point of service on the Wabash; Mrs. Holmes of Kansas City, and J. C. Cushwa of Independence.

Date of death: 30 Mar 1923

Subject: Rachel (Cyrus) Dorris

Source: *Oakland [CA] Tribune*, 30 Mar 1923, Friday, p. 6

In Berkley, March 30, 1923, Mrs. Rachel C. Dorris, beloved mother of Mrs. L. E. Muller, of Berkeley, Mrs. L. G. McDowell, W. J. and P. S. Dorris of Alturas, Modoc county; a native of Missouri, aged 78 years 10 months. Notice of funeral later.

Same

Source: *The Alturas [CA] New Era*, 4 Apr 1923, Wednesday, p. 1

The funeral services of Mrs. Rachel Dorris were held from the First Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Dorris had been a member of this church for many years. The Pastor preached the sermon from one of the most beautiful texts in the Word of God: John 14:1-4. The large and attentive audience, the immense display of flowers, the presence of so many children and grand children, together with the most beautiful services formed a very appropriate ending for a life so long, so unselfish and so beautiful as her's [sic] had been. Truly the end of the righteous is not greivous [sic].