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Date of death: 4 Jul 1911

Subject: Frances Nellie Glen (Daggett) Basford

Source: *Washington State Journal*, 13 Jul 1911

Mrs. H. G. Basford, formerly of this place, died in San Francisco a few days ago. She was a daughter of William A. Daggett of Spokane. Mr. and Mrs. Basford came to this city about a year ago. Mr. Basford engaging in the barber business, in which he continued until last spring when he sold his place and returned to San Francisco.

Date of death: 8 Jan 1919

Subject: William Albert Daggett

Source: *The [Portland] Oregon Daily Journal*, 10 Jan 1919, Friday, p. 8

The funeral of William A. Daggett, aged 66, formerly of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. from his residence, 1154 Ivon street. Final services will be at Rose City cemetery. The Knights of Pythias will have charge of the services. Mr. Daggett is survived by his daughter, Mrs. George A. Chittenden of this city. F. S. Dunning & Co., have charge of the funeral arrangements.

Date of death: 28 Oct 1900

Subject: Martha M. (Daily) Allison

Source: *The Neosho Valley (KS) Times*, 1 Nov 1900, Thursday, p. 1

Martha M. Allison died at her home on Four Mile, Sunday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 a.m. at the age of 61 yrs. 9mo. 11 da. She was burried [sic] the following Monday at Greenwood Cemetary [sic].

Funeral services held at M.E. Church, at 2 p.m. the Rev. Mayer officiating. The funeral was attended by her two brothers, Abraham Daily of St. Joseph Mo. and Charles M. Daily of Savannah, Mo. a sister Mrs. Fannie Abbott, of Falls City Nebraska, was also present. Great kindness and respect was shown Mrs. Allison during her illness, which lasted only a short time, by her worthy friends and neighbors. She leaves a husband and five children, of which James Robert and her daughter Russelott, were at her bed side at the time of her death. She also leaves a son Charles in Oregon and a daughter Cora in Jones City, Oklahoma, who was unable to attend, on account of sickness. Martha M. Allison was borne [sic] in Greensburg, Ind. the 17th of Jan. 1839, and married John A. Allison in 1859. She became a Christian at the age of 13 and has ever afterwards been a devoted member of the Methodist church. The neighbors and friends extend their deepest sympathy to the berved [sic] family.

Date of death: 15 May 1917

Subject: William A. Daily

Source: *The Burrton [KS] Graphic*, 17 May 1917, Thursday, p. 5

William A. Daily a brother of W. L. Daily of this city, one of the first settlers of the Mt. Hope neighborhood, and one of the organizers and the first president of the old Bank of Burrton, died at his residence at 1502 east 10th street, Indianapolis, Indiana, Tuesday morning, May 15, 1918, age, seventy one years and two months. Mr. Daily was born near Greensburg, Indiana, March 16, 1746 [sic]. In March 1858, he mover with his parents to

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Andrew County, Missouri, where he resided until 1870, when he moved with his family to Kansas and located on a soldier's homestead of 160 acres in Sedgwick County, Kansas, that now immediately joins Mt. Hope on the west and is now one of the best improved farms in Kansas. In 1890 he sold this farm and moved into Mt. Hope, where he had, for years, been [sic] engaged in the banking business in connection with various other interests. In October 1892 Mr. Daily sold the Farmers and Drovers bank, which he founded, and all his other interest in Mt. Hope, and moved to Vernon, Indiana, where he resided until 1898, when he moved to his late residence in Indianapolis. He was first married in 1865 to Mariah E. Craig. By this marriage seven children were born, two dying in infancy and five, Sidney F., Jesse M. and Thomas A. reside in Indianapolis, Olive [sic] M. resides in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Mrs. Carrie M. Glinn in Madison, Wisconsin. The mother of these children died April 27, 1884. On April 7, Mr. Daily was again married to Martha K. Howard who survives him.

Mr. Daily served in the Union army during the war of the rebellion, enlisting before he was sixteen. He served in three different commands and was honorably discharged from Captain John B. Major's Company B, 43rd regiment, Missouri volunteer [sic] infantry, at Benton Barrick [sic] Mo., on June 30, 1865. Mr. Daily had eight brothers and sisters, but all have passed to the great beyond, except one sister, Mrs. Malissa J. Bennight [sic] of St. Joseph, Mo., and Judge W. L. Daily, of this city, who visited him last month.

Date of death: 19 Jan 1911

Subject: Mary (Dakan) Beinert

Source: [Maryville MO] *Daily Democrat*, 19 Jan 1911, Thursday, p. 1

Mrs. A. F. Beinert, wife of a prominent merchant of Hopkins, died suddenly Thursday forenoon about 11 o'clock, the result of a heart trouble, brought on by an attack of measles.

The news of her death is a shock to the entire community, while her husband and children are prostrated.

Mrs. Beinert was one of the most cultured and useful women in Hopkins. She was a leader in the work of the Presbyterian church, especially in the Sunday school and as president of the Hopkins Art club was a social leader. She was about 35 years old and was born at Siam, Ia., where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dakin, died a number of years ago. She grew to womanhood in Siam and was a teacher there for a number of years, also in Julesburg, Col., where she lived with her brother.

Mrs. Beinert was married to her husband in 1897, who survives her with their two children, a boy of 11 years and a girl of 8, and two stepsons, Arthur Beinert, a prominent railroad man in Oregon, and Earl Beinert, who makes his home with his grandparents in Milwaukee, Wis. A brother and two sisters also survive, Eugene Dakin of Akron, Col.; Mrs. Carrie Young of Corona, Col., and a sister some place in Kansas.

Mrs. Beinert was a home-loving woman and filled her place as wife and mother in the truest sense. Her husband and children have the sympathy of all in this sudden sorrow that is theirs.

Date of death: 9 Feb 1888

Subject: Thomas Dakin

Source: *Arkansas City [KS] Daily Traveler*, 10 Feb 1888, p. 7

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Died-- Yesterday morning at his home in Silverdale township, Thomas Dakin, aged about 70 years. The deceased was taken sick last week with fever and it was this disease which caused his death. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his death. The funeral occurs today from the Parker school house, and the remains will be interred in Prairie View cemetery. The deceased was a highly respected citizen of Silverdale township and was the uncle of Mrs. F. B. Hutchison and Miss Lou Pyburn.

Date of death: 20 Jul 1898

Subject: Philip Dale

Source: *Bedford [IA] Daily Republican*, 22 Jul 1898, Friday, p. 1

The old settlers of Nodaway County, Missouri, and Taylor County, Iowa, have known Judge P. Dale for a number of years. The fact is he was quite a prominent figure among the early settlers of the district. Of late he has been living on his farm in Polk Township. For several years his health has been quite poorly, and he has been a great sufferer at times. Yesterday he quietly passed away at his home, leaving many friends to mourn his departure.

Date of death: 18 Jan 1910

Subject: Wesley Simpson Dale

Source: *The Ellensburg [WA] Dawn*, 20 Jan 1910

Dr. W. S. Dale died Tuesday morning, January 18 at the age of 60 years. The body was shipped to Sheridan, Mo., this morning by Rose & Inman. Deceased leaves three sons and three daughters to mourn his death. He had resided in our midst about one year and was not very well known.

Date of death: 30 Sep 1918

Subject: Jessie A. Daniels

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 4 Nov 1918, p. 6

Private Jesse [sic] A. Daniels, Company C, 342nd machine gun corps, who formerly lived at 1910 South Sixth street, is reported in today's casualty lists as dead from wounds received in action. Daniels was sent to Camp Funston, Kan., from here in April, and three weeks later he was sent to France. Prior to being drafted he was employed by the Lehr Construction Company. He is survived by his wife, who lives at 1910 South Sixth street, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Daniels of North St. Joseph, and four brothers and two sisters.

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 5 Nov 1918, p. 6

Private Jesse [sic] A. Daniels, whose death from wounds received in action in France was announced in The News-Press yesterday, was not married, as was published. Besides his parents, Owen Daniels and wife of Green Valley, he is survived by five brothers and two sisters. He was twenty-nine years old and entered the military service last April.

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 6 Aug 1921, Saturday, p. 5

The body of private Jesse A. Daniels, who died in France Sept. 30, 1918, reached here yesterday and was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Daniels, 422 Dolman street, from where the funeral will take place at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon.

Date of death: 7 Apr 1911

Subject: James Darling

Source: *Hillsboro [OR] Argus*, 13 Apr 1911

James Darling, age 78 years, died at his home in Forest Grove, April 7.

Born at Rochester, N.Y. January 26, 1833, and grew to manhood there. He moved from Marysville [sic], Missouri to Oregon seven years ago.

Survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. Winnifred Aldrich, Mrs. Belle Darling and Miss Dee Darling, all of Forest Grove.

Funeral will be at the family residence April 9 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Barker and the Masons participating. Interment at Forest View cemetery.

Date of death: 10 Oct 1901

Subject: Warda Grace Daughters

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 11 Oct 1901, Friday, p. 5

Warda Grace Daughters, aged five years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gill S. Daughters, who live on the Saxton road a short distance from South Park, died at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the family home of typhoid fever and meningitis. The body will be taken to Whitesville, Mo., Saturday for burial. The father of the child is a school teacher.

Date of death: 12 Aug 1868

Subject: Edward Dausing (or Dansing)

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 13 Aug 1868, p. 2

Dausing [or Dansing], in this city, on the 12th instant, of summer complaint, Edward, infant son of Gable and Susan Dausing, (colored).

Date of death: 8 Aug 1905

Subject: Thomas John Davidson

Source: *Heppner [OR] Gazette*, 10 Aug 1905, Thursday, p. 5

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Three coaches of the O.R. & N. on the main line at Heppner Junction passed over the right ankle of Tom Davidson, of Ione, Monday afternoon, and Mr. Davidson died from the effects of the terrible accident Tuesday morning at the Heppner Sanitarium.

Mr. Davidson was returning from Portland. Getting off of the train on the main line, he was apparently waiting to make the change of cars at Heppner Junction, but when the train on the main line started to pull out for the east, Mr. Davidson made a run and attempted to board it. He failed to get on the car and was thrown down by the force of the moving train. His right leg slipped under the wheels and was severed just above the ankle.

During the long wait before assistance could be rendered Mr. Davidson suffered a great loss of blood and was brought to the Heppner Sanitarium in a critical condition. He was given every attention possible at the Sanitarium, but never revived from the shock and died at a little after 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. Davidson was well known in Morrow county, being a very successful stockman and farmer. He was one of the wealthiest men of the county and leaves a large estate.

Date of death: [15] Jan 1867

Subject: [Alfred M.] Davis

Source: *The Junction City [KS] Weekly Union*, 26 Jan 1867, p. 1

The St. Joseph Herald says: A young man named John Chandler, has been arrested for shooting a young man named Davis. The circumstances were as follows: It appears that a number of young men were engaged in "snow balling" when all the party united and made an attack on Chandler, who sought shelter from the balls behind a tree. Not relishing the sport, he drew a revolver and threatened to shoot unless the attacking party would cease the assault. One of the young man, named Davis, imaging [sic] the threat to be an idle one, continued to snow-ball him, when he fired his revolver and shot young Davis through the heart. Chandler at once gave himself up to the authorities.

Date of death: 1 Sep 1869

Subject: Elizabeth (Davis) Rittenour

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 8 Sep 1869, p. 4

Died, On the evening of the 1st inst., in Maryville, Nodaway county, Elizabeth Rittenour, wife of Edward B Rittenour, and daughter of Col. John H. and Rachel Davis, aged [*illegible*].

Date of death: 15 Jul 1874

Subject: George W. Davis, Jr.

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 17 Jul 1874, p. 4

On Wednesday night, last, George Davis, Jr., son of George W. and Susan Davis, died at the home of his parents in Andrew county, on the Rochester road, about five miles from the city.

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The deceased was eighteen [sic] years old. He had, for years, been in feeble health, having, in early life, been affected with an ailment which clung to him and finally claimed him for its victim, though only about two weeks since did it show itself in symptoms that gave alarm to his family.

In disposition George was exceptionably amiable, and the good traits in his character stood proof against the influences of continued suffering. Every one who knew him was his friend, and he will be missed by many who are numbered outside the family circle, and whose sympathies are shared by the latter.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, the remains being interred in Fairview Cemetery, in that neighborhood.

Date of death: 25 Mar 1867

Subject: infant daughter of Emily Davis

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 29 Mar 1867, p. 3

We yesterday stated that the Coroner's Jury, called to investigate the cause of the destruction of a child by hogs, had failed to discover any facts tending to bring the guilty party to justice, and had accordingly rendered the usual verdict in which "an unknown woman" was declared the murderess.

Yesterday, thanks to the indefatigable efforts of our worthy City Marshal, Mr. Craig, the supposed perpetrator of the damning crime was arrested, and is now lodged in jail to await examination, this morning, before Justice Hawley.

Marshal Craig has been on the tracks of the woman since the crime was first discovered, and has employed white and black [residents?] to assist him in the search. Yesterday he received information pointing directly against a colored woman named Emily Davis. She at first denied the crime, declaring solemnly that she had not borne a child in eight years, but an examination by the Coroner caused her to confess that she had been delivered of a child within the past week; she then stated that she had given birth to a child on Saturday night, but that she had secretly buried it on the succeeding evening—this statement, also being by examination found to be false.

She still maintains that she did not throw the babe to the hogs, but there is considerable evidence against her, and she will probably be convicted.

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 30 Mar 1867, p. 3

The negress, charged with infanticide, was granted the benefit of an examination yesterday before Recorder Hawley. Dr. Berghoff was carefully examined, when the investigation was continued over until this morning. The court room was crowded with idle spectators.

Date of death: 11 Feb 1873

Subject: James M. Davis

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Source: Andrew County [MO] Republican, 21 Feb 1873, Friday, p. 3

Died. On February 11, 1873, at the residence of his brother, Lewis F. Davis, in Nodaway county, James M. Davis, of pneumonia. The deceased was a brother of the Hon. E. S. Davis, of this county.

Date of death: 30 May 1917

Subject: John A. Davis

Source: The St. Joseph [MO] Observer, 2 Jun 1917, Saturday, p. 5

Gus Turner, a negro, shot and killed John Davis, another negro, Tuesday night, supposedly over a negro girl. The killing occurred on South Eighth street.

Date of death: 5 Nov 1875

Subject: Margaret Davis

Source: St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald, 6 Nov 1875, p. 1

Died. Davis—On the morning of the 5th instant, at the farm of Geo. W. Davis, in Andrew county, his daughter Maggie Davis.

Funeral services at Mr. Davis' residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Date of death: 2 Feb 1903

Subject: Maria (Davis) McGahuey

Source: Decatur County [IA] Journal, 29 Feb 1903

The deceased was born in Putnam County, Indiana, March 16, 1825. Her maiden name was Davis. She was united in marriage to William McGaughey [sic] in 1840. To this union were born fourteen children, eight of whom survive her. Early in life, she joined the M.E. Church, in which she lived a faithful member. She died at the home of her step-daughter, Mrs. David Odell, after an illness of three and one-half days, aged 77 years, 10 mo. and 16 days. The husband has been dead thirty-one years. The funeral was preached from 2nd Timothy, 4:8, by W.A. VanWinkle.

*When the voyage of life is ended,
And the stormy winds shall cease,
When we step from care and sorrow
To eternal joy and peace.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, what a meeting,
But the best of all will be
Our Redeemer, dear Redeemer,
In his beauty we shall see.*

Date of death: 11 Apr 1881

Subject: Mary H. Davis

Source: St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald, 12 Apr 1881, Tuesday, p. 1

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The funeral of Mrs. [sic] Mary H. Davis will take place at Fairview this afternoon. Her friends in this city are invited to attend the obsequies.

Date of death: 7 Jun 1922

Subject: Mary H. (Davis) Hall

Source: *The Windsor [MO] Review*, 8 Jun 1922, Thursday, p. 5

Mrs. T. G. Hall died at the family residence on South Main street yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock after an illness of many months.

Mary H. Davis was born in Andrew county, Mo., June 10, 1876, died at her home in Windsor June 7, 1922. She was united in married to T. G. Hall in Andrew county March 13, 1895, and to this union five children were born, two of whom are dead, and the living are Miss Gladys and Robert J. Hall at home and Mrs. Ewing Means of Windsor. The family came to this section in 1903, residing on a farm until 1911 when they moved to Windsor and have since made this place their home. On October 1, 1921, the deceased suffered a stroke of paralysis and for a time afterwards it was thought she would recover, but recurrent attacks and a complication of diseases caused her to be confined to her bed almost constantly since she was first stricken. She had been a member of the Christian church since she was seventeen years of age and at the time of her death was a member of the Windsor church. She is survived by the husband, three children mentioned in the foregoing, one grandchild, mother, Mrs. R. L. Davis of Bolckow, Mo., three brothers, S. F. Davis of Graham, Mo., J. F. Davis of Bolckow and Logan Davis of Gilford [sic], Mo.

Mrs. Hall was a home loving woman, possessing a beautiful christian character and was never happier nor more contented than when doing something for those she loved and for some one in their hour of trouble or distress. Truly a good woman has gone to her reward and she has left the world brighter and better by hanging lived and the sweet heritage of a grand and noble life, her many kindly acts and her unstinted loving service, will abide until time shall be no more.

Funeral services in charge of G. S. Birkhead will be held at the family home on South Main street tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment will be made in Laurel Oak cemetery.

Date of death: 21 May 1920

Subject: Robert L. Davis

Source: *The Windsor [MO] Review*, 27 May 1920, Thursday, p. 1

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hall, who were called to Bolckow, Mo., last week by the critical illness of Mrs. Hall's father, R. L. Davis, returned home the first of the week. Mr. Davis died Friday, aged 78 years. He suffered a stroke of paralysis four years ago and a second stroke just a week prior to his death. He was one of the old settlers of Andrew county and had lived at Bolckow forty years. The wife and four children survive him.

Date of death: 9/14 Jan 1873

Subject: Sallie Eleanor Davis

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Morning Herald*, 28 Jan 1873, p. 4

We regret to learn from the Maryville *Republican* of the sudden death of the infant daughter of Maj. B. K. Davis. A bright and sparkling little child has been taken home and the family of our friend has been deprived of its idol. The knowledge that the little one is with the Heavenly Father, secure from all future harm, is a great consolation in this deep affliction. The many friends of Major and Mrs. Davis will sincerely sympathize with them in their bereavement.

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 28 Jan 1873, p. 4

We regret to learn that Maj. B. K. Davis and his estimable lady, of Maryville, Mo., have been called upon to mourn the loss of their oldest daughter, an interesting girl upon whom the affections of doting parents had been lavishly [sic] bestowed. Maj. Davis has a large number of friends in St. Joseph who will deeply sympathise with him in his affliction.

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Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 31 Jan 1873, Friday, p. 3

Died. On January 9, 1873, after a brief illness, Sarah Eleanor, infant daughter of B. K. and Sallie Davis, of Maryville, Nodaway county. The Major and his lady have the deep sympathy of their friends in this vicinity in their sad bereavement.

Date of death: 22 Oct 1877

Subject: Wade H. Davis

Source: *Nodaway [Co. MO] Democrat*, 25 Oct 1877

It devolves upon us in this issue to chronicle the death of one of the most honored and respected of our earliest settlers, in the person of Wade H. Davis, who departed this life at his residence in the northeast part of town on Tuesday, the 22d inst. at 7 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Davis was born in West Virginia on the 10th of November, 1796, and consequently was nearly 81 years of age at the time of his demise. He moved from West Virginia to Tennessee, from that state to Platte county, and from Platte county to Nodaway county in the fall of 1842, remaining here ever since that time. The deceased leaves a dutiful and beloved wife, Martha Drury Davis, one year his senior, to mourn his loss. They were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock when Mr. Davis was but nineteen years of age and enjoyed together the happiness and domestic bliss flowing from a loving connubial relation for over sixty years. They had a family of six children, four of whom are now living; viz: Mrs. G. W. Long, Jas. M. Davis, S. H. Davis, who lives in Nebraska, and Hiram Davis.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Methodist church for fifty-five years, and was a true christian man. His was a meek, gentle, loving, confiding spirit, full of compassion for his fellow men, with a deep sympathy for the distressed and afflicted. He was a good citizen, law-abiding and peaceable, and ever enjoyed the greatest

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pleasure in imitating the example of doing good of his Divine Master, in whom he so implicitly relied with all the living, active faith of an earnest christian. His life was one of purity. His many virtues will be written on perpetual record in the hearts of his many relatives and friends. He was taken with palpitation of the heart and a chill on Monday when alone at home, his wife being away that day. A few hours after, being called upon by W. C. Orear, Esq., he expressed himself as believing that he was going to die and perhaps die alone. He said he was happy, however, and not afraid to die. The next evening at 7 o'clock when surrounded by his loving wife and others near and dear to him he passed away quietly with a look of triumph o'erspreading his face, to the beautiful home of the soul in the world of light and love. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. O'Howell and Lake at the M. E. church, South, on Wednesday at 2 o'clock P. M., after which his remains were taken to the cemetery north of town and consigned to their last resting place. Truly, a good man has been called home.

Date of death: Jul 1886

Subject: Washington Ross Davis

Source: *The [Garden City KS] Daily Sentinel*, 13 Jul 1886, Tuesday, p. 4

While William Britton, a boy of 18, was hunting a stray heifer Saturday evening he passed along the edge of the Arkansas river, and when about four miles west of the city, and when about four miles from here, saw something that he thought looked like the body of a man lying on a sand bar about seventy-five yards out in the river. He went on home, which was half a mile away, and spoke of what he saw. To make sure of what it was he returned Sunday morning, and rode out to the object and found it was not imagination, but the body of a man presenting a ghastly appearance and emitting a terrible stench. Taking his lariat he tied it around the legs and towed the body to shore, and, coming to the city, informed coroner Lowrance, who proceeded at once to the spot and took with him the following jury, to properly sit on the cause: E. N. Keeps, John Cachman, H. M. Hickman, E. B. Titus, W. O. Finch and J. H. Morrison. The sheriff also accompanied them, and the inquest was begun.

They found the man was apparently 45 to 48 years old. Was only partly dressed, his boots being off, and a bullet hole in his head, entering near the center of the left side of the head and ranging downward. In his pocket were found a few papers, on one of which was the name of W. R. Davis, and another was a receipt to him from the Canada Masonic lodge, at Elmo, Mo. These gave some clew to the identification, and when they got back to the city they found several parties who knew of the man, and two or three who identified the body as that of W. R. Davis, who lived on a homestead near Ulysses.

The body was taken to the office of the Kansas Lumber company, and preparations were at once made and the body buried, it being in such an advanced stage of decomposition as to render it impossible to keep it. A number of the Masonic members attended the funeral, although they did not take official charge.

Inquiry was at once vigorously made, and soon the thread began to unwind that revealed the mystery.

A. J. Briggs, who is a bricklayer here, was the first to give definite information. He has a claim almost adjoining Davis', and he had roomed with Davis at Mr. Ausman's, (Briggs' uncle) as they neither one had built houses on their claims. He said Davis started on July 4, to go northeast from Ulysses to do some plowing on a timber

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claim, and expected to be gone a week or so. He took with him his team of mules, a covered wagon, bedclothes and provisions for the trip. This was the last they knew of him.

Further developments followed in quick succession. It was soon learned that the team of mules Davis had were sold in this city on last Thursday to A. L. Edwards, by a tall, slim man, for \$170. Mr. Edwards was seen by a Sentinel reporter, who said that the man came to his stable Tuesday evening late and wanted to sell a team of mules, asking \$300 for them. Edwards did not want to pay so much, and the fellow went away, returning Thursday morning and finally selling the team and wagon for \$170. A check was issued to him, he giving the name of S. Smoot. He went to the Bank of Western Kansas and got his money. Edwards sold the mules next day to A. T. Moon. This team was identified by several parties as the one that belonged to Davis.

Inquiry about the city revealed many things about this man. He went to Rasure's drug store Wednesday and pawned a revolver for a pint of whisky and \$1 cash. In the application for the whisky he signed E. D. Doran. Comparing the endorsement on the back of the check with this signature, it is easily seen that the same hand signed both signatures. On Thursday he redeemed the revolver but left it, saying he would call for it, which he did not do.

Following up the doings of Smoot, alias Doran, he is found to have a partner who helped manipulate the wires. The other man was not known to give his name anywhere, but was at all times very excited and anxious. They stopped part of the time at Mr. Hackworth's, above the ditch, where they first went to sell the mules. They had on very rough clothes. After selling the mules they dressed up in new suits. All the while they were on the look out, and would occasionally go out and look up street to see if any one was coming. They were so excited on Thursday evening that after ordering lemonade Smoot walked out and down the street, apparently forgetting about it, and did not return. This is the last seen of them.

These men who committed the deed, are thought to have lived a few miles south of Davis, and the one who sold the miles had been seen with him several times, but no one knew his name. Davis had been expecting money from the east, and went to the postoffice last week to get it, but it did not come. It is expected that these men knew of this, and when Davis left to do the plowing, the theory is that these fellows followed him up and shot him. There is every evidence that he was in bed in his wagon when the deed was committed, his boots being off. Another evidence of this is that he was shot in the top of the head, a thing that could well be done by slipping up to the back end of the wagon and shooting him. They [must] have then deliberately hitched up his team, and hauled him to the river, dumped him in, come to this city and sold the outfit. This is one of the most deliberate, damnable deeds on record.

After selling the team Smoot went to the Wester Lumber company in the north part of the city and ordered a bill of lumber. While there his companion came in and pretended not to know him. They finally found out they were both from the same place and agreed on both having the lumber taken down together. The confederate to do the hauling, but neither returned.

Smoot went to the Economey [sic], got a new suit and left his old clothes. The suit consisted of light hair pants and vest, a No. 7 cowboy hat and No. 6 shoes. He got shaved and mustached colored black, it being naturally sandy.

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The other fellow bought a pair of jeans pants and two shirts at Westovers, but took his old clothes along.

Smoot is a tall, slim man 5 feet ten inches high with sandy complexion.

The evidence is conclusive that the man who sold the mules did the killing.

Davis had told A. J. Biggs that he had a family (a wife and four children) in Missouri and he intended to bring them here in the spring. They are supposed to be without much support. Besides the usual state reward coroner Lowrance, Sheriff Fulton and deputy Wirt have offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of the parties.

This is a case we are all interested in, should take a hand in bringing the culprits to justice, for men who will commit such a cold blooded deed as this would murder some of us, if the chance were offered. The county should be rid of them.

The coroner was employed all afternoon examining witnesses in the case and brought out some of the facts stated above. The investigation will be resumed this morning, and will be made very thorough. A letter was written to Davis' family as it was learned that they lived some distance from the station.

Men are out in all directions and cards gave [sic] been sent all over the country. It is hoped the investigation will result in capturing and bringing to justice the perpetrators.

Later—At a few minutes after 1 o'clock this morning a telegram arrived here signed by Fred Panquist constable at Kendall, stating that the man described was there, but that he could get no one to help him arrest him. Sheriff Fulton provided himself with hand-cuffs and went up to Kendall on the 1:30 train.

Same

Source: *Garden City [KS] Daily Herald*, 15 Jul 1886, Thursday, p. 4

The continued search for clues to the murderers of W. R. Davis brings to light some strange incidents. Here is a sample: The residence of T. J. Johnson, adjoining that of A. Bennett (of Bennett & Smith), on Eighth street, south of the railroad, was visited on Sunday, July 4, by an eccentric individual bearing a striking resemblance to the one suspected of the murder. About the middle of the afternoon he pushed the front door, which was partly ajar, open and walked in without knocking. A Mr. McCall and Miss Cora Lathrop were seated to the left of the door, and the stranger did not at first see them. When he did he drew a large revolver, and holding it behind him, said he wanted some money, was dead broke and wanted to go home to Indiana. He was a tall, slim man, with light whiskers, but as he kept his slouch hat on the color of his hair was not seen. His breath evolved a perfume like that of whisky fumes and his eyes were red. Noticing that Miss Lathrop was frightened he assured her the pistol was not loaded. McCall gave him some money, and then he became maudlin, and drawing a letter he said was from his wife, asked Miss Lathrop to read it. It was written in lead pencil, and although the young lady was too agitated to read it carefully, and does not remember the postoffice address, she recollects that it said the children were well, and that it bore the signature of Cora Carr. It may have been the same man who

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acted so cranky here afterward under the names of Smoot and Doran, and who sold the Davis mules, or it may be some other scoundrel.

Same

Source: *Garden City [KS] Daily Herald, 16 Jul 1886, Friday, p. 1*

Report was sent to the authorities here yesterday that a man thought to be the one who sold the W. R. Davis mules had been seen and recognized at a point about forty miles south of Garden City, Deputy Sheriff Wirt received a telegraphic confirmation of the report and, together with a party from Lakin, has gone down there to effect his arrest. It is earnestly to be hoped that it is not a false alarm, for the interests of justice demand the speedy punishment of this cold blooded murderer.

Same

Source: *Garden City [KS] Daily Herald, 17 Jul 1886, Saturday, p. 1*

Last evening a telegram was received here by Sheriff Fulton that one of the men suspected of being implicated in the murder of W. R. Davis had been trailed to Frisco by Deputy Sheriff Wirt. The fugitive criminal, with his determined pursuers pressing closely upon his heels, could not effect his escape when they once got eyes upon him, and finally in his dire extremity took refuge in a barn near Frisco, where he was speedily surrounded and called upon to surrender. He was armed with a Winchester rifle, and refusing to obey the summons was shot down like a dog. He tallied too closely with the description given of the two men concerned in the sale of the dead man's mules to leave any ground of doubt as to his identification. The body was rolled in a woolen blanket and taken to Syracuse, where it was enclosed in a pine box and sent by rail to Coroner Lowrance of Garden City, who had the box and its ghastly contents locked up in the freight room at the depot. A jury was promptly summoned, and eight o'clock this morning.

Deputy Sheriff E. L. Wirt arrived in Garden City about midnight Saturday and gave the first account of his trop and the killing of the man whose body was brought in the night previous that has been received here. [*more particulars*] The party reached Wilson City, forty miles south, by daybreak Thursday morning. Friday morning they arrived at the house where the wife of Bob Vandever a Texas desperado, whom they suspected as the principal in the Davis murder, was boarding. From information obtained from other women in the house it was thought probable that both Vandever and his accomplice, Brown, were at or near Frisco, and Wirt with the posse at once struck out for that place. Arriving there Brown was at once pointed out to the party. He was sitting on a cot in a livery stable.

Wirt and McAllister took the front door and O'Conner and McCluse the back. Brown had arisen, and was standing with six shooter in hand.

He was twice ordered to drop his "gun" and throw up his hands by Wirt, and the [*ends abruptly; see 19 Jul for continuation*]

Identity was further rendered certain by the moustache having been dyed (as was testified to on the previous inquest) and the growth since the dyeing was just sufficient to show that the moustache was sandy. The shirt

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was a new dark blue one with small dots; necktie blue, with white dots; shoes number sevens, sewed, and but slightly worn; dark pants; in short, just such as the man bought at the Economy. There was a gun shot wound in the left should penetrating the lung, and another in the right groin. Also an old scar on the right temple.

After viewing the body the coroner adjourned the inquest, instructing the jury to hold themselves in readiness to obey his call at any moment. Witnesses to the killing will have to give in their testimony before the inquest can be concluded.

Same

Source: *Garden City [KS] Daily Herald, 19 Jul 1886, Monday, p. 1*

[*Same article as begun above, only continued as follows:*]

... and the order was repeated by O'Conner from the back door. He never spoke a word, but leaned back, keeping his eyes fixed on Wirt. Meanwhile he had cocked his pistol, and he now suddenly raised and fired it. At the same instant he was fired upon from both directions, when he rolled off the cot dead as a door nail. His revolvers [sic] was a short forty-five Colt.

The party waited during the day expecting Vandever would come in to join his partner, but at nightfall a party rode in and stated that a man answering his description was staying at a farm house six miles east. Leaving Mr. Clure at Frisco with order to move further west, Wirt took the balance of the posse to the farm house. The man had anticipated their visit and decamped an hour before their arrival. He had moved east. The party then proceeded to where Vandever's wife was, thinking he might have gone there. Not finding any trace of him there, the party returned to Lakin that evening.

Previous to their visit to the farm house Vandever had been seen and pursued for several miles by J. H. Carter, a deputy sheriff of Hamilton county.

Bill Barrett, Josh Elgin and a young man named Grant, cowboys who came in here Saturday, stated that Friday morning while they were preparing breakfast at their camp, Bob Vandever, whom Barrett knew well in former years as a Texas desperado, came in on foot, tired and hungry, and asked for something to eat. He said officers were after him and asked for a horse. After breakfast Barrett gave him a horse in accordance with frontier hospitality.

Before he finished eating Deputy Carter came in sight and Vandever sprang upon the horse and struckout in a southwest direction. Carter was informed of his visit and continued the pursuit.

It is said that Bob Vandever is a desperate character, and it is reasonably certain that he was principal in the murder of W. R. Davis. He had recently killed a man named Milton Snoot [sic] in Texas. He shot and killed both sheriff and deputy who attempted to arrest him and fled to Indian territory. He made his headquarters for a time with Stonecalf's band of Cheyennes near Cantonvert, beyond Camp Supply, and is thought to be making for that country now.

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Same

Source: *Garden City [KS] Sentinel*, 21 Jul 1886, Wednesday, p. 1

Mr. Wirt's statement in Sunday's Sentinel covered the principal points in his experience, although some other incidents occurred on the route.

While at Lakin Ed Wirt heard of a watch that a man, answering the description of Smoot (Vandiver) had pawned there. The man was hunted up and the watch turned over, which is thought to be stolen property and belonging to a man near Ulysses.

The Grant county Register says: "It is openly expressed in Ulysses that the murderers have claims about ten miles southwest of this city, and the sudden disappearance of E. P. Vandiver, the horse thief, and Charles Brown, the lousy reptile, from that section the fore part of the week looks suspicious. Both men came formerly from Medicine Lodge, where they are well known."

It is also reported that Davis is the fifth man these fellows have gotten away with for money, and they were becoming so bold they could practice this kind of work and not leave the community.

Vandiver had to leave Medicine Lodge for killing and robbing a young man there. There is no doubt that that the man killed and brought here was the man J. C. F. Brown, and the accomplice of the man Smoot (or Vandiver his real name.) The officers have not made a mistake and killed an innocent man. Everybody in the vicinity of Ulysses and Frisco know of these characters and they regard them as desperadoes, and they have long wished they could meet the fate Brown has met. They were a terror to the neighborhood.

The officers only abandoned the chase of Vandiver when they saw it was useless to pursue him further. The entire country for near 100 miles about there is awake and on the lookout for him, and it is thought he will be captured soon.

Mr. Wirt has not only displayed skill, but determination and pluck in leading the posse that effectually accomplished a part of the work. He stopped at no danger and hardly slept during the entire four days scouting. He deserves the thanks of the people of this community in his efforts to punish the guilty. He had an able corps of assistants, and the chase could not have been better equipped or accomplished more satisfactory results.

[*Coroner's Inquest results*]

Same

Source: *Garden City [KS] Irrigator*, 24 Jul 1886, Saturday, p. 5

A. C. Adams and J. W. Hopper, friends of the murdered man, W. R. Davis, arrived in the city last Saturday. Mr. Adams was Mr. Davis' son-in-law, and Mr. Hopper was sent by the Masonic lodge at Elmo, Mo. Mr. DeCordova, who had been appointed receiver of the murderer man's property, resigned and had Mr. Hopper appointed in his stead. The mules which had suddenly disappeared when Mr. DeCordova demanded them of Mr. Edwards, (who had bought them of the murderers) turned up all right Tuesday morning in the pasture from

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which they disappeared. Mr. Edwards, however, had been placed under bonds to answer to the charge of concealing stolen goods, but the mules came to his rescue in good shape! The team will be driven back to Missouri. The remains of Mr. Davis will be left here.

Date of death: Jul 1875

Subject: William H. Davis

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 15 Jul 1875, p. 4

Maryville, Mo., July 13, 1875. Wm. H. Davis, father of Major B. K. Davis, was buried to-day. He was born in Tennessee in 1814, and came from Illinois to Nodaway county in 1839. He was the first Justice of the Peace in Nodaway county. His aged father, (Wade H. Davis), his mother, his son-in-law, (Postmaster Geiger), his sons and daughters, his companion in life this far, and numerous friends, followed his remains to the grave, Circuit Court having been adjourned through respect to Major Davis.

Date of death: 7 Dec 1900

Subject: William Oscar Davis

Source: *Osborne County [KS] News*, 13 Dec 1900, Thursday, p. 1

William Oscar Davis was born in New Lexington, Ohio, May 27, 1853, and died at his home in Downs on Dec. 7, 1900, at the age of 47 years, 6 months and 11 days. He moved from Lexington to Helena, Mo., and from there to Downs and then he went to Nebraska and from there he went [to] Missouri and on Oct. 15, 1885, was married to Miss Mary L. King to this union a daughter and son were born, aged respectively 13 and 4 years. He leaves a wife, daughter, son, mother, sister and brother to mourn his death. In the death of Mr. Davis, Downs loses [sic] one of its best citizens and will cause a vacancy in the business circle that will long be felt.

He was engaged in the mercantile and grain business. And was one of the city's best business men. At the time of his death he was a member of the city council and he will be greatly missed in managing the affairs. The funeral services were held at the house last Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. T. Williams, of Lenora. The I.O.O.F. lodge of which Mr. Davis was noble grand, had charge of the funeral. The family has the sympathy of the entire community in this their hour of trouble. Time alone can only in a measure make the great burden lighter.

Date of death: 26 Jan 1883

Subject: Caroline L. (Davison) Bonham

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 31 Dec 1882, p. 5- *not an obituary*

Mrs. David Bonham, wife of one of Andrew county's best known representatives to the legislature, the present being his third term, is seriously ill of cancer at her home at Empire Prairie, and is not expected to recover. She is the sister-in-law of Mr. John Bonham of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 9 Dec 1916

Subject: Margaret (Davison) Waud

Source: *The Hood River [OR] Glacier*, 14 Dec 1916, p. 1

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The funeral services of the late Mrs. Margaret Waud, who passed away Saturday at her home at Ranier, were conducted here Monday afternoon at the Anderson undertaking parlors, Rev. M. L. Hutton, pastor of the Congregational church officiating. Interment followed at Idlewilde cemetery. Mrs. Waud, formerly a local resident, was 89 years of age. She was survived by 12 children and grandchildren.

Date of death: 28 Mar 1912

Subject: Virgil Davison

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 29 Mar 1912, p. 6

The infant daughter [sic] of Mr. and Mrs. James Davison died at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the family home in North St. Joseph.

Date of death: 20 Jan 1916

Subject: David M. Dawes

Source: *The Colby [KS] Free Press*, 20 Jan 1916, Thursday, p. 1

The funeral services of D. M. Dawes who died at his home north of Brewster Kansas, on January 16th, where [sic] held at Brewster, conducted by the Masonic Lodge of Colby, Tuesday January 18th.

Rev. W. L. Fry of the Methodist church in this city officiated.

D. M. Dawes was born in Marion county, Kentucky, in the year 1854. He was 62 years of age at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his loss besides his wife, two brothers, W. S. Dawes of near Levant, Joe Dawes, from near St. Joseph, Missouri, and two adopted [sic] sons, Clarence Loftis of Gandy, Nebraska and Jack Dawes of Levant. A large number of friends from Levant and Brewster and a goodly number of the Masons from Colby attended the funeral to pay a last tribute to their esteemed neighbor and friend. The remains were laid to rest in the Brewster cemetery.

Date of death: 25 Aug 1906

Subject: James Dawes

Source: *The King City [MO] Times*, 30 Aug 1906, Thursday, p. 1

James Dawes, the subject of this sketch, was born in Madison County, Kentucky, October 23 1830. His father was a Virginian and reared a family of eight children, six boys and two girls, one of whom is now living, Joseph Dawes of Clarinda, Iowa.

James Dawes left his native state in the spring of 1863 and settled near Savannah, Andrew County, Mo. This was the home of the family for about eight years when they came to this county and settled on the old homestead just west of King City. Here for more than thirty years.

Brother Dawes lived a quiet, industrious, honorable life. Here he reared his family to manhood and womanhood. Here he had his joys, and sorrows, successes and failures. Here he delighted to receive his many

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friends and here it was he past [sic] to his final rest about noon August 25 1906 in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

Brother Dawes had seen much of life. He knew its trials hardships and changes. He was three times married, first to Mary Ann Moran in Madison County, Kentucky April 29 1852. Of the union there were eight children: David M. of Colby, Kansas, John M. deceased, Ashford Jackson, who died in King City in April 1904, Wm. Stafford of Colby, Kansas. Mary E. deceased, Joseph C. of King City, Anna of Thomas County Kansas, Emma Jane deceased. David, William and Joseph were present at the funeral. In 1875 he was married to Mrs. Snyder who died March 15 1883. To this union there were three children. Florence now Mrs. Elmer Shultz of King City, Cora now Mrs. Charles Plummer of King City and James Jr. deceased. Mrs. Shultz and Plummer were at the funeral. On November 16 1884 he was married to Miss Sarah Dawes who died July 8, 1886, of this union a daughter was born, Mrs. Lucy Rush of King City, who was present at the funeral.

Brother Dawes served in the Home Guards in the state of Kentucky and in November 1864 enlisted in the U.S. Army in Company B 18th regiment, Missouri Infantry, Veteran Volunteer. He was discharged on the 15th of July 1865 at Louisville Kentucky. He was a member of the Grand Army post of King City and loved to meet and talk with the boys. This order conducted the last sacred rites at the grave.

No human being is perfect and we are candid in saying Brother Dawes had some of the frailties of humanity. He had, however, some sterling good qualities. A pioneer. Lived in Kentucky in time of Clay, Marshall, Breckenridge and others. He was industrious and reasonably successful in business; was affable and neighborly, hence had many friends. He loved his family, was an humble christian and a member of the C. P. church for many years. He lived to a good old age—nearly 76 years. He will be lovingly remembered, not only by the family, but by the community.

His warfare is ended, his work is done, we sorrowfully yet resignedly say: "Thy will be done."

His funeral was held at the Presbyterian church Monday at 2 p.m. The services were conducted by Rev. Jas. Froman. A large concourse of friends followed the remains to their last resting place in the King City Cemetery.

Date of death: 26 Nov 1893

Subject: John Abraham Dawes

Source: *The [Hiawatha] Kansas Democrat*, 14 Dec 1893, Thursday, p. 2

J. A. Dawess, who died Sunday night Nov. 26th after one week's illness, was born in Madison county, Kentucky, May 7, 1839. In 1862 he moved with his parents to Andrew county, Missouri. January 13, 1869 he was married to Julia A. Turner; he came to Hiawatha Nov. 1, 1883. Both he and his wife were members of the First Presbyterian church of this city. The funeral services were conducted at the church Wednesday Nov. 29th by Rev. Wilson. He was buried in the city cemetery by Oak Leaf Camp, M.W.A. of which he was an honored member. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss.

Date of death: 14 May 1896

Subject: John Bailey Dawes

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

Hopkins, Mo., May 14.—Charles Ulmer killed J. B. Dawes and Les Sitter in this city last night. Ulmer came to the residence of his father-in-law, Jehu Johnson, last night at about 10:30. He was admitted by Sutter and at once opened fire with a revolver. Sutter was shot through the head and expired almost instantly. Dawes was the next victim. He was shot through the head also, but lived until 5 o'clock this morning. Ulmer then fired several shots at his wife but without effect. He then left the house and went to the home of his brother, three miles west of town, where he was captured this morning by Sheriff Pixler.

Ulmer and his wife (formerly Miss Grace Johnson) had separated. She returned to her father's home.

All the parties had been to Maryville the same day, returning on the 10 o'clock train. They went to the home of Mr. Johnson, leaving Ulmer downtown. He already had one revolver in his possession, but went to a hardware store and bought another. He used both guns, firing about ten shots in all. The murderer is the son of G. W. Ulmer, a prominent farmer. J. B. Dawes was a brother-in-law of Ulmer. He was a quiet, peaceable man, respected by everyone.

Sutter was a farm hand, and had been working for Ulmer. The supposition is that Ulmer committed the deed in a fit of jealousy. Coroner Goodson is conducting the inquest at this writing.

Date of death: 20 Mar 1910

Subject: Sophia Moran (Dawes) Bentley

Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 25 Mar 1910, Friday, p. 8

Mrs. Sophia M. Bentley was born in Madison County, Kentucky, January 24, 1843; died at the home of her son, Samuel Dawes, in St. Joseph, Mo., March 20, 1910, aged 67 years, 1 month and 16 days. She leaves to mourn her loss, one son, three sisters, two brothers and a number of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church at Flag Springs, Mo., by Harvey Dunegan, a personal friend of the deceased. Interment was made in the cemetery at that place March 22, 1910.

Date of death: 2 Oct 1903

Subject: Thomas B. Dawes

Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 9 Oct 1903, Friday, p. 1

Thomas B. Dawes departed this life at his home near Flag Springs, Andrew county, Mo., October 2nd, 1903.

He was born in Madison county, Kentucky, April 10th, 1845. He came to Andrew county in 1866, and, after three years, went to Indiana and was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Buchanan in 1869.

In 1877 he came the second time to Andrew county, and spent the remainder of his life. Seven children blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dawes, five boys and two girls, all of whom were present at his death except Bert, who was in Colorado. He leaves two brothers, Edward and William, who live in Kansas, and four sisters, Mrs. Handel, of King City, Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Bentley, of Flag Springs, and Mrs. Roberts, of Hiawatha, Kansas.

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For about three years he was a Federal soldier in the 11th Kentucky Calvary. He was a good citizen, a kind father and husband and his genial disposition won for him many friends.

Nearly five hundred persons attended the funeral services, Sunday, at Flag Springs, conducted by his friend, James Froman, of King City. J. H. Handel and family, John Spence and family, James Dawes, Joseph Dawes, Will Rodecker and wife, and others attended from this place.

For twelve years he had been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. A good man is done with earth but not with life, for there is a life beyond, fuller, happier, more glorious. To that life may we all attain. May divine grace be granted to the family.

J. F.

Date of death: 4 Jun 1918

Subject: Mrs. Anna Dawson*

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

Mrs. Anna Dawson, colored wife of Isaac Dawson, died Tuesday at a local hospital. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Robert Dawson of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 15 Nov 1919

Subject: Isaac W. Dawson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 15 Nov 1919, Saturday, p. 6

Isaac Dawson, a widower, aged sixty-two years, died Nov. 15 at 3:20 a.m. at his residence, 626 Corby street. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Date of death: 7 Jun 1890

Subject: Mary Dawson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 8 Jun 1890, p. 3

Mary Dawson, colored, died yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock of consumption at the family residence, 2??3 North Main street. Deceased was 31 years of age. The remains will be taken to the Third street M.E. church, where services will be held. Rev. A. C. Terrell will officiate.

Date of death: Jan 1891

Subject: unknown Day

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 28 Jan 1891, p. 5

Old man Day—nobody seems to know his first name—was found dead in his bed on Monday by Joseph Atkins. Old man Day was a hermit, who, for twenty years, had lived a solitary life in a little cabin on the farm of Arch. Deacon [sic], six miles northeast of the city on the Rochester road. Mr. Day was last seen on Saturday night,

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when he called at the house of Mr. Bingham, a neighbor. On Monday Joseph Atkins, while hunting, came near to the old man's house, and his attention was attracted by several cats on the inside who were jumping against the windows, endeavoring to get out. Mr. Atkins entered and found Mr. Day dead between a straw tick and feather bed. Coroner Whittington was notified and held an inquest. The jury decided that death came from heart failure and general debility. His remains were buried by Duffy & Smith, in the Fairview cemetery.

Mr. Day was not of sound mind, though harmless and always polite. During the California gold excitement, he went to that country and accumulated considerable wealth. Upon his return he found his wife dead, and this, together with subsequent financial reverses, unbalanced him, and for twenty years he has lived in retirement. His wife was a sister of the late Mrs. Dr. Donelan.

Date of death: 9 Jan 1915

Subject: Simon C. Dawson*

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 10 Jan 1915, Sunday, p. 5

[Note: ... indicate illegible sections]

Simons Dawson, a ... 52 years old, died at his home ... Jones street ... morning... had ... his life.

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Simon C. Dawson died at his late residence, 2517 Jones st. after a lingering illness Saturday Jan. 9, at 11:20 a.m., aged 52 years. He is survived by his widow, one son, a mother, three sisters, and two brothers. Funeral from the residence Monday, Jan. 11... :30... Burial at Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 7 Jun 1898

Subject: Claude Dayton

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 8 Jun 1898, p. 5

Claude Dayton, aged 15, a negro boy residing at Twelfth and Penn streets, was drowned at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in lower Lake Contrary. His body was recovered, and it now lies at Heaton's undertaking establishment, where an inquest will be held at 11 o'clock this morning.

Rather peculiar circumstances surround the drowning of the lad. He left home on Monday afternoon, intending to go to the home of Henderson Armstrong, a negro farmer residing near the scene of the drowning. At 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon Armstrong was notified of young Dayton's death in the lake by a neighbor named Bonnett. Armstrong resides one-half mile from the scene of the drowning, and he hastened to the spot upon learning of the accident.

From Bonnett and his brother Armstrong learned that they had seen the boy enter the narrow arm of the lake which connects it with the Missouri river. They thought he intended to wade across to reach Armstrong's residence on the other side. Before he had been in the water long he was heard to cry for help. The two Bonnett brothers rushed to the spot, but they were too late, as the lad had sunk for the last time. They set about

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immediately to secure the body and were soon successful. It is thought that Dayton was seized with cramps soon after he entered the water.

A peculiar feature of the case is that Dayton left home Monday, but did not arrive at lower Lake Contrary until yesterday afternoon. Where he was in the interim has not been learned. The distance from his home to the home of Armstrong is twelve miles. Armstrong came to the city immediately upon learning of the accident and notified the lad's mother, Rose Dayton. Coroner Richmond was also notified, and he went to the scene at once. At a late hour last night he returned with the body, placing it in charge of Undertaker Heaton. An inquest will be held at 11 o'clock this morning.

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Date of death: 1 Jun 1873

Subject: daughter of Emma Dean

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 2 Jun 1874, p. 4

Yesterday a colored woman named Emma Dean, residing on Second street near Louis, while engaged in washing at a house several squares distant, was suddenly summoned home by the information that her child, a little girl two years old, was dead. The little one had been sick five months, but on leaving home in the morning the mother had no idea of its dangerous condition.

Date of death: 14 Dec 1914

Subject: Arthur Lindley DeAtley

Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 18 Dec 1914, Friday, p. 1

"Arthur DeAtley, 38 years old, a farmer two miles east of Tarsney, died yesterday as the result of being kicked by a horse. A widow and five children survive. Funeral services were at new Liberty Church at 10 o'clock this morning. Burial at Philpott Cemetery."

The above is from the Kansas City Star of Tuesday evening. Word came here last Monday to his brother, Roy, conveying news similar to that above stated, and Roy left that day for the same home near Kansas City. Arthur, as well as the others of the DeAtley family, was well known here. The family lived many years on the farm just north of the city that James Snapp now owns. All the children attended the King City schools. Arthur was the oldest of the boys. He married a lady from up about Albany.

Date of death: 12 Mar 1889

Subject: Joseph T. DeAtley

Source: *Albany [MO] Ledger*, 15 Mar 1889, Friday, p. 1

Joseph DeAtley died at his father's residence, a short distance north of town, Tuesday, after a protracted illness with that fatal disease, consumption. He was only about twenty years old, and was a promising young man. His death is the fifth that has occurred in that family in three and one-half years, all with consumption.

Date of death: 23 Jul 1889

Subject: Lucy M. DeAtley

Source: *Albany [MO] Ledger*, 10 Jan 1890, Friday, p. 4

List of Deaths Reported in Gentry county, Mo., from January 1st, 1889, to January 1st, 1890, showing date of death and by whom reported:

By J. E. Cadle, M. D.

... Joseph Deatly [sic], Mch 12, '89.

By J. Z. Barnett, M. D.

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... Lucy Deatly, July 23, '89.

Date of death: Feb 1917

Subject: Charles H. DeBell

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 25 Feb 1917, Sunday, p. 6

Charles H. DeBell, 48 years old, a negro and son of Henry DeBell, for many years janitor in the Donnell court, died last week in Stockton, Cal., and the body arrived here yesterday.

Date of death: 15 Nov 1918

Subject: Elma (DeBois or DuBois) Gooden

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 30 Nov 1918, Saturday, p. 1

The sad news reached St. Joseph the last of last week that Mrs. Elma Gooden, wife of L. C. Gooden, publisher of the Sentinel of Parnell, had died of influenza. Mrs. Gooden was a noble Christian lady and will be sadly missed. She was well known to the newspaper people of this section as she was a member of the Northwest Missouri Press Association and attended all of its meetings.

She was born in Ohio and when a girl, came to Missouri and was married to L. C. Gooden Jan. 1, 1889. Two children were born to them—Harold Eltin, who is associated in business with his father, and a baby girl dying in infancy. Besides the husband and son, she leaves to mourn her loss father, mother, two brothers, P. E. DuBois, Wadsworth, Nevada, Samuel DuBois, Dos Palos, Cal., one granddaughter, Ramona Evelyn Gooden, and one niece in Parnell, Mrs. Elma Millikan. Also one sister, Mrs. Mary Donohow, Nitro, West Virginia.

Date of death: 30 Oct 1890

Subject: Nellie Viola DeBord

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 31 Oct 1890, p. 6

Nellie, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeBord, is dead. They live north of the city.

Date of death: 21 Aug 1914

Subject: Thomas Benjamin DeBord

Source: *Noble County [OK] Sentinel*, 28 Aug 1914, p. 1

Benjamin T., son of William K. and Nancy DeBord was born near Fillmore, Andrew County, Missouri, February 11th, 1855. He went to his reward August 21st, 1914. He was married to Mary H. Beattie of Fillmore, Missouri, December 26th, 1878. To this union one son Cevil [sic] E. DeBord survives. On account of his living at Burlington, Washington, it was impossible for him to attend the funeral. The mother passed away June 30, 1883. He was again united in marriage to Mary E. Montgomery of Bolckow, Missouri, April 25th, 1888. To this union was born two children Viola M. and Vivian K. DeBord. One child Mary E. dieing [sic] in infancy. Benjamin T. DeBord lived for many years at Parker Missouri where he conducted a general store. Later he sold out and moved to a farm that he had purchased near Stansberry [sic] Missouri. While at this place he lost his health and finally moved to Perry Oklahoma, purchasing a farm near that city upon which he lived until

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answering the summons to come up higher. He was a resident of this community for the past twelve years during which time he has been an active citizen in everything that had a tendency to improve the life of his community. During the last three years he was under the doctors care, but all that the physician or loving care could do failed to restore his health. He was a member of the M.W.A. and W.O.W. lodges.

He became a Christian under the able preaching of D. W. Connor one of the leading preachers of North West Missouri in the year 1895 and since that time he occupied with dignity and effectiveness the position of Elder among that people. His home was ever the home of the preacher and the inspiration of the church. He suffered much but died rich in faith and good works.

The funeral services was [sic] conducted by Elder E. L. Kirtley, at one time his pastor and who was associated with the deceased by the tenderest ties of memory. Years ago he formed a friendship for this boy and gave him constant encouragement through the years to make the most out of life.

He is gone but will be missed by all.

Date of death: 29 May 1917

Subject: Raymond Franklin DeCasnett

Source: *The King City [MO] Times*, 1 Jun 1917, Friday, p. 2

Raymond Franklin DeCasnett was born December 28, 1901, and departed this life at the home of his uncle, Ed McMillen, near King City, Mo., Tuesday, May 29, 1917, at 3:45 P.M. Age 15 years, 5 months and 1 day.

Raymond was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeCasnett of this city. He was a bright and industrious boy and was greatly admired by those who knew him. His quiet and steady disposition won for him many friends. All who knew him speak of him in words of highest commendation.

He was a faithful attendant at Sunday school at the Baptist church and was present the Sunday preceeding [sic] his death. He was an associate member of the B.Y.P.U., and in this work was proving a useful member and often took part on the program. He was a student in the Freshman class in the King City High School last year and it was his hope to pursue his studies until graduation.

But the cruel hand of death has suddenly and unexpectedly cut off his young life. His sudden call was a great shock to his mother, father, brothers, and sisters. A heavy gloom and sorrow has settled over their home. This burden of grief is hard for them to bear but let us hope that while we may not understand why he has been called away yet God will reveal his love to them in this sad hour.

Our hearts go out in love and sympathy to the grief stricken family and friends. May the God of Love comfort their broken hearts in this hour of trial.

Date of death: 9 Feb 1883

Subject: Warren E. Decatur

Source: [Davenport IA] *Quad-City Times*, 13 Feb 1883, Tuesday, p. 4

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Warren E. Decatur, a leading railroad man, died Friday evening in Burlington from the effects of injuries received while trying to save others in a railroad smash up on the B, C.R. & N. two weeks ago. Mr. Decatur was quite a young man, but much respected in Burlington. He left a wife and two children.

Date of death: 5 Jun 1881

Subject: Joseph Decker

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 7 Jun 1881, Tuesday, p. 1

A young man named Joseph Decker, aged about twenty-two years, went into the river to bathe, Sunday afternoon, and was drowned in the presence of three or four boys. Search was made and the body found an hour afterward, imbedded in the mud. The body was taken to Morgan county for interment.

Date of death: 7 Aug 1881

Subject: Mrs. Celia Deering

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 9 Aug 1881, p. 4

Mrs. Deering, the wife of George Deering, of Maryville, died, after a long and lingering sickness, on Sunday night. The funeral will take place to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Deering have lived in Maryville for many years, and have been universally respect. Mrs. Deering leaves four small children, who will know the want of a mother.

Date of death: 9 Sep 1923

Subject: George Leroy Degen

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Sep 1923, p. 5

George LeRoy Degen, 3 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Degen, 2133 South Twelfth street, died at 10:50 o'clock Sunday night. Besides the parents he is survived by one sister, Frances. No funeral arrangements have been announced.

same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 10 Sep 1923, p. 6

George LeRoy Degen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Degan [sic], died at 10:50 o'clock last night at the family home, 2133 South Twelfth street. Besides the parents he is survived by one sister, Miss Frances Degen.

Date of death: 27 Jan 1919

Subject: David W. Delaney

Source: *The Villisca [IA] Review*, 31 Jan 1919

David Delaney, passed away Monday morning at his home on the Charles Fryer farm, south of Villisca, where he had made his home for many years. The cause of his death was asthma. He was 70 years, 11 months and 1 day old when he died. The body was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Carlisle cemetery in the southwest part of town, beside the deceased's departed parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac N. Delaney. The funeral

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services consisted of a prayer and scripture reading at the grave by Elder S.H. Coleman. David Delaney leaves one brother Ellis, with whom he lived, and a cousin, J.W. Delaney of this city. Jesse Delaney preceded his brother in death about six months.

Date of death: 18 May 1890

Subject: Isaac Newton Delaney

Source: *Villisca [IA] Review*, 22 May 1890

Died:--At his home south of Villisca, May 16, 1890, Newton Delaney, aged 81 years, of paralysis. Deceased was one of the band of early pioneers, now rapidly diminishing who broke the way for later civilization in this region. He held the kindest regards of his old neighbors, many of whom followed his remains, Saturday, to their last resting place in the old cemetery in the south part of town. Peace to his ashes.

Date of death: 30 Apr 1915

Subject: Isaac Newton Delaney

Source: *Villisca [IA] Review*, 5 May 1915

Isaac Delaney, who died at his home on the Fryer farm south of Villisca Friday afternoon of last week, had never seen a street car, and had seldom left the farm unless it was to come to town on matters of business. He and his three brothers, Jesse, Ellis and Dave, had lived together and kept "batch" for forty-two years, and with the exception of Jesse, whose wife died five years ago, none of them had ever kept company with a woman.

They had made arrangements with the Fryer Bros., for the use of a small corner of their farm, constructed a simple frame house in which to spend their days, and while David, whom they were pleased to call Rosie because he did the cooking, got their meals and made up their beds, the others tilled the soil or looked after their chickens, and the four were as contented as many a millionaire who has servants to answer his call and all the luxuries that wealth can afford.

It is said that Ellis has never ridden on a railroad train, and that David rode one but once. None of them had ever seen a street car, and knew very little of modern life from personal contact. Theirs is a most peculiar story, and it is doubtful if there is another family in the state quite the same in any respect.

Isaac Delaney was born in Delaware county, Indiana, December 15, 1833, and died at the age of eighty-one years, four months and fifteen days. He suffered from a complication of afflictions, but the direct cause of death was organic heart disease. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, and was, as they had lived, conducted in the primitive, close-to-nature way, without the aid of minister or choral choir. Interment was in the Carlisle cemetery south of town.

Mr. Delaney was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Newton Delaney, and was the oldest of five brothers and one sister. The family moved to Missouri in an early day, and Isaac drove a government freighting team from Nebraska City to Pike's Peak and back many times during the Civil War. They came to Iowa and settled in Page county in 1853, and lived there almost continuously since. The mother died in 1867, and the father in 1890. The sister, who was the wife of James Wright, passed away in 1874. The whereabouts of the brother James is not

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known.

Mr. Delaney was a cousin of J.W. and Chas. Delaney of Villisca and of Mrs Beeda Klugey of Clarinda, all of whom attended the obsequies on Saturday.

Date of death: 1 Jul 1918

Subject: Jesse A. Delaney

Source: *Villisca [IA] Review*, 5 Jun 1918

Jesse A. Delaney, who has lived for the past seven years with his two brothers in a little house on the Chas. Fryer farm, four miles south west of Villisca, died at his home Monday morning, July 1st, at the age of 78 years, 7 months and 14 days. His death was the culmination of a general breakdown, physical and mental, from which he had suffered for several months.

Mr. Delaney, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Delaney, was born on a farm near Muncie Indiana, November 17, 1839. He came with his parents to Missouri in 1843, and thence to Montgomery county, Iowa, in 1853. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Lydia Bull. They moved to Scotland county, Missouri, in 1881 and Mrs. Delaney died at their home there in 1889. The following year he moved back to Montgomery county and had lived in this vicinity since that time. He farmed in various parts of the county until seven years ago when he went to live with his two brothers, H. E. and D. W. Delaney, at their home southwest of town. Another brother, James M. of St. Joseph, Missouri, is the only other surviving relative.

Interment was made at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon in the Carlisle cemetery in the south part of Villisca, Rev. E. S. Menoher officiating at the short burial service at the grave.

Date of death: 14 Jun 1908

Subject: William Barney Delaney

Source: *Villisca [IA] Review*, 18 Jul 1908, Thursday, p. 4

William B. Delaney, one of the first settlers of Montgomery County, died at the home of his son, J. W. Delaney, in the south part of town, Sunday afternoon of this week at half past four o'clock, being 78 years, 1 month, 24 days of age. Death resulted from a long continued siege of paralysis, the first stroke of which Mr. Delaney suffered in December 1902, over five years ago.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at the Delaney home and many sympathizing friends were present as the last sad rites were performed. The services were in charge of Elders H. D. Fillmore and S. H. Coleman of the Advent Christian Church, of which the deceased at one time had been a member and interment was in the Villisca Cemetery.

William B. Delaney was born in Delaware County, near Terre House, Indiana, April 21, 1830. In 1843 with his parents he moved to Andrew County, Missouri and was married there by David Sleeth, J. P. in May 1851, his bride being Miss Nancy Jane McBrien, and the latter now survives him. Mr. and Mrs. Delaney came to Montgomery County, Iowa in October 1853, and settled on what is now called the David Stipe place, northwest

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of town, entering the land and receiving his title from the government. Mr. Delaney was exactly the twenty-eighth settler in this county and was present at the county's organization. After several years residence on the West Nodaway he moved to Villisca with his family and dwelt here about twelve years, then going to make his home with his son north of town on what is now the T. L. Douglass place. For some time he conducted a fruit growing business there. On November 27, 1906, he moved to town again to live in his feebleness of old age with his son, J. W. All last winter he was practically helpless and was compelled to remain in bed all the time. Since June he never was able to talk and the end was patiently and resignedly awaited. Only once died he came to Villisca to live with his son was he able to be up town, on that account many of the later settlers here were not acquainted with him. He was an honest, right-minded farmer all his life, and those who knew him speak in kind and respectful terms of him and treasure his memory.

Mr. Delaney was the father of eight children, four sons and four daughters. Two sons are dead. Those surviving are, J. W. Delaney and C. M. Delaney of Villisca, Mrs. A. H. Klugey of Clarinda, Mrs. Lydia Brown of Mediapolis, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Cook, of Holland, Illinois, and Mrs. A. W. brand of Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Klugey was able to be here to the funeral, but the other daughter were not.

Date of death: 18 Jan 1899

Subject: David Delay

Source: *Meade County [KS] News*, 26 Jan 1899, p. 1

The death of Uncle David Delay, last Sunday night will cause grief wherever he is known. We have not the particulars other than that it was caused by Bright's disease of the kidneys. He died at the home of his son near Clyde. Through an acquaintance of twelve years with the deceased, the editor of the Patriot learned to respect him for his manly qualities. His was the true ring of manhood. His integrity was unquestioned, and his industry known of all men. True to a friend, charitable to a fault, generous and kind, he will be missed by all who knew him. May those who come after him emulate his virtues.---Medford, (Ok.)

Date of death: 15 May 1905

Subject: James Warren Delay

Source: *The Emporia [KS] Gazette*, 15 May 1905, Monday

James A. DeLay died this morning at 2:30 o'clock at his home at 1002 Cottonwood street. Death was caused by heart failure, although the dead man had been sick for some time and not long ago a report was circulated that he had died. He was 56 years of age, and leaves a wife and six children, the oldest son, Earl DeLay, being the editor of the Kansas Prohibitionist, which is published at Emporia. Earl DeLay is now at Kansas City where he has been undergoing an operation. He is expected to arrive home today to attend the funeral, which will be held from the First Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. John H. Price. It has not yet been decided whether the body will be interred in the Langellier cemetery near the college, or whether it will be taken to his old home in Ohio. The children are Earl R., Flora A., Ada A., Glen A., Paul P. and Clair W.

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Source: *The Emporia [KS] Gazette*, 16 May 1905, Tuesday

The funeral of James A. DeLay was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Methodist church, and the body was interred in the Langellier cemetery near the college. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. John H. Price, pastor of the church, and were attended by a large number of the friends of the dead man. Although a resident of Emporia for a comparatively short time, he had many, many friends and his death was much deplored.

same

Source: *The Emporia [KS] Gazette*, 18 May 1905, Thursday

James Warren DeLay was born at Jackson, Ohio, May 7, 1847, and died May 15, 1905. At the age of nine years his family removed to Carthage, Ill., where he grew to manhood. He returned to Ohio in 1869 and entered the Ohio University, where he received his education. After leaving college he went to Maryville, Mo., and engaged in teaching. Here April 26, 1873 he was married to Ella R. Adney, of Vinton, Ohio. To them were born six children, as follows; Earle R., Flora A., Ada R., Glenn Adney, Paul P., and Claire Warren. In 1875 Mr. DeLay returned to Ohio, where he spent the greater part of his life in following his profession, that of teaching. The family removed to Yankton, S. D., in 1892. After a stay of ten years they came to Emporia, where he has been an invalid for the past year. After much suffering he was called home.

Mr. DeLay became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in early youth, but in the later days of his life he came to know and appreciate more fully the beauties of a Christian life and the worth of a perfect trust in Christ. Many times during his suffering he expressed a desire to "depart and be at peace."

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the First M. E. church, Rev. J. H. Price speaking from the text, "Let not your hearts be troubled. In my Father's house are many mansions." He was laid to rest at College Hill cemetery. He is survived by his wife, all his children, and a brother, D. W. DeLay, of Matton, Ill.

Date of death: 1 Aug 1890

Subject: Frederick DeMallorie

Source: *The [Troy] Kansas Chief*, 7 Aug 1890

The name of Fred. Demalarie [sic] is at last entered on the "red-jester" of the other world. He was killed by a locomotive on the Missouri Pacific Road, near the Leavenworth Soldiers' Home, about 7 o'clock last Friday evening. The account says that he and another soldier, named Charles S. Blakely, were sitting on the railroad track near the Home, as inmates of the Home had been in the habit of doing, when the south bound train came in sight, and whistled. Both men arose, as if to get off the track, but instead, Demarlarie ran toward the train, as if bent upon suicide. His companion ran after him, and tried to pull him off, but the locomotive struck him, throwing him high into the air, and killing him instantly. Blakely had an arm broken, and was otherwise severely hurt.

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Demalarie was an Englishman, evidently descended from French stock of the time of the Conquest. He was about 60 years of age. He came to America shortly before the Mexican War, and served in that war, in a Boston regiment. He afterwards came to Missouri, and served during the Rebellion, in the 25th Missouri Regiment. After the war, he following painting for several years at Savannah, Almost twenty years ago he came to Troy, and for a number of years was clerk and general handy man about the Higby House. Drink was his besotting sin, and he became so unreliable that a few years ago he left the Higby House, and lived several years about St. Joseph and Savannah. Sometime last year he returned to Troy, and again worked for a few months at the Higby House. But he had become too feeble to do much, and about a year ago went to the Leavenworth Soldiers' Home. If not drunk at the time he was killed, he was no doubt laboring under mental derangement caused by drinking. We believe he was once married, and had one or more children, but on account of his habits, his wife left him. The family are perhaps still living about Savannah.

Date of death: 14 Aug 1917

Subject: Earl Dempsey

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 18 Aug 1917, Saturday, p. 5

Earl Dempsey of Maryville died at a local hospital Monday night.

Date of death: 2 Nov 1910

Subject: Hiram Denmark

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 2 Nov 1910, p. 5

Hiram Denmark, fifty-five years old, died at a local hospital about 3 o'clock this morning. He was a native of England. The body will be forwarded to Maryville, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 16 Mar 1874

Subject: William M. Denning

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 20 Mar 1874, p. 4

In the columns of the [Nodaway] Democrat we find a number of interesting news items, as usual:

--William Denning, one of the oldest citizens of Nodoway [sic] county, died at three o'clock a.m. on the 16th inst., aged sixty-five years. He removed from the state of Tennessee to this state at an early day, first settling in Monroe county. He then removed to Nodaway county—about twenty-five years ago—and has lived ever since about nine miles sound of Maryville on the Savannah road.

Date of death: 6 Mar 1878

Subject: Katie Dennis

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 Mar 1878, p. 4

The little nineteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dennis died night before last. The funeral will take place to-day from the family residence, near the corner of Twentieth and Jones street.

Date of death: 1 Oct 1918

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Subject: Elza E. Denny

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 14 Nov 1918, Thursday, p. 7

Maysville, Mo., Nov. 14.—Private Elza E. Denney [sic], on today's casualty list among those who died of wounds, was a son of George Denney, a carpenter of this place. He was unmarried and twenty-five years old. He enlisted in the field hospital corps in August, 1917, and went overseas last May. He died from wounds received in action Oct. 1. He lost his mother in infancy, and besides his father, is survived by two brothers, one of whom is in France and the other is farming near Fairport.

Date of death: 1 Feb 1922

Subject: Henrietta B. (Denny) Hirneise

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 1 Feb 1922, Wednesday, p. 11

Mrs. Hanrietta [sic] B. Hirneise, seventy-five years old, died at 5 o'clock this morning at the home of her son, Charles Hirneise, two miles west of Amazonia. She is also survived by her husband, Jacob G. Hirneise. The funeral will be Saturday.

Date of death: 15 May 1919

Subject: Hiram E. Denny

Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 23 May 1919, Friday, p. 4

Hiram E. Denny, another of our good, conscientious, upright citizens, and one who gave the best that was of his young manhood in defense of the Union, has answered his last roll call, and has crossed over to the other side. He was in his health a devoted worker in the Christian church, having been identified with the church for over fifty years. He also was prominent in the I.O.O.F. order, and never failed in the discharge of his duties in this organization. He was a quiet, undemonstrative character, kindly and considerate and was ever ready to throw the mantle of charity about his fellow man. He believed ardently in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Mr. Denny was born in Washington county, Indiana, June 5, 1839, and was therefore near his 80th mile post. He was the son of Thomas and Jane Hobbs-Denny, natives of Indiana.

The family came to Holt county in 1867, joining their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Davis, who had preceded them. In the family coming were the deceased; Susan, now Mrs. Hodgkin, of Maitland, and Barton and C. O., now of Des Moines, Iowa.

In his younger life, he taught music at various points in the county, and also took to machine engineering. He and his brother-in-law, John W. Davis, brought the first steam thresher to this county.

He served as sheriff of our county from 1887-91, and then engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, under firm names of Denny & Schlotzhauer, Denny & Brumbaugh, Denny & Allen, and Denny & Rayhill. On retiring from business he and his family went to Wisconsin in 1912, and in 1917 returned to Oregon.

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On May 5, 1887, he was married to Bettie Mauck, at White Cloud, Kansas. A nephew, John Mauck, was adopted by them when a mere child, and he is survived by these two; the son being in France in the regular army cavalry. He is also survived by his sisters, Mrs. Susan Hodgins, of Maitland, and Mrs. Debora Davis, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Isabel Carr, of Minneapolis, Wis.; and brothers, Joel, of Milwaukee, and Barton and Chas. O., of Des Moines, Iowa. His father died March 3, 1883, and his mother, October 1, 1892.

Mr. Denny served in the Union army, as a member of the 5th Illinois cavalry, serving nearly four years, and took part in many of the great battles from 1862-65. At his muster out he was chief regimental bugler.

The funeral services were held from the family home, on Tuesday, May 20, conducted by the Rev. J. M. Bailey, of the Oregon Christian church, after which the body was taken to the Fairview cemetery, and laid away beside his parents, with the honors of the I.O.O.F. order.

His brother, C. O., and sister, Mrs. Susan Hodgins, and other relatives attended the funeral.

Mr. Denny was a member of Meyer Post, G.A.R., and when health would permit was ever present to answer roll call.

Date of death: 30 Nov 1904

Subject: William Levi Denny

Source: *Centralia [KS] Journal*, 9 Dec 1904, p. 1

J. W. [sic] Denny died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Randolph at Stillwater, Oklahoma, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1904. Mr. Denny was 73 years old last June. He had been in poor health since the death of his wife last August. Two days before he died a doctor was summoned and he pronounced him suffering from walking typhoid fever.

The funeral services were held at Stillwater and he was laid to rest beside his wife in the cemetery there.

About twelve years ago Mr. Denny lived on a farm south of Centralis in Neuchatel township. He moved to Oklahoma near Stillwater and that has since been his home.

His many friends here will be sorry to learn of his death.

His daughter [sic] here, Mrs. J. M. Meek and Mrs. Geo. Pfeiffer [sic] have the sympathy of a host of friends in their bereavement.

Date of death: 23 Sep 1911

Subject: Agatha Derks

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 7 Oct 1911, Saturday, p. 5

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The funeral of Miss Agatha Derks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Derks of Clyde, Mo., who died Saturday evening, 30th [sic] ult., at St. Francis Hospital, Maryville, Mo., where she was operated on for appendicitis, was held Tuesday morning, services being conducted in New Engleberg Abbey Church. Miss Deaks [sic] was twenty years of age, and greatly esteemed by all who knew her.

Date of death: 30 Dec 1869

Subject: Beely Deroin (or Besley Deroy)

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 1 Jan 1870, p. 4

Besley Deroy, said to be the wealthiest colored man in this city, died day before yesterday at his place of residence near the corner of Second and Robidoux streets. He is thought to have been worth about \$6,000, in personal property and real estate.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 27 Jan 1870, p. 4

Mrs. Beely Deroin appeared before the judge of the probate court yesterday, and asked that letters of administration on the estate of her husband be granted to her. The application was placed on file. Mrs. Deroin is a mulatto woman of considerable shrewdness, and we learn that it is to her exertions and good management that this inheritance of her husband was preserved intact from incumbrance, and now comes to her and her children free from embarrassment. She took in washing for years and earned money to pay taxes on the property, and would not permit any of it to be sold. She says she would always rather go without something to eat than that the taxes should be unpaid; through we believe, through a misunderstanding, some of the property is now reported delinquent.

The property of this estate consists of five lots at the corner of Second and Robidoux streets, and is considered to be worth about \$10,000. Beely's was a half interest with his brother Jesse. There is also a forty acre tract of land similarly owned, not more than a quarter of a mile from the Northern city limits, which is of considerable value. Beely and Jesse Deroin were both descendants of Geoffrey Deroin by an Indian wife. Geoffrey was a servant of, and owned by Joseph Robidoux Sr., the original founder of St. Joseph. Geoffrey was an interpreter, speaking several Indian languages as well as French, and was a mulatto, born, we believe, in St. Louis. He accompanied his master in all his adventures, and was so highly esteemed by him that in his will he bequeathed him a whole block of lots, of which those mentioned above are a part. The balance of seventeen lots were all sold for debt or taxes. In the will of Geoffrey, entailing this property, although lawfully married to his wife, he referred to the heirs as his "natural children," for fear the law might, by some quirk or quibble, cheat them out of their inheritance.

Beely Deroin left two children by this widow, who was a widow when she married him. She was a slave in Kentucky and was sold away from her husband some years before the war. Being brought to St. Joseph, she was married and bought by Beely Deroin, she herself helping to pay the purchase-money. She had two children by her first husband, who are now being educated, the son in Kentucky and the daughter here.

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The court hesitated to grant letters of administration to this woman, smart though she is, for fear she might become the prey of "sharks."

Date of death: 28 Mar 1859

Subject: Jeffrey Deroin (or DeRain or DeRane)

Source: *Cleveland [OH] Daily Leader*, 12 Apr 1859, p. 2

Jeffrey Deroin, an extraordinary negro, died at St. Joseph, Mo., March 28th, aged 58 years. He was born in St. Louis, a slave of Joseph Robidoux, the founder of St. Joseph, and passed his early life with that old noted trader in the Indian country. Deroin became an expert trader, and master of several Indian tongues. In 1835 he purchased himself, and was employed as Government interpreter many years. In 1844 he accompanied a number of Iowa and Sacs and Fox Chiefs to Europe, and as an interpreter met with great favor at foreign Courts. Presents were showered upon him, and the literato sought his acquaintance. Deroin purchased his wife some time ago of Dr. Brown, of Ky., and left several thousand dollars worth of property to his family. The St. Joseph Gazette says "no negro was ever more respected or will be more generally regretted than Jeffrey Deroin." And yet he "had no rights which white men are bound to respect."

same

Source: *The Summit County [OH] Beacon*, 03 Apr 1862, p. 1

Died—In St. Joseph, Missouri, on the 28th of March, 1859, a Negro, named Jeffrey Dervin [sic], in the 58th year of his age.

His career is peculiarly adapted to refute the dogmatical averments of the Southern Barons and their imitators, concerning the impossibility of employing the "black house animals" for any other purpose than that of slave service; and, in the clearest manner, to show them to be utterly false, if any such argument were at all necessary.

Jeffrey was born in St. Louis, in the year 1801, and was a slave of Mr. Robidour [sic], the founder of St. Joseph. He spent nearly all the earlier years of his life among the Indian tribes of the Plains, with his Master, Robidour, who carried on a very extensive trade with the Red Skins. He learned the languages of several races, or tribes, and soon proved his talents as a truly skillful interpreter; and, besides this, manifested so much commercial tact, that he, by his own earnings, was enabled to purchase his own freedom, in the year 1835. After this, during several years, he performed the services of Government Interpreter. Wonderful event! a "black domestic animal," a "chattel," installed as Interpreter! In the year 1844, in company with Col. Melody, he attended a band of the Chiefs of the Sacs, Fox, and Iowa Indians to Europe. He translated the addresses of the Indian Chiefs with such precision and fluency, that he excited general astonishment. D. Israeli and other Literary celebrities had frequent and long conversations with this Negro. Laden with presents, Jeffrey returned to America, and again performed his early duty as Government Interpreter.

He accompanied the United States officers in their expeditions across the Plains, and among the Rocky Mountains, and acted as Guide and Interpreter, in which capacity he rendered himself remarkably useful. He was acquainted with most of the Indian Tribes in all the wide West on this side of the Rocky Mountains, and spoke the French and English as readily and fluently as he did twelve Indian Dialects. He had an intelligent

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appearance, a light mulatto color; he was modest in his address, and was everywhere respected as a man of truth. He left at his death, a wife and children, who inherited his estate of several thousand dollars. His wife had likewise been a slave, and Jeffrey, a long time since purchased her from her Master, a Dr. Brown, of Ky.

A commentary on this Necrology would be almost superfluous. How many of those who pretend to regard the Negro as a mere animal, and wish to treat him accordingly, could measure their own intellects with the mind of Jeffrey Dervin? Surely not many, even among the Southern Barons!

same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 12 Sep 1889, p. 3

The Rev. Father Phillips of the Brothers' college is looking up the heirs of Jeffrey DeRane, whose will was filed in the Buchanan county probate court in 1859. De Rane left some property which is now valuable, in this city and in Holt county to his two sons by a mulatto slave of his and a sister who became a Sister of Charity. The proviso in the will was to the effect that if the legatees died without issue, the property should revert to the archbishop of St. Louis. There was no issue and the Rev. Phillips is looking after the titles to the property, comprising several hundred of acres in Holt county and the lot on Second and Robidoux streets.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 13 Sep 1889, p. 3

On lot 115 Robidoux street, claimed by the heirs of Jeffrey De Rain, lives Mrs. Foster, a colored woman, who says she was the widow of Bealey DeRain and that on her husband's death his brother Jesse deeded to her his interest in the lot in question. She has lived on it ever since and thinks she has a good title. She says Jeffrey DeRain was a colored man.

Date of death: 4 Apr 1884

Subject: Timothy Derovan (or Devoran or Dunovan)

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Herald*, 24 Apr 1884, Thursday, p. 7

Savannah Reporter: Tim Derovan, known as "Irish Tim," a section hand on the railroad, was found dead in an outhouse of Mr. Dunn, the section foreman, last Friday.

Date of death: 1 Jan 1911

Subject: O. Rebecca (Derr) Proffit

Source: *Highland [KS] Vidette*, 30 May 1912, Thursday, p. 1- not an obituary

Miss Anna Phelps of Highland aged 48 was married Monday in Troy to James Proffet [sic], aged 68, of near Fillmore, Mo. Mr. Proffet is a widower, his first wife being a sister of Mrs. W. H. Shaiffer of Highland. She died a year ago last January. He has five children.

Because he wanted to take her furniture to his home in Missouri he drove here in a wagon and Tuesday afternoon having loaded as much of the household goods as could be hauled they left for Fillmore by way of St.

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Joseph. The Shaiffer family speak very highly of Mr. Proffet as a good christian and a good man generally. Miss Phelps has lived in Highland many years and supported herself partly by doing washing. She is a sister of Mrs. George Breyman who now lives in St. Joseph. She has rented her house in Highland to Melvin Curry who moved in Tuesday.

Date of death: 22 Apr 1917

Subject: Lewis D. Dersch

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 28 Apr 1917, Saturday, p. 5

While fishing in Garlich's lake near Amazonia Sunday night Louis D. Derch [sic] fell into the water while changing seats with William Bradley, who was in a boat with him, and was drowned.

Date of death: 2 Apr 1892

Subject: Emma (Deschaner) Kildow

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 16 Apr 1892, Saturday, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., April 10.—Mrs. Jno. B. Kildon [sic], wife of Hon. J. B. Kildon, departed this life on April 2d. She was a very estimable lady and leaves besides her husband an infant baby four weeks old.

Date of death: 9 Nov 1885

Subject: Sebastian A. Deschauer (or Deschaner)

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 10 Nov 1885, p. 6

Maryville, Mo., November 9.—Mr. S. A. Deschauer, one of Maryville's substantial citizens, passed from this life at 6:30 this morning. This was a general surprise, as very few knew of his sickness. Mr. Deschauer left his business house on Thursday last, not feeling well, but no one anticipated anything serious until yesterday. Inflammation of the bowels was the cause of his death. The deceased had many friends here, and as a business man was the "soul of honor." He leaves a wife, a son and daughter. Mr. Deschauer was a German and had been a resident of Marysville [sic] about nine years, coming here direct from Chicago. One of the finest jewelers in the west, he had accumulated a competence for himself and family.

Date of death; 6 Jul 1915

Subject: Carrie Lee (DeShazer) Swaney

Source: *Pierre [SD] Weekly Free Press*, 15 Jul 1915, Thursday, p. 2

Huron, S. D., July 10.—Robert Swaney, aged 29, and his wife, aged 27, living on a farm 11 miles west of Hitchcock, S. D., are dead as the result of insane jealousy on the part of Swaney, who cut his wife's throat with a razor and afterwards cut his own. Sending their three children from the house, Swaney went upstairs to his wife's bedroom, nailed the door shut and attacked her with a razor. Several cuts on her hands and body showed that she resisted some time before he finally cut her throat. She could have lived but a few moments. He stabbed himself from ear to ear until the razor struck the neck bone.

The children found the door fastened and discovered blood running from underneath it and called for help.

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Swaney was jealous of his wife and for several weeks had been in an excited mental condition, which had not been considered serious. He had farmed in the vicinity of Hitchcock seven years, and has four brothers living near his farm.

Date of death: 5 Apr 1917

Subject: Patrick John Desmond

Source: *The Kansas City [KS] Globe*, 6 Apr 1917, Friday, p. 1

Patrick J. Desmond, 73 years old, died yesterday at his home, 310 North Denver, this city. He is survived by his widow, three sons, J. F. Desmond, Reno, Nev.; P. J. Desmond, Atlantic, Ia., and O. E. Desmond, Kaslo, British Columbia; and five daughters Mrs. E. W. House, 930 Central ave., this city; Mrs. P. J. Fagan, St Joseph, Mo., and Katherine, Nora and Winnifred of the home address.

Date of death: 29 Jun 1905

Subject: John Ransom DeVault

Source: *Bedford [IA] Times-Republican*, 4 Jul 1905, Tuesday

John Devault, one of Jefferson township's best-known citizens died at the hospital in St. Joseph Friday morning. The remains were brought to Blockton and after a largely attended funeral, were interred in Rosehill cemetery.

Mr. Devault has lived near Blockton since boyhood and was highly esteemed for his upright character and uniform honorable and honest dealings with his fellow man. His wife and three children who have grown to maturity, survive him.

Date of death: 9 Feb 1899

Subject: Benjamin Dever [or Dewer or Dezer]

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Herald*, 16 Feb 1899, p. 12

Savannah, Mo., Feb. 9.-- (Special.)-- Benjamin Dezer, a well known farmer, who lived two miles south of Savannah, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning from the effects of a dose of arsenic self-administered. Dezer was in Savannah yesterday. He bought the poison at a drug store, saying it was to be used as hog medicine. He swallowed a big dose of it. He became ill at supper time last night and lingered until early morning.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 9 Feb 1899, Thursday, p. 3

Savannah, Mo., Feb. 9.—Benjamin Dever, a farmer who lived about four miles south of this place, died at the City Hotel at an early hour this morning from the effects of a dose of arsenic taken at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Dever went to J. B. Cooper's drugstore yesterday afternoon and ordered 5 cents worth of arsenic. While the clerk was weighing the poison he reached in the scales and took a quantity of the drug between his fingers. Before it could be wrested from him, Dever swallowed some of the arsenic, but, it was thought, not

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enough to hurt him. The desperate farmer then proceeded to W. B. Limerick's drugstore and ordered more arsenic, saying he wanted to put it in feed to kill worms in hogs. After the poison had been delivered to him, Dever walked to the door, halted, and, putting the question to the clerk, "Does any water go with this?" swallowed the arsenic. A physician was called and Dever was taken to the City Hotel, where the doctor worked with him nearly all night, but in vain. Dever was about sixty years old and was regarded as a good citizen. He had been drinking some yesterday, but did not seem to be drunk. He leaves a wife and several children.

Date of death: 2 Oct 1863

Subject: Arthur J. Devlin

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Weekly Herald and Tribune, 13 Oct 1863, Thursday, p. 2*

We were permitted to read a letter received by F. M. Castle from John Morrow, Sergeant Major of the 12th Mo. Cav., now in Tennessee, which conveys the sad intelligence that Capt. A. J. Devlin, of that regiment, died, on the 2d inst., of flux. He had been quire reduced by fever, and was thought to be convalescent, when the flux set in, and he died in a few days.

Capt. Devlin was among the early soldiers of Missouri. In 1861, he rallied under The Flag in the six months' service, and was orderly sergeant of Capt. Drumhiller's company. He afterwards enlisted in Col. Penick's regiment, M.S.M., and was always faithful, and found at the post of duty.

After being mustered out of service, he raised a company for the 12th Cavalry, and had been in active service, in his company and regiment, up to the time of his death.—Many of the boys and friends will drop a tear over his early death.

We hope his remains will be brought to rest among his friends and neighbors, who blessed him when he went forth at his country's call.

N.W.G.

Date of death: 4 Nov 1883

Subject: Ella M. (Devlin) Bone

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald, 6 Nov 1883, Tuesday, p. 4*

Died, Sunday night last, at ten o'clock, Mrs. Ella Bone, wife of Rev. D. D. Bone, pastor of the Tenth Street M.E. church, at the residence, Twentieth and Jule streets, this city.

Mrs. Bone was the daughter of the late Rev. Joseph Devlin, an itinerant Methodist preacher. She leaves a bereaved husband and five small children. The funeral services will be held at the Frederick avenue chapel, to-day, at two o'clock. Her remains will be taken to Richmond, Ray county, for interment in the family burial ground.

Date of death: 23/26 Nov 1916

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Subject: Hannah T. (Devlin) Reed Bomberger

Source: *The Albany [MO] Capital*, 2 Dec 1915, Thursday, p. 4

G. W. Reed and wife returned last Saturday from Fillmore, Mo., where they had been with his mother, Mrs. H. D. Bomberger, in her last days, and been present at the funeral on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Bomberger's maiden name was Hannah Devlin, and she was born in Pennsylvania on May 17, 1827. She was there married to Geo. J. Reed, and seven children were born to them. Two of their sons died while serving in the Union army during the Civil War, one daughter died in infancy, and another daughter, Mrs. Ida Dodge, died at Fillmore, Mo. Her three living sons are George W. Reed of Albany, Sherman Reed of St. Louis, and Frank Reed of Fillmore, Mo.

Her first husband died at Fillmore, Mo., in 1872, and in 1884 she was married to Wm. Bomberger of Fillmore, who died in 1895, and most of the time since his death she had made her home with her son Frank at Fillmore, although she had frequently made extended visits at the G. W. Reed home in Albany.

Mrs. Bomberger had, in her earlier life, been a member of the Presbyterian Church, but after the disbanding of the Presbyterian congregation at Fillmore, she had united with the Methodist Church, continuing in that membership until her death. She was most highly esteemed as a true Christian woman, and will be missed from the Fillmore community, where she had resided for more than fifty years. She had been in excellent health for one of her advanced years until about five weeks prior to her death, when she was stricken by apoplexy, and she continued to grow weaker until her death, which occurred on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1915.

The funeral services were conducted by the ministers of the Methodist and Christian churches at Fillmore last Thursday, after which interment was in the Fillmore cemetery.

Date of death: 9 Feb 1917

Subject: Lalie Florence (Dewey) Neese

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 11 Feb 1917, Sunday, p. 6

Mrs. Lallie [sic] Florence Neese, 39 years old, wife of Clarence Neese of Sharp, Kas., died at a hospital here yesterday. Burial will be at Sharp.

Date of death: 1 Oct 1912

Subject: Albert Henry Dewitt

Source: *The Nebraska Signal*, Oct 1912

Albert Henry DeWitt was born on a farm in the state of Ohio on March 11, 1854, and died October 1, 1912, aged 58 years, 6 months and 20 days. Last January Mr. DeWitt had a slight stroke of paralysis, from which he had not recovered and on Saturday afternoon while working in the garden was again attacked by the same trouble and fell, where he was found about a half hour afterwards. The early part of his life was spent in the eastern states, coming west about 30 years ago, living in South Dakota, where he was married to Miss Lillie E. Andrew of Lake Preston, March 11, 1890. To this union were born two children, Claude and Vernon, who are now the comfort and support of their mother. Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt have resided in several different states but

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spent most of their married life since 1890 in or near Geneva. The deceased united with the Methodist church under the pastorate of Rev. L. G. Parker. The funeral took place from the family home in Geneva at 1:30 yesterday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. C. L. Myers. The interment was in the Geneva cemetery. The Geneva Odd Fellow lodge had charge at the grave.

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Date of death: 14 Oct 1918

Subject: Rolla A. Dicks

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 21 Nov 1918, Thursday, p. 8

Burlington Junction, Mo., Nov. 21.—Private Rolla A. Dicks, reported in today's casualties, was a son of Mrs. Sarah E. Dicks, a widow, living here. He was about twenty-eight years old, and unmarried, and before going to war was engaged in concrete work. He went in the draft early last summer, and after short military training at Camp Dodge was sent to France. His death was due to pneumonia. He has several brothers and sisters. One of his brothers, younger than himself, is with Pershing's expeditionary forces.

Date of death: 23 Mar 1900

Subject: John Brown Dickson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 12 Feb 1900, p. 5

Bolckow, Mo., Feb. 12.—John B. Dixon [sic], a well known farmer who lives three miles west of this place, attempted suicide Sunday morning by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. Dixon, who is forty years old and the head of a family consisting of a wife and four children, went into his barn at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, ostensibly to do chores, but having failed to return at 12 o'clock, his wife sent their two little boys in search of him. The children found their father lying on the floor of the barn, unconscious. Neighbors and medical aid were summoned, and an examination revealed that a pistol ball had entered the forehead, passing through the outside layer of the skull, lodging against the inside layer in such a way that the skull pressed against the brain and caused it to ooze out the bullet holes. Dixon lay unconscious for four hours. Although he has since regained his senses, the chances are against his recovery. The rash act was prompted by the loss of money sustained by the farmer in feeding cattle. Dixon is a son-in-law of Elijah Hurst of Savannah, and has always borne an excellent reputation in this community.

Date of death: 30 Jun 1883

Subject: Elmyra Diggs

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 3 Jul 1883, p. 4

Elmyra Diggs, an old and very respected colored woman, died at her home very suddenly about mid-night Saturday night. The deceased was about sixty years of age and had resided more than three-quarters of a century in St. Joseph. She was very large and a few weeks before her death she weighed over 200 pounds. On Saturday night, last, she retired as usual, and woke up during the night, complaining of being unable to get her breath. She got up out of bed and began to push it around in front of the window, and had scarcely pushed the bed a foot, when she exclaimed, "Oh, oh, I'm dying!" and fell over, a corpse. She was buried Sunday afternoon and a large concourse of friends followed the remains to their last resting place.

Date of death: 27 Aug 1910

Subject: Georgie Anna (Dillard) Zepp

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 3 Sep 1910, Saturday, p. 5

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Mrs. John Annie Zepp was buried from St. Mary's Church, this place at 9:30 o'clock on Monday morning, Rev. Father Bukes who baptized deceased two weeks before her death, conducted the funeral, and celebrated Requiem High Mass. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery here.

Date of death: 24 Mar 1889

Subject: Elizabeth D. (Dillon) Stapleton

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 6 Apr 1889, Saturday, p. 8

Died at her residence near Barnard, Mo., on March 24th, Elizabeth the beloved wife of Mr. James Stapleton. Her funeral took place from the Church at Conception on the 25th ult., and was attended by a large concourse of people. Deceased had been afflicted with asthma for some years. She was a sister of Mrs. W. Reardon of St. Joseph, who attended her in her last sickness. Deceased was a truly good woman, and is a very severe loss to her family, she leaves six children.

Date of death: 24 Jul 1866

Subject: Thomas B. Dillon

Source: *The Daily [Lawrence] Kansas Tribune*, 24 Aug 1866, Friday, p. 2

We have been shown two private letters, both written at or near new Fort Reno, on the 30th and 31st ult. One is from Hugh Kirkendall, in charge of a train to Montana, and the other from Charley Miller, also connected with the same train. These men are well known here, and their statements may be relied upon.

The train met with no accident of consequence until it arrived within sixty miles of new Fort Reno. At this point the Indians attacked the train, and attempted to stampede the stock. The men had just camped for dinner. This was on July 24th. Quite a lively brush ensued. The men were taken completely by surprise, but behaved splendidly, running for their guns, and then for the Indians. The train was saved, and no loss occurred except one mule killed. One of the men belonging to the train had gone on ahead to another train which had been keeping them company. He heard the firing, and taking five men with him, he started to return. The party were surrounded by twenty-four Indians, and obliged to fight their way to the train, which they did with the loss of one man killed, named Thomas Dillen [sic]. Kirkendall then harnessed up and went on prepared to fight, but the Indians, as usual, declined to accept the gage of battle.

The Indians killed a lieutenant (name not given) on the 21st, piercing him with twenty-five arrows and knocking his brains out with a hatchet. They also scalped him and ran a stake through his body. Twelve or fifteen men had been killed within as many days. Phillips's and Halderman's trains were two days behind, and should have been up. Mr. K. fears that they have been captured.

Great complaints are made against Col. Carrington, who is in command at Fort Reno. The general impression is, that he is either a coward, or too shiftless to perform his duty. There are eight companies at the fort, and they are kept busy building stockades. Our correspondent more forcibly than elegantly remarks that "the treaty is not worth a d—n." The train had only eight miles to go to reach safe ground, and they expected to make it without further trouble.

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Charley Miller gives an account of the same engagement mentioned above. He says they killed three Indians, wounded several, and killed a number of ponies. He adds:

I tell you, boys, I am chuck full of this trip. I have seen the awfulest sights I ever saw. The Indians killed a lieutenant a few days ago; they scalped him, put eighteen arrows through him, cut his finger off, ran a stick up him, beat his brains out, and stripped him naked and left him lay. And the other day they brought in five men who had been killed by them, who had their throats cut.

We are now in the prettiest country that we have been in since we left. We have been traveling within from three to six miles of the Rocky Mountains for nearly two weeks, and we are always in sight of snow. The country is alive with game, such as bear, elk, deer, antelope, etc., but we can't enjoy it, as it is dangerous for one to go a great way from the train. When we go to the creek for water, or any little distance from the train, we have to take our guns and pistols with us.

We have about 150 miles of dangerous country to pass over, and if they let me pass over that, I will never bother their country again.—*Leavenworth Conservative*

Date of death: 22 Jul 1904

Subject: Lucy Dilts

Source: *The Nodaway [Co. MO] Democrat*, 28 Jul 1904

Died Wednesday, Miss Lucy Dilts, about 2 miles east of this city. The funeral was held at 11 o'clock from the M.E. Church here, conducted by Rev. L.W. Gunly of Barnard and C.C. Selecman of St. Joseph. She was 18 years and 4 days old and well known by almost everyone.

Date of death: 18 Apr 1881

Subject: Adam Dimmitt

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 19 Apr 1881, p. 4

At noon yesterday Adam Dimmit [sic], a colored blacksmith, died at his residence, on Frederick avenue. The deceased was about forty-five or fifty years of age, and had lived many years in and about St. Joseph, where he was well known and highly esteemed. The funeral occurs this morning.

Date of death: Jun 1868

Subject: Mrs. Charlotte Dimmitt

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 9 Jul 1868, p. 1

The following are the interments by D. J. Heaton, Undertaker, corner of Sixth and Francis streets, for the months of May and June 1868:

... June 21—Charlotte Dimmitt, colored, wife of Adam Dimmitt, aged 24 years, interred in Mount Mora Cemetery.

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Date of death: 6 Jul 1910

Subject: Richard A. Dinwiddie

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 15 Jul 1910, p. 6

Coroner Byrd will conduct an inquest at 10 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Heaton's undertaking rooms over the body of Richard Dinwiddie, the teamster who was killed by a locomotive about a week ago in the Great Western yards.

Date of death: 20 Aug 1889

Subject: Julia A. (Dobbs) McDermott Burnes

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 22 Aug 1889, p. 3

News comes from Walsenburg of the dangerous illness of Mrs. Julia Burnes. Mrs. Burnes will be remembered as the woman whose marriage took place at Savannah about one year ago. It was brought about by an advertisement for a wife inserted by Mr. Burnes in one of the St. Joseph dailies. Mrs. Burnes was then Mrs. Dobbs of Savannah. She answered the advertisement by correspondence, a meeting and marriage ensued.

Date of death: 24 Jun 1894

Subject: Abram Dobbs

Source: *The Decatur County [KS] News*, 5 Jul 1894, Thursday, p. 1

Word was received here Monday last that Abram Dobbs, county treasurer elect of this county, had died that morning at the home of relatives in St. Joseph, Mo. By his death a vacancy will be made in the office that will doubtless have to be filled by the present treasurer holding over until [sic] the fall election.—St. Francis Rustler.

Same

Source: *The [Atwood KS] Republican Citizen*, 13 Jul 1894, Friday, p. 3

Abram Dobbs, the former postmaster of Bird City and the treasurer elect of Cheyenne county, died recently in Savannah, Missouri, where he was visiting. The present treasurer of the county will hold over until another is elected.

Date of death: 5 Jul 1883

Subject: John C. Donahue

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 6 Jul 1883, p. 4

Maryville, Mo. July 5.—John C. Donohue [sic], a miller, committed suicide about 1 p.m. to-day, by shooting himself through the brain. Cause, being thrown out of employment and unable to support his wife and five children. He borrowed the revolver of Enos Vaughn about one hour previous.

Date of death: 16 Aug 1910

Subject: Cora (Donald?) Ridenbaugh

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

Mrs. Cora Ridenbaugh, aged fifty-one years, a widow, died at 11 o'clock last night at her home, 1810 Colhoun street.

Date of death: 19 Mar 1922

Subject: Jackson Donald (aka Jackson Gorl)

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 1 Apr 1922, Saturday, p. 3

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Jackson Donald alias Jackson Gorl deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing a date of the 22nd day of March, 1922... Mary A. Williams, Public Administrator.

Date of death: 12 Dec 1912

Subject: Mary Donald

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press/Gazette*, 13 Dec 1912, Friday, p. 17

Mary Donald, fifty-six years old, a negress, died at 10:30 o'clock last night at the county farm, where she had lived four months. She was born a slave on the farm of the late James Blakely, in Marion township, this county, and who was one of the county's pioneers. When two years old she passed, as a part of his estate, to the ownership of Blakely's daughter, Miss Eliza, who later became the wife of B. F. Cornelius of St. Joseph. Mary lived with Mrs. Cornelius until womanhood. When the Blakely estate was settled Mary's mother was sold for \$800 and taken south. The funeral will be at Heaton-BeGole's and burial will be in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 4 Mar 1910

Subject: Marshall Bruce Donaldson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 5 Mar 1910, p. 5

Graham, Mo., March 5.—Bruce, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Donaldson, and Margaret, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Caneker, are dead as a result of burns sustained yesterday afternoon.

The two children locked themselves in a smokehouse in the rear of the Caneker home and playing with matches set fire to a can of gasoline. The smokehouse was destroyed and the children fatally burned before neighbors could rescue them from the burning building.

Drs. W. J. Findley, H. S. Rowlett, M. M. Rhodes and E. L. Morgan were hurriedly summoned, but could do little, and after a few hours of intense suffering, both children died.

Date of death: 29 Apr 1910

Subject: Ellen Marie Donlin

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 7 May 1910, Saturday, p. 5

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Died at 2 o'clock, Friday morning, April 30th [sic], after an illness of several months, Miss Ellen Donlin, sister of Mrs. James Moran, with whom she made her home. Miss Donlin was a woman of sterling character and esteemed by all who knew her. In her earlier life she had engaged in teaching school, but later, her hearing having become impaired she assumed the responsible task as priest's housekeeper, in suburban cities. For some time she was in charge of the rectory of Holy Trinity at Weston, and her funeral which occurred on Saturday afternoon, was conducted by Rev. J. J. McLaughlin, who was pastor during the time of her stay at Weston. Father McLaughlin paid a well-merited tribute to the virtuous character of Miss Donlin, whose practical piety, and well spent life of usefulness closed in an edifying and holy death. After the services, which were held at St. Patrick's Church, the remains were taken to Mount Oliver Cemetery for interment, the pall-bearers being nephews of the deceased.

Date of death: 26 Sep 1899

Subject: John Donlin

Source: *Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 28 Sep 1899

John Donlin, one of the early settlers of this country and who, with his brother Edward, was the first to engage in business in this city, died at his home in east Hopkins, Tuesday night, Sept. 26, 1899 at 10:20 of softening of the brain, which dread disease had fastened its clutches on him more than a year ago.

"Honest John" Donlin was known and esteemed by nearly everybody in Nodaway county. He located at Xenia, near here, in 1868, and two years later moved to Hopkins, and since that time has been closely identified with every movement calculated to benefit and upbuild this city, being generous to the needy and kind to the distressed. While a member of no church, he led a pure, moral and up right life, commanding the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He served as postmaster of Hopkins under Cleveland and was elected recorder of the county by the democrats ten years ago, which responsible office he satisfactorily filled for four years. While a democrat politically, he was not of the offensive partisan stripe and could number as many warm personal friends in one party as another.

Soon after his term of office expired, Mr. Donlin moved hack to Hopkins, and in company with his nephew, Charles E. Donlin, who had been his deputy in the recorder's office, engaged in the grocery business, continuing in this business until about a year ago, when, on account of the senior member's poor health, the firm sold out.

Mr. Donlin was a member of Xenia lodge, No. 50, A. F. and A. M., and for a number of years was Master of the order, and also took the Shriner degree. He was also a charter member of the Workmen and carried \$2,000 insurance in this lodge. He was the last of three brothers to go, Edward and Dr. Donlin having died here a number of years ago.

OBITUARY - John Donlin was born in December, 1834, in the city of New Orleans, La. His father was a merchant and John was raised in that business, receiving excellent educational advantages. He fitted himself for the profession of a civil engineer, and when nineteen years of age he commenced as such for the Peoria and Oqnaka railroad. This business he followed for about five years and then settled in Mason County, Ill., where he engaged in the mercantile business with his brother. Moving from there to Iowa, he afterward came to Xenia,

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Nodaway County, Mo., and in 1870 moved to Hopkins. He was united in marriage to Miss Alta Cochrane of Hopkins in 1893, and died at his home in Hopkins, Mo., Sept. 26, 1899, aged 64 years and 10 months.

The funeral will take place from the family residence this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. Warner will make a few remarks, the exercises proper being under the auspices of the Masonic brethren. Burial will take place in the Hopkins cemetery.

Mr. Donlin left his wife well provided for, as he owned considerable property and paper, besides the life insurance.

The sorrowing companion feels very keenly the loss of her husband, who was always kind and affectionate and she and the other relatives have the sympathy of all.

Relatives and friends from Creston, Bedford, Maryville, St. Joseph and other points are here to attend the funeral, Charley Donlin arriving on the 10:20 passenger this forenoon from St Louis. The floral offerings are many and costly, the one given by the P E O, of which society Mrs. Donlin is an honored member, being especially handsome.

Date of death: 30 Mar 1921

Subject: Ann Elizabeth (Donovan) Fitzgerald

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 2 Apr 1921, Saturday, p. 5

Mrs. Anna E. Fitzgerald, 75 years of age, of Clyde, Mo., died in a local hospital Thursday. Mrs. E. W. Cook of this city is a daughter.

Date of death: 10 Sep 1890

Subject: Richard M. Dooley

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 27 Sep 1890, Saturday, p. 4

Maryville, Mo., September 22.—Died, at Benkleman, Neb., September 10th, of brain fever, Richard M. Dooley, of this city, aged 27 years. Mr. Dooley had not been in good health for some time past, and in company with his mother and sister visited Colorado early in July. In that healthful climate he rapidly improved, so much so that with his mother and sister returned to Benkleman, Neb., where he and his father had some landed interest. He was there but a few days, however, when he was attacked with brain fever, and despite every effort which affection, love and skill could give he is numbered with the victims selected by the grim messenger of heaven.

Richard M. Dooley was a prominent young man, highly educated and lately admitted to the bar to practice in all the courts. The prospects for his future were bright indeed. His remains were brought to Maryville on the 11th inst. and buried from St. Patrick's church in this city Sunday, 14th inst., services being conducted by Rev. Father Anslem, O.S.B. of St. Mary's church. The immense concourse of people of all denominations that assembled to do honor to the mortal remains of this young man was surely a fitting tribute and spoke louder than words of the high estimation in which he was held by the people amongst whom he grew to manhood. The

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sermon delivered after mass by Rev. Father Anslem was pronounced the ablest and most touching elougy [sic] ever delivered in St. Patrick's church.

It is hard to think, in the prime of life, blessed with a fair portion of this world's goods, surrounded by near and dear friends, that he should be called away. But all hope of escaping death is taken away by the whole history of man. For in the long record of thousands of years no one has escaped the icy message: no law is more universal than that of death. It omits no bird, nor insect, nor man; the most minute creature that only the microscope can detect is seen by this destroyer and to the same destroyed the loftiest king must bend. When an ancient tyrant condemned a certain philosopher and said: "I sentence you to death," the doomed man smiled and said: "Nature has said the same to thee." It is a strange feature of this earth that we must all leave it. [*More rhetoric*]

Date of death: 1 Sep 1876

Subject: Ben Dorsey

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald, 2 Sep 1876, p. 4*

Again we are called upon to chronicle a railroad accident, by which two men have been killed, another will probably die, and two others received painful injuries. Yesterday there was a barbecue given by the people of the Upper Bottom, between two and three miles north of the city, and as everybody was invited, a large delegation started from St. Joseph. Shortly after noon, William Brainard and George Reed secured the services of Jas. Hoy, the owner and driver of an express wagon, for the purpose of going to the scene of festivities. After this they hunted up John Pendleton and Ben Dorsey, a couple of well known colored musicians, and offered them five dollars to furnish music during the afternoon. The proposition was accepted, when the five men occupied seats in the wagon, which was drawn by a pair of mules, and then started for the Upper Bottom.

After meeting and taking David Cook into the vehicle, and indulging in several drinks around town before leaving, they started off in high spirits, and everything went well until Roy's Branch, three-quarters of a mile north of the Francis street depot, was reached. At this point a bridge spans the creek, over which the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluff's railroad passes, while a wagon road, leading from the southeast, crosses the line at about the same place, and makes its way down the hill on the east of the track. The noon passenger train, in charge of Conductor Welch, was behind time yesterday, and started north from the depot at about two o'clock. While turning the curve before reaching Roy's branch, the whistle was sounded from the engine, as was the custom.

About the same time the six men to whom we have referred came rapidly down the road in Hoy's wagon, with the musicians playing their fiddles, and the other men hallooing as though the idea of danger was foreign to their thoughts. Suddenly John Pendleton, one of the colored men, saw peril head [sic], and called upon the driver of the wagon to stop. He paid no attention to what was said to him, but forced his team ahead, and Pendleton jumped from the wagon, slightly injuring one of his arms as he struck the ground and fell on his side. In the meantime, and just as the mules had passed the rail, the cowcatcher of the engine struck the wagon between the fore and hind wheels, lifted it in the air like a feather, and in a moment the body of the vehicle and the men who occupied it were landed at the bottom of the branch.

The train was at once stopped, and then commenced the work of caring for the unfortunates, and ascertaining the extent of the frightful calamity. Ben Dorsey, the colored musician, was evidently killed outright by a

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terrible wound in the head, and internal injuries, the exact extent of which is unknow [sic]. William Brainard, who was a driver in the employ of S. L. Smith & Co., had his skull crushed, and received internal injuries of frightful character, dying at six o'clock yesterday afternoon, although Dr. A. V. Banes employed all the appliances of medical skill for his relief after he was brought to the Francis street depot. Geo. Reed, who is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Francis, the Second street restaurant keeper, received a frightful cut in the head, another in one of his jaws, had his back and side hurt, and the middle finger on his left hand broken, besides receiving internal injuries; he is in charge of Drs. Geiger and Smith. James Hoy, the owner of the wagon, was seriously, but not dangerously hurt, and David Cook received two cuts in one of his legs, three in the other, and had one of his arms hurt. Dr. W. B. Craig is attending to the former, and Drs. Smith and Geiger to the latter.

After the accident the dead and wounded were placed upon the train and brought to the depot, where hundreds of citizens were gathered to lend all possible assistance to the sufferers. Among those more prominent in rendering aid was Mrs. Kate Thornton, who furnished bedding, sheets, and other articles of indispensable necessity.

Messrs. Joseph S. Ford, Jas. R. Hardy, Ed. Smith, and other officers of the railroad company, were unsparing in attention to the sufferers, and through their efforts everything possible was done for their comfort.

The calamity was at once made known to Coroner Hugh Trevor, who immediately repaired to the Francis street depot, and held an inquest over the body of Ben. Dorsey, the colored musician.

Constable J. S. Sullivan empanelled [sic] the following jury of inquest: F. W. Smith, W. P. Steele, William A. Riddle, R. McEvoy, W. S. Johnston and Gottlieb Geiger. Dr. Hugh Trevor, coroner of Buchanan county, then examined five witnesses, and elicited testimony as below given.

John Pendleton's statement—Yesterday afternoon, at the railroad crossing on Roy's branch, three-quarters of a mile north of the city, we were coming down the hill with two mules to a spring wagon, going tolerably fast. Ahead of us was a wagon with a gentleman and two ladies in it. I heard a train coming, and saw the smoke of an engine. I called to the driver to stop, but don't know whether he heard me or not, he did not stop; I then jumped out, and the train was close to us; the wagon jolted when I started to jump and threw me out, when I fell on something and sprained my right arm; I got up and wiped the dust out of my eyes, and by this time it was all over; the train came back and brought us to the city; myself and Dorsey were hired to play at a barbecue, and we were not singing when the accident occurred.

James Harrington's testimony—About half past two o'clock on Friday, September 1st, I was about one hundred yards from where the accident occurred, walking ahead of the train; just as I was crossing the bridge over Roy's branch, I saw a lot of men in a wagon coming down the hill, and they were about a hundred yards from the approaching train, they were playing music and hallooing, and I think they were doing it at me; I continued on up the track for about fifty yards; I heard the train whistle and the bell ring, and stepped off the track, I turned and looked back, and as I did so there was a buggy which had just passed in front of the train, and barely missed it; behind it was the wagon with the men, and the driver was driving towards the track at full speed, and it appeared as though he was trying to beat the train and get across; they had ceased playing at that time, but were making a noise. The mules were driven across the track, when the wagon was struck by the engine between the

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fore and hind wheels, tossing the bed into the air with the six persons in it; I motioned my hand for the train to stop, and it did so; I went back, and saw one or two men lying in the bed of the creek, and also the wagon bed; the accident occurred about three-quarters of a mile north of the Francis street depot; I saw some fiddles lying on the ground.

Charles Minor's statement—I was swinging on behind the wagon, which was going to the picnic; the driver cut his mules with a whip to make them go faster, the train whistled, and his object seemed to be to get across the track before it passed; when the wagon was across the track, the engine struck the bed and lifted it into the air; there were six men in the wagon, two were colored musicians; I let go the wagon when the whistle blew; the fiddlers were playing at the time; one of the instruments was a base [sic] fiddle; I can't say whether they were drunk or sober, but they appeared to be under the influence of liquor; the driver was making a noise as well as the rest of them; I saw the driver and another man lying in Roy's branch, and also the wagon bed; neither of them was dead; the colored man was not one of those in the branch, but he was lying on the side of the track, and he was living; I saw the men put upon the train and brought back.

Henry James testified—I started to go up the hill on the east side of the railroad track, near the crossing at Roy's branch; it was between 2 and 3 o'clock on the afternoon of September 1. I heard a whistle from an approaching train, and saw two wagons coming down the hill; one of them had mules to it, and was full of men who were making considerable noise and playing music; the mules were galloping, and the party seemed to be intoxicated; the train was nearing the crossing and I called to the men to stop; they paid no attention to me and drove on; I saw the engine strike the wagon, and the next I saw of the men they were down in the branch; there were five of them, and I assisted in lifting the bodies out; the colored man, Ben Dorsey, was dead; the first wagon passed across the track just in time to escape injury. I believe the driver had an opportunity to see the train before reaching the track with the wagon; I can't tell whether the engineer made an effort to slacken speed or not; I believe the distance was too short for him to have done so after seeing the wagon.

Peter Habig testified—I saw, on the afternoon of the 1st of September, on the corner of Main and Faraon streets, the parties, in a wagon, start from the saloon at that point. One of the men was S. I. Smith's driver—don't know his name; there were two colored and four white men; I don't think the driver of the wagon was drunk—believe he knew his business; the others were merry, and were hallooing and "going on; I expected to see the darkey with the big fiddle fall every minute when he was trying to get into the wagon; he was at least five minutes in doing so, and was drunk; the rest were also under the influence of liquor; there were five or six in the saloon, and beer was brought outside to the two darkeys while the others were inside; this was about one o'clock, and they started off in the direction of Dug Hill; the man I said was Smith's driver is the wounded man in the Francis street depot.

At six o'clock yesterday afternoon, William Brainard breathed his last, after which an inquest was held over his body, when three of the above witnesses were examined, and the same testimony elicited. The jury rendered as their verdict that the parties came to their death by carelessness on the part of the driver, and thereby exonerated the rail road company from all blame.

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After the train had left St. Joseph the second time, having left the injured parties at the Francis street depot, at the suggestion of Ex-Governor Furnace, of Nebraska, the following testimonial was presented to Engineer Chapman.

September 1, 1876

To John Chapman, Engineer of the Passenger Train

We the undersigned, passengers on the train going north at 1:35 p.m., September 1st, desire to give to you this expression as to your conduct in relation to the accident at Dug Hill road crossing, by which several parties were injured.

We distinctly heard the whistle for the crossing, given by you at the usual distance before reaching the crossing, and can testify that the train was going at only the usual rate of speed. We cannot see how that were blamable for said accident in any respect.

[*Many signatures*]

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald, 3 Sep 1876, p. 4*

The jury of inquest in the case of Ben Dorsey, the colored man killed by the accident on Friday, met at the Court House yesterday, and examined the following additional witnesses.

John Chapman, the engineer of the train, testified as follows—I [am] an engineer on passenger train No. 1; I left Francis street depot at 2:10 p.m.; at Dug Hill crossing, three-quarters of a mile from the depot, the accident occurred; I gave one long whistle before getting to the crossing, and afterwards another long and a short whistle before reaching it; the fireman rang the bell at the same time. There was a two-horse carriage, with two gentlemen and two ladies in it—the horses were whipped up and got safely across, I did not see the spring wagon containing the parties who were hurt until it was about thirty feet from the engine, near the track; the engine struck the wagon right at the hub of the front wheel; the wagon and two of the persons who occupied it were thrown into Roy's branch; the branch is ten or twelve feet deep, I suppose; the colored man, Dorsey, was killed dead, and lay alongside the track, while two others were also lying on the bank; I backed the train and picked up the bodies and took them to the Francis Street Depot; I was running between twenty and twenty-five miles per hour, and not quite as fast as usual, as the conductor said we had a pretty good train, and could take a moderate run until Amizonia [sic] was reached; the train was thirty-five minutes late when we left the Francis Street Depot; I gave the signals which were customary at all the crossings on the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs railroad.

James Harwood's testimony—I am fireman on passenger train No. 1, K.C., St. J. & C. B. railroad; the whistle was blown at the usual distance before reaching Dug Hill crossing, and the bell was also run, on September 1st, 1876, after leaving the Francis Street Depot at 2:10 p.m.; I saw a carriage with two ladies and a gentleman or two cross the track about forty or fifty feet ahead of the engine; the first I saw of the accident was from my position on the west side of the locomotive; I then saw a pair of mules thrown down outside of the track on the side I occupied; I heard a crash and the train stopped as soon as possible; did not see the wagon with the men in

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it at all; the train backed up and took the dead and wounded men on board, and they were brought to the Francis Street Depot; the colored man, Dorsey, was dead at that time, we were not making more than the usual speed of between twenty and twenty-five miles per hour.

After hearing the testimony, the jury, composed of F. W. Smith, W. A. Riddle, G. Geiger, W. S. Johnston, Richard McEvoy and W. P. Steele, returned the following verdict: "We find that the said Ben Dorsey came to his death by a collision with a train of the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs railroad, by the carelessness of the driver of the wagon in which said Dorsey was riding. We further find that no blame is attached to the railroad company or the engineer of the train, as due diligence was used by said engineer to prevent a collision."

Date of death: Dec 1920

Subject: Robert Dorsey

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 18 Dec 1920, Saturday, p. 2

St. Joseph, Missouri. Mr. Robert Dorsey died in Chicago and his body was brought here for burial. The funeral services were held at Freeman Undertaking Parlors. He leaves a wife and daughter.

Date of death: 8 Nov 1875

Subject: Barney R. Dougan

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 18 Jan 1876, p. 4

The corpse of Barney Dugan [sic], who was murdered near Natchitoches, La., some five weeks since, passed through this city yesterday on its way to Mr. Dugan's old home at Maryville, for interment. At the time Mr. Dugan was murdered he was on his way from Texas to Louisiana, and it is supposed that he was shot for his money.

Date of death: 4 May 1889

Subject: Eva B. Dougan

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 5 May 1889, p. 4

At Bolckow yesterday, little Eva Dougan, four-year-old daughter of Mrs. J. O. Dougan, died after an illness of some time. The funeral will take place to-day. The deceased has a brother, Mr. Fred Dougan, residing in this city.

Date of death: 14 Oct 1915

Subject: William B. Dougherty

Source: *The Hennessey [OK] Clipper*, 21 Oct 1915, Thursday

William B. Dougherty, aged 80 years, a resident of this section since the opening, died at his home northwest of Bison, Thursday, Oct 14th. His funeral, held under the auspices of the G.A.R. at Bison, was largely attended Friday afternoon. Rev. J. B. Stocking, of the Hennessey Congregational church, officiated.

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The deceased was a veteran of the civil war, enlisting in Company C, 33rd Regiment, of Ohio, in '61. He was promoted to quartermaster sergeant in January, 1864, to first lieutenant and quartermaster sergeant in August of the same year and to captain of company H in January, 1865. After being mustered out in '65 he located in Nodoway county, Missouri, where he engaged in farming and taught school. He was united in marriage in 1867 to Miss Adassa J. Corkin [sic]. Of the seven children born to this union, one son, W. H. Dougherty and two daughters, Mrs. H. T. Hunter, of Bison, and Mrs. W. E. Sheets, of Cordell, survive, to mourn with the sorrowing wife the death of a true husband and father.

Date of death: 1 Aug 1876

Subject: William W. Dougherty

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 10 Aug 1876, p. 1

W. W. Dougherty, an old and esteemed citizen of Graham, died on Tuesday, July [sic] 1st.

Date of death: 10 Feb 1884

Subject: Elizabeth Mary Douglas

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 12 Feb 1884, p. 5

Lizzie M. Douglass [sic], daughter of C. W. Douglass, died at the family residence, No. 1201 Sylvania [sic] street, Sunday forenoon, of congestion of the brain, aged fourteen years. The funeral will take place from the residence at 9 o'clock this morning.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 13 Feb 1884, p. 5

The funeral services of Lizzie Douglas, whose death was chronicled through the columns of the city papers Monday, were held at the family residence yesterday morning, and although the hour was an unusually early one and the weather severely inclement, the house was crowded with a throng of friends, who pressed eagerly around, all anxious to take one last lingering look at the form of the fair young sleeper ere it should be consigned to its final resting place. Her aunt, Miss Peale, being principal of the Everett school, in which school Lizzie had been a pupil, was adjourned for the morning, and both teachers and pupils were in attendance, all expressing much sympathy in the sad bereavement of the family. They brought flowers and mingled their voices, singing in sweet, loving notes an appropriate hymn, whilst many tears were shed over the silent form now free from pain, which all unconscious slumbered on.

The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell, assisted by Mr. Butler, and were very impressive, after which the family left for Rochester, where the remains of our fair young friend were laid to rest by the side of her mother, who had preceded her to the spirit land, and could we gain a glimpse into "Our Father's house" we should no doubt behold the loving union of mather [sic] and child; but the gates are only ajar, and we are not permitted to see what is beyond. Only of this we are assured, that "all things work together for good to those who fear the Lord."

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*"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust in it for His grace,
Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face."*

K. R.

Date of death: 4 Jul 1887

Subject: James Douglas

Source: *Sherman County [KS] Republican*, 8 Jul 1887, Friday, p. 1

On the evening of the fourth as Mr. James Douglas, a farmer, was going to his home one and a half miles northwest of Sherman Center he was thrown from the spring wagon in which he was riding the wheels passing over his breast, and bruising his face causing injuries from which death resulted. Mr. Ebernath had started to go home with Mr. Douglas but changed his mind, and had started back to town, when upon looking back to see if the team was going all right saw the deceased falling from the wagon. Mr. Ebernath immediately returning found Mr. Douglas in a semi-conscious state. Placing him in as comfortable a position as possible started after the team which he caught and returned with Mrs. Douglas to the place of accident. A number of citizens had arrived and were giving all the aid possible. A physician had been called and everything done to restore life, even after his home had been reached, and until the physician pronounced the case hopeless.

The remains were followed to their resting place in the little cemetery northwest of this place by a large procession of friends and relatives last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Douglass [sic] leaves a wife and family to mourn his departure.

The deceased was born in Greenwich [sic], Scotland, June 11, 1817, and lived to be 70 years and 23 days old, was a member of the G.A.R. having served three years in company B of the 29th Iowa Infantry, was also a member of the B.L.E., having served as an engineer on the seas for 14 years and on railroads 10 years. He was married to Mrs. S. E. Hooper [sic] in April 1868, at Pacific City, Iowa, who now mourns the sad fate of the husband and father with the ix children, the youngest but three years old. Miss Anna, the third daughter was returning home from Shenandoah, Iowa, where she had been attending school and heard the sad news of her fathers [sic] death when within five miles of home. Miss Rosa M. Douglas is at St. Joseph, Mo., and was not present at the funeral on account of the great distance. The rest of the family were at home.

The family came from Savant [sic], Mo., to this county in the fall of '85. Mr. Douglas came in February of '86, was a quiet man not even known by many that thought they should have known him. He did not visit town very often and sad it seems that the departure should be so sudden.

Date of death: Oct 1907

Subject: Alva Dowd

Source: *The King City [MO] Democrat*, 18 Oct 1907, Friday, p. 4

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Ford City. Ralph Dowd and wife, formerly of this place but now of Arkansas, came in Friday with their son, aged 14, for burial at this place. The funeral was from the M. E. church, Rev. Phillips officiating.

Date of death: 19 Nov 1913

Subject: Juda (Dowis) Guill

Source: *Omaha [NE] Daily Bee*, 23 Nov 1913

GUILL - Mrs. Judy, November 19, aged 85 years. Funeral Sunday 2 p.m. from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Claussen, 1908 Burt street. Interment Forest Lawn cemetery.

Date of death: 24 Nov 1893

Subject: Lula Alice (Dowis) Wolcott

Source: *Taylor Co. [IA] Democrat*, 30 Nov 1893, Thursday, p. 4

DIED. Wolcott - Nov. 23, 1893, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Kate Calkins, in Nodaway Co. Mo., Mrs. Jos. Wolcott aged about 19 yrs. Deceased was a daughter-in-law of R. H. Wolcott, who lives in Jackson township. Funeral services were held at the Christian church in Sheridan, Mo. at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27, and was attended by a large concourse of sympathizing friends. Interment was made at Mitchell Cemetery. Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Wolcott & Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Wolcott of Bedford, were in attendance at the funeral.

Date of death: 20 Sep 1908

Subject: William J. Dowis

Source: *The Colfax [WA] Gazette*, 25 Sep 1908, p. 4

The body of W.J. Dowis lies at the undertaking parlors awaiting final disposition as soon as his mother can be heard from. Dowis was run over by a train or trains of the O.R.& N. near Seltice sometime Sunday night, his body being mangled in a horrible manner. There is hardly a bone that is not broken, the top of the head is torn off, a portion of the brain is missing, the left shoulder is gone, the left arm is crushed to a pulp and the back broken in the region of the kidneys. The condition of the body leads to the belief that more than one train passed over it. The mangled remains were discovered Sunday evening by the engineer and fireman on passenger train No. 7, bound from Pendleton to Spokane.

The fact was established that his name was W. J. Dowis and that he was an escapee from the hospital for the insane at Medical Lake Saturday morning. How he got to Tekoa no one knows, but at Tekoa, a man answering his description was seen to crawl under one of the coaches of the passenger train Sunday evening and climb on the trucks. He is supposed to have had an epileptic fit, to which he was subject, and fell off.

Undertaker Bruning telegraphed to Dr. Semple, superintendent of the hospital at Medical Lake, and from him learned the address of Dowis' mother. The Dowis home is at Tum Tum, Stevens County, but Mrs. Dowis was visiting at Jamesport, Missouri, a telegram from there to Mr. Bruning stating that she had left Jamesport and was on her way home by rail. She will certainly go to Medical Lake to see her son when she arrives, so will soon be made acquainted with the terrible facts.

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Dowis was 32 or 33 years of age and had been at Medical Lake for several years.

Date of death: 30 Sep 1923

Subject: William H. Dowling

Source: [Maryville MO] *Daily Democrat-Forum*, 1 Oct 1923, Monday, p. 1

William Dowling, about 50 years old, living on a farm three and one half miles southeast of Hopkins, was found dead in his home yesterday about noon. A bullet wound caused by a shotgun evidently was the cause of death and it is thought to be a case of self destruction as Mr. Dowling had been brooding over financial troubles for a considerable time.

The dead man evidently set fire to the chicken house, barn and house and locked himself in. Neighbors discovered the fire. They broke in the house and found Mr. Dowling dead and put out the fire in the buildings before it had made much progress.

Mr. Dowling had lived on his farm, 110 acres, for nearly thirty years. He never has been married and leaves only two relatives, a sister, Mrs. Josephine Sobbing of Hopkins, and a niece, Mrs. Roy Hanna. The remains were taken to the Saylor Hardware Co. at Hopkins.

Dr. W. M. Wallis, coroner, did not go to the scene of the tragedy, as it was thought an inquest was not necessary and the roads were in such bad condition.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Josephine Sobbing in Hopkins. The Masonic lodge at that place will have charge of the services. It was not known this morning what minister would assist with the funeral services.

\Date of death: 23 Jun 1905

Subject: Stephen Tiner Lacey Downen

Source: *Orland [CA] Register*, 1 Jul 1905, Saturday

Death again visited an Orland home last Saturday evening at 7:20 o'clock, when Stephen Tiner Lacy Downen surrounded by his five children, entered the great beyond to enjoy the blessings that have been prepared for him there.

Mr. Downen had been a sufferer for many months and for the past few weeks had been confined to his bed. Although his death was expected it caused universal sorrow.

Mrs. A. W. Norris and Miss Bertha Downen received word Friday that Mr. Downen's life was despaired of and they immediately rode to [sic] Red Bluff, a distance of sixty miles, horseback. They reached the bedside of the sufferer late in the afternoon and were with him to the end.

Stephen Tiner Downen has been a resident of Orland for a number of years and during that time has enjoyed the

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respect of all who knew him. He has always been a good citizen, a firm believer in the Democratic Party and seldom failing to support its candidate. He was a loyal and patriotic citizen.

Stephen Tiner Downen was born in Posin [sic] county Indiana, on December 26, 1836. From the place of his birth, he in company with his parents moved to Missouri where he resided for a number of years. It was here that he met and married Miss Mary Jane Piper on the 28th day of November 1861. In 1865 he moved with his family to Oregon making the journey by team. He soon moved to California where he resided until 1870 when he again moved to Missouri. In 1881 California called him and he moved to Orland where he has since resided.

He leaves five children to mourn his loss all of whom were with him to the end. They are Mrs. Andrew Norris, Mrs. Geo. A. Reager, Wm. M. John L. and Miss Bertha Downen.

The funeral services were held in the Baptist Church Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and the remains tenderly laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Date of death: 23 Dec 1923

Subject: John Lyman Downer

Source: [Maryville MO] *Daily Democrat-Forum*, 24 Dec 1923, Monday, p. 1

John L. Downer died at 6:40 a. m., yesterday morning at his home in Hopkins after having been in ill health for some time.

John L. Downer died at 6:40 a. m. yesterday morning at his home in Hopkins after having been in ill health for some time.

The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church in Hopkins and will be conducted by the Rev Mr. McNeilly, pastor. Burial will be in the Hopkins cemetery.

Mr. Downer was born in Berne, Switzerland, on April 21, 1847. He had been a resident of Hopkins for thirty-one years. His first wife died several years ago. He is survived by his second wife, who was Mrs. Mary E. Martin, and two daughters, Mrs. Elsie Wooldridge of Hopkins and Mrs. Frank Fike of Chariton, Ia. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a Mason.

Date of death: 8 Feb 1897

Subject: Washington Downing

Source: *Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 11 Feb 1897, Thursday

Downing – The announcement Tuesday morning that “Uncle Wash Downing is dead” caused general sorrow in our city. He had been poorly for several months with lagrippe and death released his suffering on the date above mentioned. The funeral will take place today at 1 p. m. under the supervision of the masonic lodge, of which the deceased was an honored member, several lodges from adjoining towns assisting in the ceremony. Rev. A. W. Miller, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach the funeral sermon, after which the remains will be interred in the Hopkins cemetery.

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Washington Downing was born Feb. 18, 1825, in Washington County, Indiana and died at his home in Hopkins, Mo., Feb. 9, 1897, being nearly 72 years of age. His father was a native of New York and his mother was from Germany. The latter died while the son was about three years of age. At the age of ten years he accompanied his father to Fulton County, Illinois, where he remained until about eighteen years of age. He spent his boyhood days on a farm and by self-application obtained a fair education, although never having the privilege of attending school a day in his life. He immigrated west with a brother in 1843, and they settled in Andrew County, Mo., being among the pioneers of that section. Mr. Downing soon commenced working out and subsequently came to Nodaway County, settling permanently about the year 1850. Here he commenced improving a farm and made agricultural pursuits and stock dealing his principal business. During the war he served for about three months in the enrolled Missouri militia. He was engaged in the mercantile business one year at Xenia and then came to Hopkins when the place was in its infancy, commencing to deal in grain and stock. This he continued until he became interested in the banking business in July 1877. In 1878 he became president of the bank, which position he held several years. His landed estate consists of some 920 acres, besides a great deal of money and other property. Having left home at fourteen years of age bareheaded and barefooted, he worked his own way through life, and was numbered among the most successful and enterprising citizens of the county. Mr. D. suffered much from the effects of a serious illness at the age of eighteen, never enjoying good health. He was married in June 1849 to Miss Martha A Broyles, a native of East Tennessee, who survives him. They reared several adopted children, Mrs. Fred Dale, Mrs. Frona McMaster and Mrs. Sam Chaney being among the number.

Mr. Downing was a consistent and faithful member of the Missionary Baptist church and gave much of his means to the support of the gospel and for the relief of the sick and suffering of the community.

Date of death: 18 Jan 1890

Subject: Mrs. Charlotte Doyle

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

Mrs. Charlotte Doyle died at her home in Tracy, Mo., on Saturday night, aged 70 years. Death resulted from old age—a general breaking down of the natural forces. Deceased was a respected colored lady, the mother of Robert Doyle of this city. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

Date of death: 18 Jul 1892

Subject: Michael Doyle

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 19 Jul 1892, p. 3

Michael Doyle, an employe of Chas. A. Perry of 614 South Eighth street, was found dead in the office of his employer Sunday evening about 7 o'clock.

Mr. Perry had gone to the office in the morning and saw Doyle lying on a couch as he supposed, asleep. As the man had been drinking heavily, he supposed that he was simply sleeping off a debauch and did not disturb him. On returning at 7 o'clock he was surprised to find Doyle still lying there and examined him, when he made the discovery that the man was dead, and had probably been dead since about 12 o'clock.

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Coroner Whittington was notified, and had the remains removed to Heaton's undertaking rooms, where an inquest was held at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

A jury was summoned, and the following verdict returned:

'We, the jury appointed to ascertain the cause of the death of one Michael Boyle [sic], do find that the deceased came to his death from alcoholic poisoning, while in a drunken stupor.'

It was the supposition at first that escaping gas had something to do with Doyle's death, as the office is supplied with fuel or water gas. Coroner Whittington said, however, that, in his opinion, the gas had nothing to do with the man's death.

The dead man had on two complete suits of clothing, his entire wardrobe, and was evidently preparing to leave the city, as he was paid off the Saturday previous. He was about thirty-five years of age, and it is understood had a brother living at Marshalltown, Iowa.

The body was buried yesterday morning in the city cemetery.

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Date of death: 23 Jan 1896

Subject: George Lattimer Drennan

Source: [Springfield] *Illinois State Register*, 24 Jan 1896

Died, at the residence of his mother, Mrs. John B. Weber, in Pawnee, at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, 1896, George L. Drennan, aged 52 years. Mr. Drennan was born Nov. 27, 1843, in this county, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Drennan. He was married Jan. 11, 1870, to Mary E. Ridgeway, who died Nov. 24, 1872. He was again married, and his wife, two sons and one daughter now reside at Marysville [sic], Mo. He was home visiting his mother when he died.

Mr. Drennan was a member of the 114th regiment, Illinois Volunteer infantry, during the civil war, and his death was the result of a wound received at the battle of Shiloh.

The funeral will take place at Pawnee to-morrow morning, and the remains will be brought to this city and interred in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Same

Source: [Springfield] *Illinois State Journal*, 26 Jan 1896

The mortal remains of the late Mr. George L. Drennan were consigned to their last resting place Saturday in Oak Ridge cemetery beside those of his brother, who had previously passed to his reward. The funeral service was held at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Nancy J. Weber, in Pawnee. A large number of old friends, neighbors and comrades of Mr. Drennan were present to pay the tribute of loving remembrance to one who was a trusted friend, a sympathetic neighbor, a consistent Christian, a brave soldier and a loyal, patriotic citizen. The pall was borne to the tomb by members of the Grand Army, some of whom had seen service shoulder to shoulder with the honored dead during the late rebellion. All the members of Mr. Drennan's immediate family were present, as well as all of his four surviving brothers.

Mr. Drennan was in the fifty-third year of his age and was a native of this county, having been born near the village of Chatham. Here he received his education and grew to manhood and when the union was struggling for its integrity he enlisted in the army and served three years beginning with 1862. He was a member of Company B, 114th Illinois Volunteer infantry, of which Captain B. H. Ferguson was in command. Having been a faithful servant of the government, he was honorably discharged from the service and returned to Chatham and resumed life as a civilian on a farm.

He was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ridgeway and removed shortly afterward to Whitman, Ottawa county, Mo. Scarcely had he become settled in his new home when his young wife died, leaving him a widower with one child, a boy named Frank, who is now living in Lennox, Ia. After the death of his first wife he removed to Maryville, Mo., and engaged in the lumber business. He was there married to Miss Mary Walker. This union was blessed by the birth of two children, Ralph and Inez, who, with their mother, survived the father. He is also survived by four brothers - G. C. Drennan of Pawnee; B. F. Drennan, Chatham; Dr. D. A. Drennan, Pawnee, and A. L. Drennan, Glenarm. The aged mother, Mrs. Weber, is also living to see her son consigned to earth after an honorable and upright life of a half century.

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Mr. Drennan contracted a malady in the army which he never afterward became free. He became seriously ill last May and came to the home of his mother, hoping the change would benefit him. In this he was not disappointed but after gaining in strength he returned to Missouri to his home and lost what he had gained here. He came back in September last and since that time had been at his mother's residence, where he died.

He was a member of the Methodist church and died in the full profession of the faith that had been the guiding star of his life and had sustained him during his long and tedious illness. In the association with his fellowmen and in the relations of life he was a frank, open-hearted man, never stooping to a little or mean thing in order to serve his personal ends. His view of life was large and he lived along the line of a high ideal of honor. It is in that light that his old friends will recall his memory.

Date of death: 15 Sep 1902

Subject: Frederick Newton Drumm

Source: *Bedford [IA] Free Press*, 18 Sep 1902, Thursday, p. 5

L. M. Drumm and mother were summoned to St. Joseph on the Monday afternoon train by the sad news that Fred Drumm had died that morning in that city of pneumonia. He had been sick only a few days. The remains were brought to Bedford and the funeral exercises held in the M. E. church at 1 o'clock p. m. yesterday, conducted by Rev. T. J. Ream. Interment in Fairview cemetery. The bereaved ones have universal sympathy in their hour of affliction.

Fred N. Drumm, son of Daniel and Louisa Drumm, was born February 16, 1871, in Knox county, Illinois. He united with the M. E. church at Hopkins in 1891. He was united in marriage to Ella Edwards October 4, 1893. To this union was born one son, Roy, who is now 8 years old. Mr. Drumm died September 15, 1902, at his home in St. Joseph, Mo., aged 31 years, 6 months and 29 days.

Date of death: Oct 1921

Subject: Edward Duchman

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 7 Oct 1921, Friday, p. 4

Graham, Mo., Oct. 7.—Frank H. [sic] Miller, fifty-eight years old, president of the school board and pioneer hardware merchant, died suddenly at his home here last night. Mr. Miller was well known throughout this part of the state and had lived in Graham and vicinity all his life.

The double funeral of Miller and Dr. Edward Duchman, who died in Yellville, Ark., will be held at the Methodist Church here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, with interment of both in Prairie Home Cemetery. Doctor Duchman removed from here twenty-five years ago and had lived in Arkansas most of that time. His body will arrive here tonight.

Date of death: 16 Feb 1916

Subject: Lena G. Duff

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 19 Feb 1916, Saturday, p. 5

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Miss Lena Duff committed suicide Wednesday by tying a bed sheet both to a bed-post and around her neck and rolling off the opposite side of the bed, choking to death. She was a patient at State Hospital No. 2, and came from Savannah, Mo.

Date of death: 30 Nov 1899

Subject: Elizabeth Susan (Duffy) Stephenson Hannah

Source: *The [Boise City] Idaho Statesman*, 30 Nov 1899, Thursday, p. 6

Mrs. E. J. Hannah, mother of Chaplain W. D. Stephenson of the Idaho regiment, died at 12:20 this a.m., aged 63 years. A daughter, Mrs. McCoy, arrived on the train this morning from Nodaway, Mo.

Date of death: 12 Nov 1916

Subject: James Robert Duncan

Source: *The Albany [MO] Capital*, 30 Nov 1916, Thursday, p. 8

James Robert Duncan was born near Helena, Mo., March 22, 1873, and departed this life Nov. 27 [sic], 1916, at Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he went in hope of regaining health.

He was married to Miss Iva Reece, February 27, 1915, locating near Helena. Besides his wife, the deceased is survived by three brothers, Frank, Charles and William of St. Joseph; and one sister, Mrs. Allie Hitzelbarger of Helena.

The remains were laid to rest in the McFall cemetery beside that of his father and mother, the funeral being conducted at the M. E. Church by Rev. Bowen of McFall.

Date of death: 20 Mar 1909

Subject: Joseph P. Duncan

Source: *The Lindsborg [KS] News-Record*, 9 Apr 1909, Friday, p. 5

Joseph P. Duncan, died at his home in this city on Saturday of last week at 10 o'clock p.m., aged 57 years.

Funeral services were held Monday at the home and were conducted by Rev. Layton. The body was shipped to Fillmore, Mo., for interment.

Deceased was born in Missouri in 1852 and was married to Emilla E. Wilson on Feb. 1875. In 1890 Mr. Duncan and wife were converted and joined the Methodist church at Bridgeport, Kansas.

About a year ago the family moved to Axtell, where they have resided since. A wife, three brothers and two sisters are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and a kind and considerate brother.—Axtell Standard.

Mr. Duncan was one of the old settlers of the Lindsborg vicinity and had a large circle of friends here whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved widow in her great sorrow.

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Date of death: 14 Apr 1883

Subject: Logan John Duncan

Source: *The Weekly Butte Record*, [Chico CA], 21 Apr 1883, p. 1

Yesterday afternoon the remains of L. J. Duncan arrived in this city from Deadwood. The deceased had been under the treatment of the Chinese doctor at that place for consumption but got no relief and died on Saturday. He was a brother of Mr. F. L. Duncan, a salesman in the Chico Cash Store. The remains were taken to Williams, Colusa county, where he was formerly a prosperous business man. He leaves a wife and two children.

Date of death: 4 Mar 1890

Subject: Peter Albert Duncan

Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 14 Mar 1890, Friday, p. 1

We regret to announce the death of Peter A., third son of Judge James W. Duncan, which occurred at his home near Colorado Springs, Colorado, March 4th, 1890. The deceased was a most exemplary citizen and son, and his many friends in this section of the state will be pained to learn of his death. He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, in 1841, and came west with his parents. He was for a long time associated with his father in business in Fillmore, Andrew county. He was married to Miss Mary Alloway, of Andrew county, who died in April 1889, leaving no children. The death of this worthy gentleman was quite a shock to his venerable father, not having been apprised of his illness, and the sympathy of our people is with Judge Duncan in his sore bereavement.

Date of death: 23 May 1881

Subject: Charles Dunlap

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

Last night, between 9 and 10 o'clock the loud report, as of a tremendous cannon was heard, and in a few minutes the fire bells rang out the alarm of fire. By this time hundreds had congregated about the corner of Seventh and Edmond streets, and a Herald man among the number was busying himself taking notes. The reported proved to be an oil explosion in the basement of the little one story brick house standing on the south side of Edmond street, on the alley between Sixth and Seventh. For some months past it had been utilized as a saloon for the accommodation of colored men, and was run by George Cunningham. The Herald man was among the first on the grounds and was confronted with a scene of suffering that was sickening to behold. The explosion had literally blown the walls out, the roof falling upon the whole mass. From the best information that could be gleaned, there must have been fully twenty-five or thirty men and boys about the house when the explosion took place, and nearly, if not all, were caught. Several made their escape, however, many of them quite narrowly. The bar tender, Charles Dunlap, a colored man weighing 320 pounds, was burned to death, and his frantic efforts in fighting his frightful fate were hardly endurable. He must have understood the situation at a glance and made an effort to reach the door, but in falling was caught by the roof and pinned down firmly. His pitiful cries for help were heard for blocks around. Many tried to rescue him but failed, and even in his dying moments as the flames rolled up high around him he made heroic efforts to get away, but it was of no avail; and when his body was taken out it was a lifeless corpse, burned almost to a crisp and hardly recognizable.

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Billy Williams is the name of the other victim of the horrible accident. He had been engaged in a game of cards and had utilized a beer keg for a seat. The flames revealed him after the explosion seated on the keg and held firmly down by a portion of the roof, powerless to avert the impending calamity. His death must have been a horrible one, for the body presented a most ghastly appearance.

These were the only dead bodies recovered, but there are some additional ones missing and unaccounted for, and it is feared that they too have shared the same fate.

The Herald man had interviews, talks and conversations with many who were in the building before and after the explosion, but of the number perhaps the coolest was Jim Holliday, who received a cut in his forehead and one or two on the top of his head. In conversation with us he says there must have been no less than twenty to twenty-five in the saloon at the time of the accident. Some were playing billiards, others pool, shaking dice or playing cards. For himself he was engaged in a game of cards with George Todd, Jack Lincoln and Charles Kelly, and was seated at a table not three feet from where Billy Williams, who was killed, was sitting. The first thing he knew was a sudden, sharp report and the next thing he knew he was beneath a mass of ruins and between two rafters of the roof, which had fallen down. He didn't become excited but quietly shook off the rubbish and made for a small opening to the west of him some six or eight feet distant and got out. He says that he lost his hat, and to prove his utter lack of excitement, he came near going back for it.

Of the other men who made their escape, with whom we talked, was John Rucker. He was shaking dice when he heard the report. The floor raised an instant and then all came down with a crash. He saw all as if my magic, and while he lay beneath some four or five others he managed to get away uninjured.

As to the cause of the accident there is nothing positive, but Rucker's theory is probably the best. He says that just before the explosion took place, Alex. Northcut, who has a number of men and boys in training to take the road in a minstrel combination, came into the saloon and got a match for the purpose of going down stairs to light up for rehearsal. It must be here understood that the basement is divided, the front portion being used for storage purposes for Danforth's fluid and the latter for the rehearsal room where large crowds of the colored folks have been wont to gather nightly. It is presumed that when the match was struck the gas from the damp pol cellar ignited, thus causing the explosion.

[Followed by a list of others injured.]

The fire department were out promptly on time and did most gallant service, working until about 2 o'clock this morning to put out the flames and to recover, if possible, the bodies of others who might be buried in the ruins. None were found additional to those above reported, but as there are some missing and unaccounted for, search will no doubt be resumed to-day.

John Hicks and a lad twelve or thirteen years of age are unaccounted for, and there may be others not known to those about, strangers in the city. It is hoped, however, that the worst is known.

The dead bodies were placed in rough coffin boxes and conveyed to Wm. Seidenfaden's [sic] undertaking house on Fourth and Messanic streets when [sic] the Coroner will hold an inquest this morning.

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During the big rise the supply of Danforth oil ran out and on yesterday the supplies began to come in and there must have been at least thirty barrels in the house at the time of the explosion. There were about ten barrels of gasoline in store also, all the property of F. Henshaw & Co. Their loss is about \$300.

The house was the property of Dr. Leach, and was not worth much, but was, we understand, fully insured.

When we look at the nature of the situation and the number of men in the house at the time of the explosion, and the utter impossibility for them to make their escape before the explosion, we cannot but re-echo the voice of all, how lucky it was after all. It is strange that so many escaped and so few were lost.

Date of death: 26 Feb 1887

Subject: William H. Dunlevy

Source: *El Dorado [KS] Daily Republican*, 26 Feb 1887, Saturday, p. 4

W. H. Dunlevy died this morning, of pneumonia, at his residence on Settler St. after a short illness. Mr. Dunlevy was born February 7th, 1839, in Guernsey Co. Ohio; moved to Indiana while a boy, and when the war broke out he became imbued [sic] with the spirit of patriotism, joining the 104th Indiana cavalry, receiving injuries from which he never fully recovered. After the war ended he settled down at Louisville, Kentucky, where he was married. From there he moved to Missouri, and finally in 1870 he settled at El Dorado, where he has since remained.

As a citizen Mr. Dunlevy was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. Coming here in the early days he had by his industry built a comfortable home and earned a competence for his old age; but ere he had time to enjoy the fruits of his labors, death stepped across the threshold and carried him away.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Grand Army, and will be buried to-morrow by these orders with all their rites and ceremonies.

The funeral will be from the Presbyterian church at 3 p.m. Sunday.

To the bereaved family the Republican offers its heart-felt sympathy.

Date of death: 28 Jun 1895

Subject: Andrew Washington Dunn

Source: *The Ellinwood [KS] Advocate*, 4 Jul 1895, Thursday, p. 8

Died:-- On Friday, June 28th, at 4:30 a.m. of dropsy, Andrew W. Dunn, aged fifty-three years, four months, and twenty-four days. The remains were interred in the Ellinwood cemetery Sunday June 30th at 2 o'clock in the presence of a host of sympathizing friends.

Date of death: 10 Jul 1895

Subject: John Dunn

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 11, Jul 1895, p. 5

Savannah, Mo., July 10.—John Dunn died at his home north of town Wednesday morning.

Date of death: May 1877

Subject: John Louis Dunn

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 25 May 1877, p. 4

Yesterday at about half past ten o'clock a little son of Mr. Henry Dunn lost his life in the treacherous Missouri river. Mr. Dunn is a street sprinkler, and being sick yesterday morning, his two boys, Frank, aged 14 years, and John aged 10, hitched up the team and drove with the water wagon to the river, for the purpose of filling their father's contract to keep the streets sprinkled. Having driven into the river, as is the usual custom, for the purpose of filling the tank, the horses suddenly turned sufficiently to upset the wagon, and the boys were at once precipitated into the water. The elder one caught hold of one of the wagon wheels and saved himself until he was rescued from his perilous position; but his little brother, aged ten years, was swept away by the swift current, and was seen to rise, struggling, to the surface two or three times, when he was seen no more forever. A boat was shoved out for rescue, but too late to reach the drowning lad. Search was made for the body, but without success. It is indeed a sad case, and should be a warning to the boys who frequent the river. The horses were extricated by the timely assistance of Mr. Henry Rodgers and others.

Date of death: 4 Apr 1917

Subject: Michael Dunn

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 4 Apr 1917, Wednesday, p. 6

Michael Dunn, forty-seven years old, a Burlington section foreman, died at 6 o'clock this morning at his home, 1506 South Tenth street. He is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Catherine Dunn of Savannah, and two daughters, Ella and Leona Dunn.

Date of death: 20 Jun 1866

Subject: William F. Dunn

Source: *St. Louis [MO] Christian Advocate*, 10 Jul 1867

William F. Dunn was born in Ohio, December 23, 1834, and died in Brown county, Kan., June 20, 1866. In his thirteenth year he professed religion and joined the Church, under the ministry of Rev. G. W. Love, in Andrew county, Mo. For a long time he was faithful, and well do I remember the manly manner in which he would rise in class and tell how his soul prospered. After his marriage he moved from Missouri to Kansas, and, like too many, got out of the way. But God took from him his first born, which caused him to reflect and turn again to his Father's house. From that time he was a zealous member of our Church. Although in his locality we had no church organization, he was faithful. I never met him but he spoke of religion and our Church, and he never wrote to me that he did not ask me to pray for him. He leaves a wife and two children in the care of his Father in Heaven.

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Thus, within twelve months, I have lost a brother, brother-in-law and my mother-in-law. Surely the Lord has dealt hardly by us; but in all things He will do right. Blessed be God, though He has taken our friends from us-- they were all ready.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

J. Spencer
Kaw Agency, Kan.

Date of death: 9 Aug 1916

Subject: Martha A. (Durham) Scott

Source: *The Pratt [KS] Union*, 24 Aug 1916

Martha Durham was born in Green county, Ky., March 4, 1837. Departed this life August 9, 1916, aged 79 years, four months and 5 days.

She came with her parents to Platte county, Missouri, when only five years old. She was married to Richard M. Scott in November 1854. They came to Kansas in 1879, settling in Pratt county, in 1880, on the old homestead near Fairview M E church where they lived until called up higher.

Grandma Scott was converted at the age of fifteen under the preaching of Rev. A P Williams. She was baptized by Rev. M H Thomas and united with the Pleasant Grove Baptist church. She lived a sincere Christian life for 65 years. Her companion passed away nine years ago.

She leaves ten children all of whom were present at the funeral, nine sons and one daughter, Mrs. Alice Shepard living near Pratt.

The nine sons are, Samuel D Scott of Alva, Okla.; Monroe Scott of Gate, Okla.; Rev. John H Scott of Belle Plain, Kansas; Rev. Del Monte Scott of Castle Rock, Colo.; Walter Scott of Coats and David Scott, William H Scott, Charles Scott and Claud Scott of Pratt, Kansas.

Besides these children she leaves thirty grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Philips, assisted by Rev. A. E. Henry of the Methodist church, and the writer.—L. W. Kemp.

Date of death: 15 Oct 1917

Subject: William W. S. Dyatt

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 20 Oct 1917, Saturday, p. 1

Rev. W. W. S. Dyatt, who was for five years the pastor of the First A.M.E. Church in Pasadena, died Monday evening at his home in Oakland.

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Rev. Dyatt for several years pastored at Omaha, Neb., and St. Joseph, Mo.

Date of death: 26 Jan 1910

Subject: Martin Dyer

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 27 Jan 1910, p. 6

Martin Dyer, until six years ago, a resident of Nodaway county, died yesterday at Pawhuska, Okla., and his brothers-in-law, M. G. and James Moran, of St. Joseph, left last night to attend the funeral. Mr. Dyer was sixty-eight years of age and he had been a victim for several years of cancer of the stomach. He is survived by his widow.

Date of death: 12 Jan 1922

Subject: Guy Dykes

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 12 Jan 1922, Thursday, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., Jan. 12.—Guy Dykes, twenty-nine years old, who lived near Blanchard, Iowa, died in St. Francis Hospital here this morning as a result of injuries sustained while grinding feed at a neighbor's farm near Blanchard yesterday. Dykes' jacket became entangled in the gear of a gasoline engine and when he was drawn into the gearing his head was crushed. Funeral services have not been completed, although it was said that burial will be at Mercer, Mo.

Date of death: 14 Nov 1918

Subject: Clarence M. Dysart

Source: *Adams County [IA] Free Press*, 23 Nov 1918, Saturday, p. 5

Thursday morning of last week J. W. Kirk received word of the death of his son-in-law, Clarence Dysart of Bolckow, Mo., from pneumonia following an attack of influenza. Mr. Kirk left on No. 3 for Bolckow to be present with his daughter in her extreme sorrow. Friday Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kennedy left by auto for Bolckow to attend the funeral. Mrs. Dysart will be remembered as Miss Bess Kirk and we join in extending sympathy.

Date of death: 31 Jan 1889

Subject: Eleanor M. (Dysart) Wood

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 1 Feb 1889, p. 1

Bolckow, February 1.—Our village is mourning the death of Mrs. Ella Wood, wife of W. F. Wood, one of the most prominent merchants of the place. Mrs. Wood's maiden name was Dysart, one of the oldest families of Andrew county. Mrs. Wood was a most estimable woman and her death will be deeply mourned. She leaves one child, a boy.

Date of death: 29 Mar 1879

Subject: Elizabeth (Dysart) Carson

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

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Old Mrs. Carson, the mother of James, William and Johnston Carson, is at the residence of Circuit Clerk S. D. Cowan, quite sick. She is about 84 years old, but is usually strong and vigorous for one of her age, when in good health.

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 1 Apr 1879, p. 4

A large concourse of citizens from St. Joseph and vicinity attended yesterday the burial of Mrs. Elizabeth Carson, whose death, at the residence of Judge Cowan, near Walnut Grove, was chronicled in Sunday's Gazette. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. S. Campbell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, of which the venerable lady had been many years a member. She was, all her life, a consistent Christian and a woman of great force of character. Universally beloved for her many virtues, few dying at her extremely advanced age have left so large a circle of devoted friends to mourn her loss. The faculties of her unusually powerful intellect were unimpaired almost to the very hour of death.

Date of death: 2 Jul 1915

Subject: Lydia Katherine (Dyson) Jones

Source: *Skidmore [MO] New Era*, 8 Jul 1915, p. 1

Lydia Katherine Dyson was born May 12, 1875 and departed this life July 2, 1915, age 40 years, 1 month and 20 days.

Feb. 25, 1903 she was united in marriage to Allen H. Jones. To this union were born four children, all of whom survive. Beside these she leaves her father, two sisters, one brother and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

At the age of 16 she was converted and remained faithful until death. Truly we can say a good woman has gone to her reward. Her life was an example of loving kindness and faithful service well rendered. She was a faithful companion, a loving mother and a kind neighbor.

For several weeks she has been a great sufferer yet she bore it patiently and cheerfully, trusting God for support and comfort for her loved ones.

The friends of Mr. Allen H. Jones and family wish to express their sympathy and sorrow in the recent loss of the wife and mother of the family. But what becomes their loss, and our loss, becomes Heaven's gain. Nothing but good words have been said for the past life of Mrs. Jones. Would that such might be said of all who leave this world.