

## Obituaries – “G” Surnames

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**Date of death: 1 Aug 1923**

**Subject: Joseph Gaa**

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

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

Mr. Brady, whose death occurred at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, was born in Conception, Mo., 57 years ago, his parents, the late Judge and Mrs. William Brady, being the most prominent of the pioneer settlers of Nodaway County. About ten years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Gaa, who also represented a well known family of Conception. Mr. Brady had for years been identified with farming interests in the locality of Conception, but was more recently engaged in the real estate business. He was well known throughout conception and vicinity, his friends, without regard to creed, appreciating him for his civic interests and straightforward business methods. His death was due to a complication of diseases and followed a week's illness. The survivors are his widow and two children, Leonard and Lorine; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Keeler, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Clem Meyer and Miss Rose Ann Brady, at home. Besides Monsignor Brady, he is survived by three [sic] other brothers, Lawrence Brady, who resides in St. Joseph; William[,] Thomas, and Sarf Brady, all of Conception.

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

**Date of death: 14 Nov 1891**

**Subject: Nathan Cox Gabbert**

**Source: *Troy [KS] Times*, 20 Nov 1891, Friday, p. 3**

Mr. N. C. Gabbert died at his home in West Wathena last Saturday night. Rev. Winn, of Palermo, held the funeral services at the house on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, he was buried in Belmont cemetery, a wife and several children are left to mourn his death.

**Date of death: 3 Sep 1899**

**Subject: Lucy J. M. (Gainey) Foster**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 5 Sep 1899, p. 6**

Mrs. Lucy J. Foster, aged fifty-seven years, died at the home of his son-in-law, E. B. Sigler, 1216 North Third street, at 5 o'clock last evening. She had been to Chicago for treatment, and died of congestion of the brain a short time after returning to the city. The deceased was the wife of Gideon Foster, and they lived near Amazonia. The remains will be buried at the Greenwich [sic] cemetery, nine miles north of the city and near the home of the deceased.

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 5 Sep 1899, p. 3**

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Lucy H. Foster, wife of Gideon Foster, died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Funeral will take place Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock from residence of son-in-law, E. B. Sigler, 1216 North Third street. Services at Amazonia by Rev. L. T. Minturn at 10 o'clock.

**Date of death: 13 Feb 1922**

**Subject: Edith J. (Galbreath) Fisher**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 15 Feb 1922, Wednesday, p. 11**

Maryville, Mo., Feb 15.—Mrs. Alvin [sic] Fisher of King City died Monday night at the Mayon Brothers' Hospital, Rochester, Minn., following an operation Saturday morning for the removal of a tumor on the brain, according to a message received yesterday by her sister, Mrs. George Moore, of this city. Mrs. Fisher is survived by her husband' her mother, Mrs. Mary Galbreath, of near Bolckow; four brothers, Lewis, Joseph, James and Frank Galbreath, all of near Bolckow, and two sisters, Mrs. Ulie Craig of near Bolckow and Mrs. George Moore of Maryville. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

**Date of death: 25 Aug 1889**

**Subject: John Galbreath**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 28 Aug 1889, p. 6**

Editor of the Herald: At the burial of John Galbreath, S.V.C., of Filmore [sic] Post No. 170, Department of Missouri, G.A.R., who was also a Master Mason, the American flag, as well as all other emblems of the G.A.R., were ruled out, as the authorities conducting the services probably did not wish, at this solemn time, to be reminded that the deceased was one of those who dared to face the music and fight for the old flag. It appears to me that, through respect for the wishes of relatives and comrades, a compromise might have been affected agreeable to all except a few "last ditchers."

Poor Old Missouri

**Date of death: 8 Dec 1918**

**Subject: Charles Joseph Gallagher**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 10 Dec 1918, Tuesday, p. 6**

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 10.—Charles Gallager [sic], a widely known young farmer and breeder of fine hogs, died at St. Francis Hospital here Sunday night of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Mr. Gallagher had partially recovered from the disease and suffered a relapse. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gallager, he is survived by his widow and a little son, Robert.

**Date of death: 4 Nov 1911**

**Subject: Patrick Gallagher**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 5 Nov 1911, p. 4**

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Maryville, Mo., Nov. 4.—Patrick Gallagher, a well known farmer, who had lived east of Maryville since 1871, died at his home, eight miles east of this city, this morning, after an illness of seven years.

**Date of death: 29 Oct 1917**

**Subject: Dan Gamble**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 30 Oct 1917, Tuesday, p. 10**

Dan Gamble, a negro, 49 years old, was found dead yesterday morning in his room at 2023 Frederick avenue. He had dressed completely, except his coat, and apparently died of heart disease. He had been a porter and the Burri & Feiden saloon for several years. Friends say he has been in ill health for several days. Coroner Thomas was called and viewed the body. A son here survives.

**Date of death: 22 Jul 1881**

**Subject: Thomas Randall Gallup**

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

At 2:25 Friday afternoon Mr. Thomas R. Gallup passed away from the trials of this life, after a long and painful illness. Mr. Gallup was in the seventy-third year of his age. He was born near Norwich, Conn., and with his parents removed to Oneida county, New York, when he was seven years old. He came to Missouri in January, 1865, and remained here twelve years, when he removed to Nemaha county, Kansas, remaining four years, until about six weeks ago, when he returned to St. Joseph. Mr. Richard Gallup, of this city, and Mrs. D. N. Alexander, of Axtell, Kansas, are the only surviving children of the deceased. Mrs. Gallup, widow of the deceased, is in the seventy fourth year of her age, and is still in possession of good health and is pretty active. He had been in bad health since February last, when he was stricken with paralysis. At times he would improve and appear rather stout, while at other times he would become very feeble. He was a good citizen, a true Christian and one of whose loss will be deeply mourned. Mr. G. was, at the time of his death, a member of the Baptist church, and had been for the past thirty-five years.

The funeral will take place from the late residence on the corner of Sixteenth and Jones streets, at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The remains will be deposited in Fairview Cemetery, five miles east of the city.

**Date of death: 5 Dec 1923**

**Subject: Zora Emma (Galt) Metcalf**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 6 Dec 1923, p. 5**

Zora Emma Metcalf, 52 years old, died Wednesday afternoon at the family home, 2501 Agency road. She is survived by her husband, John Metcalf, a sister, Mattie Beckwith, Denver, Colo.; five stepsons, Ralph, Leo, Ira and Edward Metcalf, St. Joseph, and Harry Metcalf, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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Mrs. Zora Emma Metcalf, fifty-two years old, wife of John Metcalf, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the family home, 2501 Agency road. Mrs. Metcalf was born in Lawrenceburg, Ky., and had been a resident of St. Joseph forty years. Besides her husband, she is survived by five stepsons, Ralph, Leo, Ira and Edward Metcalf, St. Joseph, and Harry Metcalf, Fort Wayne, Ind. And one sister, Mrs. Mattie Beckwith, Denver, Colo. The funeral service will be conducted at the home at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and burial will be at Mount Auburn Cemetery.

**Date of death: 11 Jul 1919**

**Subject: Harriet Housel (Gann) Fleming**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Times*, 12 Jul 1919, Saturday, p. 2**

Mrs. Hattie Fleming, 1835 Washington Street, 59 years old, died at the General Hospital. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edward J. Struber, 1838 Washington Street, and Mrs. J. B. Cole, Rosendale, Mo.; two brothers, G. L. L. Gann, Pueblo, Col., and Alfred Gann, Maryville, Mo.; three sisters, Mrs. Anna Reighner, Lawton, Ok., Mrs. Frank Snyder, Wellington, Kas., and Mrs. Mary Felter, Pine Bluffs, Ark. Funeral services will be at 10 o'clock Monday morning at Mrs. C. L. Forster's chapel; burial at Mount Washington.

**Date of death: 22 Dec 1894**

**Subject: Mary E. (Ganote) Moulton**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 28 Dec 1894, Friday, p. 8**

Died, at her home in Whitesville, Mo., December 22nd, 1894, Mrs. Mary E. Moulton, wife of Frank Moulton.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ganote. She was born in Clark county, Ind., February 2nd, 1869; with her parents came to this state in 1879. At the age of sixteen she united with the Christian church at Orchid. She was married to Frank Moulton December 10th, 1890, and with her husband resided in Andrew county until God in his wisdom and strength said, "Come home, I have need of thee."

To this call all must answer, and as into the silent sleep of death the earthly tabernacle passes, the immortal spirit wings its flight under the direction of an unerring guide to the spirit world. Life has its pleasures and its sorrows, but in that land of rest all is joy. It was in the hope of that better land and relying on the promises to those who trust in God that she who now, to us sleeps in death, passed away.

It was but a day or two before the Reaper came that she, in conversation with her husband, expressed the hope that when life's journey should end, her spirit would be at rest.

She leaves a husband, father, mother, sisters, brothers and many friends to mourn her departure. To the bereaved their many friends extend their sympathy in this sad day of sorrow.

The remains were accompanied by many friends to Union Star on the 23rd, where funeral services were conducted in the Christian church, after which the body was interred in the cemetery near by, there to rest until the resurrection morn.

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**Date of death: 18 Mar 1897**

**Subject: Spencer Louis Gant**

**Source: *Nebraska City [NE] News*, 23 May 1897, Tuesday, p. 1**

Nebraska City Friday was called upon to mourn the death of one of its oldest and most respected citizens, Dr. Spencer Louis Gant, who has been a resident of this city for the past third of a century. He was born April 17, 1817, in Orange county, North Carolina, and at the age of 17 he moved with his parents to Clay County, Mo., and at the age of 19 he began teaching school. In 1847 he graduated from the St. Louis medical college and immediately began the practice of his profession. April 9, 1847, he was married to Miss Frances A., daughter of Col. John S. Yancy, to whom three children were born - John Yancey of LaFayette, MO., Mrs. W. F. N. Houser of this city, and Thomas A. Gant of Auburn. Dr. Gant was a skillful and successful physician and enjoyed a lucrative practice ever since his settlement here. December 2nd, 1877 he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church and was a very active member. He was a genial, cordial gentleman, popular with all, a good friend to the poor and a kind and indulgent father. The time of the funeral has not been fixed, but will most likely be on Monday next and most likely under the auspices of Nebraska city lodge No. 12. A.F. & A. M. of which he had been a member for a number of years.

**Date of death: 9 Nov 1913**

**Subject: Dida (Gardner) Larue**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 10 Nov 1913, p. 6**

Dida LaRue, seventy-two years old, died at 5 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital. The funeral was conducted from H. O. Sidenfaden's chapel at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

**Date of death: 5 Sep 1908**

**Subject: Daniel F. Garman**

**Source: *Burr Oak [KS] Herald*, 10 Sep 1908**

Again are we reminded of the uncertainty of life. A week ago this morning D. F. Garman was in his usual apparent good health. In the evening he was taken with an acute inflammation [sic] of the kidneys and peritoneum and at nine o'clock on Saturday morning he was numbered with the dead.

A week before, Dan had gone to Gregory, South Dakota, and with Dr. O. L. Kennedy, who has been there several weeks, looked over the Rosebud and other lands with a view to securing land there, but as the drawing does not come off for some time decided to come home. He reached Superior a week ago today and 'phoned to C. H. Morris to send a team after him. Roy Coyner went after him and they started home along in the evening. When between five and six miles from town Dan was taken with a severe pain in the region of the left kidney, the pain becoming terrible and during one of the paroxysms of pain the buggy wheel dropped into a rut and Dan was thrown out over the dashboard and had one side scarified and bruised. When they reached Nelt Harris' place a phone message was sent for Dr. Hawley, who went out as speedily as possible and found the sick man in terrible agony. He was brought on home and arrived about midnight. Mrs. Garman was out at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. C. Swisher and not knowing that her husband was ailing did not reach home until Friday morning. He would not allow her to be sent for that night, thinking that the attack would soon pass, as had an

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apparently similar one, a few years ago. He continued to grow worse until death put an end to his suffering on Saturday morning, as before stated. He retained consciousness to the last and talked with his wife and boy only a couple of minutes before the end came. So much talk had been indulged in that an autopsy was held Sunday morning by Drs. Hershner, Skinner and Hawley, and showed that there was no grounds for suspicion of any unfair dealing and that death was due entirely to natural causes and that the doctors' diagnoses had been correct.

Daniel F. Garman was born in Gentry county, Missouri, April 12, 1868 and died September 5, 1908, aged 40 years, 4 months and 23 days. He was the eldest son of J. D. Garman of this township and came here with his parents in 1873. He was married August 15, 1903 to Clara A. Rish who with one son, Oren, and numerous relatives are left to mourn his untimely death. He was converted during the Oliver revival and recently joined the Methodist church and died strong of faith in in [sic] the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held last Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the M.E. church, conducted by Rev. J. M. Willis assisted by Elder Eli Renner, after which the remains were taken in charge by his fraternal brethren, the neighbors of Maple Grove Camp, M.W.A. of which he had long been a member, and at the time of his death held the position of Worthy Adviser [sic], and in which order he carried an indemnity of \$2,000. The entire community joins in sympathy with the bereaved family in the great sorrow that has come to them.

**Date of death: 24 Feb 1892**

**Subject: Edward Bullock Garner**

**Source: *Independence [KS] Daily Reporter*, 26 Feb 1892, Friday, p. 3**

Died.—Yesterday, Edward Garner, aged 51, residing ten miles southeast of this city. Burial in Springhill cemetery.

**Date of death: 5 Jan 1920**

**Subject: John Vincent Garner**

**Source: *The Fredonia [KS] Daily Herald*, 7 Jan 1920, Wednesday, p. 1**

Vince Garner died Monday evening, of pneumonia. He had been sick for some time but was not considered dangerous until the last week when all of his children were sent for. He was an old resident of this country and well known by every one and will be sadly missed by his friends.

**Date of death: 6 Nov 1875**

**Subject: Quarles Tunstall Garner**

**Source: *Wilson County [KS] Citizen*, 19 Nov 1875, Friday, p. 3**

Q. Garner, formerly a resident of Duck Creek township, Wilson county, died at Leroy, Coffey county, on the 6th inst., aged 69 years.

**Date of death: 10 May 1915**

**Subject: Ranyan Jefferson Garner**

**Source: *The [Alva OK] Daily Pioneer*, 10 May 1915, Monday, p. 1**

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Mr. Garner, whose first name we were unable to obtain, dropped dead at his home on south 6th street, at about 12 o'clock today. Mr. Garner was standing talking to his wife, when he was suddenly stricken with heart disease and dropped dead in his tracks. He was an old soldier and was a comparative stranger in Alva, having come here about four months ago from Major county for the purpose of sending his son to the Normal.

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**Source:** *The [Alva OK] Daily Pioneer*, 11 May 1915, Tuesday, p. 3

The funeral services over the remains of R. J. Garner will be held at the Baptist church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

**Date of death:** 28 Sep 1912

**Subject:** Andrew Hockins Garnett

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 30 Sep 1912, p. 10

Skidmore, Mo., Sept. 29.—Andrew H. Garnett, one of the first settlers of Andrew county and a former mayor of Skidmore, died here yesterday. He was a veteran of the Civil war, and was a native of Kentucky, and was 64 years old.

**Date of death:** 18 Nov 1909

**Subject:** Louisiana (Garrett) Adams

**Source:** *Perry [KS] Mirror*, 25 Nov 1909, Thursday, p. 4

Mrs. Louisiana Adams widow of Washington Adams, deceased, departed this life November the 19th, at the age of seventy-nine years and three months, at her home near the town of Perry, in Jefferson county, state of Kansas.

Sister Adams was born in the state of Kentucky A. D. 1830. She emigrated with her parents to the state of Missouri when seven years of age, where she grew up to womanhood, and was married to Washington Adams at the age of sixteen years, to which union was born four daughters, one of whom died in infancy and another after having reached the years of maturity; two of whom survive to lament the decease of a dear loving mother. Besides these. a number of descendants, more remote, and a large circle of personal friends by whom the memory of this good woman will long be cherished.

She came to the state of Kansas in the year 1859, where, owing to the unsettled condition of the country, politically and otherwise, like others, she had to face many privations and hardships, where amid toils and trials she reared a family of children and lived to witness the many changes incident to the transformation of a wild country into a peaceful, fruitful country.

She became the subject of divine grace and was converted when a girl of fifteen years, at which time she united with the regular or Old School Baptist church, and to the day of her death was a devoted follower of the meek and lowly Christ—a Christian after the pattern set forth in the word of God. Of her it can truthfully be said, "She

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died in faith." Like Paul, her course was finished and she was ready to depart at the call of her loving Lord. Her last words were, "Come, Lord Jesus."

By her special request, the writer was summoned to conduct the funeral service, which took place from her late home, in the presence of a large assembly of neighbors and friends, who gave full evidence of their sincere regard for the solemn obsequies. The singing was beautiful, and most appropriate in selection. The words of our choice, as a text, are recorded in the letters to the Hebrews-XL1: "But now they desire a better country, that is a heavenly; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city."

May God comfort all who mourn.

W. T. Pence.

**Date of death: 24 Nov 1910**

**Subject: William T. Garrett**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 24 Nov 1910, p. 1**

Maryville, Mo., Nov. 24.—William T. Garrett, seventy years old, a pioneer resident of Maryville, is seriously ill at his home here and the attending physicians do not believe that he can survive the day. Mr. Garrett has been in failing health some months, it is said. About a month ago he was stricken with paralysis and since that time his condition has grown steadily worse. He became unconscious about forty-eight hours ago and has remained in that condition ever since. Mr. Garrett was at one time mayor of Maryville, and is well known throughout the state as a raiser of Poland China hogs.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 25 Nov 1910, p. 4**

Maryville, Mo., Nov. 25.—William T. Garrett, a pioneer resident of Maryville, who has been critically ill at his home here for the last month, died yesterday afternoon. With him passes one of the most prominent and lovable characters in this vicinity. Mr. Garrett was seventy years old and had lived in Nodaway County since 1868. He has been in failing health some time, it is said. About a month ago he was stricken by paralysis and since that time his condition had grown steadily worse. He became unconscious early in the week and never rallied.

Mr. Garrett was born in Jackson County, Indiana. In 1860, when twenty years of age, he enlisted in Company F. Fifth Indiana cavalry. He saw four years of service during the Civil War and took part in a great many important engagements. He was wounded at the battle of Stone Ridge by a fragment of a bursting shell. Upon the expiration of his term with the Indiana regiment he enlisted under the leadership of General Kilpatrick and took an active part in many of that leader's cavalry expeditions.

At the close of the war Mr. Garrett was married to Miss Sarah J. Stafford of Jackson County, Ind. To this union two children were born, Charles Garrett, who lives near Maryville, and Oliver Garrett of American Falls, Idaho. His first wife died in 1871 and in 1873 he was remarried, this time to Mrs. Joseph Forbes of Jackson County, Ind., wife of a friend who was killed in the war. Five children were born to them: Mrs. Harry Foster of Chariton,



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Iowa; Misses Lulu and Jennie Garrett, who live at home; Frank, also at home, and Milton K. Garrett, traveling salesman for the Wyeth Manufacturing and Hardware Company of St. Joseph.

During his lifetime Mr. Garrett took an active part in the municipal affairs of Maryville. In 1902 he was elected mayor and gave the city one of the most effective and best administrations it has ever enjoyed. It was due in no small degree to him that the affairs of the city have been placed on a more firm basis.

Mr. Garrett was best known as a stock raiser. This was his hobby during his lifetime, and his name will long be prominent in the livestock world. His particular interest was in the raising of Poland-China hogs, and it is said that he brought the first herd of the animals ever seen in the neighborhood. He was one of the founders and first president of the Standard Poland-China Record Association, and his influence did much to make it one of the most important organizations in the stock world.

Mr. Garrett was an Elk and also stood high in the councils of Masonry. The funeral will be tomorrow afternoon from his late residence. The services will be in charge of the Rev. W. J. Parvin, pastor of the Maryville Methodist Church, South, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Ford, pastor of the First Methodist Church here. Burial will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

**Date of death: 22 Sep 1892**

**Subject: George Washington Garton**

**Source: Barber Co. [Medicine Lodge KS] Index, 28 Sep 1892**

George W. Garton died at the home of his father-in-law, R. D. Gaddis, southeast of town, at 2 o'clock a.m., Thursday, September 22, at the age of thirty years. He was taken ill ten days ago with pleuro-pneumonia, which resulted in his death. He leaves a wife and three small children, whose helpless appeals to humanity's most tender passions [sic]. He was buried in highland [sic] cemetery in this city Thursday last under the auspices of Delphia lodge No. 140, K. of P. Rev. Archer officiating.

**Date of death: 31 Mar 1895**

**Subject: Lawrence Garton**

**Source: Medicine Lodge [KS] Cresset, 5 Apr 1895**

Lawrence, 4-year-old son of Mrs. George Garten [sic], died at the farm of his grandpa, R.D. Gaddie, east of this city, on Sunday night the 31st, of inflammation of the stomach, and was buried in the cemetery in this city, on Tuesday, the 2nd, with services by Rev. W. A. Cain at the Baptist church.

It will be remembered that Mr. Garten, the boy's father, died some two years ago, and since then Mrs. Garten and the children have been making their home with Mrs. G's parents. The death is a severe blow to the widowed mother.

**Date of death: 25 Jan 1918**

**Subject: Orelva Thomas Gartside**

**Source: Blockton [IA] News, 31 Jan 1918, Thursday**

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Orelvia [sic] Thomas Gartside was born in Philadelphia, Penn., Jan. 9, 1848 and departed this life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clara Ford, Jan. 25, 1918, aged 70 years and 16 days.

He moved with his parents to Taylor county when four years of age and has since made this vicinity his home.

He was united in marriage to Miss Maria Kemery on Nov. 5, 1871. To this union two children were born—Mrs. Clara Ford of Blockton, Ia. and Ora Gartside of Sheridan, Mo. He leaves to mourn his departure, besides his children, 8 grandchildren, one brother, William, of Chetopa, Kansas; one sister, Anna Turner, of Boise, Idaho and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held at Forest Grove, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. G. Burroughs and interment was made in the Forest Grove cemetery.

**Date of death: 8 Oct 1913**

**Subject: Whitfield Gassaway**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 12 Oct 1913, p. 1**

Whit Gassaway, weird singer, former chimney sweep of St. Joseph, is dead.

The funeral of Gassaway will take place this afternoon from the Francis Street Baptist church, and will be attended by G.A.R. members, both negro and white, besides others who knew Gassaway through the many years he lived here.

For a long time Gassaway was a sweeper of chimneys in St. Joseph and was known for his weird songs. Working on the roofs of houses he would let loose his soul through the channels of melody, which were usually a mixture of minstrel songs and half-wild, melancholy airs, probably inherited from African ancestry.

Usually invisible to his auditors, Gassaway would cast his musical spell of entire neighborhoods. A search would reveal him cleaning the soot from some chimney. As the singing chimney sweep, he became known from one end of the city to the other, especially during the time when he held the title of official sweep of the city, by virtue of appointment by the mayor.

Though born in slavery and lacking education, Gassaway had shrewdness which marked him above some of his race. He thirsted for knowledge and as a result bore through his life a deep scar on his head.

When he was a little fellow, a slave in Kentucky, he got hold of a primer, used by one of the children of the house where he was owned. He began to secretly learn his A B C's. One day his master found him with the book and dealt him a blow which nearly crushed his skull. This resulted in the scar. After that he was more careful in getting his smattering of an education.

During the war Gassaway served in the federal army. He was about 70 years old.

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**Subject: Harriet (Gates) Peck**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 27 Sep 1911, p. 6**

Mrs. Harriett [sic] Peck, fifty-seven years old, wife of W. A. Peck, a traveling salesman, died at 4 o'clock this morning at the family home, 301 North Thirteenth street. She was a member of the Christian Science Church. The body will be taken to Hopkins, Mo., for burial.

**Date of death: 3 Sep 1877**

**Subject: Seth Gates**

**Source: *The Rock Island [IL] Argus*, 7 Sep 1877**

On last Saturday morning, Seth Gates, a commissioner of highways in Abington township, Mercer county, who was superintending the building of a bridge over Pope creek at Glancey's old mill, fell from a wagon loaded with stone, striking heavily on his neck and shoulders and, apparently, from some injury to the spinal cord, the lower part of his body, from the waist, was paralyzed and wholly insensible. The load of stone was furnished with a spring seat on top, and the great height and the sudden obstruction of the wheel, caused the violence of the fall. He died on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

**Date of death: 11 Aug 1899**

**Subject: George N. Gauger**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 11 Aug 1899, p. 3**

Barnard, Mo., August 11.—George M. Gauger, aged fifty-four years, a well-known stockman who lives two and one-half miles northeast of this place, hanged himself in his barn this morning. Gauger's body was discovered by members of the family at 7 o'clock. Life was extinct and the supposition is that the deed was committed an hour or two before. It is said that the dead man had domestic troubles and that he had lately lost heavily on stock speculations. He was a regular patron of the St. Joseph livestock market and was well known among the commission men of this city. The deceased is survived by a wife and four children. A daughter is married and lives at Rosendale. Three children live at the home place. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide.

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**Date of death: 16 Nov 1906**

**Subject: Henry Gee**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 19 Nov 1906, Monday, p. 2**

Maryville, Mo., Nov. 19.—Henry Gee, who has resided in Nodaway County twenty-one years, died at the St. Francis Hospital Friday afternoon at the age of fifty-three years. Mr. Gee was a native of Tennessee and was a highly respected citizen. He has been in failing health for some time and had traveled considerably for the benefit of his health. Last Tuesday he submitted to a surgical operation from which he never fully recovered. The funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon by Rev. Grant A. Robbins, pastor.

**Date of death: 2 Aug 1907**

**Subject: Amos Gehrett**

**Source: *The Atchison [KS] Daily Champion*, 3 Aug 1907, Saturday, p. 1**

Amos Dehrett [sic, throughout], living in Branchton at 809 King street, died last night at 11 o'clock from catarrh of the bowels. He was 68 years old and leaves a wife and two children. For the past 25 years Mr. Dehrett has been employed at the Central Branch shops as a coppersmith, and his long line of service is a guarantee of the man both as a citizen and finished mechanic. Only recently Mr. Dehrett and his wife returned from a pleasure trip to California. On account of the expected arrival of a daughter from Chicago the funeral hour has been set for 4 o'clock tomorrow, at the family home in Branchton. Dr. Boyle will have charge of the service and burial will be made in Mt. Vernon cemetery.

**Date of death: 20 Jun 1919**

**Subject: John M. Geisner**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 20 Jun 1919, Friday, p. 2**

John Geisner, an employe of the Morris packing plant, was probably fatally injured this afternoon at the plant. He was sent to St. Joseph's Hospital, where Dr. C. S. Branson attended him.

At the Morris plant all information as to how the accident happened or the condition of Geisner was refused.

It was said at the hospital that there is small hope for the recovery of the injured workman, whose chest was crushed, indicating that something heavy had fallen on him.

Geisner is said to live in the North End.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 21 Jun 1919, Saturday, p. 6**

John M. Geisner, 37 years old, an employe of the Morris Packing company, sustained injuries at the plant at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon which resulted in his death three hours later at St. Joseph's hospital. The cause of his injuries could not be determined yesterday afternoon or night from the Morris plant officials.

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Dr. C. S. Branson, who attended the man, said last night it was evident that the injuries results from the falling of some heavy body on his chest, as it had been crushed. The claim department last night refused to make any statement concerning the manner in which Geisner was injured, saying that an investigation would be made this morning. The injured man was dying when the Fleeman-McNeil ambulance called for him at Dr. Branson's office, according to Tracy Barry, who was with the ambulance. Plant officials say that from the time of the accident every attention was given to the man to get him removed to a hospital and that little attention was given at the time to the cause of the accident. The shift on which the man was employed quit work soon after the accident so that better opportunity for the investigation will be afforded today.

Geisner lived in the country north of St. Joseph near stop 10 on the Savannah interurban. He is survived by his wife, who is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Hayward of St. Joseph; three children, John, aged 9, Helen, 11, and Albert, 4; his mother, Mrs. Katherine Geisner of St. Louis; and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Huelster, Mrs. Emma Huelster, Mrs. Margaret Tretter and Mrs. Vene Peckman, all of St. Louis, and one brother, William, who is now in service overseas. Burial will be in Mount Olivet cemetery. The time of the funeral services have [sic] not been yet announced. The body was removed last night from Fleeman-MacNeil's undertaking establishment to the family home.

**Date of death: 24 Oct 1893**

**Subject: Henry Genn**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 26 Oct 1893, p. 5**

Henry Genn, an old colored resident of Gower, died at that place Tuesday evening at the age of 80. He was a well known character in that part of the county, and was the father of Mrs. Dodge, who lives in South Fifth street.

**Date of death: Dec 1893**

**Subject: Anderson (or Andrew) Gentry\***

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press/Gazette*, 18 Dec 1893, Monday, p. 6**

Burial permits were issued by the clerk of the board of health as follows today:

Rev. Andrew Gentry, seventy-three years, 621 South Fourteenth street; heart disease.

**Date of death: 6 Jul 1895**

**Subject: F. Eliphus George**

**Source: *The [Valentine NE] Republican*, 19 Jul 1895**

Died - July 6, 1895, at his home near Sparks, of paralysis, at the age of 74 years, Eliphus George.

Mr. George was born in Tennessee and from Illinois went to California in 1849 after which he returned to Illinois and engaged in mercantile business for twelve years. Then he removed to Missouri and engaged in cattle business. He came to Cherry County in 1883, engaging in farming and stock raising. During the Mexican war

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he was a sutler. He had been helpless for nearly a year prior to his death. Deceased was a brother of James W. George, of this county, and leaves one son, Edman, and an aged wife. The remains were buried in the Sparks cemetery July 7th, Elder Riggle conducting the service.

**Date of death: 23 Jul 1922**

**Subject: Frederick Gerber**

**Source: *Oregon City [OR] Enterprise*, 28 Jul 1922**

Frederick Gerber, prominent resident of Logan, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas E. Anderson, of that place, Sunday morning.

Deceased was a native of Wisconsin, born 64 years ago. For the past 46 years he has resided in the Logan country, and was known throughout this section of the county.

Mr. Gerber is survived by his widow of Logan; a son E. C. Gerber, of Logan; his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Anderson, of Logan; two brothers, Jacob Gerber, of Oregon City; Samuel Gerber, of Logan.

**Date of death: 6 Dec 1908**

**Subject: Jacob Gerber**

**Source: *Morning Oregonian*, 8 Dec 1908, Tuesday**

The funeral of Jacob Gerber who died Sunday at his home, 1646 East Twenty-fifth street, will be held this afternoon at 12:30, at Logan Cemetery, Clackamas County. The funeral party will leave the undertaking establishment of A. B. Hemstock, in Sellwood, this morning at 10 o'clock for Logan. Mr. Gerber was a Clackamas County pioneer farmer, having settled near Logan on a farm 36 years ago, where he lived with his family until ten years ago when he moved to Sellwood. He was 77 years old. Mr. Gerber was well known and respected at his old home, at Logan and also in Sellwood, his later home. His wife died 15 years ago. He is survived by three children, Jacob, Fred and Samuel Gerber.

**same**

**Source: *Oregon City [OR] Enterprise*, 18 Dec 1908, Friday**

Jacob Gerber, Sr., who died at Sellwood on December 6, was well known and respected in Logan, where he lived for many years. He was born in Switzerland, December 31, 1830, and came here from Missouri in 1874. He was a member of the G.A.R. Three sons, living in Logan and vicinity and his second wife, to whom he was married in 1891, survive him. The remains were interred in Pleasant View cemetery on the 8th.

**Date of death: 1 May 1922**

**Subject: Peter Gerber**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 3 May 1922, Wednesday, p. 5**

Peter Gerber, 89 years old, a retired farmer, died Monday afternoon at his home, 6434 Carnegie street, after a long illness. He was born in Switzerland and came to the United States when he was 20 years old. He served

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with the Union army in the Civil war, having fought with Sherman in his march through the south. When he came to this country he settled in Worth county and lived there until ten years ago. He is survived by three daughters and a son, Fred Gerber, Fort Niagara, N.Y., Mrs. Edward Germann, Mrs. George Wright and Mrs. Sophia Cunningham, all of St. Joseph.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 5 May 1922, Friday, p. 8*

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown during the death of our father and grandfather, Peter Gerber, also for the beautiful floral offerings. Signed: George H. Wright and Family, Mrs. Lena Germann, Mrs. Sophia Cunningham.

**Date of death:** 20 May 1916

**Subject:** Susan C. (Germing) Loutch

**Source:** *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune, 27 May 1916, Saturday, p. 5*

Mrs. Susan C. Loutch, wife of Jacob Loutch, and a well known and highly esteemed member of the parish of the Immaculate Conception, died last Saturday night at 10 o'clock, at the family home, 621 South Seventeenth street, aged 51 years.

Mrs. Loutch was born in Freeport, Ill., but at an early age, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gerning [sic], and her sister, moved to Maryville. She was united in marriage May 5th, twenty five years ago, to Mr. Jacob Loutch, the ceremony occuring [sic] in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Mrs. Loutch was a devout Catholic and an ideal wife and mother. Entirely devoted to her family, she found her greatest pleasure in the home circle. She had been ill for several years, bearing her sufferings with edifying fortitude.

The funeral was held last Tuesday morning from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rev. Francis Johannes officiating. Mrs. Loutch's beautiful example incited Father Johannes to pay an eloquent tribute to the Catholic Mother. The deceased was a popular member of St. Anthony's Court, Catholic Order of Lady Foresters, and members of that organization attended the funeral in large numbers.

Besides her husband, she leaves two sons, Edward M., and Arthur J. Loutch; also her parents, who now reside in this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Lambert Yehle of St. Joseph, and Mrs. Bernard Kemper of Conception.

**Date of death:** 11 Nov 1912

**Subject:** Adah E. (Gettings) Carter

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press, 13 Nov 1912, p. 7*

Clyde, Mo., Nov. 13.—The funeral of Mrs. Ada Carter, thirty years old, who died here yesterday following a short illness will be held from the conception Abbey tomorrow morning with interment in the Conception cemetery. Father Placidus will conduct the services. Mrs. Carter is survived by the husband, one infant child,

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her mother, Mrs. Charles Gittings, two brothers, Charles Gittings of Clyde, Joseph Gittings of South Dakota and sister, Mrs. E. W. Stowell of Frankfort, Kan.

**Date of death: 18 Oct 1894**

**Subject: Edward Richard Gibbins**

**Source: *The Sedgwick [KS] Pantagraph*, 25 Oct 1894, Thursday, p. 4**

Grandfather Gibbins living between this place and Patterson died last Monday morning, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years and six months. He had been a Mason for over sixty years and was buried by the order Tuesday. At the time of his death he was living with his son, Elder Gibbins, He leaves four sons to mourn his death. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Albertson to a large and attentive audience after which the remains were laid to rest by the side of his wife who died a few years ago. Grandfather Gibbins was a member of the Baptist church and an earnest Christian.

**Date of death: 8 Jul 1891**

**Subject: Ben Gibbons**

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

Ben Gibbons, an old colored man, was found dead in bed yesterday morning at the residence of Lucy Carther at Eighth and Corby streets, where he had been staying. The body was removed to Heaton's undertaking rooms, where an inquest was held at one o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The verdict of the jury in the case was that Gibbons came to his death from symphysematous [sic] and dropsical lungs and heart. The deceased was 59 years of age and had been suffering from dropsy for some time. He had lived here but a short time and was a pauper. He has two sons in Paola, Kas., who were notified of his death. If they do not take charge of the body today it will be buried in the potters' field.

**Date of death: 22 Aug 1908**

**Subject: Eliza J. (Gibbs) Bedwell**

**Source: *Indianola [IA] Herald*, 3 Sep 1908**

Eliza J. Gibbs was born in Mason Co., Kentucky, the 9th day of Jan., 1844, and died the 22d day of Aug., 1908, her age being 64 years, 7 months and 11 days.

At the age of ten years, she moved with her parents to Graham, Nodaway county, Mo., where she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On the first day of Feb., 1863, she united in marriage to William Bedwell, who died June 18, 1891.

Unto this union were born, 7 children, all of whom survive except James who died in infancy.

They moved to Spring Hill, Iowa., in 1868, where they have had their home ever since. Besides her six children she leaves two sisters and two brothers who reside in the State of Missouri, and one sister, Mrs. Woods, of this place.



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Services were conducted at the home of Wm. Anderson's, by the pastor of the M.E. church after which the remains were laid away in Webb's cemetery.

*"When these earthly years are past and gone.  
Temptation's battles fought and won.  
From Heaven shall gently come this message down.  
They that have been born the cross, shall wear a crown.—Never to fade."*

**Date of death: 11 Aug 1919**

**Subject: Emily (Gibbs) Lewis**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 13 Aug 1919, Wednesday, p. 6**

Mrs. Emily Lewis, a negress whose age is believed to be more than 100 years, died Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Hurbert, 2510 South Tenth street. The daughter is 75 years old. The old negress served half her life in slavery in the south. She was born in Maryland. The body will be taken to Oregon, Mo. for burial.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 12 Aug 1919, Tuesday, p. 6**

Emily Lewis, negress, whose age was placed beyond the century mark, died at 7:43 o'clock last evening at the home of a daughter, Mrs. John Hurbert, 2310 South Tenth street. The daughter, youngest of the children of Mrs. Lewis, is seventy-five years old.

Mrs. Lewis spent at least half her life in slavery, even though it has been more than half a century since the negroes were freed in America. She was born in Maryland and had lived in the South much of the time prior to the Civil War. Since then she had made her home in Missouri.

The aged negress is survived by a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Hurbert is her only surviving child.

There is no authentic record of the age of the woman, though she herself had stated that she was born before the first Independence day. This is not credited, however. She was one of the oldest residents of the state. She had a vivid recollection of the old slave markets of the Southern states.

The body will be taken to Oregon, Mo., for burial. She owned a farm in Oregon and property in St. Joseph.

**Date of death: 8/9 Oct 1888**

**Subject: Lula May Gibson**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 9 Oct 1888, p. 4**

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May Gibson, daughter of William and Mary Gibson, living on Empire Prairie, Andrew county, died Monday, October 8. She will be buried at 2 o'clock to-day.

**Date of death: 7 May 1915**

**Subject: Maggie Pearl (Gibson) Ferguson**

**Source: *The Daily Republican [Burlington KS], 11 May 1915, Tuesday, p. 4***

To say that the community was shocked at the death of Mrs. S. T. Ferguson conveys little of what was felt when it was learned last Saturday morning that the illness of Mrs. Ferguson had terminated fatally. While it was generally known that she was seriously ill, all entertained hopes for her recovery. In her death the neighborhood sustains a distinct loss. When the family came here three years ago they at once identified themselves with the interests of the community, and it did not require an extended acquaintance on the part of the neighbors to discover in Mrs. Ferguson those traits that constitute a lovely character. In the social and religious life she bore her part well, always ready to continue [sic] to the happiness of those around her. Her place in the affections of the people are such that each one will feel in her passing away a personal loss. Her devotion to her family was a marked characteristic and she will ever be lovely [sic] remembered because of a life that counted for righteousness.

Maggie Pearl Gibson was born July 22, 1882, in Andrew county, Mo. where she grew to young womanhood. At the age of fourteen she united with the M.E. church and lived a faithful christian [sic] life until the end. She was united in marriage to S. T. Ferguson, March 2, 1902, in Rosedale [sic], Mo. To this union three children were born, two girls and a boy. The latter dying in infancy. The family came from Cosby, Mo. to Coffey county, Kansas in March 1912, occupying what is known as the Dull farm seven miles northwest of Westphalia.

Her last illness was of just a week's duration, and all that loving hands or medical skill could do availing nothing, and she passed from her suffering Saturday, May 7, 1915 aged 32 years, 9 months and 15 days. Besides her husband and two little girls, she leaves a mother, four living sisters and two brothers and a host of friends to grieve her untimely passing away. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved ones in their hour of sorrow.

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; they rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Funeral services were held at Pleasant View church in charge of Rev. A. B. Moore. Music furnished by male quartet from LeRoy. The church was decorated and there were many beautiful floral offerings. A large crowd was in attendance, the building not holding all.

Mrs. Mary E. Gibson, mother of the deceased, Mrs. Docia Howland and Mrs. Lelia Ferguson, sisters, and Mr. R. M. Ferguson, father of S. T. Ferguson, all of Barcelow [sic], Mo. were present for the funeral. The body was shipped to Barcelow, Mo. for burial.

**Date of death: 14 May 1887**

**Subject: son of Henry Gilbert**

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**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 15 May 1887, p. 5

Mrs. H. D. Gilbert, who will be remembered as Miss Agnes Minturn of this city, mourns the loss of her son, aged 6 years, who died yesterday in Chicago. Mrs. Gilbert was visiting in this city about three weeks ago, and while here the boy contracted the measles

Mrs. Gilbert is a sister of Mrs. Herman Garlichs and Mrs. Geo. A. Kennard of this city, who left for Chicago last night.

**Date of death:** 23 Jun 1912

**Subject:** Harrison L. Gilbert

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 25 Jun 1912, p. 6

Maryville, Mo., June 24.—Harrison Gilbert, 21 years old, was drowned in the Nodaway river near Quitman Sunday afternoon. Gilbert, his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Winn were all fishing in the river, and Gilbert had waded in to disentangle a fishing hook when he got beyond his depth suddenly. The body was not recovered for more than an hour.

**Date of death:** pre 21 Nov 1859

**Subject:** Mrs. Margaret Gilbert

**Source:** *The [St. Joseph MO] Weekly West*, 3 Dec 1859, Saturday, p. 3

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Margaret Gilbert, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Judge of the Probate Court of Buchanan County, dated November 21, 1859. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within three years from the date of said letters, they will be forever barred.

Enoch Gilbert, Administrator.

**Date of death:** 3 Mar 1920

**Subject:** Jacob Edward Gile

**Source:** *Joplin [MO] Globe*, 6 Mar 1920, Saturday, p. 5

Baxter Springs, Kan., March 5.—Members of the Legion post attended the funeral service of Jacob Edward Giles [sic], 74 years old, veteran of the Civil war, who died yesterday, and conducted a military service. A firing squad fired a salute over the grave in Greenlawn cemetery.

Giles was a resident of Baxter Springs many years and was well known. He is survived by many relatives.

**Date of death:** 25 Sep 1913

**Subject:** Jonas B. Gill

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 29 Sep 1913, p. 10

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Parnell, Mo., Sept. 28.—After an illness of more than half a century, Jonas B. Gill, 64 years old, of Parnell, died at his home this week. Gill had been suffering from bone erysipelas for fifty years. A kick from a mule aggravated the disease which affected both his legs. Two amputations last summer, one at Parnell, and one at St. Joseph, served only to prolong his life.

Gill was born in Grundy county, Ohio, and came to Nodaway county when he was 16 years old. He married Miss Mahala Cordell, who, with two sons and two daughters, survive [sic] him.

**Date of death: 16 Mar 1895**

**Subject: son of Robert Gill\***

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 19 Apr 1895, Friday, p. 2**

Robert Kill of Savannah was cleaning a revolver supposed not to be loaded when it went off and killed his 6-year-old brother.

**Date of death: 8 Feb 1912**

**Subject: Elizabeth F. (Gillam) Graves**

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

Maryville, Mo., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Bettie Graves, seventy years old, widow of the late Otis Graves one of the pioneer residents of Maryville, died at her home here this morning. The funeral services at the First Baptist Church tomorrow afternoon will be in charge of the Rev. Lee Harrell.

Mrs. Graves' death was caused by pneumonia with which she became ill last Sunday. She had just returned from a visit with relatives at Slater, Missouri. She is survived by one son, C. C. Graves, a brother and four sisters. She had lived at Maryville since 1871.

**Date of death: 3 Apr 1912**

**Subject: William T. Gilley**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 3 Apr 1912, p. 6**

William Gilley, a widower, about seventy-five years old, died at 7 o'clock last night at the county infirmary. He had been at the institution six years and had lived in St. Joseph many years. The authorities have learned that he has several sons and a daughter living here and the body is being held in efforts to locate them. He was blind.

**Date of death: 7 Mar 1912**

**Subject: Henry Jackson Gillispie**

**Source: *Hiawatha [KS] Daily World*, 7 Mar 1912, Thursday, p. 8**

Henry J. Gillispie died at his home in Reserve early Thursday morning. He had suffered for several years with heart trouble but had not complained until Wednesday afternoon when he said he had a pain in his chest. He went to bed as usual but at 1 o'clock awakened his son, Dr. James Gillispie, saying he did not feel well. He died

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about an hour later. Mr. Gillispie had almost reached his 76th year. He had been a rugged man and had stood up faithfully while enduring great misfortunes and suffering many hardships and privations along the pathway of his long life. He came to the county when the pioneers of Kentucky Ridge came to the county, drove the first stake and broke the silence of that uninhabited and uncivilized section of the county. He was married twice, both times over in Missouri. His first wife was a sister of R. M. Stewart, and Harvey Hart's mother and Mrs. E. R. Cornelison were his sisters. There were five children born to each wife. H. J. Gillispie belonged to all branches of Masonry, a true and faithful member, a clean, upright and honest man in all the walks of life. He was a good soldier in the civil war and, when it was over he returned to the peaceful pursuits of life at the old home northeast of Reserve. Besides his wife, he leaves the following children: Mrs. L. W. Green, Mrs. Miles Grove, Mrs. Francis Koso, all of Reserve; Mrs. Will Thomson, of Plainview, Texas; Jefferson Gillispie, Sherman Gillispie and Dr. Jas. Gillispie, of Reserve; Dr. Sam Gillispie, of Lawrence. The funeral arrangements will not be made until Mrs. Thomson is heard from.

**same**

**Source: *Brown County [KS] World*, 15 Mar 1912, Friday, p. 23**

The funeral and burial of Henry J. Gillispie took place Sunday at Reserve. The special train, bearing about 50 members of the Masonic lodge, and many old friends and admirers of the deceased, left at 9 o'clock and on its way took on others at Padonia. The services were held in the Christian church and it was crowded to its uttermost, although the weather was very inclement, the roads in bad condition and travel difficult. The services were conducted by the Masons. The address was made by Rev. Mr. Hassenpflug, of Hiawatha, and was very eloquent, touching and appropriate, praised highly and never to be forgotten by the relatives and friends. The Reserve quartet furnished the music and there were beautiful, fragrant flowers, in great profusion. The pall bearers were Mr. Gillispie's nephews, Harvey Hart, Perry Hart, T. J. Hart, T. E. Hart, J. P. Gillispie and Frank Cornelison. There were relatives from a distance as follows: Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Stevens, sisters of Mrs. Gillispie, of Pawnee, Nebr.; two brothers of Mrs. Gillispie from Missouri; J. P. Gillispie from Missouri; Mrs. H. J. Gillispie, of Kansas City; Dr. Gillispie, of Lawrence; Mrs. William Thomson, of Texas; Sam Stewart, of Savannah, Mo.; and Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Hodgins, of Topeka. The Masons, in view of the disagreeable conditions out doors, held the usual burial service at the church, and but few of them went to the cemetery. But, it was a long funeral cortege, composed of the vehicles of the whole neighborhood, containing relatives and old friends, that passed down the big road south, turned off east, crossed the Walnut Creek, wound thru the timber and over the hills to the old Hart cemetery. There amid the old time scenes, the hallowed recollections of gone by days, and the fond remembrances of youth; the memory running over the changes and vicissitudes of a life time, with natures [sic] white robe spread over the whole face of earth, and from the canopy above a shower of white atoms of the emblem of purity filling the air above; there, in these sacred grounds, the remains of Henry Gillispie were laid to rest. It is probably that the death of no other person in the whole township would have drawn more attention, sympathy, regret or crowd, at such a time. Henry Gillispie was a good man, good citizen, good friend and good neighbor. Good and loyal to his family, lodge, and friends. A man of noble principles, of clean, upright character, sound integrity, and faithful to every duty and trust reposed in him. He passed along the path of life for 76 years, stemming the rugged places with commendable fortitude, and reaching his journey's end with every duty performed, and an unsullied name, left as a legacy to his people.

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**Source: *The [Hiawatha] Kansas Democrat*, 21 Mar 1912, Thursday, p. 4**

In the death of Henry J. Gillispie, of Reserve, Brown county loses one of her noblest pioneers. He knew the hardships of the early days and experienced the perils of the frontier. As the father of his family he reared a family of splendid women and fine noble sons. His service to his country in time of need cannot be overlooked. He was one of the Democrats of which Brown county young men point to with pride and are certain of their ground. The world is better for his having lived in it and performed his daily routine of work.

**Date of death: 3 Dec 1918**

**Subject: Benjamin F. Gilmore**

**Source: *The Robinson [KS] Index*, 12 Dec 1918, Thursday, p. 1**

Benjamin F. Gilmore who was "Uncle Benny" to all who knew him in Irving and Robinson townships was born in Missouri December 20 [sic], 1838, and died at his home west of Hiawatha, December 3, aged 79 years, 11 months and 13 days. He came to Kansas with the hardy pioneers who made this the great state it is, in the year 1858, and this has been his home since that time. He was married December 9, 1859, to Sarah Meek and settled on a farm in Irving township and this county has been his home since that time. Seven children were born of this union, five sons and two daughters, all of whom have passed over the divide but two, James M., who lives near the old home in Irving township and Robert M., who makes his home at Rio Hondo, Texas. Mrs. Hilmore preceded him to his grave March 8, 1879, and is buried in Ununda cemetery, where Mr. Gilmore was laid Thursday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. McAfferty, of Robinson, who was his pastor for a number of years. On October 27, 1898 [sic], he was again married to Mary F. Miller, of Robinson, who survives him. For a number of years he has been in frail health and received the loving care of his widow who looked [end of article].

**Date of death: 20 Mar 1901**

**Subject: Margaret (Gilmore) Hammond**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 22 Mar 1901, p. 1**

Mrs. Margaret Hammond died at the home of her son, James Hammond Wednesday afternoon at about 4:00 o'clock. Mrs. Hammond suffered a stroke of paralysis about a week ago which was largely the cause of her death. The funeral was conducted from the house today at 10:00 o'clock. Interment in the Groves cemetery.

**same**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 29 Mar 1901, p. 8**

Margaret Gilmore, the subject of this sketch, was born Jan. 21, 1827, in St. Clair county, Ill. She departed this life March 20, 1901, was, therefore, 74 years, 1 month and 29 days old. She was married near the age of 20 to Wm. Hammond. To this union were born two children, James and Olive. The husband died in 1856 and the daughter in 1858. In November 1865, Aunt Margaret, as she was familiarly called, in company with other relatives, emigrated to this state where she has ever since resided spending the last 9 years of her life with her son, James Hammond, at whose home she passed away. The deceased was stricken with paralysis 12 days before Death released her.

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Her husband was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun a number of years ago and she never fully recovered from the shock of his death. Her whole after life was visibly effected by this great affliction, and while not particularly unhappy she always seemed sad.

But now she has gone to that land where sighing and sorrow is no more and those who are left behind, while they will greatly miss her, are comforted with the thought of the sweet reunion where she will meet her companion and other loved ones in that land where partings never come. And while we drop a tear in memory of one whom we have known and loved, the thought comes, she is at rest.

Aunt Margaret leaves one sister, one son, three grand-sons, and one great-grand-son, besides other relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

The funeral was conducted from the house, March 22nd, by Rev. Lane Douglas, after which she was laid to rest in the Groves cemetery.

**Date of death: 14 Feb 1916**

**Subject: Charlie Gipson\***

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 19 Feb 1916, Saturday, p. 8**

St. Joseph, Mo. The little grandson of Mrs. Hayden died February 14 and the funeral arrangements were not made on going to press.

**Same**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 26 Feb 1916, Saturday, p. 4**

St. Joseph, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gipson and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hayden and family went to Lawrence, Kas., last Thursday to bury their son and grandson, little Charlie Gipson. The chief and her daughters [meaning obscure] met the bereaved family at the depot with a beautiful wreath of flowers. The family has our deepest sympathy, as this is their first death in their family. May they all live to meet their little Charlie again where parting is no more.

**Date of death: 21 Dec 1916**

**Subject: Robert L. Githens**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 22 Dec 1916, Friday, p. 6**

Robert L. Githens, fifty years old, died suddenly yesterday afternoon of heart trouble, at his home north of Dug Cut. Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, was summoned, but decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Besides the widow, four children survive.

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**Date of death: 8 Feb 1920**

**Subject: Charles Gladden**

**Source: *The Wathena [KS] Times*, 13 Feb 1920, Friday, p. 1**

Charles Gladden was born at Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 6, [sic] 1876, and died at his home, at Cosby, Mo., Feb. 8, 1920, of heart disease, at the age of 43 years, survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. Charles Gladden was raised by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gladden, the parents of Mrs. Fred Schuman. They took him into their home at the age of fifteen months but did not adopt him.

Mr. Gladden joined the Baptist church during the revival conducted by Rev. Garrett. He was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Livingston in 1914. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. C. Wm. Deglow, were held Tuesday at Bellemont cemetery.

**Date of death: 3 Oct 1918**

**Subject: Otis Gladfelter**

**Source: *The [Mankato KS] Western Advocate*, 4 Oct 1918, Friday, p. 5**

Otis Gladfelter, the barber who had been employed in Fell's barber shop, died yesterday afternoon after a brief illness. He leaves a wife and three children. The body will be taken to Fillmore, Missouri, for interment, starting on the sad journey this morning. The sympathy of the community goes with them.

**Date of death: 10 Jul 1903**

**Subject: Alta Mae (Glass) Gallimore**

**Source: *The St. Louis [MO] Republic*, 13 Jul 1903, Monday, p. 5**

St. Joseph, Mo., July 12—Mrs. John Mackey [sic] died to-day from pistol wounds received early this morning at No. 209 Main street, where she is alleged to have been decoyed by William A. Matzinger. Matzinger has been in love with the woman for a year, and when she jilted him for another, he made threats against her life. She met him by agreement, and was soon afterwards fatally wounded. Matzinger turned the revolver on himself and put three bullets into his body. His death is expected.

**Date of death: 26 Feb 1891**

**Subject: Susan (Glass) Patterson**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 6 Mar 1891, p. 5**

Bolckow, Mo., March 5.-- Mrs. G. W. Patterson died last Thursday at her residence, six miles west of here, and was laid to rest Saturday in Evergreen cemetery, Bolckow.

**Date of death: 10 Apr 1902**

**Subject: Henry Ewing Glazier**

**Source: *The Stillwater [OK] Gazette*, 17 Apr 1902, Thursday**



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Word came to this city last night conveying the intelligence of the death of Henry E. Glazier, at Guthrie where he has been sick for some time. For some years past he has been a sufferer from kidney trouble to which he finally succumbed.

Few men in eastern Oklahoma were more widely known than Henry Glazier. Early in the history of this territory he secured a fine farm which adjoined the townsite of Orlando. There he engages in raising fine cattle and at one time was reputed to have the finest herd in Oklahoma. He also took a keen interest in politics. At an early date he became a member of the board of regents of the A. & M. College of this city. Later he became a member of the faculty and occupied the position of Professor of Horticulture. This position he held for about three years and when out of that became interested in a mining project in Arkansas and Missouri. Associated with him in these schemes are several [sic] persons of this city who think some of the projects are very promising.

**Date of death: 11 Jul 1919**

**Subject: William Glenn**

**Source: *Wolbach [NE] Messenger*, 17 Jul 1919, Thursday**

Obituary – William Glenn, son of William and Sarah Glenn, was born in Louisville, Ky., August 21, 1838, and died at his home near Wolbach, Neb., July 11th, 1919, aged 80 years, 10 months and 20 days.

He was married to Miss Ducinea Bracken, of Greenview, Ill., December 29, 1868. To this union were born twelve children, eleven of whom with their mother survive him: Millard Glenn, of Wolbach, Nebr., J. G. of Burlington Junction, Mo., Mrs. U. S. Reavis, of Burlington Junction, Mo., Earl Glenn, of Wolbach, Neb., J. C., also of Wolbach and A. E., J. E., Ida R., Marguerite and Nellie C., living at home, Walter, now serving with the A. E. F. in Germany and H. W. Glenn, deceased.

He moved with his parents to Athens Ill., where he grew to manhood. He enlisted for service August 2nd, 1861, serving in Co. F. 28 Ill., Infantry. At the expiration of this term of enlistment he again enlisted for three years or during the war and in April 1866 received his final discharge from service.

He united with the Old School Presbyterian church in his early youth and lived a consistent Christian life. He had been in failing health for some time and from the time he first became seriously ill he seemed to realize the end was near and his only ungratified wish was the hope of seeing once more, his youngest son, who is in the overseas service. His last conscious word spoken was his son's name.

For several months he had been gradually declining and on Monday of last week he began to fail rapidly and on Friday evening passed quietly away. He was well and favorably known and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances. The family being well known have the sympathy of the community.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. R. A. White were held in the Lutheran church, at Wolbach, Sunday, July 13th, after which the remains were laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery.

**Date of death: 27 Nov 1899**

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**Subject: Daniel Nathan Glick**

**Source: *Carthage [MO] Weekly Press*, 28 Nov 1899**

Nathan Glick, an old soldier, aged 73 years, died at his big boarding tent at the Gray Eagle mine, 6 miles southeast of Carthage, early yesterday morning, of dropsy.

The funeral services were held at the tent at 1 o'clock today, the interment taking place at the G.A.R. lot in Park Cemetery. Several local G.A.R. men from Carthage attended.

**Date of death: 14 Oct 1920**

**Subject: George Andy Godsey**

**Source: *Blockton [IA] News*, 21 Oct 1920, Thursday**

Obituary - George Andy Godsey was born in Nodaway County, Mo., Dec. 16, 1862, and died at his home at Athelstan Oct. 14, 1920, aged 57 years, 9 months and 29 days.

He was united in marriage to Flora Ann Cordell Feb. 2, 1884, and to this union two children were born — Mrs. Judy Morris and Mrs. Cora Morris, both of Sheridan, Mo. He leaves to mourn his death his companion, two daughters, four grandchildren, two brothers and one sister—Jesse of Bloomington, Neb.; Ell of Hopkins, Mo., and Mrs. Judy Ringold of Mound City, Mo. His father and mother, three brothers, two sisters and one grandchild have preceded him in death.

He united with the Baptist church near Hopkins in the year 1886 and a few years later united with the Holiness church at Athelstan and remained faithful until death.

The funeral services were held at the Athelstan Holiness church Friday, Oct. 15, at 2 o'clock, by the pastor, W. M. Hunt. Text, Job 14:14. Interment was made in the Athelstan cemetery.

**Date of death: 2 Jul 1907**

**Subject: Amanda Elizabeth (Goff) Strange**

**Source: *Anaconda [MT] Standard*, 5 Jul 1907, p. 20**

Hamilton June [sic] 4 - The funeral of Mrs. Benjamin F. Strange, who died suddenly Tuesday morning, was held yesterday afternoon at her late home, between Hamilton and Corvallis. The cause of her death was heart disease. She was about 60 years old and had been a resident of the Bitter Root valley for many years. Mrs. Strange is survived by a husband and eight children. The body was interred at the Corvallis cemetery.

**Date of death: 22 Sep 1922**

**Subject: Stella May (Goerke) Neaves**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 23 Sep 1922, Saturday, p. 2**

Mrs. Stella May Neaves, twenty-three years old, wife of John Neaves, died at 10:30 o'clock last night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Georke [sic], ten miles south of St. Joseph on the Kansas City

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interurban. She had been failing in health two years. Besides her husband and parents she is survived by three brothers, M. C. Goerke, Garrison, Iowa; W. C. Goerke, Kansas City, and Millance [sic] F. Goerke, at the family home.

**Date of death: 10 Dec 1915**

**Subject: Ollie N. Goins**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 11 Dec 1915, Saturday, p. 6**

Dr. Ollie N. Goins, 35 years old, 405 1/2 Felix street, a negro dentist, died at 6 oclock last night at a hospital here from blood poisoning. Dr. Goins had been a practicing dentist for seven years, five years at Coffeyville, Kas., and two years in St. Joseph. He is survived by his parents, who live in Kansas City, Kas. He was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People and of the Knights of Pythias. The body was taken to the Ramsey undertaking establishment. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

**Date of death: 18 Jul 1913**

**Subject: Cynthia A. (Goodman) Atterberry**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 21 Jul 1913, p. 8**

Elmo, Mo., July 20.—Cynthia A. Atterbury [sic], widow of A. J. Atterbury, died here Friday. She was born in Bedford county, Virginia, in 1834, and with her husband came here twenty-eight years later. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Jennie Haltzhausen of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. Kittie Bell of Burlington Junction, Mo.; Mrs. Susan Walton of Burlington Junction, and Mrs. Mary Atherton of Elmo, and a son, Andrew Atterburg of Breckenridge, Mo.

**Date of death: 7 Mar 1916**

**Subject: Jesse Norman Goodson**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Star*, 7 Mar 1916, Tuesday, p. 14**

Dr. Jesse Norman Goodson, 69 years old, died this morning at his home, 37 West Fifty-eighth Street. He had been ill at his home since Thursday. Doctor Goodson was a member of the G.A.R., having served with the One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Ohio. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Mary Julia Goodson, and three daughters, Mrs. Viannah [sic] Elizabeth Gale, Florence Goodson and Beulah Goodson. Funeral services will be at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Burial in Forest Hill Cemetery.

**Date of death: 4 Mar 1881**

**Subject: Mrs. Gordon**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 5 Mar 1881, p. 4**

A colored woman named Mrs. Gordon died yesterday afternoon. Funeral this afternoon at the family residence on East Frederick avenue.

**Date of death: 20 Feb 1923**

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**Subject: Eliza Jane (Gordon) Large**

**Source: *The Wathena [KS] Times*, 2 Mar 1923, Friday, p. 6**

Eliza Jane Gordon was born near Greensboro, North Carolina, February 2, 1854, and departed this life February 20, 1923, age 69 years, and 18 days.

At the age of five years she came with her parents to Andrew county, Mo., where she grew to womanhood. She was a member of the Baptist church, being converted at the age of 20. She was a firm believer in her Savior and tried to live according to his teachings.

She was married to George Large, March 21, 1882. To this union nine children were born, five of whom are living: Frederick H., Newton, Kas., Mrs. Luotrilla Lewis, Mrs. Zola Gummig, and Misses Myrtle and Nellie Large, all of Troy, Kas. Frederick H. Large was unable to attend the funeral on account of sickness in his own family. Two sisters also survive here: Mrs. T. J. Kelly, of Cosby, Mo. and Mrs. William Devault, of Oketa, Kas. Eleven grand-children are also living.

Mr. and Mrs. Large came to Kansas in 1885 and settled on the farm which is the present home some five miles northeast of Troy. The funeral was conducted from the home Thursday, February 22, at 1:00 p.m., by Pastor O. W. Stanbrough, of the Troy Baptist church and burial was in the Courtier [sic] Cemetery, by E. F. Karr.

**Date of death: 22 Mar 1869**

**Subject: Franklin Linn Gordon**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 31 Mar 1869, p. 2**

Deaths. Gordon—On the 22d of March, after an illness of thirty-six hours, in Andrew county, Franklin Linn, youngest son of Thomas B. and Peggy Gordon, aged 1 year.

*Weeping mother, ask not Jesu  
Why He took they cherub child,  
Why He called him home so early  
From a world with sin defiled;  
Rather weep for those who linger  
'Mid the pitfalls by the way,  
For the night is long and weary  
R.... day.*

**Date of death: 27 Feb 1885**

**Subject: George William "Willie" Gordon**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily [MO] Gazette*, 3 Mar 1885, p. 4**

Willie Gordon, son of F. B. [sic] and Margaret Gordon, died at the residence of his parents at 6:30 p.m., February 27, 1885, after a painful and protracted illness. Being the youngest, Willie was the pet of the family. He endured his suffering, though severe, with fortitude and without complaint. When it was made known to him

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that he must die, he said: "It is hard for one so young to die." He met death with that fortitude that is inspired by the Christian religion. He stood high as a young man in the community, and was well prepared to give the admonition that he did to his many friends to prepare for death. He was buried in the cemetery at Fairview church. Sunday, March 1st. The funeral discourse was delivered by Rev. F. M. Miller in the hearing of the largest congregation ever assembled for such a service in the history of that church. The family were all present, except Mrs. Lizzie Katron [sic], who had returned to her home a few days before his death. The family have the sympathy of the entire community, who feel they also have lost much in the death of Willie. Andrew county has, in this death, lost one of the most promising young men; society has lost one of its brightest jewels, and the family one of its dearest members.

**Date of death: 25 Oct 1888**

**Subject: William Gordon**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 27 Oct 1888, p. 4**

Yesterday morning at about 5 o'clock a Herald carrier found the dead body of a young colored boy, fourteen years old, who afterwards proved to be William Gordon, in a vacant lot near Ninth and Hall streets. The boy left his home, at the corner of Twenty-second and Union streets, the night before at about 8 o'clock, to come down town to witness the torchlight procession, and while watching the Democratic procession was shot down by Commodore Dixon, a negro torch bearer. There was no eye witness to the shooting, and the half dozen companions of the murdered boy had just left him a moment before and supposed he had gone home.

Not coming home at the usual hour, his parents watched and waited for him till late in the night and finally coming to the conclusion that he had gone home with some of his playmates they retired for the night, not dreaming that any harm had come to their boy. The father of the boy is Mr. Ralph Gordon, a respectable and industrious colored man and his mother runs a restaurant at the corner of Tenth street and Frederick avenue.

Immediately after the finding of the body the coroner, Dr. Stringfellow, was notified and the remains were removed to the undertaking establishment of Dibble & White, where the inquest was held yesterday morning.

Overwhelming circumstantial evidence points to Commodore Dixon as the murderer, and he marched in the Democratic procession Thursday night. It was learned yesterday from several parties that he had made threats that he "would fix any one that monkeyed with him while he was marching."

As the procession was marching up Ninth street, and when they came to within two blocks of Hall street, three or four small boys standing on the sidewalk, as they passed, hurraed for Harrison, and it is also said, but even more stoutly denied, that a shower of rocks were thrown in among the torch-bearers. Dixon asked the boys if they would stand by [sic] him, pulled out his revolver, a 38-caliber, and shot twice at the boys, one shot striking young Gordon in the back of the head, lodging in the brain, which probably caused instant death. No one seemed to care particularly whether any one was hit or not, and Dixon marched with the procession till it reached the opera house. He then came down to Cunnigan's saloon on Second street, between Francis and Jule, where he took two or three drinks. While in there he told several different persons about the fun he had on Ninth street. One of the occupants of the saloon at the time quotes him as saying: "I had more fun on Ninth street

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awhile ago than you could shake a stick at. A lot of little n---s<sup>1</sup> threw some stones into the procession, when I just pulled out my gun and commenced firing at them. I don't know whether I got any of them or not, but if you don't believe what I tell you, ask Jim Mays." He also made substantially the same remarks to a crowd at a saloon on the corner of Main and Jule streets.

Dixon bears an unsavory reputation among the colored people, having some time ago deserted his wife who says that he never provided for her and was good for nothing. He has lately been living with a woman by the name of Jennie Fritz who was at the sheriff's office yesterday and claimed to be his wife, but Dixon denied it, saying that she was only his mistress. Dixon denied the shooting yesterday and states that he never had a revolver with him at all, but the evidence before the coroner's jury was to a different effect. Immediately after it was known that Dixon was the real murderer, Ralph Gordon, father of the dead boy, went before the prosecuting attorney and swore out a warrant for his arrest, charging him with the deliberate and wilful [sic] murder of his son. The warrant was placed in the hand of an officer and Dixon was arrested near the court house and taken to headquarters. A number of persons was seen by a reporter yesterday who had heard Dixon talk about what he had done, and also heard him make threats. Among this number was Morgan Hicks (colored) who says that Dixon came into Cunnigan's saloon the night of the torchlight procession and told about shooting at some little "n---s" upon Ninth street, and saying that they run through the brush and that he didn't know whether he had got any of them or not." [sic] He also said to Henry Anderson in Gleitz's saloon "that he shot twice at some little n---s on Ninth street" when the Democratic procession was passing, saying that they threw a rock into the procession. H. H. Clark, George Crist and many others, all colored, heard him say the same thing in Cunnigan's saloon. Wallace Lowry, a white man, who marched in the procession, says that he saw Dixon shoot out of the crowd.

Henry Roehl, a white boy, who marched in the procession just back of the colored men, says that he did not see the shot fired, but that he saw smoke in front of Dixon and that he also saw him put a revolver in his pocket immediately after the reports were heard.

Coroner Stringfellow summoned a jury yesterday morning as soon as possible, and the inquest over the remains of young Gordon was held at 9:00 o'clock, in the ware rooms at Dibble & White's undertaking house, after which they were turned over to the parents of the dead boy.

Ralph Gordon, father of the dead boy, testified: "I know this boy; he is my son, Willie Gordon; he is 14 years old. He was at home last night when I left at 7:30 o'clock. I did not see him again until I saw him here dead. I went home last night at about 12 o'clock. He had not returned then."

Homer Osborn—"I live at 623 Ninth street, some thirty feet from where this dead body was found. I was at home from about 7 o'clock and went to bed at 9:30. I did not hear a gun fired during that time. The Democratic procession passed my house about 8 o'clock. I heard no disturbance of any kind. The first I heard of the death of this boy was about 7:30 this morning. I dressed and went out and looked at him. He looked as if he had fallen where he was shot."

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<sup>1</sup> The article uses the whole word, but I won't.

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Al. Wolf—"I was in the Democratic procession last night from 9 o'clock until 10. The Second ward club carried shotguns or rifles which were supposed to be loaded with powder only. Just as we were passing the vacant lot on Ninth street where the body was found I saw a flash and heard a report. It came from a party of colored men just ahead of me who were not carrying guns. I heard no quarrel or disturbance as of a fight. I did not know of anyone being shot at that time. One of the colored men in the procession told me that he had fired at some one who was throwing stones at him, and that he shot to hit. I heard the colored Democrats say they were being stoned. I do not know who the man was who told me he had shot. I would not recognize him if I was to see him."

G. W. Blankenship, colored: "I was in the Democratic procession last night. As we came down Ninth street opposite a vacant lot a shower of stones was thrown at us. I think they came from a crowd of colored boys about the age of the dead boy, who had been following us all the evening and throwing stones at us. Just before we arrived opposite the vacant lot the boys appeared to be discussing something very earnestly and swearing vigorously. All of a sudden they disappeared and I did not see them again until we reached the lot where the next volley of stones was thrown. There were apparently eight or ten in the crowd who were throwing. I was so excited by the flying rocks that I was looking the other way when I heard a pistol shot. About the time the shot was fired I heard a colored man named Commodore Dickson, who was marching just ahead me [sic], say, "If you hit me with a rock I'll shoot you." I could not tell who fired the shot, nor did I see a pistol. We were marching in open order, about three miles apart, when the shot was fired."

The verdict of the coroner's jury was:

That from the testimony given the said Willie Gordon came to his death from a pistol shot fired by Commodore Dixon under great provocation, at about 8 o'clock last night, while the Democratic procession was passing an open lot on Ninth street near Robidoux, where the body was found, the shot penetrating the brain and causing instant death.

### Same

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 27 Oct 1888, p. 4**

At five o'clock yesterday morning the lifeless body of a negro boy was found on North Ninth street, just south of Hall. A bullet hole just back of the left ear showed the cause of death but furnished no clue to the person who had fired the fatal shot.

The boy who made the find notified O. W. Phares who lives near the scene of the tragedy, and that gentleman sent for Coroner Stringfellow, who caused the body to be removed to the undertaking warerooms of Dibble & White, and at once impaneled [sic] a jury to investigate the case.

Shortly after the body was found the news spread among the colored residents of that portion of the city, and within a very short time a number of negroes arrived who recognized the features of the dead boy to be those of Willie Gordon, whose parents reside at Twenty-Second and Union streets. The parents were sent for and they immediately identified the body.

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The testimony brought out before the coroner's jury was in full as follows:

[same as in *Herald*]

The jury, after due consideration, returned a verdict to the effect that the boy came to his death from a pistol shot fired by one Commodore Dixon, under great provocation, the shot penetrating the brain and causing instant death.

Dixon, the man charged with the killing, is an ordinary-looking negro, of the thick-lipped variety, and has served in the capacity of rustler and roustabout at a saloon, corner Second and Felix streets, and was at one time deputy impounder of the city. He was placed under arrest at noon by Deputy Constable Morris, on a warrant sworn out before County Attorney Woodson by the father of the dead boy.

He was taken before Judge Dolman at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and his preliminary hearing was set for Tuesday, October 30, at 3 o'clock p.m.

The prisoner was seen by a Gazette reporter, to whom he told the following:

"I am 31 years of age and have lived in St. Joseph twenty years. My father, Frank Dixon, is a laborer and lives on Augusta street between Third and Fourth. My mother is dead. I was married and am the father of two children, both boys, aged 7 and 9 years. I am divorced from my wife and both our children live with her. Up to the time of my arrest I was employed at Freidley's saloon, corner Main and Jule streets. I was marching in the Democratic procession Thursday night and was directly behind the shot-gun squad, and remember that they were firing about the time we passed the place where it is claimed the boy was shot. I had no revolver, and carried no weapon of any kind with the exception of a pocket knife. I did not shoot young Gordon and didn't know who did. There was no firing done by any mean who were marching close to be except by the gun squad. I did not know Willie Gordon. Know his parents and brother well and was always on good terms with them. There were a great many stones thrown at the colored men in the procession, but I don't know any one of them resenting the insult."

The dead boy Willie Gordon was about fourteen years of age, and was the son of respectable and respected parents. His father, Ralph Gordon, runs a lime and mortar wagon. His mother has a small restaurant on Frederick avenue, near Tenth street. Nothing reflecting seriously upon the character of the boy could be learned, and a number of his friends claim that he was of a quiet disposition, though easily led into mischief.

As to the merits of the case or affray which led to the killing there is not enough direct evidence upon which to base a conclusion. An estimable lady who lives directly opposite the vacant lot where the body was found, was standing with a party of friends watching the parade, when just as the squad of colored men passed, a rock flew across the line of march, and lighted at the inner [?] edge of the sidewalk. "Those boys are stoning the colored men," she remarked, then a shot was fired, but none of the party saw from what point, their attention having been attracted to another point of the procession, and they paid no further attention to the boys.



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The body, after the inquest, was carefully dressed, placed in a neat casket and turned over to the sorrowing parents.

### Same

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily [MO] Herald, 29 Oct 1888, p. 4***

The funeral of Willie Gordon, the young colored boy who was shot Thursday night, took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the colored Baptist church on Francis street. The largest crowd had assembled in and around the church building that has ever attended the funeral of a colored person in this city. The church edifice was entirely inadequate to accommodate the people, as the sidewalks and street adjacent to it were crowded. At the least calculation 800 people were inside and around the building.

Rev. W. W. Stuart, the resident pastor of the colored Baptist church, conducted the services, and in a solemn impressive manner told of the good qualities of the dead boy and spread the sweet balm of sympathy and condolence over the aching hearts and bowed heads of the grief-stricken parents. His talk was short but full of the spirit of his Master. He was often interrupted by the sobs of the boy's mother who could not, in the face of the thought that nevermore on this earth would she see her child, control the outbursts of her grief. The coffin was beautifully decorated with flowers, the gifts of loving friends.

Owing to the immense number of people present a view of the body was impossible in the church, so the remains were taken outside and an opportunity given to those who desired to see the dead boy's face. At 3:30 the procession slowly, and solemnly took up its march to Mt. Mora cemetery, headed by the colored band playing a dirge. The procession was a very long one, extending from the church on Francis street to Twelfth street on Frederick avenue.

The exercises at the grave were brief. After a dirge by the band, Rev. Stuart offered the following prayer:

"Oh, God, our Father, we stand in Thy presence this afternoon to perform the last sad rites over the body of this child that mankind pay to his dead. In one brief moment the pride of their life was taken from his parents and left their heartstrings swept by a grief that none but a mother or a father can know. Oh, Holy Father, we ask that Thou, in the fullness of Thy divine love, will offer to them the consolation and hope that Thou alone can offer. Bless Thou them, and guide them that on the day when the pearly gates are open and all men stand before Thee in judgment, they and their child may meet once more, never again to be parted. And now may the grace and communion of the Holy Spirit rest and abide with you all. Amen."

The father's grief at the grave was heart-rending, he often sobbing aloud and crying, "Why did they kill my Willie? Why did they shoot my child? Just because he gave three cheers for Harrison. A good boy was Willie. Why, oh, why did they kill him?"

The pall-bearers, Henderson Wade, Willie Hawkins, Joseph Croley [sic], Willie Cleveland, Otie Jones and Bennie Woodward, were boys of about the age of young Gordon, and seemed to be greatly depressed and stricken with grief because of the untimely death of him whom they bore to his last resting place.

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### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 29 Oct 1888, p. 4

A funeral yesterday of Willis [sic] Gordon, the colored boy who is supposed to have been shot Thursday night by Commodore Dixon, was largely attended by the colored people of the city. The colored band was out in full uniform and several secret societies escorted the remains to the cemetery.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph Daily [MO] Herald*, 17 Nov 1888, p. 4

Commodore Dixon, arrested for the murder of Willie Gordon during the Democratic parade of two or three weeks ago, was discharged from the custody of the court, the grand jury failing to find a true bill against him.

**Date of death:** 3 Feb 1885

**Subject:** William Liggett Gordon

**Source:** *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 13 Feb 1885, Friday, p. 1

We are sorry to announce that on Monday last at his home near Mound City, Dr. Wm. L. Gordon departed this life. He left a large family of children, grand children and great-grand children, as well as hundreds of neighbors and friends to mourn his loss. Dr. Gordon was one of the old settlers of Holt county, and was honored far and wide for his energy and sterling integrity. He was educated in the science of medicine at Lexington, Kentucky, and had enjoyed an unusually successful practice of his profession for nearly fifty years. He held many positions of honor and trust among our people—having been judge of our county court, etc.—and was indeed a useful man. Dr. Gordon will be sadly missed among our people. His place will be hard to fill.

**Date of death:** 28 Dec 1899

**Subject:** Willie Gordon

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 28 Dec 1899, p. 6

Willie Gordon, the ten-months-old son of Country Gordon, colored, died at 9:30 o'clock this morning at the family home, 1819 Angelique street, of pneumonia.

**Date of death:** 15 Oct 1910

**Subject:** Zerilda Vaughn Gordon

**Source:** *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 22 Oct 1910, Saturday, p. 8

The body of Miss Zerilda Gordon, who died in Colorado Springs, Col., last Saturday, was brought to St. Joseph last Tuesday night for burial, and was taken to the family home, 404 South Seventeenth street. The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the African M.E. Church, interment being in Mount Mora Cemetery. Miss Gordon had been a teacher in the Bartlett school, from which she graduated a few years ago, and represented one of the most respectable and intelligent colored families in the city.

**Date of death:** 18 Dec 1904

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**Subject: Noah Jackson Gore**

**Source: *The Hennessey [OK] Eagle*, 22 Dec 1904, Thursday**

Noah J. Gore, who was one of the pioneers of Oklahoma, died at his home on Fourth Street at 8:00 last Sunday morning.

At the age of thirteen Mr. Gore became a member of the Baptist church, to which faith he clung until life closed for him. He was also a member of the Hennessey Masonic Lodge.

His funeral was preached by Rev. Scheiman Monday at the Baptist church. The Masons conducted the remains to the depot, his son, James, taking him to King City, Missouri, for interment.

Those of the family present were Link Barr of Center township and William Barr of Garfield county, his stepsons, and his own son, James, of Colgate, I. T.

**Date of death: 23 Apr 1918**

**Subject: Russell Gorman**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 24 Apr 1918, Wednesday, p. 10**

Russell Gorman, 5 years old, a negro, died last night at a local hospital, as a result of injuries received when he was run over by a railroad train yesterday afternoon in Elwood, Kas. There were no witnesses to the accident, and the family were unable to tell how the boy happened to be near the train. Following the accident the boy was taken at once to a hospital here, and his left leg amputated in an effort to save his life.

The body was removed to the I. F. Ramsey undertaking rooms, and will probably be taken to the former home for burial. The lad is survived by his parents.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 24 Apr 1918, Wednesday, p. 6**

Russell Gorman, five-year-old son of Robert Gorman, a negro who lived at Elwood, Kan., was run over by a Rock Island switch engine near the home yesterday evening at 5 o'clock and died at 8 o'clock at Noyes Hospital. The boy's left leg was amputated, but he died soon after the operation. Burial will be in Elwood.

**Date of death: 17 Feb 1911**

**Subject: Mary (Goss) Downer**

**Source: [Maryville MO] *Daily Democrat*, 17 Feb 1911, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. J. L. Downer died at her home in East Hopkins Friday morning, February 17, after a severe illness lasting over three months.

The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at the family home, conducted by Rev. P. A. Tinkham, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Hopkins. Interment in Hopkins cemetery.

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Mrs. Downer, whose maiden name was Mary Goff [sic], was born at Beloit, Wis., November 6, 1855. On the first day of October 1874, she was married to John L. Downer of the same place, and as her husband's business took him to a number of states, she went with him, thus making a home and so filling the duties of a loving wife. Finally, in 1893, a permanent home was made in Hopkins, where they have since resided.

Mrs. Downer was a broad minded, large hearted woman, counting her friends by scores and not having an enemy in the world. She was a faithful worker in the Presbyterian church, especially in the work of the Ladies' Aid society, where she was always found in the front ranks.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Frank Sike of Chariton, Ia., and Mrs. Fred Wooldridge [sic] of Hopkins. She was a devoted wife and mother, always appearing as an elder sister to her daughters. She also leaves two brothers, Arthur and Samuel Goff [sic], of Beloit, Wis., who were with her in her last illness.

**Date of death: 6 Oct 1917**

**Subject: Katheryn C. Gottschall**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 12 Oct 1917, Friday, p. 4**

Miss Kathryn [sic] Gottschall, daughter of H. J. and Alice F. Gottschall, departed this life October 6, 1917. She was born in DeKalb county, Mo., March 19 [sic], 1894, and was 23 years, 6 months, 17 days old at the time of her death. She has gone to meet her infant brother, who had gone before her on the 31st day of January, 1901.

Miss Kathryn became a member of the Union Chapel church near Helena, Mo., in June, 1914, where she attended regularly until the following year when she made her home at the Y.W.C.A. home, St. Joseph, and later became a member of the Francis Street Methodist church there, and was a faithful member and loved by each of her fellow members.

Kathryn was also a member of the Young Women's Christian Association in St. Joseph, in which she took much interest. She loved to work with the girls in all the work of the Association and always had a smile and cheering word for everyone she met.

She is survived by her parents, one sister, Mrs. Earl Gibson of Union Star, Mo., and one brother, Homer Gottschall of Helena, Mo.

Kathryn also leaves behind a host of relatives and friends who mourn her departure.

The funeral was at the Union Chapel church Tuesday afternoon and the interment in the cemetery nearby.

**Date of death: summer 1894**

**Subject: Charles L. Gould**

**Source: *The Mulvane [KS] Record*, 26 Apr 1895, Friday, p. 8**

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The body of Charley Gould, who died in Oklahoma last summer and was buried at Pond Creek, was brought back this week and buried in Red Bud cemetery by the side of one of his little children.

**Date of death: 13 Jul 1919**

**Subject: Montana Delay Gould**

**Source: *The Mulvane [KS] News*, 17 Jul 1919, Thursday, p. 1**

Dell Gould gave up his long struggle last Sunday morning, having grown weary of his fight with one of the greatest enemies of mankind—tuberculosis. But he put up a good fight. A half dozen years ago we did not expect him to get through the winter with his racking cough. He worked on and on, and did his best to support his family long after the ordinary man would have quit in discouragement, and it was only after coming back to Mulvane and finding himself growing weaker here that he gave up the fight. The following is a short sketch of his life.

Montana Delay Gould was born in Meriden, Steele County, Minnesota, October 14, 1866. He came to Kansas with his parents in 1872, and resided on a farm near Red Bud, in Cowley County, until 1881, when they came to Mulvane, where he made his home until December 1981, when he went to Texas thinking the change in climate would benefit his health.

Instead of getting better he grew weaker and in May he came back to Mulvane expecting when he grew stronger to go on to Mexico, but he gradually grew worse, and Sunday morning at 3:00 o'clock he passed away.

He was united in marriage to Lou Duggins May 1st, 1894 and to this union was born one son, Samie [sic], who is now in Denver, Colorado. In September 1910, Mrs. Gould died.

On February 10 1912 he was married to Jennie Stevens and four children were born to them. Richard, Victor, James and Monta, all of whom are living.

Mr. Gould was a patient sufferer, and at times suffering such agony that he would say he wanted to go if he couldn't get well—that he was ready and willing to go. The morning before he died he told his family not to grieve for him, as he was only passing on and was ready to go.

Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his loss an aged father, and two sisters who were with him constantly until the end.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning from the family residence, with Rev. J. F. Irwin, pastor of the M. E. church in charge. Burial was made in the Mulvane cemetery.

**Date of death: 19 Jan 1923**

**Subject: Samuel Fuller Gould**

**Source: *The Mulvane [KS] News*, 25 Jan 1923, Thursday, p. 1**

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Samuel Fuller Gould was born in Chautauqua county, New York, July 29, 1837, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Miller, in Mulvane, Kansas, January 19, 1923, at the age of 85 years, 5 months and 20 days.

When a boy Mr. Gould moved with his parents to Wisconsin and from there to Minnesota. On April 28, 1861, he was married to Miss Huldah C. Fitzsimmon [sic] of Meriden, Steele county, Minnesota. To this union were born six children, Charles, Samuel, Delay, Mrs. Mary Lappin, Flora, and Mrs. Sadie Miller. He was preceded to the spirit world by his wife and all his children but Mrs. Lappin and Mrs. Miiller [sic], who constantly attended him during his last illness, which covered a period of nearly two years.

In 1870 Mr. Gould moved to Cowley county, Kansas, and settled on a homestead, where he continued to reside until 1872, when he moved to the new town of Mulvane and engaged in the dry goods business for a number of years. He had been a member of the Church of Christ for over forty years, and was a regular attendant until sickness overcame him.

The deceased was a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity and the Grand Army of the Republic, and had served the city of Mulvane as mayor, police judge and justice of the peace. Father Gould was well liked by all and will be greatly missed in the home, the church, the community at large.

Funeral services were held from the Church of Christ Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Rhodes, and the body was laid to rest in the Red Bud cemetery, with the impressive burial service conducted by Mulvane loge [sic] of Odd Fellows.

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**Date of death: 5 Feb 1903**

**Subject: Agnes Anna (Graff) Nies**

**Source: *Page County [IA] Democrat*, 12 Feb 1903**

Shenandoah World: After three weeks of suffering, Mrs. Agnes Nies passed away at her home, 812 East street, Thursday at 8:15 p. m., almost three weeks to a minute from the time she was taken with the sickness which at last caused her death. Death was caused from a complication of diseases which started with a cold, from which bronchitis developed and afterwards Bright's disease, from which she could obtain no relief. Had she lived until February 9 she would have been 68 years of age, and on account of her advanced age she was made still further unable to withstand the disease which had fastened itself upon her. During her illness she had suffered much, especially at the last but now she is free from all suffering and it may be after all that it is best. All of the children except W. H. Nies, who lives at Milwaukee, were with her when the end came. They are: J. B. Nies, Clarinda; W. H. Nies, Milwaukee; F. G. Nies, Pawnee, Okla., Lewis, D. E. and R. V., Mrs. Lizzie Hood and Mrs. Frank Hinsdale, Nevada, Mo. To them the sincerest sympathies of all friends are extended in this hour of affliction. The funeral was held Saturday at 1:30, conducted by Rev. Ross of the Presbyterian church, the six sons acting, as pall bearers, and interment was made in the Rose Hill cemetery.

**Date of death: 2 Dec 1878**

**Subject: Elizabeth (Graff) Schuster**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 5 Dec 1878, p. 1**

Mrs. A. Schuster, who died at her residence, Savannah, on Monday, was buried yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. The funeral was largely attended. She was an estimable lady, whose many kind and benevolent acts will ever remain fresh in the memory of those who knew her in life.

**Date of death: 22 Oct 1891**

**Subject: William L. Graff**

**Source: *The Oakley [KS] Graphic*, 22 Oct 1891, Thursday, p. 8**

Died.—Near Winona, October 22, 1891, Mr. Wm. Graff, aged 22 years, after a three week's duration of the typhoid fever. The remains will be sent to his old home in Mo. The bereaved friends and relatives have our heartfelt sympathy.

**Date of death: 5 Oct 1878**

**Subject: Dora Graham**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 8 Oct 1878, p. 4**

On Saturday evening, about 5 o'clock, a little negro girl about nine years old, the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Graham, a laundress, living on Thirteenth, between Patee and Olive streets, met with a horrible death while playing with her smaller sisters.

While at work in the kitchen, Mrs. Graham was startled by the violent coughing of her daughter Dora in the next room, and found her lying on the floor in convulsions. She tried every means within her power to relieve

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the sufferings of the child, but finding that she could do nothing without medical assistance, at once dispatched one of the children for Dr. Gore, residing about a block distant. The girl remaining absent a long time, and Dora growing worse, she herself hastened over to the doctor's residence and informed him what had taken place. According to Mrs. Graham's statement, Dr. Gore closed the door in her face and refused to go. She then hastened back to the house, and sent for a druggist about three blocks distant, where she was also denied aid. Almost distracted the poor woman took the suffering child in her arms, and destitute of human aid and with no one to sympathize in her heart's desire, the little girl died, after an hour's fearful suffering.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Graham's sons, whom she had not seen in five years, arrived from the north. They had come to see little Dora, not knowing of her sad death. They found her already buried and their mother in heart rending grief. A Herald reporter came upon the scene about this time and learned the above facts amid the general sorrow that prevailed.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 9 Oct 1878, p. 4

Dr. J. A. Gore, city physician, and an old and esteemed citizen, entered the city department of the Gazette office about noon yesterday, and drawing from his pocket a copy of the morning Herald, stated that its columns contained a most malicious attack upon him. Said he: "When Margaret Graham, the colored woman residing on South Thirteenth street sent for me to attend her daughter, who subsequently died of strangulation, I was very sick myself, and scarcely able to be out of bed. My wife is subject to heart disease, and having had a severe attack the latter part of last week, required my services every moment. Any one can imagine the feelings of my daughter, upon the recent sad death of her husband, and as it was, I had my hands full at home. Had I been perfectly well myself, it would have been proper, and only justice to my friends to direct the woman to some other physician. The statement that I shut the door in her face is a malicious falsehood. I did nothing of the kind. I have never refused to attend any one on account of their poverty, and on the very day this woman called for me, I had similar calls, and was offered cash in hand but refused, believing it to be my duty to myself and family to remain at home. You can just say that as far as I am concerned every word of the article referred to is false from beginning to end." The doctor said he had resided in St. Joseph a great many years, and this was the first time he had been called upon to vindicate his character by a statement to the press. He is in very poor health, and scarcely able to be out of bed.

**Date of death:** 10 Sep 1879

**Subject:** George Graham

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 13 Sep 1879, p. 4

About 8 o'clock Wednesday evening Council Bluffs was the scene of a tragedy, which took place in a saloon and billiard hall owned by W. T. Anderson, a colored man. The shooting was done by a cow-boy, or herder, from Taylor county, Iowa, by the name of Joseph Banks. It seems Banks was taking in the town and dropped into Anderson's place, followed soon after by several colored women.

The *Nonpareil*, from which we get the particulars, says he spoke to one of them, but did not evidently speak to her with any intention to hurt her feelings. Anderson, however, asserted that he insulted her. Thereupon



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Anderson ordered him to go out. Banks wanted to know why he should go out. Anderson repeated the matter of the alleged insult and compelling him to go, and advanced upon him and struck him on the head with a billiard cue two or three times. Banks told Anderson to desist, and threatened to shoot. He was then sitting or crouching in the space of one of the front windows, and pretty soon drew his revolver and began to shoot, and fired three or four times. Anderson retreated and was wounded with a flesh wound in his right leg, but not disabled. The cue he carried was struck and partly penetrated by a bullet. Probably two shots were fired at Anderson, George Graham, a colored man, who had not lived in the city long, was in the saloon and near the bar. The bar was about twenty feet back from the place where the difficulty between Anderson and Banks occurred.

As Anderson retreated, Graham advanced from the side of the room, and from beside the bar, and in some way drew Banks' attention. Banks shot him, and the poor fellow took a few feeble, falling steps backward and fell dead. The ball entered his head near the top of his nose. A young colored man named Henry Austin was behind the bar, and said that he did not go out from his place while the affray lasted. Graham was a rather large man.

The other colored man who was shot was George W. Green. A ball entered his shoulder right above the collar bone, and passed directly through, just grazing the upper edge of the shoulder blade. One small artery was cut, but the bleeding was stopped without much difficulty. Green will probably come out in good shape.

Banks was arrested and taken to the city jail.

A coroner's inquest was held over the remains of the dead man, and a verdict rendered to the effect that Geo. Graham came to his death by a pistol ball fired by the hand of Joseph Banks.

A preliminary examination was had before Recorder Hubbard, which resulted in Banks being bound over in the sum of \$5,000 to await the action of the grand jury. From the above it would seem the examination was on the charge of manslaughter.

It is understood that the body of the man Graham will be brought to this city to-day by his sister, who is well known here.

**Date of death: 8 Nov 1910**

**Subject: George Graham**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 9 Nov 1910, p. 11**

Ravenwood, Mo., Nov. 9.—George Graham, a prominent farmer living three miles southwest of here, who was stricken with paralysis yesterday morning while on his way to act as an election judge, died about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He never regained consciousness. He is survived by his widow, three sons, Robert, Thomas and Ernest Graham, and three daughters, Misses Cleo, May and Catherine, all of whom live in the family home. He is also survived by his mother, two brothers and four sisters.

Mr. Graham was one of the oldest and best known residents in Jackson township. He came here about thirty-five years ago, and has made his home in this vicinity since that time. He was a member of the Catholic church here. The funeral will be Friday or Saturday from Conception monastery at Conception, Mo.

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**Date of death: 15 Jul 1874**

**Subject: Omer H. Graham**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 1 May 1874, Friday, p. 5**

Nodaway County Items. C. C. Graham and wife lost their little boy by the cerebro-spinal-meningitis on Saturday last.

**Date of death: 21 Jan 1900**

**Subject: Robert Graham**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 23 Jan 1900, p. 8**

Maryville, Mo., Jan. 23.—Robert Graham, an old citizen of Nodaway County, was buried at Conception today. The deceased was a prosperous farmer and died last Sunday night.

**Date of death: 27 Jul 1911**

**Subject: James Wright Grant**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 29 Jul 1911, p. 8**

James W. Grant, traveling salesman for the National Biscuit Co. of St. Joseph, Mo., died suddenly of heart failure at his home in Cameron, Mo., Thursday, July 27, at 6:30 a.m. Mr. Grant was 26 years with the National Biscuit Co. and was a very popular salesman and well known throughout northwest Missouri. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, Cmaeron, and was greatly beloved by his own denomination and held in high esteem by the whole community. He leaves a wife and four children, John of Great Bend, Kan.; Mrs. E. Wallace Walts, wife of the Presbyterian minister, Granite City, Ill.; James W. Jr., and Alexander R., both of Cameron. Mrs. Andrew Summers of St. Joseph is a sister of the deceased. Funeral services at the home, Saturday at 3 p.m., and interment on Sunday morning in cemetery at Savannah, Mo.

**Date of death: 1 Apr 1906**

**Subject: Nicholas Grass**

**Source: [WI] *Free Press*, 6 Apr 1906**

Died, at Page, Holt county, Nebraska, April 1, 1906, Nicholas Grass, aged 65 years. The deceased was born at Detroit, Michigan, in 1841 and came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1844. He lived at Spring Prairie, Walworth county, until 1871, when he moved with his parents to Bohners lake on the farm now owned by his brother, Frank Grass. He was married to Miss Lucy McKingstry shortly after and together they went west to seek their fortune. They settled first in Missouri and later moved to Nebraska, where they were successful in securing a comfortable home and setting an example of thrift and industry. He was highly esteemed by his neighbors and beloved by his family. He was a good father, a good husband and a good brother. A wife and four children survive him. They are: Charles H., Percy, Cora and Elsie.

**Date of death: 14 Nov 1918**

**Subject: Thomas Grate**

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**Source:** *[Phoenix] Arizona Republic, 15 Nov 1918, Friday, p. 6*

Thomas Grate of Cosby, Mo., died yesterday afternoon of pneumonia at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. W. Hartman, 920 East McKinley street, after a week's illness. He was about 26 years of age. Relatives at Cosby and his father at New Hampton, Mo., have been informed of his death.

**Date of death:** pre 4 Jun 1846

**Subject:** Boston Graves

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 17 Jul 1846, Friday, p. 3*

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the county court of Buchanan county, letters testamentary upon the estate of Boston Graves, dated June 4th, 1846. All persons indebted to said estate, are requested to make immediate payment, and all having claims against said estate are requested to exhibit [sic] them properly authenticated for settlement within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from having any benefit of said estate, and if said claims are not presented within three years, they will be forever barred.

Robert Jessee, Ex'r.

**Date of death:** 5 Dec 1898

**Subject:** Calvin Morgan Graves

**Source:** *Plattsburg [MO] Leader, 16 Dec 1898*

Calvin Morgan Graves died at his home near Gower, Dec. 5th, 1898, in the seventy second year of his age. He was born in Clairbourne county, Tenn., May 25th, 1827 and came to Missouri with his parents about the year 1843 and has resided in this vicinity almost continuously ever since that time.

He was married to Miss Mary Jane Gartin March 18th, 1847. By this union fourteen children were born to them, ten of whom survive him.

He united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church at quite an early age and lived a faithful Christian life. He was one of the charter members of the Southern Presbyterian church at Gower, Mo., which was organized about fifteen years ago. Before he united with the church at Gower he had served for some years as elder in the Cumberland church and since the transfer of his membership to the southern branch of the church he has served faithfully in the same office.

During late years, Bro. Graves had been afflicted with partial loss of hearing but that did not dampen his love for the Lord's House. Although he could not enter into all the service because of this affliction, yet he loved to be "where prayer was wont to be made." Few surpassed Bro. Graves in respect to activity and physical endurance. He was not only very energetic but very charitable.

His dying request was for his children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends to meet him in heaven. God grant that this dying request of our brother in Christ may be gratified.

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Chas. P. Foreman.

**Date of death: 29 Jun 1920**

**Subject: Charlotte (Graves) Ousley**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 24 Jul 1920, Saturday, p. 2**

Maryville, Missouri.

By Mrs. E. M. Gunn

The funeral services of Mrs. Charlotte Ousley, an old resident of this place, was held at the A.M.E. Church June 30. She was 83 years old and had been a member of the church 63 years.

**Date of death: 16 Sep 1901**

**Subject: Clifton Woods Graves**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 17 Sep 1901, Tuesday, p. 3**

C. W. Graves of the county farm, who for a long time had been requesting the inmates and visitors at the farm to kill him, is dead. He was found dead early Monday morning in his bed. Death was due to chronic stomach trouble. When a reporter for The Gazette-Herald called at the farm one day last week he cheerfully greeted "Old Man" Graves, as he was called. The latter replied to the greeting with: "I want to be killed, boss."

Graves was an inmate of the county infirmary several years. He had lived in St. Joseph about twenty-five years. He will be buried in Mount Mora cemetery, at the side of his wife.

**Date of death: 17 Nov 1915**

**Subject: George Andrew Graves**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 18 Nov 1915, p. 6**

George Andrew Graves, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Graves, 925 North Ninth street, died at the family home at 1:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Besides his parents he is survived by one brother and three sisters. They are Mrs. Dan Wilson of Kansas City, Mo., and John, Anna, and Madge Graves, at home. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**Date of death: 16 Nov 1906**

**Subject: Mrs. Lettie Graves**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 24 Nov 1906, Saturday, p. 8**

Lettie Graves, an aged colored woman, who died last Friday night, 16th inst., was buried Sunday afternoon from Sidenfaden's undertaking establishment. "Aunt Lettie," as she was called, was a type of ante-bellum days, honest and devoted to her white people. Her affection was not misplaced, her former white employers, seeing that she was charitably cared for during her illness at the Sisters' Hospital where she had been for weeks, leaving only a few days before her demise. She was nearly 100 years old. The funeral services were conducted by E. M. Cohron, pastor of the Baptist colored church, and the remains were interred in the City Cemetery. Mr.

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Cohron's discourse was singularly appropriate, containing as it did words of appreciation for the white friends of Aunt Lettie, who was alone in the world.

**Date of death: 24 Dec 1898**

**Subject: Lola (Graves) Pumphrey**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 26 Dec 1898, Monday, p. 4**

Mrs. Lola Pumphrey, wife of J. W. Pumphrey, died Saturday afternoon at the family residence, 201 South Twentieth street.

**Date of death: 13 Mar 1921**

**Subject: Mary A. (Graves) Thompson**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 19 Mar 1921, Saturday, p. 5**

Mary Anderson [sic], a fifty-year-old negro woman, dropped dead of apoplexy at her home, 528 North Third street, Sunday.

**Date of death: 7 Dec 1894**

**Subject: Mary B. (Graves) Weber**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 8 Dec 1894, Saturday, p. 5**

George W. Baldwin, a Herald representative, received a telegram last evening announcing the death of his cousin, Mrs. Mary Weber of Forest City, Mo., who is the wife of Mr. Emil Weber, a prosperous and prominent merchant of that place. Mr. Baldwin left on the midnight train to be present at the funeral.

**Date of death: 11 Feb 1896**

**Subject: Red Graves**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 12 Feb 1896, p. 5**

While on his way to attend divine worship in some church in the northern part of the city, Red Graves, colored, a member of the construction gang on the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs railway, was run down by a switch engine last evening in the lower yards and instantly killed.

Just how Graves met his fate no one seems to exactly know, but he was evidently walking on or crossing the tracks near the pump works. His mangled body was found some thirty or forty yards below this point by the yardmaster of the "K.C." road. The body had evidently been dragged or rolled some distance after being struck. There was a large cut on the back of the head, and the coroner is of the opinion that the man's skull was fractured. The left leg was crushed and mangled in a frightful manner. When found the body was much twisted, showing that it had been carried some distance.

So far as known Graves had no relatives in this city. He was a man some 45 years of age and a widower. His father-in-law resides in Atchison, and his name is Ashton. Graves' parents are supposed to be in Bowling Green, Ky., where he has other relatives. An inquest will be held at Sidenfaden's today at 1 o'clock.

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### Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 13 Feb 1896, p. 3

Coroner Islaub held an inquest yesterday afternoon in the case of Red Graves, the colored man who was killed by a switch engine in the lower yards of Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs road Tuesday evening, and after a careful investigation of the tragedy the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts, at the same time exonerating the company employes from all blame in the matter.

Some of the friends of the dead man evolved the theory that Graves was not killed by the switch engine, but that he was slugged, robbed and thrown on the track to be run over, so that the crime might be covered up. Coroner Islaub does not think this theory tenable, and the jury evidently did not, although their especial attention was drawn to it, and they even listened to the story of one of the men who believed there had been foul play, after the verdict had been returned.

It is conceded that Graves was an honest and intelligent man, that he did not drink and was not quarrelsome. He came in on the construction train about 6 o'clock in the evening, and the boarding car in which he with others lived, was sidetracked in the new yard, below the lake road crossing. Four of the men agreed that they would spend the evening at church, Graves being one of them, and his companions being three colored laborers named Johnson, Jackson and John Finley. He changed his clothes in the presence, transferring his money from one set of pockets to the other, and said he wanted to get a pair of suspenders and would go out ahead of the rest and meet them on Sixth street. He then left the car and started up the track leading through the yards toward the city. Finley followed him in less than five minutes, and at a point about 150 or 200 yards north of the car came upon Graves' body.

He immediately called the switching crew and an examination of the engine failed to show where it could have struck him first, though there was some blood on the wheel, they say as if it had passed over the body. There was a long deep gash in the head, another above the right eye, the right side was badly bruised and the left leg cut off by the wheels, or at least only held on by a shred of flesh. The body was lying on the track, between the rails all except the left leg, which was thrown across one rail and had been severed above the knee. It was curiously bent over, in a sort of crouching position, with the head to the south. The coroner thinks it was shoved along for a considerable distance by the engine, which had no "cowcatcher" in front, but only a footboard and that had there been a cowcatcher it would have been cut all to pieces.

The witnesses who adopted the theory of murder thought the cut on the top of the head could have been made only with a blunt instrument. They also claimed that when Graves changed his clothes in their presence he had \$4 or \$5 in silver and some bills. The men were all paid off on Sunday and as there had been no opportunity to spend anything they think the dead man must have had at least \$16 in his pocket, whereas all that was found on his person was a Canadian half dollar and two nickels.

Johnson testified that he saw a loose coupling pin lying near the body when it was taken up, that he suspected nothing at the time, but afterwards went back to get the pin and found it had disappeared.

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It was also claimed that two strange colored men and a white man who had not before been seen about the yard, were among the first on the spot after the killed, that they were hard-looking customers and kept themselves in the back-ground, where they held a whispered conversation, and that when a switchman inquired of one of the witnesses if those fellows belonged to the outfit on the construction train, the mysterious strangers suddenly slumped off in the darkness.

It is rumored, too, that a couple of colored men reported the accident at a saloon on South Sixth street before it could possibly have become known outside the switching crew and the construction gang.

All the men connected with the boarding car, believe that Graves was slugged and robbed.

Graves' wife died last spring and since that time he has been living in Atchison with an adopted daughter.

**Date of death: [Jun] 1916**

**Subject: Roxy Graves (or Groves)**

**Source: *Holt County Sentinel*, 14 Jul 1916, p. 1**

On Thursday, July 6 the body of a young lady was found floating in the Missouri river, close to Nodaway. Dr. Jefferies, the Andrew county coroner, was notified, and held an inquest. Nothing was found on the body that gave any clew. Clothes were water-soaked until there was practically no color-- just the body of a young woman, supposed to be somewhere near 25 years old. One more unfortunate to be consigned to a nameless grave. The body was taken to the undertaking rooms at Savannah, in hopes something might develop that would lead to identification, and it did. Dr. Ray Evans told the coroner to have her teeth examined, and the dentist had a job. He gave them a description of the dental work that had been done. It was advertised in the Omaha and other papers up the river. A Miss Roxy Groves, living sixty miles west of Omaha, had gone to Omaha, to buy clothes, and wrote her folks, June 27, 1916, that when they read the letter she would be in the Missouri river. The authorities took the description of her mouth to her dentist, and he said it corresponded, with the exception of two porcelain fillings in her two upper front teeth; they wired back, and Dr. Evans extracted the two teeth, washed them off, and there were the two porcelain fillings, establishing her identity beyond a doubt. The local undertaker came after her remains and took her back home for burial. As she had always lived a model life, no one could imagine what ever possessed her to commit suicide. Had it not been for the dental work, that was practically indestructible, her people would never have known what became of her.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 7 Jul 1916, Friday, p. 2**

Savannah, Mo., July 7.—The body of a woman taken from the mouth of the Nodaway River near here Tuesday, this morning was identified as that of Miss Roxie Groves of Wahoo, Neb. Identification was made by Edward I. Biggerstaff, an undertaker of Wahoo. Biggerstaff and Miss Groves, who was twenty-eight years old and a milliner, left the home of her mother at Wahoo a week ago declaring that she intended to commit suicide. The girl's mother read the newspaper accounts of the finding of the body and believing that it might be that of her daughter employed an undertaker to come to Savannah and investigate. The young woman is believed to have been despondent over a love affair.

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The body probably will be sent to Wahoo this afternoon.

**Date of death: 25 Jan 1914**

**Subject: Sarah (Graves) Wilson**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 28 Jan 1914, Wednesday, p. 5**

Maryville, Mo., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Sarah Wilson, one of Nodaway County's oldest residents, was buried yesterday at the Guilford Cemetery, near here. She was eighty-three years old and had lived in Nodaway County since childhood. Her husband, Quinton Wilson, was the founder of the town of Guilford. Mrs. Wilson was the mother of ten children, all of whom survive her.

**Date of death: 1 Nov 1900**

**Subject: Theodore Graves**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 1 Nov 1900, p. 2**

[Note: ... indicate illegible words]

Theodore Graves, a colored laborer who lived at Eighteenth and Angelique streets, dropped dead at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon near the corner of Fourth and Edmond streets. Coroner Richmond viewed the remains at 2:20 o'clock and ordered them removed to Heaton's morgue, where an inquest will be held.

Graves died in the arms of his half-brother, W. P. Scott, who lives at Sixteenth and Moss streets. Scott had just started up the stairway at the rear of W. S. Kinneson's drug store on Fourth street, to Dr. J. H. Sampson's office, and left Graves standing at the doorway downstairs. When Scott reached the top of the stairs he heard a noise and turning, saw his brother lying at the foot of the stairs. He hurried down and lifted up the prostrate man. Graves was still breathing when Scott reached him, but was unable to say anything, and died in a few minutes. Doctor Sampson arrived on the scene after Graves had expired.

Graves was twenty-seven years old and leaves a wife. He has lived in St. Joseph ... years and is well ... colored ... His ... Ja... Six ... Angelique streets.

**Date of death: 29 Aug 1884**

**Subject: Uriah Graves**

**Source: *Nodaway [Co. MO] Democrat*, 4 Sep 1884, p. 3**

Uriah Graves, an old settler of Lincoln township, died on the 29th of August and was buried last Sunday. His funeral services were conducted at the family residence by Rev. H. E. Bolen. The deceased was born in Washington County, Kentucky and moved to this county sometime preceding 1850. He was a good citizen and highly respected by all. He was buried in the Horn cemetery and the large funeral procession attested the esteem in which he was held in the community where he had so long lived.

**Date of death: 16 Feb 1918**

**Subject: Alfred Gray**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 19 Feb 1918, Tuesday, p. 6**



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Maryville, Mo., Feb. 19.—Alfred Gray, one of the pioneer settlers of this section of the state, died at his home at Pickering yesterday at the age of eighty-four. Mr. Gray came to this county seventy-five years ago with his parents, who drove through from Tennessee. He is survived by three children: Miss Martha Gray, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, and Theodore Gray, all of this county.

**Date of death: 28 Aug 1896**

**Subject: Mrs. Ann Gray**

**Source: *The Jewell County [KS] Monitor*, 16 Sep 1896, Wednesday, p. 4**

The Nodaway (Mo.) Democrat contains notice of the death of Mrs. Jas. B. Gray, mother of Mrs. Geo. W. Lieber, which occurred at Maryville, Mo., August 28th.

**Date of death: unknown**

**Subject: Charles Gray**

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

Charley Gray, a negro, shot his wife last night and then blew his own brains out. The shooting occurred about ten minutes after eight o'clock, in the alley in the rear of the McCormick machine company's warehouse between Fourth and Fifth and Sylvania and Angelique streets.

The tragedy was the result of woman's inconstancy. Gray was a hard working young negro, in the employ of James Patton, the contractor, and his wife, who is not a bad looking young mulatto, left her husband and was deaf to all his entreaties to return.

Last night he sought her again and she was not at at [sic] the house where she has been living on Fifth street, near Messanie, and he was told she was at the residence of Thomas Burns, who conducts a boarding house at the corner of Fifth and Sylvania.

Gray went into the alley in the rear of the residence, and when a young colored man named Sam Osely [sic] came out he asked him if his wife was in the house. Osely told him she was, and went into the house to call her out. She was talking with some other colored women at the time, but went out to where her husband was. He asked her to come back and live with him but she refused and then he asked her to go with him and have a glass of lemonade, and they walked about half a block down the alley, when he drew a revolver and shot at her. The first shot missed, and firing again, the bullet struck her above the left temple and passed out at the back of the head.

She fell when shot and he turned away, whereupon she arose and ran up the alley and down Fifth street to where she was living, near Messanie. Dr. W. B. Davis was called and dressed the wound, which he said would not be fatal unless inflammation [sic] should set in. The woman never lost consciousness after reaching home.

When Gray fired the shot he turned to go down the alley and had gone about forty feet when Bud Knapp hearing the shooting ran out in the alley. Gray was approaching him and was within twenty feet of him when he asked him who was doing the shooting. "Here's what's doing he shooting" said Gray and throwing up the gun as

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if to shoot at Mr. Knapp who jumped behind a car in the alley, Gray immediately shot himself and fell. Mr. Knapp at once telephoned police headquarters, and Assistant City Physician Elam quickly responded to the call. Gray never spoke after the shooting and when Dr. Elam arrived and examined the wound he found that the bullet had entered the right temple and penetrated the brain.

Dr. Elam had the body of Gray removed to the residence of Alfred Gray, his father, on Jule street between Second and Third streets, and though it was thought that he would not live until he got there, he seemed to have a stronger hold on the thread of life than was thought possible, for he is still living and may live a day or so yet, though the physician thought he could not live longer than this morning.

Gray had planned the murder and suicide with deliberation, as the following letter shows:

St. Joseph, Mo., June 4, 1891: friends I guess you all think that I am fooling but I am bothered It was done on account of my wife I loved her and she loved me I guess from the way she said but didn't treat me right good people I would like the Esplaine it all but I Caint I am felling [sic] so bad about it, so I wont give her cance [sic] for any wan Elec this is all good people, and Emma, She said for me to doe it. Chas. Gray

Gray is not given a good character by the police, and his father is also acquainted in police circles on account of various minor offences.

### Same

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 6 Jun 1891, p. 3**

The negro, Charley Gray, who attempted to murder his wife and then kill himself Thursday night, is still living and the indications now are that he will probably live for a long time to come, unless he decides to take another crack at himself. He has recovered consciousness and is able to talk quite freely, though he is not communicative regarding his crime. It is unusual that a man should live with such a wound, as the bullet entered the brain.

**Date of death: 22 Aug 1899**

**Subject: [infant] twin sons of P. Gray**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 23 Aug 1899, p. 6**

The twin sons of P. Gray, colored, died yesterday at the home of the family 1717 Messanie street, and were buried at the city cemetery today.

**Date of death: 18 Oct 1911**

**Subject: James Franklin Gray**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 19 Oct 1911, p. 1**

Pickering, Mo., Oct. 19.—Thirty minutes after she had noticed his absence from the house Mrs. George Leach, late yesterday afternoon, found the body of James Franklin Gray, seventy-one years old, her father, suspended from a rafter in the barn at the Leach home near here. Mr. Gray, it is supposed, was temporarily insane when he

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ended his life. He had fastened a halter strap to a rafter in the barn and tied it about his neck and then kicked from under him a box on which he stood to arrange the noose.

**Date of death: 24 Sep 1912**

**Subject: Mary Adaline (Gray) Lee**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 25 Sep 1912, p. 9**

Savannah, Mo., Sept. 25.—The funeral of Mrs. Fred Lee, fifty-nine years old, an old resident of this place, was held this afternoon from the family home at 3 o'clock with interment in the Savannah cemetery. The Rev. J. J. Quirin, pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal church, conducted the services. Mrs. Lee is survived by five daughters and two sons, Mrs. Arthur Brewer, Bolckow; Mrs. A. Saylor, Morill, Kan.; Mrs. B. C. Leictre, Eldorado, Kan.; Willie [sic] and Lucy, at home; Arthur, Topeka, and John, in North Dakota.

**Date of death: 7 Jul 1898**

**Subject: Mrs. Sarah J. Gray & infant**

**Source: *St. Louis [MO] Globe-Democrat*, 9 Jul 1898, Saturday, p. 4**

Stanberry, Mo., July 8.—A rain storm occurred in this vicinity last night which caused great loss of property and some loss of life. Wildcat Creek rose suddenly and overflowed the western part of Stanberry, washing away several hours and forcing the occupants to climb into treetops for safety.

Mrs. Isaac Gray and her infant baby were drowned. Their house was washed away and the rest of the family were rescued only after heroic work. One of the children rescued was found high up on a drift, asleep.

Charles Smith and Bert Vance, members of a relief expedition, were knocked from their raft into the surging waters and drowned.

It is thought many others who lived along the creek were drowned. Sixteen persons were rescued by citizens in hurriedly constructed boats. Railroad bridges and tracks were washed away, and the water extinguished the fires in the machine shops. The Mayor issued a call for a mass meeting to raise means of relief.

**Date of death: 10 Jul 1913**

**Subject: William K. Gray**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 11 Jul 1913, p. 15**

[Note: ... indicate illegible words]

Savannah, Mo., July 11.—William Gray, colored, who died here yesterday at the age of seventy-seven years was brought to Atchison County ... sixty-seven years ago, and at his death was the possessor of property worth nearly \$10,000. He was said to have been sold four times during his servitude and is survived by his wife and three children. A niece and two nephews reside in St. Joseph.

**Date of death: 2 Dec 1859**

**Subject: ---- Green**

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**Source:** *The St. Joseph [MO] Weekly West*, 24 Jul 1859, p. 1

The negro boy who is supposed to have murdered F. M. Wright, last week, was arrested yesterday, the 17th, near Rochester, in Andrew county, and lodged in jail in this city on the evening of the same day. The arrest was made by Mr. Sales and two gentlemen of Rochester. Mr. Sales was on his way to church and discovering the track of a man in the dust, thought it might be the boy in question and hurried on to Rochester to procure aid in pursuit. Messrs. Blount and ----- accompanied him. The track soon left the road, when the gentlemen could follow with certainty no longer. Convinced, however, from the shape of the track it was made by a negro, and convinced farther from its having taken to the woods the negro was a fugitive, they determined to persevere. They beat about the woods for some time, and finally in the centre of an old field grown up in weed and underbrush sat themselves down to rest. While setting here they heard a noise as of something walking through the brush, and looking round saw the negro.

The chase was at once commenced, but though very exciting, it was quite a short one. The boy was exhausted from fatigue, hunger, exposure and fright, and was overtaken at the end of about an hundred yards. He says the murder was committed by a white man, who came to the edge of the bushes, shot Wright and bade him run, which he did. The nature of the wound, however, precludes the possibility of the truth of the story. He is now heavily ironed, and will inevitably meet the penalty of his great crime.

### Same

**Source:** *The St. Joseph [MO] Weekly West*, 3 Dec 1859, p. 2

The sentence against Green, for killing his master, F. M. Wright, was carried out on yesterday by the hanging of the culprit. The execution took place on the bottom below town, about 1 1/2 o'clock, p.m., in the presence of a large crowd of men, women and children. The day was cold enough to make the time spent in preparation, after the crowd had assembled, seem almost interminable. The Rev. Mr. ----- offered a feeling prayer in behalf of the unhappy soul about to be launched into eternity. Green spoke to the people present—indeed he talked almost incessantly from the time he was placed upon the scaffold until he was executed, repeating over and over the substance of what is contained in his confession, published below. The rope being finally adjusted, the pin was knocked out, and the victim dropped through the trap door; but owing to some mistake in tying his hands, he was enabled to catch the rope and draw himself upon the scaffold again. His hands were then tied behind him, and after some time spent in preparation, he was let fall the second time. This time he fell about four feet, and was killed almost instantly, scarcely moving a limb or a muscle.

The Confession. Sunday Evening, Nov. 27, 1859.

Last night about midnight something woke me up, and appeared [sic] to tell me that I must make a full confession of the part I took in killing Francis M. Wright. I found I could not sleep, felt restless and uneasy, until I determined when daylight came I would make a full confession. Morning came, and I thought I would wait a little longer; but Mr. Brown, the jailor, coming into my room about this time, I determined to tell him all. Again I hesitated, and while thinking about it, Mr. Brown left the room and locked the door.—In a second after he locked the door I called him back, and made a full statement to him. After doing so I felt better, and told him I would like to see Mr. Baxter, my lawyer, and Mr. Ridenbaugh, and tell them. Mr. Baxter was not in town—

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Mr. R. was sent for, who came, and Judge Tutt, being then in Mr. Brown's house, he with Mr. R. came in my room and I made in substance the confession which follows:

My name is Green. I am about 19 years of age, was born in Clay county, Mo., and have been living in Gentry county with Mr. E. G. Whitton and others about ten or twelve years. My master and his family always treated me kindly, and they appeared to be well satisfied with me, until they heard I was advised to run off by men in our own neighborhood. Negroes were scarce in our neighborhood, and I had frequent conversations with men living close to my master.

The first time I saw Mr. Wright, was at Mr. Whitton's on Sunday evening. I was not at home when he came, but when I returned in the evening, I saw him sitting on the porch talking to my master. I went in the kitchen and enquired who he was, but was told he was some traveler who had stopped to stay all night. Early Monday morning I was woke up, and sent to the stable to curry and feed the horses; and while I was there Mr. Wright came to the stable, and commenced talking to me. Among other things he told me if I would curry his horse, he would give me ten cents, which he did. Mr. Wright remained at the stable a long time, and when I finished my work and wanted to leave he caught hold of me and told me I could not go, as he had bought me, and I now belonged to him. I made one or two efforts to get out, and finally pushed him to one side, and run out of the stable. He came out immediately after me and caught me by the coat collar and held me. He then called to my master to bring him the hand-cuffs that were in the saddle-bags. My master brought the saddle bags, but did not, or could not, find the hand-cuffs. Mr. Wright then took them out, and I was hand-cuffed. After some promises on my part my hand-cuffs were taken off, having had them on but a very short time.

When I went to the house my old and young mistresses were crying and appeared to feel sorry for me. My old mistress did not want to see me, and left the house before breakfast was ready, and went to her son-in-law's about a half a mile distant. After I eat my breakfast, I went down to where my mistress was to get some money that the boys were owing me. I staid there some two hours, when Mr. Wright came down, and he, my mistress and myself went back to the house. My mistress would not come any further than the stable, and we left her there, which is the last time I ever saw her. She was always kind to me and never gave me any bad advice.

I had about the house two horse-pistols and a small single barrell'd [sic] pistol about five inches long. The small pistol I had brought home on Sunday evening from Mr. Quiddy's. His boys and myself often shot together, and we kept the pistol in partnership. I can't say why I brought it home that evening, as I had no particular use for it. I was advised by persons at home to take my large pistol and a California knife I had with me, and to die before Mr. Wright should take me away. They gave me advice which I find was bad, and I think if they had given me better instruction, I would not be in the situation I am now in.—Before starting, I took the small pistol and put it in my right pocket, which was a very deep one. No person could see that I had anything in it. The pistol had been loaded before I took it home.

After we left home I was thinking about my chances of escaping, and what I could do to effect it. Arriving at Gentryville we stopped there a short time, Mr. Wright buying a towel and a piece of soap. We then came on to the river, when Mr. Wright went swimming and left me in the buggy. The next place we stopped on the road was at a small grocery some distance from Gentryville, where we remained but a few moments. We then came on to Mr. Pannell's where we got our dinner. While there I talked to Mr. Pannell's negroes and made enquiry of

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them how far it was to timber, and how much there was. While there I was told by the negroes that Mr. Wright was a negro buyer, and went through the country buying negroes and taking them South. Here I fully resolved in my own mind that if [sic] I would effect my escape if possible. After leaving Mr. Pannell's we traveled along without any interruption, save a little breaking in the harness which I always tied up as well as I could. Arriving at Rochester we remained there but a few moments, came on and stopped at Mr. Fox's, where Mr. Wright got a drink. I did not get out of the buggy at Fox's, and refused to take any water. I saw Mr. Castle there who testified on my trial, and recognize dhim the moment I saw him in the Court house.

It was getting late when we left Fox's, and we drove along pretty rapidly. About the time it was getting dark, and in fact for some time before, Mr. Wright was setting on the left side of the buggy with his legs crossed, looking as I thought at the trees on the left side of the road. He was leaning a little forward. Mr. Wright had not been talking for some time, and was setting very quiet, as though he was thinking about something. I was sitting at his right side driving the horse, and had my hand on my pistol, and I thought now was my time to make my escape. I drew my pistol quietly from my pocket, and while Mr. Wright was in that position I shot him, placing the pistol about 8 or 10 inches from his head. I did not see Mr. Wright fall forward in the buggy, or indeed, fall in any direction, and if he spoke a word after he was shot, I did not hear him. As soon as I shot him I jumped out of the buggy and ran for some distance, and in my confusion took the wrong road, and did not discover my mistake until morning. The pistol I shot him with was my own, and the one I brought from home with me; and if Mr. Wright had a pistol with him I did not see it. The coat exhibited on trial Mr. Wright gave me. I did not take anything out of the buggy.

I arrived at Rochester in the morning and went into the brush, where I remained until I was arrested by Mr. Blount and another gentleman who was with him. I traveled on the big road, and when I heard any person coming I would go into the woods until they passed. Mr. Wright treated me kindly coming in, and never spoke a cross word to me after we left my old home. The only reason I can give for killing him is that I was told to do so, and then I could go back home. I am a poor ignorant negro, can't count as much as a hundred, and was led to believe that whatever white people told me to do was right.

After I was brought to St. Joseph I was very much frightened, never having seen so many people and houses. After I was put in jail I looked around and saw nothing but iron, and supposed that the entire jail was made of iron and that no person could ever get out unless taken out. As soon as I was put in jail I asked the man there what they were going to do with me, and what so many people came about the jail for. They told me that it wa a place where they put people who were bad, and kept them there until they were good. I was put in the lower room with Dan Williams and a black boy named Jim, the negro who killed a black boy on the Ben Lewis, and two white me whose names I don't recollect.

While in jail I made a full confession of the murder of Wright to those confined in the lower room with me, and also to Dr. Doy, confined in the upper room. He told me to say nothing about it, and if people outside the jail came to see me, to deny it. While in jail Doy talked a great deal to me and gave me advice, and kept telling me not to tell anyone what I had done, and that they could not hang me. Among other thing [sic], he told me he had seen a great many negroes in such places, and that they were always taken out by some good persons. He would come to the pipe hole every day and talk to me, and whenever he would hear any one coming he would stop talking. He told me it was no harm to tell a lie to persons who came to the jail, as they had no business to ask

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me any questions. Dr. Doy also told me that he owned slaves, and that if I did not confess, that in a short time I would be walking around town as large as anybody. The night Doy was taken out of jail I felt glad, as I now thought some good people would come along some night and take me out as he had told me they would. The advice I got in jail from the people who were in with me, kept me from making a public confession of the murder soon after I was put in. I wanted to do so, but was always told not to say a word about it, and I would get clear. I now find that they gave me bad advice and kept me from doing what I should have done long ago.

After I had been in jail a few days I heard Tartar, John Hall and a man by the name of Isam (nicknamed Shanghai) talk frequently about breaking out of jail. It surprised me, because I thought it was iron, and told them they could never get out. They then showed me where the jail had been once broken, and told me that it was old and rotten, and that they would get out and take me with them. One afternoon a man by the name of Wittum who was in the upper room, but who is now in the penitentiary, handed us down a piece of iron which he pulled off the window, and we commenced work with it sometime after dark. After working as well as we could, when no person was about the jail, we succeeded in getting a hole in the wall an hour before day-light. We then crawled out, got over the fence and left. Hall was not ironed and he left us soon after getting out. Shanghai and I were ironed and could not walk fast, but Tartar having on no irons, assisted us very much, frequently carrying Shanghai. Daylight coming we stopped in a dry ravine between the grave-yard and the fair ground, near St. Joseph. We remained there all day, and spent the day in trying to get our chains off. Shanghai got a stone and beat mine in two, leaving one piece to each leg. We worked at Shanghai's until dark, but could not get them off. After dark we left, and at a house close to where Judge Morris lives, we got an axe and succeeded in breaking one side of Shanghai's chains, leaving the chain fast to his other leg. We could not break off the other, and in working at it bruised his leg and made it very sore.

We then left in the direction of Rochester, but Shanghai was complaining all the time, having a very large chain to one leg, weighing I suppose about 20 pounds. We traveled along the road and in the brush, Tartar carrying Shanghai about half the distance between St. Joseph and Rochester. We went in the large thicket near Rochester and remained there some six days. Near Rochester we stole a file out of a shop and with it filed off my chains, but in doing so made the file so dull that we could not file off Shanghai's. We would work at them every day, and finally quit; not being able to make any impression on the iron. Shanghai's leg was very much swollen, and he appeared to suffer very much with it, and in fact I thought it would kill him. I remained with Tartar and Shanghai about a week in the thicket near Rochester, when they told me I had better leave them—that if they were found with me it would go hard with them on their trial. While we were together we lived on green corn, raw potatoes and water mellons [sic], never having cooked anything. We were afraid to build a fire. On our way out we crossed the 102 River a little above Fox's mill. I wanted to cross on the bridge, but Tartar and Shanghai would not let me, and told me that Brown would be guarding the bridge that night, and I have since learned that if we had attempted to cross the bridge that we would have been arrested.

When I left Tartar and Shanghai I traveled some distance through the woods, but how far I don't know, until I came to the house of Mr. Stone. I went in and asked a lady, who was in the house to give me something to eat, but she told me she had nothing cooked, and I went away. Seeing a hay stack a short distance from the house, I went down and crawled under it. As soon as I left the house the lady went to the field and told Mr. Stone I had been there, and he came immediately and found me under the hay stack. I was then tied by Mr. Stone and another young man who was with him, and brought back to St. Joseph and again put in jail.

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When I was taken to the Court House for trial I did not know what it was for until I was told that I was on trial for killing Wright. After my first trial was over, and I was not found guilty, I thought what I had been told in jail was true, and that I would not be hung.

After my second trial was over and I was told I was to be hung on the second day of December, I did not know what to think about it. I had seen a great many people about the Court House and heard them talk in Court, but could not form any idea of what effect their talk had upon my trial. I never heard anything about law, and did not know what it meant or what it was for.

When I was living at home I was often told to run off from my master, and in fact was advised by persons living in our neighborhood, to kill my master. But I was well treated by him and always liked him. I have given the names of the persons who gave me this advice, to the gentleman to whom I am now making this statement.— Having received this advice from white men, and doing what they told me it was no hard to do, I did not think I ought to be hung, but should be permitted to go clear. If I had never listened to the advice of bad white men, I would not now be confined to this jail.

I would like to say a word to my black friends, and it is this. I had a good home, but listening to the advice of bad men, I am now in this jail. And I would advise all who have good masters and mistresses, and even those who may have bad ones, never to listen to any advice men may give them, advising them to run off, or do any injury to the property of their master or mistress. I took the advice of bad persons and I am now to suffer death for listening to them.

The foregoing statement has been read to me, and I find it to embrace everything connected with the unfortunate killing of Mr. Wright.

**same**

**Source: *Jacksonville [AL] Republican*, 12 Jan 1860, p. 2**

A slave named Green was hung in St. Joseph, Mo., on the 2d inst. [sic], for the murder of his master, F. M. Wright. He was a fellow prisoner with the notorious Doy, and the day before the execution he made a confession of his crime. He said his master treated him kindly, and never spoke a cross word to him, and the only reason he could give for shooting his master was that he was told to do so by the white people. He also said:-- "If I had never listened to the advice of bad white men I would not now be confined in this jail. I would like to say a word to my black friends, and it is this:-- I had a good time, but listened to the advice of bad men I am now in this jail; and I would advise all who have good masters and mistresses, and even those who may have bad ones, never to listen to any advice men may give them advising them to run off, or to do any injury to the property of their masters or mistresses. I took the advice of bad persons, and I am now to suffer death for listening to them."

**Date of death: May 1876**

**Subject: Charles Green**

***St. Louis [MO] Globe-Democrat*, 3 May 1876, Wednesday, p. 2**



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[From the St. Joseph (Mo.) Herald.] A horrible accident occurred yesterday morning near Watson, Mo., on the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad, by which Charles Green, aged about fourteen years, and son of Mr. N. N. Green, a prominent politician, met with a horrible death. Yesterday morning Messrs. Charles Loop and Irvin Smith, engineer and fireman on the road above named, took the 2:30 train and went to Watson on a gunny expedition, expecting to be accompanied by Mr. Green, who is an old friend of Engineer Loop. Upon reaching his house, business arrangements detained Mr. Green at home, and the suggestion was made that his son Charley be allowed to make one of the hunting party, to which, after first making an objection, the father's consent was given. The three then started for the hunting grounds, and after getting some distance from Watson the boy asked permission to carry Loop's double-barrel shotgun, both barrels of which were charged, at the same time remarking that his father had often allowed him a like privilege. Loop felt a disinclination to gratify his wish, but finally handed him the gun, and Charley, holding it in his right hand, undertook to walk on the rail of the track, which he succeeded in doing for some distance, when suddenly his foot slipped, and as it did so, the stock of the weapon struck the rail, the muzzle at the same time coming directly under his chin, followed by a loud report, both barrels exploding simultaneously. Instantaneous death was the result, the entire face of the unfortunate boy being blown off by the discharge, leaving not a vestige of the bright features which, a few moments before, were radiant with the beauty and glow of childish life. The dead boy was at once taken to the home of his parents, whose intense sorrow was beyond the power of description. Messrs. Loop and Smith returned to St. Joseph yesterday afternoon, the former suffering the bitterest pangs of sorrow over the heart-rending affair, and the latter was but little less affected than his comrade.

**Date of death: 29 Feb 1904**

**Subject: David Green**

**Source: *The Brown County [KS] World*, 4 Mar 1904, Friday, p. 20**

David Green, aged 81 years, died at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. James Rounds, Monday, February 29, at 5 p. m. He had been sick only a few days with pleurisy. He left four children, Mrs. Thos. Stevens, Mrs. A. J. Anderson, H. B. Green, of Hiawatha, and Mrs. Sarah Jane Green, who lives in Washington county. Mr. Green's wife died in 1860. The funeral services were held at the home of Jas. Rounds, Thursday morning at 10.30, conducted by Rev. J. D. M. Buckner. Burial was made in the Hiawatha cemetery. Mr. Green was an old soldier. Wallace Anderson came up from Lawrence to attend the funeral.

**Date of death: 2 Sep 1876**

**Subject: Edward Green**

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

Yesterday morning, shortly after eight o'clock, a colored man named Edward Green went into an outhouse on Thirteenth street, beteen [sic] Edmond and Charles, and was discovered by a little girl, about twenty minutes afterwards, in a condition of unconsciousness. She at once gave the alarm to parties on the premises, who made an examination of its person, and found that death had set his seal upon the unfortunate man. The fact was communicated to Coroner Trevor, who held an inquest upon the remains, with Hugh Tolin, J. C. Sutherland, William Thornton, J. B. Riney, Ezra Mathis and Jerry Laughlin serving as jurymen. Three witnesses were examined, after which a cverdict was rendered that an epileptic fit had deprived him of life. Edward Green was

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a temperate and respectable colored man, and had been suffering more or less with fits for eleven years previous to his death.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 3 Sep 1876, p. 4

A report was circulated yesterday morning to the effect that a colored man had been found dead in an out-house in the vicinity of Thirteenth street. An investigation of the report proved that it was correct, and that Edward Green, a colored man about 38 years of age, had been found lying dead in the corner of an out-house in the rear of the residence of Mrs. Poirier, on Thirteenth street, between Charles and Edmond. The startling discovery was made by a little daughter of Mrs. P., who was out in the yard playing, and she ran into the house and communicated the intelligence of her discovery to her mother, who informed the wife of the dead man, and calling in several of the neighbors, the body was taken into the house of Green, adjoining that of Mrs. Poirier, and prepared for the coffin. The coroner, Dr. Hugh Trevor, was called and the following gentlemen were summoned as jurymen at the inquest: James B. Rivers, Hugh Tolin, J. C. Sutherland, Wm. Thornton, Ezra Mathis and Jeremiah Laughlin. A verdict of death from epilepsy was rendered. How long the body had laid in the out-house is a matter of conjecture. Green left the house early in the morning about 9 o'clock. He has been subject to epileptic attacks for the last eleven years, occurring [sic] at intervals of from four to six weeks. For the past few years they have been growing more severe, and it has been feared for some time that he would die during one of his attacks, consequently many precautions [sic] have been taken to prevent such an occurrence as that of yesterday. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss.

**Date of death:** 2 May 1910

**Subject:** George Davis Green

**Source:** *The Clifton [TX] Record*, 13 May 1910, Friday, p. 2

Judge George D. Green, well known to the people of Bosque county, having made the race for district judge of this district against Judge Lockett, died at his home near Cleburne Monday night of last week and was buried in Cleburne the following day. The following account was taken from the Cleburne Enterprise.

"Monday night at 9:45 o'clock Col. Geo. D. Green passed to his heavenly reward at his home in the country. He had been ill for many months and moved to the country with a view of recuperating his health. For a time it was thought that he was getting better, but his condition grew worse until death came to relieve him of suffering. His death was due to complications, including dropsy and other diseases. He practiced law here for a number of years and made the race for district judge. He was quite popular throughout this section. He was a prominent member of the Main Street Methodist church.

**Date of death:** 16 Sep 1915

**Subject:** Isabelle Evaline (Green) Chambers

**Source:** *Clarinda [IA] Journal*, 23 Sep 1915

Mrs. Isabelle E. Chambers, widow of A. J. Chambers, died Thursday, Sept 16, 1915, at 5 o'clock a.m., at her home in Alva, Okla., at the age of 70 years. Her remains arrived in Clarinda Saturday evening, Sept. 18, and

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were taken to Harmon's Funeral Home on North Sixteenth street, from which place the funeral took place Sunday, at 2:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. John Meyer Asbell, pastor of the Christian church. Interment was in the Clarinda cemetery, beside the remains of her late husband. The Chambers family came to Clarinda in 1879, and Mr. Chambers engaged here in the grain business. Their home was where the Clarinda State Hospital now is. The family moved away from here in 1883. For a time they were at Pratt, Kan., then lived at Villisca, and from there moved to Alva, Okla. Mr. Chambers died in 1900. One son and one daughter survive: R. A. Chambers and Mrs S. M. Dennison, both of Alva, Okla. The son was here to the funeral.

**Date of death: 19 Feb 1917**

**Subject: James Green**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 20 Feb 1917, Tuesday, p. 6**

An inquest in the case of the death of James Green, the negro who died at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday morning from a stab wound inflicted by Oscar Williams, another negro, in a North Second street dive a week ago, was to be held late this afternoon at Ramsey's mortuary, Ninth and Olive streets.

**Date of death: ca. Jul 1892**

**Subject: John W. Green**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 23 Aug 1892, p. 5**

The body of an unknown man was discovered in an unused well Sunday afternoon on the farm of Anthony Corcoran, about a mile east of Saxton.

Mr. Corcoran had gone out in his pasture, about half a mile from his residence in a wagon to look up some stock, and noticing that some of the boards over the old well were misplaced, he made an investigation, and saw some clothes in the water, as he thought. Upon examining closer, however, he saw the body of a man floating in the water.

Mr. Corcoran ascertained by pushing the body with a stick that the flesh was very soft, and that the body had no doubt been in the water some time. He concluded not to molest it further, but came to the city and notified Coroner Whittington. The hour was so late that the coroner decided to wait until yesterday morning before going out.

When Dr. Whittington arrived at the scene of the discovery he soon found that the body was so decayed that it could not be lifted out in any ordinary way. A seine was procured and lowered into the well, and the body raised in it. The flesh fell from the bones and the corpse presented a ghastly sight. Dr. Whittington examined the pockets but found nothing to identify the man except a couple of horn collar buttons. The body was that of a man about 35 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, black hair and beard, and was dressed in a pair of good pants and a cheap shirt, with no vest or coat. His shoe soles were worn nearly through, showing that the man had walked a great deal.

The case was evidently that of a suicide, as the well was covered with heavy timbers, nailed at each end by fence boards across. One of those boards had been torn loose, and a timber moved to one side so as to admit a

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man's body. The dead man was evidently some poor wanderer, who became tired of life and took that means to rid himself of a burdensome existence.

The coroner viewed the remains and decided that the body had been in the well at least two months, and that an inquest was not necessary. The body was placed in a coffin, brought to the city yesterday afternoon and buried in the city cemetery. Coroner Whittington preserved a piece of the man's pantaloons and one of his shoes, in view of a possible identification.

### Same

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 25 Aug 1892, p. 3**

The body of the unknown man found dead in a well on the farm of Anthony Corcoran, near Saxton, last Sunday, was identified yesterday and what promised to remain forever a mystery was cleared up. The body was that of John W. Green of Oregon, Mo., a painter and paper hanger, who left his home about two months ago in company with his wife. They went to Chicago together, and from there Mrs. Green went to Indiana to visit friends. Green's business in Chicago was to settle up some business connected with a patent window screen which he owned. He expected to return home immediately after arranging business matters in Chicago, or in a few days at most. But one trace of the man's whereabouts was ever found from the time he left Chicago until the clothing and shoes taken from the body was identified by his wife yesterday.

Mrs. Green returned to her home in Oregon after an absence of two weeks in Indiana. To her surprise she learned that her husband had not been there since the day they left it together. She knew of no cause for his strange disappearance—there had been no trouble of any kind in the family, and the missing man had been remarkably attached to his four children. She instituted a search for him by every means in his [sic] power, assisted by friends, at al last a trace of him was found. It was learned that on the Fourty of July Green was at Vories, a postoffice in the eastern suburbs of this city, where he visited the postmaster, William Hawkins, who formerly lived in Oregon and was a friend to Green. He left Vories on the evening of that day and there all trace of him was lost. It was also learned that Green had been drinking some while at Vories but was not intoxicated. He drank some at times, although he was not considered a hard drinker. Inquiry was made for him in every place it was thought possible for him to be and no trace was found.

A. H. Green, of Oregon, a brother of the man who so strangely disappeared, read the Herald's account of finding the unknown body in the well on the farm near Saxton. From the description given he believed it to be that of his brother, and Mrs. Green also became convinced of it. The missing man was 40 years old, 5 feet f inches high, had dark hair and beard, wore No. 6 shoes and woolen pantaloons of blue and black stripe. He also wore a coat and vest of the same material when he went away. With the exception that there was no coat and vest on the corpse found in the well, the descriptions of the two were exactly the same. The friends of Green decided that the matter ought to be investigated.

Yesterday Mrs. Green, accompanied by D. P. Dobyms, editor of the Holt county *Sentinel*, came to this city, and from here went to Saxton and to the Corcoran farm, where they were shown the shoe taken from the foot of the dead man and the piece of cloth cut from the leg of his pantaloons by Coroner Whittington when the inquest was held. The flesh from the foot had adhered to the inside sole of the shoe when it was removed, and yesterday

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this was taken out before it was shown Mrs. Green. She recognized both, but the identification was made complete by the piece of cloth. When the pantaloons were purchased by Green they were too long, and Mrs. Green had turned them up two inches at the bottom. When the piece was shown her yesterday she recognized the material and the work her own hands had performed upon them to make them fit her husband's stature. There was no longer any doubt of the dead man's identity. By a strange chance the coroner had cut a piece from the bottom of the pantaloons; and by this mere chance the wife of the long missing man was able to identify his remains.

There are many theories as to how Green met such a mysterious death, away from home and friends, in a strange place where no business that can be conjectured by his friends could have called him, but the woman who is left widowed and in poverty by his death will always believe that her husband was murdered and his body hid away in the well. Her believe is a very reasonable one, but it may never be verified. The man was at Vories on July 4. He is believed to have had some money, probably \$75 or \$100. If he went toward Saxton he must have been induced to go by some other person, or he must have been intoxicated more than when seen last by his friend Hawkins. It is hardly probably that he would have wandered that far away without being seen by some one if he was drunk. How he could have managed to dispose of his coat and vest in such a way that no trace of them has ever been found is another strange feature of the case. His wife is convinced that he was robbed and murdered, and that his coat and vest were taken by the man who committed the crime. When found the body was badly decomposed, and the coroner decided that it had been in the water six or seven weeks. This would make the time of his death about July 4, the date he was last seen alive. The mystery of his death was not solved by the identification of the body.

Mrs. Green returned to Oregon last night. She will have the body exhumed and removed to Oregon, where some of their children are buried. The grave in the city cemetery is marked "Unknown," but it is unknown no longer. The identification was almost as strange as the man's mysterious death.

### Same

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 26 Aug 1892, p. 3**

Editor Dobyns of Oregon, came down again yesterday, in company with A. H. Green, brother of John W. Green, whose body was found in Corcoran's well, near Saxton. Mr. C. J. Hunt, financier of Oregon Lodge No. 197, Ancient Order of United Workmen, also came down. The missing man was a member of the lodge, and carried \$2,000 beneficiary insurance.

The gentlemen made a visit to the well on Anthony Corcoran's farm again yesterday, and dragged it thoroughly in hopes of discovering the dead man's coat or hat. After dragging for some time, the hook caught on some object, which being carefully lifted out, proved to be a cheap straw or chip hat, with three stones in it as large as a man's fist. The hat was not the one Green wore when he left home, but he might have bought it after that time, and the finding of the stones in it is a link in the chain of circumstances that lead his friends and relatives more than ever to believe that he was murdered and thrown into the well.

Nothing else was found in the well, though a diligent search was made.

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It was the intention of the gentlemen to go out to the city cemetery and take up the body, for the purpose of having Mr. Green's brother further complete the identification by some peculiar teeth the missing man had, but after a consultation last night, it was deemed inadvisable at present, as the condition the body is in at this time, after having been driven fourteen miles over a country road, and so badly decomposed, would prevent any further identification at present.

The piece of Green's pants, so positively recognized by his wife, has been shown to the merchant who sold the pants, and he pronounced it the same goods he sold to Green. The shoe has also been identified by an Oregon merchant as the one he sold, and the missing man's relatives are perfectly satisfied that the body is that of John W. Green. If further proof is needed, they will wait for a sufficient time to allow the process of decomposition to become complete, when the skeleton will be taken up and given a decent burial in the family burying ground.

The grave in the city cemetery will be properly marked today so it can be readily found, and the proofs so far obtained will be preserved until such time as the skeleton can be exhumed and further identification completed if necessary.

The gentleman composing the lodge committee left on the midnight train for Oregon.

**Date of death: 28 Dec 1903**

**Subject: Leland Jackson Green**

**Source: *The Winfield [KS] Daily Free Press*, 28 Dec 1903, Monday, p. 4**

Leland J. Green, aged 56 years, died at 2 o'clock Monday morning of consumption at his home on West Sixth avenue. He leaves a wife and large family. One son works in the roundhouse at Wellington. The remains will probably be shipped to Wichita for burial.

**Date of death: 7 Mar 1891**

**Subject: Mary Green**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 8 Mar 1891, p. 3**

Many readers of The Herald will remember Mary Green, whose downfall, which occurred some two years ago furnished the newspapers a number of sensations. The girl was not more than 15 years of age at the time and the Francis Street African M. E. church was all torn to pieces when the open and steadily adhered to charge was made that Elder Stewart, who occupied the pulpit was the author of Mary's ruin. The case was kept alive for a long time until finally the innocent cause of the disturbance died.

Then the girl dropped out of the mind of the public, and few know that for almost a year she has been fighting consumption. Yesterday she died and thus closed one of the most sensational cases furnished by the colored population of St. Joseph in the past decade.

**Date of death: 9 Jun 1889**

**Subject: Mrs. Nannie L. Green**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 10 Jun 1889, p. 4**

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Nannie L., wife of James Green, died at 8:15 last evening, at their residence 119 North Fifth street. Funeral Tuesday morning from Francis street Baptist church at 10 o'clock.

**Date of death: 16 Oct 1858**

**Subject: Samuel Ball Green**

**Source: *The Wheeling [WV] Daily Intelligencer*, 12 Nov 1858, p. 2**

The same paper [*St. Joseph Daily West*] also mentions the death of Samuel Green, who removed to that country from Culpepper county, in this State, about 15 years ago. Mr. G. is represented as a man of large property, and universally respected for his many excellent qualities as a citizen, neighbor and friend.

**Date of death: 26 Oct 1907**

**Subject: Temperance (Green) Mendenhall**

**Source: *Winfield [KS] Courier*, 7 Nov 1907, Thursday, p. 1**

Temperance Green was born in Morgan county, Ohio, March 3, 1841, and died at the family home three miles northeast of Winfield October 26, 1907, age 66 years, 7 months, 23 days.

In 1867 she moved to Missouri where o May 19, of that year she was united in marriage to John A. Mendenhall who still survives.

To them were born seven children, three of whom died in infancy. Those living are B. F. Mendenhall of Geary, Okla., an engineer on the Rock Island railroad, Bessie B. Mendenhall, who is at home; Ruth Mendenhall, a teacher in the Winfield public schools, and Dr. Clyde B. Mendenhall of Bucklen, Kans., all of whom were present at the funeral.

The family moved to Kansas in 1885, making their home in Sumner county. For the past fourteen years their residence has been in Cowley county.

In early life Mrs. Mendenhall joined the Christian church, and just before her death gave assurance to her sister, who was at her bedside that she had no fear of death for her trust was in her Heavenly Father and if it was His will she should go she was submissive to the Divine will.

Her life was full of good deeds. To her the Master's injunction "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," was not a bit of philosophy simply but a rule of practical life to be lived every day. Ever ready to minister to those who were sick or in need Mrs. Mendenhall held a large place in the affections of her neighbors, and all who knew her testify to her good deeds. She lived the Golden Rule. The memory of her kindness and sympathetic helpfulness is the blessed heritage of the bereaved ones, who mourn the loss of a loving and true wife and mother, and a kind and helpful friend and neighbor. The high esteem in which she was held by the community where she had so long lived and ministered was indicated by the large attendance of friends and neighbors at the funeral services, and the lavish floral offerings.

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Beside the husband and children who were present at her death were her sister, Mrs. Isaac J. Mendenhall and her brother Benjamin Brokaw and wife of Missouri.

The funeral services were conducted from the family residence by Rev. L. E. Simes, pastor of Grace Methodist church, and the remains were laid to rest in the Union cemetery awaiting the resurrection of the just.

**Date of death: 28 Aug 1893, maybe**

**Subject: William T. Greenhow**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 30 Aug 1893, p. 5**

A colored man named Greenhow, who resided in this city, was drowned in the Gulf of Mexico, about a half mile east of Galveston, late Monday night.

A dispatch from Galveston received yesterday stated that Greenhow went in bathing with James Johnson, another colored man who resides in St. Paul, Minn., and who was in the city on his way to San Antonio looking for work. Johnson says he and Greenhow had been in bathing but a few minutes when Greenhow sunk or disappeared. Johnson then looked for him for some time, but could not see him anymore.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 12 Sep 1893, p. 4**

There is now some doubt that William T. Greenhow, the colored principal of the Holmes Chapel school in this city, was drowned at Galveston, Texas, as has been reported. The chief of the Galveston police believes that Greenhow himself played the trick that gave rise to the report that he had been drowned. A dispatch from Galveston says the case is still puzzling the police of that city. On Sunday night, August 27, a negro giving his name as James Johnson, who claimed to have arrived the day before from St. Paul, Minn., reported to the police that he and Greenhow, who he said he not met until that evening, had gone bathing in the Gulf about a half mile east of the Beach hotel, between 10 and 11 o'clock. Johnson reported that after he and the man had been in bathing a few minutes he, Johnson, looked around and was surprised not to see his companion; that he looked for him some time, but failing to find him, he reported the matter to the police. Johnson was told to appear Monday morning and make a full statement, but has not been seen since. On August 30 Chief Lordan received a telegram from St. Joseph, signed by James M. Trent, asking if the body had been recovered. Chief Lordan answered immediately that Greenhow was a stranger, and that the body had not been found, nor have the police been able to find anything of his effects or clothing. A day or two later ex-Collector N. W. Cuney called on Chief Lordan with a letter from St. Joseph in reference to the man Greenhow, stating that he was a member of the colored Masonic fraternity, and making inquiries as to the details of his death. The letter asked that all Masonic brethren look out for him and report, and added that he had taken his private papers and records with him, so that his father and brothers were unable to straighten up his business affairs. Chief Lordan has reached the conclusion that the man who gave his name as Johnson is none other than Greenhow himself, and that the story of drowning is all fiction.

**Date of death: 8 Aug 1912**

**Subject: James Allen Greenlee**



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

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 11.—James Greenlee, for fifty-seven years a resident of Nodaway county, died yesterday at Hopkins. He was born in Green county, Ohio, in 1834.

**Date of death:** 8 Feb 1884

**Subject:** Thomas B. Greenlee

**Source:** *The Axtell [KS] Anchor*, 14 Feb 1884, Thursday, p. 1

On Friday morning at half-past ten o'clock, Thomas B. Greenlee passed quietly away, at the residence of his partner and brother-in-law, W. A. Paul. Mr. Greenlee had been sick several weeks with pneumonia, but was not considered to be in a dangerous condition, until the last week. When the fever was broken it left him in such a weak condition that he was not strong enough to stand the reaction, and sank rapidly, until, with one last faint breath, the dark river was crossed and Tom Greenlee was no more.

After a short service of reading and prayer, Saturday morning, the remains were escorted to the depot and thence taken to his old home in Savannah, Mo., where, on Sunday in the presence of a large assemblance of old friends and schoolmates, the last sad rites were performed, and all that was mortal of Thomas Greenlee was committed to earth.

Mr. Greenlee was only twenty-three years and 24 days old at the time of his death and was one of the most promising young business men of Axtell, and his loss is deeply felt by all.

**Date of death:** 19 Sep 1880

**Subject:** William Stowe Greenlee

**Source:** *Atchison [KS] Globe*, 20 Sep 1880

The city was shocked yesterday evening by the announcement of the death of Judge W. S. Greenlee, after an illness of only two weeks.

The original trouble was intermittent fever, but at his death he was bleeding internally, and there were other complications, the full particulars of which we have not yet learned.

He was buried at 3:30 this evening, in the Mount Vernon cemetery, three miles southwest of the city, and the large concourse of people attending his funeral attested better than words the esteem in which he was held.

**Same**

**Source:** *Atchison [KS] Globe*, 21 Sep 1880, p. 4

It has been a long time since the death of any citizen of Atchison produced a more general feeling of regret than did the announcement yesterday that Judge W. S. Greenlee died the night before, after a brief illness.

He had lived in Atchison about three years, engaged in the practice of law, in which profession he had won the esteem and confidence of the people not only in the city and county, but throughout the State.

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He was kind and pleasant, and wore a smile and cordial greeting for every one. No words escaped his lips, whether in the office, in to courts or upon the streets that would raffle the feelings of any one, but on the contrary he ever had some kind word for all, and made each feel he was their friend. Especially was this true of the younger classes. To them he was both a father and a brother.

While the news, on account of no Monday morning paper being issued, spread slowly throughout the city announcing his death, yet the Knights of Honor, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the members of the Bar met before noon, and turned out and marched in separate bodies to his residence to do the last honors that can be bestowed upon a deceased member.

The Knights of Honor, headed by Phillip's band, marched to the residence of the deceased at three o'clock, and conducted the ceremonies.

At the residence many friends has assembled in the house, and on the streets, while the line of carriages all attested the popularity of Judge Greenlee.

The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Howie, of the Presbyterian church, in a most beautiful and appropriate manner, after which the body, lying in a handsome casket, was taken charge of by all the pall bearers, W.W. Guthrie and C.K. Wells, on behalf of the Bar Association; John C. Tomlinson and Henry Elliston, representing the Odd Fellows; C.F. Cochran and W.D. Gilbert, for the Knights of Pythias, and Judge J.L. Berry and F.D. Mills, for the Knights of Honor, and conveyed the remains to Mount Vernon cemetery, situated three miles southwest of the city.

The cemetery is a lovely spot of some ten acres of rolling ground, beautifully arranged with walks and drives, and shaded with maple and weeping willow trees. The elevation of the grounds gives a splendid view of the surrounding country, with the rolling prairie to the west, the bleak hills to the south, while to the north and east the eye sees the country lying south of the city and the hills of Missouri.

It is here in this romantic spot the remains of Judge Greenlee were deposited; here where the first gleams of the morning's sunlight kisses the dewy grass, and the granite monuments glisten with the first touch dawn.

**Date of death: 24 Jun 1910**

**Subject: Harvey B. Greenwood**

**Source: *Daily [Springfield] Illinois State Journal*, 28 Jun 1910**

GALESBURG - Harvey Greenwood of Suez, Ill., while horseback riding, was struck by lightning and killed. The horse also was killed. Emil Wilson, driving in a wagon near Greenwood was also struck and may not recover.

**Date of death: 10 Jan 1914**

**Subject: Claudius W. Greer**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 11 Jan 1914, p. 14**

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Claudius W. Greer, aged 30 years, died Saturday morning 8 o'clock. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Eugene Greer; two brothers, George and Steven Greer; four sisters, Mrs. J. C. Carr, Mrs. T. J. Swafford, Mrs. J. T. McGaugy, all of this city, and Mrs. E. H. Houchin of Kansas City. He was a member of the Fraternal Aid Association No. 56. Funeral services at 8 o'clock Monday at the residence on South Eleventh street road. Remains will be taken to Helena, Mo., for burial.

**Date of death: 28 Dec 1922**

**Subject: Nathan Thomas Jackson Greer**

**Source: *The McCune [KS] Herald*, 5 Jan 1923, Friday, p. 1**

Nathan Thomas Jackson Greer died at the home of his son, Walter Greer of four miles north of town Thursday of last week at the age of 67 years, 8 months and 23 days. The funeral services which were largely attended were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. D. P. Neher, and burial took place in the Monmouth cemetery.

The deceased was born April 5, 1855, and was united in marriage in March, 1883 to Mintie McDowell of Union star, Missouri. To this union four children were born: Mrs. Della McBride and Miss Bessie Greer of St. Joseph, Mo., and Walter and Wm. Greer of McCune. Besides the children and three grandchildren there are two brothers: Madison Greer of Helena, Mo. and Robert Greer of St. Joseph, Mo.

"Uncle Tom" as he was familiarly known was universally loved and respected. He is not mourned for without comfort, for there is hope of meeting again where partings are no more.

**Date of death: 12 Feb 1918**

**Subject: Roy M. Greer**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 12 Feb 1918, Tuesday, p. 6**

Roy M., the fourteen-year-old son of Wilson Greer, 2413 South Twenty-eighth street, died this morning at 3 o'clock at the home, following an illness of diphtheria. Besides his father, a sister, Miss Myrtle Greer, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greer, of St. Joseph, survive.

**Date of death: 31 Jan 1892 & 4 Feb 1892**

**Subjects: Florence E. Gregory & Roy Gregory**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Sunday Gazette*, 6 Feb 1892, p. 5**

Among the pitiful scenes which occur daily at the mayor's office none have been more affecting than the application of F. S. Gregory, who lives at Fifteenth street and Savannah avenue. Gregory is a hard working man, but a month ago was stricken with sickness, and his family soon came to be in need of everything. No complaint was made until last Monday night, when one of his children died of typhoid fever. Something had to be done and he was driven to ask help. His child was buried by the city. Though so weak [sic] he could hardly stand, Gregory at once went to work for the Water company, where he had been employed before his sickness. Night before last another baby died and still another lay at the point of death. The second time he was driven to

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the mayor's office for assistance to lay his dead child away decently. The man's tears of mingled grief and humiliation awakened not only the sympathy of the officials, but that of the unfortunates who daily throng the office.

**Date of death: May 1874**

**Subject: Carrie Esther Grems**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 22 May 1874, Friday, p. 4**

Nodaway County Items. We regret to learn of the sudden death of an infant child of John G. Grems, which occurred in Savannah.

**Date of death: 28 Jul 1920**

**Subject: Lydia R. (Grieme) Stephens**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 31 Jul 1920, Saturday, p. 5**

Mrs. Lydia, wife of Clyde Stephens, of Rosendale, died in a hospital here on Wednesday.

**Date of death: 25 Apr 1917**

**Subject: Mayme Ethel (Griffin) Ford**

**Source: *The Colby [KS] Free Press*, 3 May 1917, Thursday, p. 1**

Mayme Ethel Griffin, was born at Cawood, Mo. March 28, 1897. She was converted and united with the Presbyterian church at Council Bluffs, Iowa in the year of 1909, and was a faithful member and a fine christian character, with great love for her Savior. She was united in marriage to Charles Ford at Council Bluffs Iowa September 8, 1914. Died at her home nine miles northeast of Colby Kansas April 25th, 1917, at the age of 20 years and 27 days. She leaves a husband, father, mother, and three brothers, besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. We sorrow as those who have no hope, for we read in St. John 14-1,2,3 that there is a home for all the children of God, who are faithful to the end. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. O. N. Wiles, of Gem, Kansas, pastor of the M. E. church. The text used was, "Thou hast the words of eternal life; St. John, 6-68." The choir rendered some fine music. The floral offerings were many, and very beautiful, a sight to behold. The funeral services were held in the Hawkeye church, interment in the Hawkeye cemetery [sic].

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We desire in this manner to thank the many friends who so kindly assisted us in our recent bereavement. Your deeds of kindness and sympathy shown to us can never be forgotten.

Charles Ford

Mrs. Tillie Griffin.

**Date of death: 2 Apr 1916**

**Subject: Milo Hiram Griffith**

**Source: *The Beloit [KS] Daily Call*, 7 Apr 1916, Friday, p. 2**

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The many friends and neighbors of Milo H. Griffith were deeply grieved on Sunday evening, April 2, 1916, when they received the sad news that he had passed away at 6:10 o'clock, after an illness of about 5 months.

Milo Hiram Griffith was born on September 2, 1844, in Delaware, Ohio, and at the time of his death was 71 years and 7 months of age. He was united in marriage to Miss Susannah Wachtel, on February 6, 1870. In 1878 they moved to Clifton, Kansas, and the following year they moved to Mitchell county, and with the exception of a few years in St. Clair county, Missouri, the family has lived in Mitchell county. The last nine years of his life he lived in Asherville, Kansas.

Mr. Griffith served his country during the Civil war in Company C., No. 186, Ohio Volunteers. He was a member of the G.A.R. Post at Beloit but on account of poor health had not attended for some time. Just a short time after his return from the war he was converted in his home town in the M.E. church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Griffith were born six children, all of whom are left with the bereaved wife and one brother and ten grandchildren to mourn his death. The children are: A. Griffith, Weldona, Colo.; Mrs. Alice Parrish, Asherville, Kansas; C. H. Griffith, Beloit, Kansas; Myra Griffith, Salina, Kansas; Miss Nelle, and Milo Griffith, who makes his home at Asherville with the family. L. F. Griffith of Rosendale, Mo. is a brother, and he with his family are the only relatives aside from his immediate family that the deceased leaves.

For the past two weeks the relative were aware that he was in a critical condition and only a matter of time until death would relieve him of his suffering. The children all were present when their father breathed his last except Albert Griffith, who had returned to his home after a short visit with his father just a few days before the end came.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Asherville Christian church and were conducted by the pastor, Bro. Park. The remains were brought to Beloit and after a short service conducted by the G.A.R. Post, the body was laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery.

*A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled,  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.  
God in his wisdom has recalled,  
A boon of love he has given;  
And though the body moulders here,  
The soul is safe in heaven.*

**Date of death: 26 Jul 1912**

**Subject: Chaney Grimes**

**Source: *The Chillicothe [MO] Constitution, 27 Jul 1912***

Rev. Chaney Grimes died at his home on East Clay Street shortly before noon Friday of a complication of ailments after several weeks of illness. When Rev. Grimes was first taken to his bed, little was thought of his

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illness, but after several days he began gradually growing worse and for the past week his death has been expected. His family was at his bedside when he passed away.

Rev. Grimes was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio on May 25, 1843. He was a son of Charles and Sarah Chaney Grimes, both Methodists of the most profound type. The father and mother alternated in conducting family worship. Reared in such an atmosphere, where the godly example and admonitions and prayers of his parents strongly impressed him, he was converted at home when about nine years old.

His mother died about this time and he was left in the care of his sisters and relatives. At a Methodist meeting in Indiana when fifteen years old, Rev. Grimes again united with the church. At this time he was deeply impressed that it was his duty to preach, but did not then yield to the conviction.

In 1865 he came west and in 1867 was married to Miss Nannie Griffith. He was licensed to preach in 1870. He was admitted on trial in 1871 and was ordained deacon by Bishop Wightman at Carrollton in September 1873 and elder at Glasgow in September 1875 by Bishop Keenan. He had preached on many circuits throughout the state and was in the Chillicothe district for four years, from 1903 to 1907.

His first wife died at Richmond, Missouri on June 7, 1882. He was married again to Miss Florence Crellin of this city on November 9, 1887. His ministry was very successful, and in the death of Rev. Grimes, not only Chillicothe loses a good man, but he will be missed throughout the state.

He is survived by his widow and three sons, Rev. C.C. Grimes of Moberly, George F. Grimes and Edwin Grimes of Kansas City.

**Date of death: 26 Feb 1896**

**Subject: Mrs. Mahala Grimes**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 28 Feb 1896, p. 5**

Coroner Islaub was called on yesterday afternoon to hold an inquest on Mrs. Mahala Grimes, an old negro woman who died at her home near Agency the night before. Mrs. Grimes was 78 years old, and it is said is subject to mental derangement at times. On the night of January 8 she wandered from home and entered the yard of William McCauley, a well known farmer of that section. She aroused the chickens and McCauley, thinking a thief was on his premises, fired a load of bird shot at the old woman taking effect in her head and arm. She has lingered ever since and finally died, it is believed from the effects of the wounds.

The coroner will investigate, but it is not believe any prosecution will follow, as Mr. McCauley thought he was shooting at a thief and would under no circumstances have harmed the old lady, who was his neighbor and well known to him.

**Date of death: 9 Apr 1871**

**Subject: Zachary Taylor Grittinger**

**Source: *Nodaway [Co. MO] Democrat*, 12 Apr 1871**

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We all have our time to die, and, however, our thoughts may wander away from this fact, we, in our thoughtful moments do not attempt to exempt ourselves from the doom passed upon the whole human family. This train of thought is suggested by the death of Mr. Zachariah T. Grittenger [sic], which occurred in our town on last Sunday afternoon. He was a young man, apparently soundly constituted, and of bright promise for the future. He came to Nodaway county about three years ago, from Lebanon, Pa., at which place his parents still reside. For the past two years he had been employed in the hardware house of Garrett, Robinson & Co., and in his daily contact with our people had, by his many noble traits of character, won to himself the esteem and regard of a large circle of friends. Cut down in his twenty-second year, in all the vigor of life, the scene presented is indeed a sad one. The funeral ceremonies took place yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a member, and in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends, at Oak Hill Cemetery. The lad also has a memorial in Lebanon County, Pa.

**Date of death: 13 Aug 1882**

**Subject: J. Hardie Groom & John William Grooms**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 25 Aug 1883, p. 6**

Burlington Budget.—You have already been informed of the accident to Dr. Worth at the Arlington hotel at Maryville. About seven years ago he married a widow in this vicinity. At the time she had three children, two of them boys. A year ago the boys were playing in the Nodaway river near this city, when the oldest getting beyond his depth, the youngest one went to his rescue. Neither being able to swim, both were drowned. After dragging the river for a few hours with a sulky rake they were hauled ashore in each other's arms. The mother, who was frantic with grief when informed of the whereabouts of the boys, who had been playing truant, was again startled from her sleep early last Tuesday morning with the abrupt announcement that her husband had fallen from the third story of the Arlington hotel, breaking an arm in two places, also his thigh and ribs crushed. She hastened to Maryville, where she is now nursing a forlorn hope.

**Date of death: 7 Feb 1913**

**Subject: Sarah Elysabeth (Groom) Ogle**

**Source: *Pendleton [OR] East Oregonian*, 8 Feb 1913**

The funeral of Mrs. Ben F. Ogle, pioneer resident of the county, who died yesterday following an attack of lagrippe, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family residence, 203 Jackson street. Rev. E. H. Todd, vice president of the Willamette University, Salem, will conduct the services. Deceased was aged 70 years at the time of death and during 52 years of her life had been the wife of Ben F. Ogle. Together they came to Oregon in 1865 from Missouri, settling first near Eugene and later taking up land on Bear creek in this county. They had twelve children born to them, seven of whom died in 1877 during a terrible epidemic of diphtheria. The five surviving children are John Ogle, Mrs. Thomas B. Simington, Mrs. Rufus J. Campbell, Mrs. William E. Campbell and Mrs. Simeon C. Kilgore, all residents of this county.

**Date of death: 6 Nov 1895**

**Subject: Joseph W. Grooms**

**Source: *Valentine [NE] Democrat*, 14 Nov 1895, Thursday, p. 6**

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Died:-- At his home near Sparks Saturday, November 9th, Joseph Grooms. Mr. Grooms has been dangerously ill for several weeks and it was thought for a time that he would recover but on last Saturday death claimed its own. We have been unable to learn details of funeral, etc.

**Date of death: 9 Jan 1883**

**Subject: Charles H. Gross**

**Source: *The [Columbus IN] Evening Republican*, 17 Jan 1883, Wednesday**

Burnsville

The sad intelligence reached our village last Wednesday of the death of Charles Gross, a son of Fredrick [sic] Gross, and a former citizen of this neighborhood, who lived in Kansas. His death occurred in a coal pit. The remains were brought home for burial on Tuesday.

**Date of death: 11 Jan 1911**

**Subject: Peter J. Gross**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 14 Jan 1911, Saturday, p. 5**

Stanberry. Peter Gross, an old resident of this county, died at his home here Wednesday afternoon following an attack of pneumonia. He had been ill only three days and his death was entirely unexpected. He is survived by his widow and eight children. Al Gross, one of his sons lives at St. Joseph. The body was taken to Maryville, Mo., where the funeral was held Friday morning. Mr. Gross was a well known member of the Catholic Church here.

**Date of death: 15 Mar 1912**

**Subject: Edward Baxter Groves**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] New Era*, 21 Mar 1912, p. 9**

Edward Baxter Groves, a well known citizen of Nodaway county, died at his home near Hopkins Friday morning and was buried in the old family cemetery near Graham Sunday.

Some three or four weeks ago, while watering his cattle at a stock well, Mr. Groves was stricken with paralysis and fell to the ground. He recovered somewhat and got on his horse and started for the house, on reaching the yard he again fell to the ground and was carried into the house. He never recovered from this shock but gradually grew worse until the end came.

He was born near Graham, March 14, 1859, died, March 15, 1912, aged 53 years and one day.

He was a native of Nodaway county and son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Groves, who were among the earliest settlers of the county. He married on the 30 day of November, 1876, to Miss Rosetta Groves at Smithville, Clay county, Mo.

Mr. Groves lived on a farm near Graham until four years ago, when he moved to his farm of near Hopkins,



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where he built a fine large residence.

He is survived by his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Anne Miller of Stanberry, Mrs. Austin Sharr of Pickering, Mrs. Charles Litch and Mrs. Harry Ballinger of near Hopkins. Also by two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Linville of St. Joseph and Mrs. George Meadows of Ralston, Nebraska, and one brother, W. T. Groves of near Maitland.

The funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Rev. Taylor of the M. E. church of Hopkins. The body was shipped to Maitland, where it was taken to the Groves cemetery near Graham for interment. Rev. Enyart of Maitland gave a short talk at the cemetery.

Mr. Groves was a member of the M. E. church at Hopkins and of the Fraternal Aid society, which assisted in the burial. He was a good citizen, a man of excellent character and a model husband and father.

**Date of death: 6 Mar 1873**

**Subject: Mrs. Harriet Jane Groves**

**Source: *Nodaway [Co. MO] Democrat, 3 Apr 1873***

DIED. GROVES—On the 6th of March, 1873, Mrs. Harriet J. wife of Thos. Groves, aged about 40 years. Mrs. Groves was born and raised in Kentucky, and came to Missouri, where she was married, 23 years ago last December. She had a large number of relatives in this section of Missouri and leaves a husband and ten children to mourn their irreparable loss.

**Date of death: 14 Nov 1879**

**Subject: John Groves**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette, 23 Nov 1879, p. 1***

Barnard Times.

John Groves, on last Friday, the 14th day of November, A.D. 1879, departed this life, after being indisposed for some two weeks, the last week being helpless and passed away without much suffering. Mr. Groves was born in Ohio in February, 1801, in the year 1823 he was joined in matrimony to Miss Susanna Vanpelt, who was born in 1804, and died Nov. 6, 1877; thus the two lived a long and happy life. They are the parents of fifteen children, nine of whom now survive; two sons live in Nebraska, one in Gentry county, this state, and one in this vicinity; one daughter lives in Texas, one in Kansas, one in Andrew county and two in this vicinity; one of them being yet single and was the dutiful housekeeper of her father in his last years. They have only sixteen grand children. Mr. Groves moved West in the year 1841, and first settled in Andrew county, Mo.; he moved to Nodaway county in 1842, and settled the place on which he died. He and his companion attached themselves to the Christian church some forty years ago, and lived a christian life until their death. Thus has passed away one of our best citizens; he was always a model man, strict in his business transactions, and scrupulously honest. His loss will be felt by the whole community. His death has cast a gloom over the entire community. [*One line illegible*]... followed by a large concourse of friends.

**Date of death: 22 Apr 1921**

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**Subject: Mary Elizabeth (Groves) Linville**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 24 Apr 1921, Sunday, p. 22**

Linville, Mary E., wife of J. M. Linville, died April 22, 4:30 a.m., aged 78 years. Funeral cortege will leave the residence on Agency road near Saxton, this (Sunday) afternoon at 12:30 o'clock for Union Station and shipped at 1:30 p.m. to Maitland, Mo. Funeral at the residence of her brother, Mrs. Thomas Groves, Maitland, Mo., this (Sunday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. Burial in Groves cemetery.

**Date of death: 11 Jan 1906**

**Subject: Lawrence J. Growney**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 20 Jan 1906, Saturday, p. 5**

Rev. Father Brady received a telegram Friday of last week from Oklahoma City announcing the death there of his uncle, Mr. Lawrence J. Growney, on the 11th inst.

Mr. Growney was 68 years of age and had resided in Oklahoma City since 1899, having come there from Maryville, Mo., in which latter city he was well and favorably known being prominent in politics. He was one of the original settlers of Nodaway County, and recorder there for two terms. His health having failed him he went to Oklahoma City, hoping to benefit by a change of climate, and lived there in retirement.

Besides his widow and an only child, Mrs. Elmer Trueblood, Mr. Growney left a number of other relatives, among whom is his sister, Mrs. J. Brady of Clyde, Mo., mother of Rev. James P. Brady of this city.

**Date of death: 23 Jul 1918**

**Subject: Patrick L. Growney**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 27 Jul 1918, Saturday, p. 5**

Maryville, Mo.

Mr. Patrick Growney, father of Rev. Philip Growney, O.S.B., and a well known member of St. Patrick's parish this city, died suddenly last Tuesday while on his way to the local hospital. Mr. Growney was 56 years of age. The funeral was held yesterday.

**Date of death: 23 Jun 1921**

**Subject: Rose (Growney) Brady**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 2 Jul 1921, Saturday, p. 5**

The following from St. Mary's parish attended the funeral of Mrs. Rose Brady, mother of Right Rev. J. P. Brady, the pastor, which took place at Conception, Mo., last Saturday morning: Mrs. Ferd Veith, Mrs. E. H. Ginzkey and Mrs. A. R. Veraguth. Others from St. Joseph who attended the obsequies, at which Father Brady officiated, were: Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Brady, Mrs. M. McQuinn and sister, Miss Anna Growney and Mr. and Mrs. A. Growney, relatives of the deceased.

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Mrs. Rose Brady, widow of the late Judge William Brady and mother of Right Rev. James P. Brady and Lawrence J. Brady of this city, died at the family home three miles northwest of Conception Junction, Thursday, June 23, at 4:30 p.m., following a long and patiently borne illness.

The funeral was held last Saturday morning from the Abbey Church of the Immaculate Conception at Conception, Mo., and was marked by the great simplicity which is observed at funerals held from that church. The Requiem Low Mass was offered by her son, Right Rev. James P. Brady, during which the Rosary was recited. After Mass Rev. Father Joachim, O.S.B., pastor of the Holy Family Church of Conception Junction, to which the deceased belonged, preached the funeral sermon, after which the long funeral procession, consisting of clergy, relatives and friends, wended its way to St. Columban's [sic] Cemetery, where, after the usual prayers of the Church, the grave closed on the remains of one who for sixty-three years all spent in the same township, edified all who knew her, and whose name calls back the memory of olden times.

Mrs. Rose Brady, nee Grownney, was born near Oldcastle, West Meath County, Ireland, about eighty-six years ago. At an early age she came to America, and Feb. 22, 1857, was married at Brooklyn, N.Y., to William Brady, also a native of the same part of Ireland in which she was born. For a year the couple continued to reside at Brooklyn, and there their eldest child, now widow of P. Keeler, was born. While the daughter was still in her infancy, Mr. Brady in company with his wife's brother and a group of other men, including John McCarthy, Thomas and Edward Reilly, Jeremias Sullivan and Michael Fagan, started for the wild West, where in Jefferson Township, Nodaway County, Mo., the Rev. James Power and some others had bought 20,000 acres of land for the founding of a Catholic colony. They arrived at their destination on April 20, 1858, and at once began erecting for their families primitive dwelling places in the locality now the Brady and Grownney farms. Here it was that Mrs. Rose Brady and her infant daughter in the autumn of 1858 joined Mr. Brady and here it was that their other children, William, Thomas, Elizabeth, Leda, John, Lawrence, Rose, James and Sarsfield were born. Leda, who became the wife of R. W. Graham, died some years ago. Here for more than a half century Mr. and Mrs. Brady formed a feature of this section of the country's history. Together they witnessed the development of the country from a vast wilderness into fertile and productive farm lands. The rough lumber wagon and yoke of oxen were replaced later by carriages and horses, and then the modern auto. Rough log-houses were also replaced by more comfortable homes, and finally came the modern residence with conveniences of light and water power. "What shall become of us in this wilderness?" Mrs. Brady and other women of the colony often asked Father Power. Yet they were persevering in their steadfastness of purpose, having a worthy leader in Mr. William Brady, who did much in keeping up the spirit of the brave pioneers. But, as time brings change, so one pioneer after another was called upon to answer the final summons, and on June 10, 1903, the Angel of Death called the leader of the colonists, Judge William Brady, at the ripe old age of 85 years. But before Mr. Brady went to a better world, he had not only seen prosperity overtake the settlement, but he enjoyed the honor and esteem of the whole community in which he lived. To him and his devoted wife had come the great privilege of seeing their son, James, elevated to the priesthood, the ceremony occurring May 30, 1897. After Mr. Brady's death the son became Dean in the Diocese of St. Joseph, and later Vicar-General. Recently he was made Apostolic Administrator. Truly could it be said of the devoted widow and mother, "She could close her eyes in peace. Great things had happened in her life."

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With the death of Mrs. Brady there now remains but two women first settlers, Mrs. Michael Fagan and Mrs. Thomas Reilly, besides Attorney John McCarty of Stanberry, who was five years of age, and James Sullivan of the Immaculate Conception parish, who was but a few months old at the time their parents founded Conception.

Although of retiring disposition and unassuming manner, Mrs. Brady was a woman of interesting personality and strong character. Faith was the guiding star of her life. No trial and no sacrifice were too great for her to make if duty pointed the way. She had a far-reaching influence for good, not only in her family circle, where she ever radiated the sunshine of good cheer, but with her neighbors and her friends. Her piety was edifying. Having been unable for years to attend services at church, she had the consoling privilege of assisting at Mass at home. Regularly Father Brady would visit his mother and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for her. During each service she would receive Holy Communion. It seemed fitting that her life should come to a close in the month of the Sacred Heart and that her last hope should be in Him Who said: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for their good works follow them."

Among the clergy who attended the obsequies were Rev. E. A. Bolger, St. Joseph; Rev. Edward Mallen and Rev. Edward Cummins, Liberty; Rev. Frowens [sic] Mergen, O.S.B., Clyde, and Rev. Robert Graham, Stanberry.

The pallbearers were the six grandsons of the deceased: William, Robert, Lawrence and James Graham, James Meyer and Martin Brady.

**Date of death: 19 May 1920**

**Subject: Francis Asbury Gue**

**Source: *The Tecumseh [NE] Chieftain*, 22 May 1920, Saturday**

Francis A. Gue, civil war veteran and early settler, died at his home on Tecumseh, at 4:30 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, May 19, 1920, after a period of ill health which extended over considerable time. He was aged eighty years, seven months and nine days.

Mr. Gue was a native of Perryopolis, Pa., and was born October 10, 1839. His early life was spent in Pennsylvania and later he located in Indiana. He was married to Miss Mary Paris of Clinton county, Ind., November 18, 1860.

On June 6, 1862, Mr. Gue enlisted with Company G, Eighty-Sixth Indiana volunteer Infantry, and went at once into the service, being actively engaged the most of the time until the fall of 1863.

He participated in many big engagements, including Chickamauga, where he was taken prisoner, September 20, 1863. For ten days Mr. Gue was engaged in caring for the wounded on the field of battle at Chickamauga, and then followed eighteen or nineteen months of the terrible prison life for which the civil war was noted.

He was confined in Libby for a few days and then taken to Pemberton for a short term. The next transfer was to Danville, and this was in the late fall of that year. The next April Mr. Gue was sent to Andersonville, where he

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remained until November, when he was transferred to Charleston, being confined in the prison yard there almost under the fire of the union guns.

He was later taken to Florence, and was released at Wilmington, N. C. under a flag of truce, March 1, 1865. He was a physical wreck with but very little hope of his life being spared, when the government took him to the military hospital in connection with the academy at Annapolis. For weeks the unfortunate man hovered between life and death, was spared, yet never fully recovered a marked degree of health.

Returning to Indiana at the close of the war Mr. and Mrs. Gue arranged to come to Nebraska and located for a time at Brownville, afterwards coming to Johnson county and going on to Todd Creek precinct farm in 1866. A few years later they moved to Tecumseh, where Mr. Gue entered mercantile lines for a period.

When he was fourteen years of age Mr. Gue professed his religious faith and became associated with the Baptist Church. He was a charter member of the Tecumseh church. He remained true to this faith throughout life, and died firm in the belief of the life hereafter.

Mr. Gue was a prominent member of the republican party and took part in party affairs during his active years. He served Johnson county as a member of the board of commissioners for two terms and had perhaps held other less important political office.

He was a member of Heckathorn Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Tecumseh, and was a leader in this fraternity. For a long time the gentleman had not been well, but, most of the time, had been up and about.

His physical failure was gradual, and death gave him relief from the pains of the flesh; Wednesday afternoon. He is survived by his wife, a brother, P. L. Gue of this county, and two brothers and a sister who live in Pennsylvania, and who are Newton and James Gue and Sarah Chambers, all of Perryopolis. Amma Gue and Miss Ota Gue of Long Branch are nephew and niece of the deceased.

Mr. Gue was an affable, pleasant gentleman, a kind and loving husband, good neighbor and splendid citizen, and he will be missed by any friends, who extend sympathy to the relatives at this time.

The funeral was held at the home at 11:00 o'clock, Friday forenoon, and was conducted by Rev. George S. Price, pastor of the Tecumseh Baptist church. Members of the Grand Army were in attendance. The interment was in the Grandview cemetery at Long Branch.

**Date of death: 27 May 1912**

**Subject: James Harvey Guerin**

**Source: *The Ontario [OR] Argus*, 2 Jun 1921, Thursday, p. 1**

James H. Guerin who lived just east of Ontario and who was injured Tuesday evening of last week when he was knocked to the pavement by a motorcycle driven by E. N. Dibble of Payette died at the hospital Friday of last

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week. Funeral services were held Sunday, from the Nazarene Church of which he was a member. Interment was made in the Ontario cemetery.

Beside his wife the deceased is survived by their only daughter, who resides in California.

James Harvey Guerin was born June 22nd, 1859, died May, 27th, 1921, aged 62 years, 10 months and 25 days. James Harvey Guerin was born at Morristown, New Jersey, June 22nd, 1859 and was married to Miss Edith Cotton at Amazonia, Missouri, April 26th, 1881. To this union was born one daughter, Ella in the month of June 1882. They moved to Ontario in 1899 where they have continued their residence since that time.

**Date of death: 18 Apr 1922**

**Subject: John Benton Guinn**

**Source: *The [Hiawatha] KS Democrat, 27 Apr 1922, Thursday, p. 8***

John Benton Guinn was born Aug. 22, 1846, in Buchanan county, Mo. From a family of four sons and four daughters, he leaves but one brother, J. Benjamin Guinn, of Hiawatha. Mr. Guinn came to Kansas to a farm north of Hiawatha in the spring of 1876, and was married at Rosendale, Mo., to Lizzie C. Wilhelm, May 6, 1877. To this union were born four sons, two of whom died in infancy and two, Charley C., of Kansas City, Mo., and Ornan G., of Hiawatha, remain. In 1878 he was converted and united with the Roys Creek Baptist church. He moved to Hiawatha in 1883, where his wife died May 1, 1889. He married again in 1892. At eight o'clock, April 18, 1922, after many months of gradually failing health, he suddenly laid down all life's burdens, leaving the wife, two sons and one brother to mourn his departure. At ... o'clock Thursday afternoon, April 20, funeral services were held at his late residence, his pastor, Rev. ? E. Martin, speaking most consolingly from the words "In my Father's house are many mansions." Rev. Mr. Richards made the prayer. Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Derrick, with the two ministers, sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "Face to Face" and "I will sing you a song of that beautiful land." His body was laid to rest in the Hiawatha cemetery beside the loved ones who had gone before. Mr. Guinn had held membership with the First Baptist church of Hiawatha for nearly 30 years. The friends who performed the service of bearers are L. E. Chase, A. H. ...bert, Ed Zimmerman, John Leibengood, Dan Hixson and John Bevans.

**Date of death: 25 Mar 1915**

**Subject: Daisy Gully**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun, 10 Apr 1915, Saturday, p. 4***

St. Joseph, Mo. Among the deaths are: Miss Daisy Gully, 202 Iowa street.

**Date of death: 10 May 1923**

**Subject: Bertha May (Gunn) Page**

**Source: *[Maryville MO] Daily Democrat-Forum, 11 May 1923, Friday, p. 2***

Mrs. Bertha Gunn Page (colored) died at 5:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clara Page, 805 North Buchanan street, following an illness of uremic poisoning. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the A.M.E. Church. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

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**Date of death: 8 Feb 1920**

**Subject: LeRoy Gunselman**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 13 Feb 1920, Friday, p. 2**

Sergt. Roy Gunselman, a St. Joseph boy who ran away from home to enlist in the regular army before the outbreak of the war, was burned to death in a barracks fire at Fort Sill, Okla., Saturday afternoon. The [sic] been received by the parents. It was reported that he and several comrades were trapped in a burning barracks and burned beyond recognition.

Sergeant Gunselman was twenty-one [sic] body was expected to arrive in St. Joseph late today, and will be taken to Meierhoffer's. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Gunselman was seventeen years old, too young to join the army. He went to Ottumwa, Iowa, and enlisted without his parents' knowledge, telling the recruiting officer he was eighteen. It was his desire to get overseas, but attempts to draw service in France were unsuccessful. He attended the school of fire at Fort Sill and spent a portion of his training in the Hawaiian Islands.

Gunselman spent a twenty-five days' furlough with his parents here last September, and since that time had been stationed at Fort Sill in the 1st field artillery. He had one year of his enlistment yet to serve.

Definite information concerning the fire in which their son lost his life has not [sic] years old. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gunselman, former residents of 221 Fleeman street, South St. Joseph, who now live in Maxwell Heights; a sister, Mrs. Verna Payne, who lives at Mountain View, Mo., and a brother, Ira Gunselman, at home. He was graduated from Benton High School, and prior to enlistment in the army was employed as a clerk in the Stock Yards Bank.

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 13 Feb 1920, Friday, p. 6**

The body of Sergt. Roy Gunselman, St. Joseph man who was burned to death at Fort Sill last Sunday will be brought to St. Joseph today or tomorrow, and will be given a military funeral. Gunselman, before enlisting, was a clerk in the Stockyards bank. He was in the school of fire at the camp. He met his death when the barracks in which he was quartered burned.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 15 Feb 1920, Sunday, p. 6**

Sergt. LeRoy Gunselman, St. Joseph soldier who was burned to death in a barracks fire at Fort Sill, Ok., Wednesday, will have a military funeral at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the First Christian church, Tenth and Faraon streets. The Rev. T. H. Capp will officiate at the church and the Rev. R. C. Lippard at the cemetery. Lieut. William H. Roberts will be in charge of the military escort. There will be a firing squad from the army

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recruiting station, and pallbearers and a bugler from the Jack Schneider post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Gunselman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gunselman, Maxwell Heights, ran away from home to join the army.

**Date of death: 30 Mar 1873**

**Subject: James Guthrie**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 14 Nov 1873, p. 4**

Maryville, Mo., Nov. 11, 1873

The following soldiers of 1812 have died in this county during the past year... Jas. Guthrie, who was in Captain McAfee's company, Richard M. Johnson's regiment of Kentucky militia, died March 30, 1873. He drew a pension. His wife, Peggie, survives him, and is the only widow of a soldier of 1812 in this country drawing a pension. Peggie was born September 2, 1794, and married James April 7, 1814. James Guthrie and Edgcomb [sic] Slaughter were both members of Richard M. Johnson's regiment, but in different companies, and both lived in Nodaway county for years, but did not know each other.

**Date of death: 23 Feb 1898**

**Subject: Arnold Guy**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 24 Feb 1898, p. 3**

Boy's Life Crushed Out

A Frederick Avenue Car Kills a Negro

The Motorman is Not Held Responsible.

The Boy, Arnold Guy, Was Playing in the Street Was Run Over and Dragged—Body Badly Mangled The Car was Moving at the Usual Rate of Speed—Due to Carelessness on the Part of the Victim—A Warning to Other Children

Arnold Guy ... years ... Frederick ... day [*most of this paragraph illegible*].

The boy's head was badly crushed and his ... hand and arm ... badly mangled by the car wheels. The body was dragged a distance of over thirty feet before the car could be stopped.

Motorman A. L. Manley and Conductor Charles Kresky were in charge of car No. 30 at the time of the accident. Both of these men have excellent reputations and are not held responsible for the accident.

Young Guy had been playing in the street with a dog. The playfellows were chasing each other about. When the car struck him the lad was running backward from the dog. The affair happened so quickly that it was impossible for the motorman to slacken the speed of the car. At the time of the accident the car was going at the usual rate of speed, which is about six miles an hour. It was supposed, by the motorman, that the boy heard the approaching car.



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A number of eye witnesses of the accident stated yesterday that the boy darted toward the car so quickly that it could hardly have been possible to warn him of his danger.

The mother of the boy, Mrs. David Guy, and her husband, the stepfather of the lad, who reside at Nineteenth and Mulberry streets, were notified of the sad occurrence and hastened to the scene of the accident. A large crowd had collected and stood gazing upon the lifeless form upon the sidewalk, where it had been laid to await the arrival of the corner [sic].

After the coroner had viewed the remains he ordered them taken to Sidenfaden's morgue. Later the relatives of the dead boy ordered the remains taken to Heaton's undertaking establishment. The body is not at the latter place. An inquest will be held there at 10 o'clock today.

The accident, which resulted in the death of the lad, was undoubtedly due to his own carelessness. Street car conductors and motormen say that children in all parts of the city often narrowly escape being run over by the cars. Tuesday a lad in Wyatt Park had a toe mashed by a car, from which he had jumped while it was in motion. This accident was also due solely to the carelessness of the party injured, and while all such occurrences are to be deplored, they will no doubt have the effect of warning parents of the dangers that their children may be willfully placing themselves in.

### Same

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

The life of Arnold Guy, a 10-year-old negro boy, was crushed out under the wheels of Frederick Avenue car No. 30, at Seventeenth street and Frederick avenue, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The car was manned by Motorman A. L. Manley and Conductor Kresky. They were not to blame for the accident.

The lad was playing in the street with a dog. Just as the car reached Carolus' tin shop the lad ran backward toward it, chased by his dog. Unaware of the approach of the car he stepped onto the track. He was struck and in an instant was under the wheels. The motorman reversed the current immediately, but it was too late. The car was going west and on account of the grade it was a difficult matter to bring it to a standstill. The mangled form of the lad was thus dragged fully fifty feet.

When the car was finally brought to a standstill the lad was just breathing his last. He was taken from beneath the car and Coroner Richmond was summoned. Word was also sent to his parents who rushed to the scene of the accident. Upon examination it was discovered that the lad's head was crushed in, his left arm was broken and a number of ribs were fractured. The body was removed to Heaton's undertaking establishment where an inquest will be held at 10 o'clock this morning.

The parents of the dead boy reside at Nineteenth and Mulberry streets from where the funeral will take place, probably tomorrow. The parents were heartbroken over the fate of their child.

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The accident was witnessed by a large number of people who say that the motorman was in no way to blame for it. He saw the boy playing in the street, but as he was not on the track he was in no danger. He did not step onto the track until the car was almost upon him, and it was then impossible to stop the car. Car 30 was running at an ordinary rate of speed at the time of the accident. Manley, the motorman, is known as a careful and trustworthy man.

**Date of death: 1 Feb 1900**

**Subject: David Guy and infant**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 2 Feb 1900, p. 6**

A collection is being taken up today by Jerry Grider for the purpose of defraying the funeral expenses of David Guy and his child. Guy lived at Eighteenth and Mulberry streets, and died Thursday night. His infant child died last night. The funeral services for both of them will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the A.M.E. church on North Third street.