

Obituaries – “J” Surnames

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Date of death: 2 Mar 1912

Subject: Albert Jackson

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

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our devoted husband and affectionate father, and especially to the white friends for their beautiful floral offering. (Signed) Mrs. Mattie Jackson (colored) and children.

Date of death: 6 Jul 1891

Subject: Andrew Jackson

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

Andrew Jackson, a colored man living at the corner of Sixteenth street and Mitchell avenue, was found dead in his garden yesterday about 3 o'clock. It is supposed that he died about 1 o'clock.

Death was probably caused by heart failure, brought about by old age and too violent exercise. Jackson was about 70 years of age, and at the time death overtook him he was working in his garden hoeing cabbage. When found his arms were extended with the hoe firmly clasped in his hands.

The coroner was notified of the death and viewed the remains but held no inquest, as one was not necessary. Jackson had been living in the same house for a great many years, and was taken care of by his daughter.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 7 Jul 1891, p. 5

Andrew Jackson, a well known colored man, who resided on Sixteenth and Mitchell avenue, was suddenly called from toil yesterday, but died in the harness.

Early yesterday forenoon he took his hoe, and feeling in good spirits went out into a garden at the rear of his house and began to hoe. His daughter who resided with him but worked for a Mr. Smith on Henry street, left home and went home [sic] to her work. The old man worked on cheerfully and chatted gaily with several neighbors at various times during the forenoon. The last one who talked to him did so about 10:30. Shortly after that the old man suddenly fell backward to the ground and when found some hours after was lying dead with his face turned up to the broiling sun, and the handle of the hoe still grasped in his dead hand. The neighbor who found him, at once notified Coroner Whittington, and the latter was soon on the spot. A crowd of several hundred people soon gathered and viewed the dead man. Coroner Whittington examined the place where he fell, and finding no evidences of a struggle, concluded there had been no foul play and had the body conveyed into the house where an inquest was held a short time later. The jury, after hearing what little evidence could be produced, came to the conclusion Jackson came to his death from the combined effects of old age and heat prostration.

Jackson was 79 years of age, and a highly respected colored man. He leaves two daughters and a considerable amount of valuable property. He will be buried to-day.

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Date of death: 29 Feb 1920

Subject: Catherine K. Jackson

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 6 Mar 1920, Saturday, p. 2

St. Joseph, Mo. Little Miss Cathline [sic] Jackson died Sunday morning of double pneumonia.

Date of death: 14 Sep 1919

Subject: Charity Ella (Jackson) Bowman

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 17 Sep 1919, Wednesday, p. 13

Ella C. Bowman, aged 54 years, died at 1724 S. 10th, Sept. 14, 1919. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Walter Mackey. Interment at Rosendale, Mo. St. Joseph Undertaking Co. in charge.

Date of death: 26 Aug 1917

Subject: David Green Jackson

Source: *Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 21 Sep 1917

Noley Jackson has received the sad word that his father, Rev. D. G. Jackson, had passed away at his home in Zanesville, Ohio, on August 26. Rev. Jackson will be remembered by the older people of this county, as he was a highly respected citizen here several years ago.

Rev. J. G. [sic] Jackson would have been 62 years old in November. He was born in Sullivan county, Mo., twenty miles northeast of Trenton. He was married to Louisa Ralls in 1872. To this union five children were born, three of whom survive, namely: Noley and Gabriel, of Mound City, and Clifton, who is in the U. S. service in an Illinois cavalry regiment. Mrs. Jackson died while they lived in Mound City.

Rev. Jackson and family came to Holt county 26 years ago, and resided here three years, during which time Rev. Jackson served several churches of the Methodist Protestant denomination. From here he went to Ashton, Mo., from there to Illinois, and thence to Ohio.—*News-Jeffersonian*, September 14, 1917.

Date of death: 20 Jul 1875

Subject: Emanuel Jackson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 21 Jul 1875, p. 4

Emanuel Jackson, an old colored man well known in this city, died yesterday morning. He was seventy-six years old, and prior to the war was owned by Judge Birch, of Clinton county. Jackson came here in 1864. He had been married three times, and was the father of twenty-one children. For twenty-two years he was a member of the Baptist church, and was an honest, hard working, Christian man. He has now gone to his reward—to that place where the good darkies go.

Date of death: 21 May 1899

Subject: Emma Jane (Jackson) Peterson

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 22 May 1899, p. 6

Mrs. Emma Jane Peterson died yesterday afternoon at her home, 1617 Highley [sic] street, and will be buried tomorrow afternoon from the A.M.E. church. She was the wife of George Peterson, a well-known colored man, and was fifty-three years old.

Date of death: 3 Jun 1895

Subject: Emsley Jackson

Source: *The Lebanon [IN] Reporter*, 6 Jul 1895

Emsley Jackson, a prominent Jackson township farmer living near Ward, died Saturday evening, of stomach trouble. He was about sixty five years old, a native of Putnam county, but has spent most of his life in Boone. The funeral services were conducted, from the residence Monday forenoon, and the remains interred at Old Union. The widow and several children survive Mr. Jackson.

Date of death: Mar 1870

Subject: Elizabeth Jackson

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

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

March 14. Elizabeth Jackson, col., 11 yrs., Mo.

Date of death: 12 Jun 1855

Subject: Elizabeth (Jackson) Ellzey

Source: *Glasgow [MO] Weekly Times*, 28 Jun 1855, p. 1

The Savannah Sentinel says On the evening of Tuesday, the 12th inst., Mrs. Elzy [sic], wife of Wm. Elzy, residing about two miles west of this place, committed suicide by hanging herself to an oak limb, she was not found until next morning, and was supposed to have hung about fourteen hours. The deceased had been laboring under an aberration of mind for several years past, no other cause assigned. She has left a husband, and a large family of children to deplore the fate of the wife and mother. Mr. Elzy is said to be one of the kindest and most amiable of men.

Date of death: 5 Jul 1923

Subject: Frank Jackson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 6 Jul 1923, Friday, p. 1

Frank Jackson, 49, a laborer employed by Swift & Company, died at 9 o'clock Thursday night at the family home, 2522 Messanie street, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and a daughter, Mrs. Clifford Armstrong, St. Joseph. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home. Burial will be in Belmont cemetery.

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Date of death: 14 Apr 1914

Subject: Fred Jackson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 15 Apr 1914, Wednesday, p. 6

Following an attack of delirium tremens yesterday, Ned [sic] Jackson, 25 years old, a negro, 202 1/2 North Twenty-second street, died in the police ambulance on the way from his home to Central police station. Dr. L. S. Long was summoned to the station when the police were notified Jackson had delirium tremens, and the ambulance was sent for Jackson. The body was ordered to Ramsey's undertaking parlors by the coroner, and an autopsy will be held.

Date of death: 12 Jun 1882

Subject: Harry Jackson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 13 Jun 1882, Tuesday, p. 1

Bolckow, Mo., June 12—Two boys were drowned in the One-Hundred-and-Two river here this morning. Their names were Dow French, eight years old, son of Joseph French, and Harry Jackson, aged seven, son of Emery Jackson. A son of John Richardson, seven years old was with them, but did not tell of the drowning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The bodies have not yet been found.

Date of death: 24 Sep 1897

Subject: John Jackson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 25 Sep 1897, Saturday, p. 3

John Jackson, a negro barber, who had lived in St. Joseph several years was stabbed to death last night by his wife, Mrs. Tina Jackson.

The cutting took place shortly after 7 o'clock at Third and Faraon streets. The negro and his wife were on the way to their home, 906 North Third street.

Jackson suffered a fearful stab in the left arm. His wife ran the blade of a pocket knife through the biceps muscle of the member and split the brachial artery. Jackson bled to death in three-quarters of an hour after he was cut. Jackson was 32 years old.

The wife of the dead negro was placed under arrest soon after the affray. She was found at her home on North Third street. When she learned that her husband was dead the woman became frantic with grief. Mrs. Jackson made no attempt to deny the crime. She admits that she killed her husband, but says she acted in self defense.

John Jackson was in the employ of Harry Robinson at the time of his death and had worked in his shop for the past four years. Jackson was well known in his life of business and was looked upon as an intelligent and honest negro. His wife bore the same reputation. The woman has a child, a little boy, 2 years old.

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The woman who murdered her husband would now give worlds if she could recall the fatal deed. She claimed that it never would have happened had her husband remained true to her. Mrs. Jackson had admitted that the crime resulted from a quarrel over another woman.

Jackson was found in an unconscious condition at the rear of Robinson barber shop, about 7:30 o'clock. It was not believed that his injuries were of a fatal nature and he was removed to the city hospital in the police ambulance. He died there a few moments afterward. Jackson never regained his senses sufficiently to tell of the events leading up to his death. As far as could be learned last night there were no witnesses to the crime.

Jackson was at work in the barber shop when his wife came in last evening at 7 o'clock. They had a few moments' conversation and Mrs. Jackson was heard to tell her husband to come home with her. The other employes of the shop say that Jackson and his wife did not quarrel.

In a few moments Jackson finished his duties and began to prepare to leave. He was in no particular hurry and his wife said:

"If you're coming, come on."

"If you don't want to wait go on by yourself," retorted her husband.

They had no further conversation and left the shop together, going down Felix street, toward Third. Jackson and his wife went north on Third street toward their home. When they reached Third and Faraon streets, it seems they stopped to quarrel. Just what took place can only be surmised from what the half-crazed woman told last night in her cell at the Central police station.

The wife claims that she and her husband had resumed an old quarrel involving another negro woman. They paused in the middle of the street and Mrs. Jackson says Jackson shoved her around roughly and also struck her.

"I told him I had the knife," she said, "and threatened to cut him if he struck me again. He hit at me again and when I struck at him with the knife it went into his arm."

When Jackson found that he was stabbed he ran south on Third street. His wife followed him to the Metropole Hotel. The wounded negro fled down the middle of the street until he reached Edmond street. Here he jumped on a Jule street car and rode as far as the alley between Third and Fourth streets. Jackson jumped off the car and continued his flight up the alley toward the barber shop.

When he neared the shop he called several times for Harry Robinson. When the employes of the shop ran out into the alley they found Jackson stretched over a dry goods box at the rear door. He was almost insensible and the box and ground were covered with blood. The wounded man called for a doctor.

Dr. W. A. Brown was near and he used the best means possible to stop the flow of blood. Assistant City Physician Graham arrived soon after and the police ambulance was summoned. The street in front of the shop was thronged with people and vehicles.

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Jackson was taken to the city hospital in the ambulance. He rallied slightly on the way. When the wound was examined it was found to be a gash four inches long in his arm. The blade had pierced the biceps, leaving a cut so that the physician could run his finger clear through. The main artery had been slit in a manner that was difficult to repair immediately. Before the flow of blood could be stopped Jackson had breathed his last. Physicians are of the opinion that he lived about forty-five minutes after he was cut. They say that in most instances when the brachial artery is cut, death ensues in about five minutes.

The body of Jackson was removed to Sidenfaden's morgue. Coroner Richmond could not be found last night by Dr. Graham. An inquest will be held this morning.

The wife of the murdered man passed the barber shop several times after her husband had been taken away. Officers Dan Shea and Robert Maney were detailed to arrest her. They went to the Jackson home, but arrived before Mrs. Jackson did. They waited and placed her under arrest when she came, a half hour after the crime was committed.

The woman did not believe she had inflicted a mortal wound and she made no demonstrations when taken to the Central Police station. When the word came that her husband was dead her actions were pitiful to behold.

The woman went into hysterics and had several fainting spells. She shrieked and raved in the cell in an awful manner.

"Oh, my God! My God!" she screamed. "If I could only bring him back! If I could only bring him back! I never meant to kill him!"

The woman sobbed as if her heart were breaking and it was plain to see that her anguish was a terrible reality. She could only be made to talk at intervals. To Dr. O. B. Campbell, Mrs. Jackson told how she had used her knife in self-defense. She said it was a pocket knife her husband had at home. When she was searched the knife could not be found. Mrs. Jackson claims her husband knocked it out of her hand, but it could not be found last night. The woman will probably be arraigned to-day on the charge of murder.

It is evident that Mrs. Jackson will plead self-defense. She and her husband were arrested some time ago on the charge of disturbing the peace at the Robinson barber shop. Mrs. Jackson had found her husband talking to another woman and the difficulty ensued. Mrs. Jackson declared that her husband was addicted to drink and was cruel when under the influence of liquor.

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

Mrs. Tina Jackson, the negro woman, was placed on trial yesterday morning in the criminal court for the murder of her husband, John Jackson. There was not much evidence on either side to introduce and it was all in by the time of adjournment in the afternoon. Instructions will be given to the jury this morning.

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It is quite likely that Mrs. Jackson will know her fate today. She does not appear to be the least worried as to what will be the result of the trial. She appeared in deep mourning yesterday, but she showed no other signs of grief in the court room. Mrs. Jackson is only held for murder in the second degree, and it is the general believe that she will escape with only a light jail sentence.

Very few negroes were placed on the stand yesterday to testify as to what they knew of the family. It seemed that there were more white people who are concerned in the case. The defense seems to be that Mrs. Jackson mortally wounded her husband by cutting a vein in his arm while in a fit of passion, to defend herself. There is evidence that they quarreled. Mrs. Jackson has had no difficulty in managing her case. She obtained bond soon after the death of her husband and is being defended by competent attorneys.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 25 Jun 1898, p. 6

Mrs. Tina Jackson, who fatally stabbed her husband, John Jackson, during a quarrel at Third and Faraon streets, will atone for the crime by serving nine months in the county jail. Her punishment was assessed yesterday afternoon by the criminal court jury. The verdict was somewhat of a surprise.

As soon as court opened yesterday morning the instructions to the jury were argued. This lasted until nearly noon when the jury went out. It took the jurors until nearly 4 o'clock to find Mrs. Jackson guilty of murder in the fourth degree.

Mrs. Jackson was indicted for murder in the second degree. When this was done it was generally conceded that she would escape lightly for the offense she committed. Bond was easily furnished by the woman, and she has yet seen but few days in jail. She was not placed behind the bars yesterday and will not be until her attorneys are given time to apply for a new trial if they desire. It is not believed that the case will be tried again.

There are numbers of negro people in the city who were acquainted with the affairs of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, who have very little sympathy for the woman. Others, however, among whom are white people, think that she has not been treated lenently [sic] at the hands of the law. Some even looked for an acquittal. There is very little doubt but that Mr. and Mrs. Jackson quarreled frequently, but opinion was divided as to who was the more responsible for the trouble. Jackson was a jolly, good natured fellow and was liked by both whites and blacks.

Date of death: 22 Feb 1911

Subject: Joseph Jackson

Source: *King City [MO] Democrat*, 3 Mar 1911, Friday, p. 1

Joseph Jackson was born Jan. 15, 1837 in Buchanan county, Mo., and died Feb. 22, 1911 in King City, Mo., at the age of 74 yrs., 1 months and 7 days. He was married to Sarah Oslin in Buchanan county about 1861. Of this union there survive him 5 children viz: Wm. R. of Broken Bow, Neb., James O. of Atchison Co., MO., Mrs. Emma Charles of Stewartsville, Mrs. Lulu Brooks of St. Joseph, and Harvey M. of Stanberry. Mrs. Sarah Jackson died in Stewartsville, May 22nd 1898.

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In the year 1900 in Amity, Mo. Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Mrs. Electa Meek and in 1901 they moved to King City and have resided here since.

He was a member of the Magnet Mo., Christian church until he left that section. He often attended services in the Christian church at Stewartsville, Mo. He testified to the writer and others, toward the end, of his faith in Christ as his personal Savior, and manifested the grace of God in his wonderful fortitude in his intense agony for five long months of illness. He was ever thoughtful of those who ministered unto him and never complained. The funeral service was held at the home, Rev. L. C. Stumpf officiating, assisted by Rev. J. M. Asbell. A large concourse of relatives and friends were present to attest their love and tender condolences to the sorrowing widow and children. The remains were taken to Stewartsville for interment.

Eph. 2:8: "By grace are ye saved through faith." L.C.S.

Date of death: 4 Jun 1890

Subject: Moses Jackson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 5 Jun 1890, p. 3

Moses Jackson, colored, 80 years of age, died at his home on Corby street at 4 o'clock. Funeral this afternoon.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 4 Jun 1890, p. 6

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Uncle Mose is dead.

The tired hands that toiled in the cotton fields so many years ago, and finally won freedom for the poor old slave, are at rest. The eyes that opened in the far South, that witnessed the beauties of the Southland, the miseries of slavery and the horrors of civil war, are closed forever to earthly scenes, and opened no doubt, as the old man believed, on the boundless beauties of paradise.

Under the shadow of Hall street palaces, in a little cottage whose door yard it flooded with light from the tall electric light tower above, the divine spark fled from the poor old slave's body at 4 o'clock this morning. The feeble form racked by disease, limbs distorted by the cruel grasp of rheumatism, lay in quiet rest—the old slave's life was ended.

"Uncle Mose Jackson," as he was generally known, was a character. His age was uncertain, he was not even sure of it himself. But from conversation it is supposed that he had reached the allotted period, though like others of his race, neither hair nor beard gave evidence of his seventy years. Like many others whose lives began in the slavery days of the early years of the century his memory for figures and dates was not noted for accuracy. But it is certain, though born a slave, that he purchased his freedom from a kind master by the labor of his own hands before the outbreak of the civil war.

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Uncle Mose was born in Tennessee, but more than thirty years ago came with his owner to Missouri. He was strong and his disposition such that he was a favorite. In addition to his daily tasks he was allowed a certain sum for extra labors performed, and in this way he earned and was given his freedom by a just master.

For twenty years Uncle Mose has been in St. Joseph, and during that time has been janitor in many places. Honest and trustworthy, he had the good will of every employer, nearly all of whom have contributed something to assist in giving the old man a respectable burial. In addition to The Daily News building and a portion of the St. Charles Hotel building, Uncle Mose ... for many offices, and in this way maintained himself and aged wife in their little home. He died in poverty, but his last hours were as peaceful as medical attendants and the thoughtful kindness of white and colored friends could make them. Dr. McCrary ministered to the old man's comfort and contributed everything that medical assistance could.

There is another physician who might have ministered to the sufferer but that heaven denied him a kind heart and generous nature. For twenty years Uncle Mose had cared for this physician's office—had been like a personal servant to him. When the old man was taken ill this physician refused to attend his old servant and expressed neither regret nor ... information of his death. He ... to contribute to the funeral fund, though he knows the meagre circumstances of the dead man's family.

Uncle Mose leaves a wife and several children. The funeral arrangements were made by Heaton and the old colored man was lowered to his last resting place this afternoon.

Date of death: 21 Sep 1899

Subject: Mrs. Peter Jackson

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

Mrs. Peter Jackson, wife of the pastor of the colored Baptist church in Wathena, was found dead in her room this morning at 10 o'clock. She had apparently been in good health, and the cause of her death is not known, but is supposed to have been due to heart trouble.

Date of death: 27 Aug 1916

Subject: Ralph J. Jackson

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 9 Sep 1916, Saturday, p. 8

St. Joseph, Mo.

Mr. Ralph Jackson, son of Mrs. Carrie [sic] Wadkins [sic], died last Sunday morning. The funeral was held from the home Tuesday afternoon.

Date of death: 31 Dec 1894

Subject: Rosa Jackson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 7 Jan 1895, p. 7

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There is more or less talk among the colored residents in the vicinity of Twenty-third and Faraon streets over the report that a nineteen-year-old girl named Rosa Jackson, who died a week ago today, was buried before life was extinct.

The Jackson girl lived with her parents in a small frame tenement which stands in a ravine on Twenty-third street, just back of Faraon. She was taken suddenly ill Christmas day, and to all appearances was dead when she was buried a week later.

Her parents had some doubt at first whether she was really dead, but they now say that the circumstances surrounding her sickness and the manner of her demise leave no doubt as to the falsity of the report that she was not dead when buried.

Three days after the girl was taken ill she fell asleep and all efforts to arouse her proved fruitless. Dr. Crossland was summoned to attend her, and he says that he found her suffering from an epileptic fit. He was unable to arouse her from the stuper [sic] into which she had fallen, however, and she remained unconscious until death insued. The girl remained in a trance for four days. Last Monday night Dr. Crossland was again called to see her and on examination he pronounced life extinct.

Relatives and neighbors of the dead girl were not satisfied, however, and they wanted to call in another doctor to examine her. To satisfy the members of the family that the girl was really dead her remains were allowed to lie undisturbed from Monday evening until Tuesday evening before an undertaker was called to prepare her body for burial. After the girl had been pronounced dead, and before her remains were prepared for the grave, relatives of the family claim that on two or three occasions signs of life were observed. Once the supposed corpse was noticed to heave a sigh and make an effort to move, so the persons who were in the room at the time have since said.

Neighbors of the family became excited over the matter and insisted that another physician be called in to examine the dead girl. Dr. Crossland and the undertaker who was later on called to conduct the funeral, assured Jackson and his wife that the girl was dead and she was buried last Wednesday.

Dr. Crossland told a Daily News reporter today that the story that the girl was not dead was probably started by some superstitious persons who viewed the remains and who were probably led to suspect that life was not extinct when the body was buried because the patient did not regain consciousness before she died.

Undertaker Heaton conducted the funeral and he says that there is no question about the girl having died at least ten hours before he was called. He says that the body was in bad shape when he was summoned to take charge of the case and that it was necessary to use extra strong embalming flied so as to preserve the remains until Wednesday afternoon, the date of the funeral.

Louis Jackson, father of the deceased, was seen at his home, Twenty-third and Faraon streets, by a Daily News reporter. He said that friends and relatives of the family did not believe that the girl was dead when the undertaker was called, but he satisfied himself thoroughly on that point before arrangements were made for the funeral. The girl was a mulato [sic] and her skin was almost as white and fair as that of any white person. After

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death, however, her throat and face turned black and her body became cold and stiff. Jackson says that his daughter remained in a trance for four days and that she looked like a person who had choked to death.

Date of death: 16 Jan 1920

Subject: William Jackson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 17 Jan 1920, Saturday, p. 5

William Jackson, 55 years old, a negro, was found dead in bed yesterday morning at 7 o'clock by his mother. Death was due to apoplexy.

Date of death: 3 Jun 1896

Subject: Albert W. "Joe Dill" Jacobs

Source: *Chariton [Co. MO] Courier*, 3 Apr 1896, Friday, p. 5

Mrs. A. W. Jacobs is in attendance at the bedside of her husband, Mr. A. W. Jacobs—"Joe Dill,"—who is quite sick.

Same

Source: *Chariton [Co. MO] Courier*, 5 Jun 1896, Friday, p. 7

Chillicothe, Mo., June 3.—A. W. Jacobs, who wrote under the nom de plume of "Jo Dill," died at his home here this morning of heart disease. He had for a long time made trade editions of country papers a specialty and covered a large portion of the state in his write-ups.

Same

Source: *The Bloomfield [MO] Vindicator*, 12 Jun 1896, Friday, p. 1

A. W. Jacobs died recently at his home in Chillicothe of heart failure aged 51 years. He was a veteran of the civil war, having served as a musician in the First Michigan Sharpshooters from the organization of the regiment until the final muster out in 1865. For many years he had been engaged in newspaper work, and achieved considerable notoriety as a writer, using the nom de plume, "Joe Dill." He leaves a widow and two sons and two daughters.

Date of death: 15 Jan 1917

Subject: Margaret Almira (James) Hammond

Source: *Skidmore [MO] News*, 18 Jan 1917, p. 1

Mrs. L. F. Hammond of Higgins, Tex. died at a sanitarium in Arkansas City, Kans. Jan. 15, 1917. Mrs. Hammond was married in Illinois and with her husband moved to Missouri in 1877 where they settled on a farm west of Skidmore where they lived until 1905 when they moved to Los Angeles, Cal., where they resided until 1910 then moved to Higgins, Texas.

She leaves a husband and was the mother of seven children, five of whom are living: Chas. E. of Blythe, Cal.;

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Mrs. Lillian V. Burris, Los Angeles, Cal.; W. E., Skidmore; Harry W. and Emma E., Higgins, Texas.

The body was brought to Skidmore Wednesday evening and was taken to the M. E. church where it lay in state from 1 o'clock to 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, when a short service was held and the body was taken to the W. E. Hammond home where it will lie in state until Friday noon. Services will be held at 2:30 o'clock at Burr Oak church and interment will be in the Burr Oak cemetery, services conducted by Revs. Welton, Harrison, and Barrett of Skidmore and Rev. Sauceman of Burr Oak.

An obituary will appear next week.

Same

Source: *Skidmore [MO] News*, 25 Jan 1917, p. 1

Margaret Almira James was born Dec. 25, 1848, at New Lexington, Ohio, and died at Arkansas City, Kansas, Jan. 15, 1917, aged 68 years, 1 month and 20 days.

Aunt Mira, as she was familiarly known, was an every day Christian. The beautifying influences of a pure religion were spread over a life and character as spotless and charming as was ever possessed by any of the noble women who have lived and died during the ages that are gone. As such a life was a blessing and benefaction to all within the sphere of its influence so is the death of such a one a public misfortune, as well as an irreparable loss to the home circle made desolate by her departure. It is difficult to pay a fitting tribute to the memory of so noble a woman - one whose every day life was embellished by the most charming and lovable attributes of her sex. A perfect lady at all times - under all circumstances, she seemed born to inspire the love and respect of all who were so fortunate as to be acquainted with her. No one was more willing to aid the suffering, cheer the desponding, sustain the weak and to throw over the frailties of our race the mantle of Christian charity, and when sickness and death came to her, as it comes to all, neighbors and friends vied with each other in acts of loving kindness and tender solicitude, and many were the willing hands and hearts ready to assist him upon whom rested the heavy responsibility of attempting to fight back the ravages of disease - to avert the inevitable - and in whom we are united the devotion of a friend, the untiring skill and watchful care of the conscientious, painstaking physician, but love and skill were equally of no avail. The great destroyer had placed his signet on her brow and today hundreds who loved her living, now mourn her dead.

In the presence of such a sorrow how cold and impotent are words and how doubly deep would be the grief over the grave did not the rainbow of Christian hope span the dark gulf between time and eternity, and such pure bright lives inspire the belief that there is a better world beyond, where filled from the corroding cares of the earth the good and true are reunited, 'after life's fitful fever.'

In the various members of the family that which must live in their memories are her last words of love - her last hopes and wishes - and by a thousand cords draw each of her loved ones towards the heaven of rest to which she has journeyed; and from those scenes will come a 'still small voice,' and as the years go by it will remind them of her Christian hope and trust and tell them of 'a peace that passeth human understanding.'

The last funeral services were held at Burr Oak church, Friday, January 19, at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev.

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W. H. Welton assisted by Revs. Barrett, Harrison and Sauceman, after which the body was laid to rest in Burr Oak cemetery.

Date of death: 23 Mar 1900

Subject: Samantha (James) Huffman

Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 30 Mar 1900, p. 5

Samantha James, daughter of Rev. J. D. James, was born at Nero, Lexington, Ohio, Jan 1, 1844. Died March 23, 1900, aged 56 years, 2 mo. 23 days.

She moved with her parents to Illinois in 1861 and to Missouri in 1870. She was converted and joined the M. E. church during the winter of '64-5, and walked in the paths of righteousness all the days of her life. In January 1873, she married Henry Huffman. Of this union were born four children, of whom two, James R. and Henry, with the husband, still survive. Funeral services were conducted at Burr Oak, Sunday afternoon, by Lane Douglas, pastor of the M. E. church, after which the remains were interred in the Burr Oak cemetery beside her father and mother.

Date of death: 2 Apr (or 28 Mar) 1918

Subject: Roscoe Conkling Jameson (or Jamison)

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 6 Apr 1918, Saturday, p. 5

Roscoe Jameson, the negro poet of this city, died at Phoenix, Ariz., Tuesday. The remains were brought here and buried Wednesday.

Same

Source: *Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 6 Apr 1918, Saturday, p. 1

We were pained to receive from Mr. William F. Neill of St. Joseph the announcement of the untimely death of the race's most famous young poet, Roscoe C. Jamison, who passed away at Phoenix, Ariz., March 28, whose body was brought to his home at St. Joseph, Mo., for burial Wednesday, April 3d. Many hearts have been made to thrill from the inspired writings of this exceptional young man, and the race has suffered a distinct loss in his passing. He was an exemplary young Christian gentleman and won the respect and sympathy of all who knew him. Peace to his ashes, rest to his soul.

Date of death: 27 May 1917

Subject: Alma Lucritis Jamison

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 29 Mar 1917, Tuesday, p. 8

Alma Jamison, 19 years old, died yesterday morning at her home, 1313 North Third street. The funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Fleeman-McNeill funeral home.

Date of death: Jul 1863

Subject: Thomas P. Jasper

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Herald & Tribune*, 16 Jul 1863, p. 3

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From ... direct from Andrew county we ... last evening that in addition to ... women killed of whom we publish a ... several more persons were ... killed Friday night and Saturday. Thomas Jasper was killed, ... Irwin was found dead in the ... St. Joseph and Savannah yesterday ... are missing, and it is supposed killed. These ... have all been ... aiding to kill Union ... as soldiers or by other... comforting treason. Sev-... to have been burned, ... filled with wheat and barley... These are mere...

...of the 14th Missouri Cavalry ... the county, and other troops ... sent there if necessary.

Date of death: 25 Jun 1916

Subject: William A. Jasper

Source: *The Scott [City KS] Republican*, 29 Jun 1916, Thursday, p. 5

William A. Jasper was born in Holmes County, Mississippi, July 16, 1835. He moved with his parents to Holt County, Missouri, in 1844 and came to Doniphan County, Kansas in 1856 settling on a claim near Iowa Point.

He was married to Martha C Reynolds, Sept. 26, 1861 in Andrew Co., Mo. To them were born six children: Charles, who died in infancy; Betty Kessler, now residing in Los Angeles, Cal; E. L. Jasper, of this city, Myrtle Rodkey, of Willis, Ks; Virgie L. and Irene both joining the eldest brother when their lives too had just budded.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper with their family moved to Scott County, February 16, 1893 and since that time have made Scott County their permanent home. Almost continuously for the last twenty years Mr. Jasper has been employed at either the court house or school house as janitor and for five years carried the mail to Friend and Pence City. On his daily rounds he will be as much missed as he was greatly loved.

He united with the Primitive Baptist church called Nodaway in Andrew Co., Mo. and was baptized Sept. 1868 and for forty-eight years has lived faithful to his church until his death which occurred Sunday morning, June 25, 1916 at eleven a.m.

Grandpa Jasper, as we all had learned to call him, lived eighty years nine months and nine days. Not many are privileged to live such a long life in which to serve, but to those who perform faithfully the duties as they come and go are rewarded with a reunion with loved ones gone before, in that happy land where suffering is unknown.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Monday, June 26, 1916, by Rev. D. B. Nowles, of Lama, Colo., assisted by Jas. M. Taylor pastor of the Christian church of this city.

Date of death: 28 Feb 1916

Subject: Thomas H. Jeffries

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Eye*, 10 Mar 1916, p. 1

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Thomas H. Jeffries died at the home of his son-in-law, Edward Parker, three miles north west of Cosby, February 28th, at the age of 68 years. Funeral service was conducted at Long Branch church, and interment made in Long Branch cemetery.

Date of death: 18 Dec 1900

Subject: Donna Louise Jenkins

Source: *The Seneca [KS] Tribune*, 20 Dec 1900, Thursday, p. 8

Sadly afflicted is Herbert E. Jenkins. Since August he has lost, first, his father, then his young wife. Now comes the death of his only child, Donna Louise, yesterday, Wednesday, December 19, at 5 o'clock. The little girl was aged two years, four months and twenty days. Tuberculosis affecting spine and brain is assigned as the cause of death.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at the residence at 2:30. The Rev. C. H. Bente will conduct the services. Interment will be had at the city cemetery.

The bereaved father is assured of the deep sympathy of his many friends.

Date of death: 4 Apr 1897

Subject: J. A. Jenkins

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 5 Apr 1897, p. 1

Savannah, Mo., April 5.—J. A. Jenkins, twenty-six years old and a member of the firm of Clark & Jenkins, restaurateurs of this place, committed suicide about noon Sunday by shooting himself through the heart.

Jenkins lived with his widowed mother and younger brother, of whom he was the partial support. Just before their return from church he went home from his place of business, threw himself across a bed and fired the fatal shot. When his mother and brother reached the house a few minutes later he was dead.

The suicide was engaged to be married to a highly respectable young lady of Whitesville, this county, who was stricken with measles about six weeks ago and died. Since then he has been very despondent and there is no doubt that grieving over her death caused him to commit the rash deed.

A coroner's jury was summoned and an inquest was held yesterday afternoon. A verdict in accordance with the facts was returned.

Date of death: 9 Aug 1912

Subject: John T. Jenkins

Source: *The Caldwell [KS] News*, 15 Aug 1912, Thursday, p. 2

John T. Jinkins [sic], son of Joseph T. and Missouri A. Jinkins, was born January 22, 1864, in Andrew county, Missouri near Savannah. He came with his parents to Sumner county, Kansas, in 1892, where he resided until his death, which occurred at the home of his sister, Mrs. B. A. Hawk, in Grant county, Oklahoma, August 9,

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1912, aged 48 years, 6 months and 17 days. He leaves a mother, two brothers and two sisters. One brother, O. B. resides in Wichita, Kansas, and the other, George M., in Amazonia, Missouri. One sister, Mrs. Ella Shaw, resides in Gove county, Kansas and the other, Mrs. B. A. Hawk, in Grant county, Oklahoma. His father died about twenty years ago. His mother, Mrs. Missouri A. Jenkins, makes her home with Mrs. B. A. Hawk.

The deceased was a good man and was highly respected by all who knew him. His home has been in and around Caldwell for many years. He was the proprietor of a restaurant here for two years. For the last several months he has suffered more or less from paralysis, the last stroke of which was fatal. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church in Caldwell, on Sunday, August 11, 1912, at 2:45 p.m. by Rev. J. N. Kidd, assisted by Rev. B. F. Whicker, and was very largely attended. The I.O.O.F., of which he was a member, was represented by a large number of the order, and their beautiful burial service was well rendered at the Caldwell Cemetery, where the remains were interred.

Date of death: 9 Jan 1893

Subject: Joseph Jenkins

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 10 Jan 1893, p. 3

Joseph Jenkins an old colored man, was found dead in a room at Second and Jule streets, at noon yesterday.

Coroner Reynolds was summoned and ordered the body removed to Thornton's undertaking rooms, where an inquest and autopsy was held at 2 o'clock.

Jenkins lived alone in the second story of an old shanty on Jule street, and eked out a miserable existence by blacking boots when he was able to be out. He was horribly crippled and when confined to his room was generally looked after by friends, but remained for days at a time in his room alone.

No one had seen the old man about for some days, and when they looked for him yesterday, he was found lying cold in death upon the pile of rags that had served him for a bed.

There was no furniture in the room, a broken stove and the pile of rags that made his bed, were all of his earthly possessions, yet here the old man had lived and died.

The old man had been very intemperate in his habits, and the verdict of the coroner's jury was that he died from congestion of the bowels.

Without a friend in the world, no relatives and no one to care for him, this old cripple died, alone, of starvation.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 10 Jan 1893, p. 5

Joe Jenkins, the old negro bootblack who has been a familiar figure on Second street during the past thirty years, is dead. He was found stiff and stark in his wretched room on the second floor of an old house near

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Second and Jule street at noon yesterday by John Wintersmith, another colored man, who visited him occasionally.

The body was removed to Thornton's undertaking rooms where Coroner Reynolds held an inquest and autopsy at 2 o'clock. He found that death was caused by congestion of the bowels, the result of lack of nourishment. In other words, the old negro starved to death.

Jenkins was deformed and could not walk. He dragged himself about with his hands and managed to exist by blacking boots. He lived alone in the miserable room where his body was found, his only visitor for months at a time being Wintersmith, who provided for the old man the best he could. The room had nothing in it except an old bed and a piece of straw matting on the floor. The wind whistled through the cracks and openings, making the wretched place as cold as a barn.

The old man was known to every old resident of the city. He was morose and uncommunicative and drank when he had any money. In the summer his regular place of business was on the south side of Felix street, north of the building occupied by the St. Joseph Steam Printing company. When there was nothing to do he dozed the hours away. His condition was pitiable, and a lowlier creature could not be imagined.

Date of death: 30 Jan 1885

Subject: Wyman Jenkins

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 3 Feb 1885, Thursday, p. 4

From a gentleman who came in on the St. Joseph & Western train yesterday, the Gazette learned of the killed of Wyman Jenkins, a young man aged twenty years, at Hiawatha, Friday night. Jenkins was employed in the Missouri Pacific yards as a switchman, and was assisted in making up a train, when in some unexplained manner he was thrown across the rail. Six cars ran over the body, mangling it almost beyond recognition. An inquest was held Saturday and the funeral took place yesterday, it being delayed to await the arrival of the deceased's sister, Mrs. L. H. Ferguson of Iowa.

same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Herald*, 5 Feb 1885, Thursday, p. 7

Hiawatha, Ks., January 30—Wyman Jenkins of this place, assisting in brakeing [sic] on a switch train, was run over and killed about dark this evening. He was literally cut to pieces.

Date of death: 2 Feb 1918

Subject: Lewis (or Louis) Jensen

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 4 Feb 1918, Monday, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., Feb. 4.—Louis Jensen, a Dane whose place is six miles east of Maryville, was found dead about 9 o'clock this morning in his farmyard. The body was frozen stiff, and there is no way of telling how long it had lain there. He was about seventy-five years of age, and lived alone with his wife, about fifteen years his junior. They were both demented and lived as misers for years, their neighbors fearing them and having nothing

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to do with them. This morning they were attracted to the place by outcries of the wife, and on arrival they found the body, which was about 100 feet from the house, and were informed that a cow had kicked him and she wanted the body thrown into the well. There was no evidence of foul play, and no inquest was held.

The sheriff has been ordered to go out today and bring Mrs. Jensen in, when her sanity will be tested in court.

The Jensens have lived there twenty-five or thirty years, and own the forty-acre farm upon which they live.

Date of death: 12 Jun 1912

Subject: John R. Jerauld

Source: *Stanberry [MO] Owl-Headlight*, 20 Jun 1912, Thursday

The body of the late John R. Jerrald [sic], who died one day last week at the Soldier's Home in Leavenworth, Kansas, was brought to Stanberry Saturday. The body was taken from here to Alanthus, his old home. Mr. Jerrald lived at the Home for several years previous to his death. His old friends will be sorry to learn of his death.

Date of death: 14 Nov 1912

Subject: Louis Lawrence Jermain

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 23 Nov 1912, Saturday, p. 5

Milan.

The many friends and parishioners of Rev. J. J. Jermain, rector of St. Mary's Church, this place, sympathize with him, in the loss of his brother, Louis Jermain, whose death occurred at his home near Conception, Mo., Thursday, 14th inst., the funeral being held Saturday morning. Requiem services were conducted in the Abbey Church at Conception, the remains being received at the Church by Rev. E. A. Bolger of St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Jermain leaves, besides his brother, Father Jermain, three other brothers, Joseph and Benjamin, who are at home, and George who is studying for the priesthood at Prairie du Chien, Wis., and one sister, a member of the community of Benedictine Sisters at Clyde, Mo., who is known in religion as Sister Lucia, all of whom deeply feel his loss.

Date of death: 9 Oct 1922

Subject: Anna Marie (Johannes) Heastan

Source: *The Severance [KS] News*, 20 Oct 1922, Friday, p. 4

Anna Marie Johannes was born Dec. 3, 1880, near Severance, where she grew to womanhood. March 5, 1910 she was married to John F. Heastan. To this union 7 children were born, all surviving except Walter, who died in infancy. Those surviving are, Franklin, Lawrence, John, Woodrow, Marie, Laverne. Mrs. Heastan died in her home in Bassano, Alta [sic], Canada, Oct. 9, 1922, after a lingering illness. She was a good, kind, loving mother. In her home there was always an abundance of sunshine and happiness. She was loved by all who knew her. Besides her husband and children the deceased is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Johannes, of Severance, three sisters, Mrs. James Todd, Amazonia, Mo., Mrs. Geo. Husted, Leona, Mrs. Jas. Garlich,

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Amazonia, and one brother, John G. Johannes, Willis, Ks. Besides these, there are a host of other relatives, friends who will deeply mourn her loss. She was an ideal Christian woman. In her girlhood she was united with the Wolf River Evangelical church near Leona, and lived a Christian life to the last. Her body arrived in Severance Saturday night and was taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Husted, where she had spent her girlhood days. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the Congregational church, and interment was made in Belleview cemetery. Rev. Bruner, of Hiawatha, delivered the funeral sermon. The esteem in which Mrs. Heastan was held was shown by the large number that attended the funeral.

Date of death: 8 Aug 1892

Subject: Jesse Johns

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 10 Aug 1892, p. 5

Savannah, Mo., Aug. 9.—Uncle Jesse Johns, who for a considerable number of years served as justice of the peace here, died yesterday evening, a very old man.

Date of death: 30 Aug 1899

Subject: Rev. _____ Johnson

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 31 Aug 1899, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 30.—There was great excitement here late this afternoon when another killing occurred on the public streets and on one of the most crowded thoroughfares of the city. Hundreds of people witnessed the killing and up to midnight people congregated on the streets and discussed the affair which created great excitement as it was feared that race trouble might be the result.

Rev. Johnson, who for some time filled the pulpit of the colored Baptist church of this city, but who some time ago severed his connection with it, was shot and instantly killed by Night Watchman John Wallace. Constable Noah Jennings also fired at the negro but his shot failed to take effect.

Johnson was arrested some days ago on a charge of peace disturbance. Today his trial came off, and he was convicted and sentenced to nine months in jail. Constable Jennings and Night Watchman Wallace, after the trial, started to take Johnson over to the jail. When they reached the postoffice Johnson insisted on the officer going to a drug store near by for the purpose of giving bond. This request the officers refused, as sentence had already been pronounced. Their refusal angered Johnson and he attempted to escape. As he started to get away Wallace drew his revolver and ordered him to stop. Johnson, it is alleged, at once drew a revolver and fired at Wallace, but the bullet flew wild and missed its mark. He then fired a second shot with like result and then attempted to draw another revolver, which he had in his belt.

By this time Jennings had fired at Johnson, but missed. Seeing his serious predicament, Wallace then fired. The ball from his 38-caliber struck Johnson squarely in the breast. Johnson pitched forward, his pistol fell from his hand and without a word he fell prostrate, dying instantly. The autopsy to-night developed that the shot had been well aimed.

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After the shooting the body was taken to an undertaker's, where an inquest was still in progress at 1 o'clock this morning. The general impression seems to be here that it was no fault of Marshall Wallace.

A large crowd of colored people gathered to-night and it is said that a number of the colored people want to attempt to avenge the death of Johnson, but up to an early hour no demonstration had been made. The unfortunate affair is regretted by all citizens of Maryville.

Johnson was about 45 years of age and leaves a wife, but no children. Mrs. Johnson was seriously ill at the time of the shooting, and when the news was broken to her, she collapsed and it is feared that the shock may kill her.

Same page, another article

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 30.—Rev. Wm. Johnston, former pastor of the African Baptist church of Maryville, and evangelist of the colored Baptist church of Kansas and Missouri, was killed at 6 o'clock this evening by Officer John Wallace, while resisting an attempt to take him to jail.

Johnston was convicted this afternoon of having made indecent proposals on Monday to Mrs. Alice Barton, respectable white woman, and sentenced to nine months in the Nodaway county jail. He made a gun play on Constable Noah Jennings this morning, while trying to get away, and was disarmed. It developed that he had another gun, however. There was some talk of lynching him last night and he was scared and desperate.

When he came down stairs from court this evening, a curious crowd was standing at the bottom of the stairs. On reaching the bottom of the stairway he began to back away from the officers with his hand on his pistol pocket, declaring that he would rather die right there than go to jail and be lynched. Officer Wallace presented his pistol and told him he must come.

The negro drew his pistol so far from his pocket that it caught in his belt and the officer immediately fired. Johnston started to run and Constable Jennings fired after him. The negro had now succeeded in getting hold of his pistol and he turned and fired twice on his pursuers. He started to run again, but fell dead in front of the Real Estate bank.

Johnston is the colored man who created much comment by saying, a short time ago, at a meeting of negro preachers in Leavenworth, Kan., that the negroes must organize, arm and kill those who lynch their brethren.

Officer Wallace has not been arrested. Maryville negroes are very bitter to-night and threaten to get revenge.

Date of death: 12 Jun 1881

Subject: Abraham Johnson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 15 Jun 1881, p. 1

Union Star, Mo., June 14.—More reliable news has been received along the line of the cyclone, starting four miles east of here: but reports are slowly coming in. It extended a trifle north of due east of here to Grand River,

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twenty-four miles, and beyond that nothing is reported. Mr. Johnson, a farmer near Havana, on Grand River, was killed outright. A son died yesterday morning, and the wife is at the point of death.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 16 Jun 1881, p. 4

[From a long article about the cyclone]

A Mr. Johnson living near Havana, on Grand river, was killed almost immediately. His son died from the effects of his injuries Monday, and his wife will not recover. Their property was entirely destroyed.

Date of death: 14 May 1907

Subject: Arminta (Johnson) Liberty

Source: *The Falls City [NE] Tribune*, 17 May 1907, Friday

On Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock, Mrs. Abe Liberty, died suddenly at her home in Rulo. The deceased leaves a husband, several small children and an infant only a few hours old. The hearts of the entire community go out in sympathy to the bereaved family, in this great sorrow which has come to them.

Date of death: 29 May 1915

Subject: Cynthia Ann (Johnson) Craig

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 31 May 1915, Monday, p. 5

Mrs. Cynthia Ann Craig, eighty-four years old, widow of Weston Craig, and a daughter of one of the early settlers of St. Joseph, died at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, at her home, 640 North Twentieth street. She had been failing in health for the last four years and death was a result of advanced age.

Mrs. Craig was born in Jackson County, Missouri, and was brought to St. Joseph by her parents in 1838. At that time Joseph Robidoux's cabin was the only house here. The family settled on a farm north of town, now known as the Green farm.

Mrs. Craig was a charter member of the First Christian Church. She is survived by two daughters, Miss Fannie Craig, St. Joseph, and Mrs. H. W. Porter, Salem, Ore.; also by a son, George W. Craig, Provo, Utah.

Following her marriage in 1856, Mrs. Craig removed to Stewartsville, Mo., where her husband died a short time later. In 1874 she returned to St. Joseph. The funeral service will be conducted at the home at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon and tomorrow morning the body will be taken to Stewartsville, where services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church at 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. C. M. Chilton will officiate at Stewartsville.

Date of death: 2 Mar 1921

Subject: Elizabeth (Johnson) Hitchcock

Source: *Skidmore [MO] News*, 10 Mar 1921, p. 1

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Mrs. Elizabeth Hitchcock died at her home near Skidmore Wednesday, March 2nd, after a short illness. Funeral services were held at the Christian church Friday at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Reuben Barrett, assisted by Rev. Hugh McClellan. Burial was in the Masonic cemetery.

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Elizabeth Johnson was born in Washington county, Indiana, November 3rd, 1832, and departed this life March 2nd, 1921, being 88 years, 4 months, and 19 days of age at the time of her death.

She was married to David Hitchcock, March 21st, 1853, to whom were born eight children. Four of these children preceded their parents in death.

In the fall of 1869 the family moved from the state of Indiana and located in Holt county, Missouri. They resided here for only one year, when they again moved, this time to Nodaway county, and settled on a farm near Skidmore, which has been the family home ever since.

Mrs. Hitchcock began her Christian life many, many years ago, by confessing her faith in the Christ and uniting first with the Baptist church; later, when her husband united with the Christian church, she joined with him. She was a splendid good woman, full of good works, she kept every trust and was true to every responsibility of life. She was faithful unto death, her Lord has given her the crown of life filled with the stars of love, devotion and fidelity for a reward for service in His name. She and her husband were charter members of the Christian Church of Skidmore, organized some twenty-five or more years ago.

She is survived by four sons, W. J., Lincoln, and A. F. Hitchcock of Skidmore, and B. C. Hitchcock of Topeka, Kans.

Her days have been long upon the earth, she has witnessed many changes in the State and community in which she lived. She gathered about herself many friends along the way. All of these join these grown-up children in sympathy, and regret the departure of this mother, neighbor and friend.

Date of death: 1 Mar 1901

Subject: Ephraim Johnson

Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 8 Mar 1901, Friday, p. 4

Died, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Howett, on Empire Prairie, Friday, March 1, 1901, Mr. Ephraim [sic] Johnson, aged eighty-one years. The funeral services were held by Rev. C. C. Armstrong, pastor, at the Empire Presbyterian church (of which church, he had long been a member,) Saturday afternoon, March 2, and the remains interred in the Empire cemetery, where lie those of his wife.

Ephraim Johnson was born at Northampton [sic], England, January 27, 1821. He emigrated to Rochester, New York, in 1842, at which place he was united in marriage to Sarah Ward, May 28, 1845. Of this union there were born nine children, even of whom survive him—four daughters and three sons. He settled in Wampum, Wisconsin, in 1845, and came to Empire Prairie, Missouri, in 1866 and has resided here since. His wife passed

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to the spirit world some years since. Life's journey is ended and the immortal spirit has answered the Master's call. Be ye ready for the summons when it comes.

Date of death: 2 Aug 1893

Subject: Frederick Johnson

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

Charles Ellis of the city electric light plant, went to King City yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Fred Johnson. Mr. Johnson was a widower and leaves four small children, his wife having died some time since. He was a well known restaurant keeper of King City.

Date of death: 5 Sep 1895

Subject: Georgia Johnson

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

Georgia Johnson, colored, aged nineteen years, committed suicide at the home of her mother on Sylvania street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth by taking morphine, late yesterday afternoon. After taking the deadly drug the girl bade her friends good-bye, saying he was going to visit the devil. She then stretched herself upon the floor and soon expired. The girl's rash deed is attributed to a quarrel with her lover. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict in accordance with the facts.

Date of death: 28 Oct 1917

Subject: Gloria Mae (Johnson) Carriger

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 10 Nov 1917, Saturday, p. 2

Maryville, Mo.

Maryville citizens both white and colored were shocked and grieved at the sudden death of Mrs. Gloria Mae Carriger. Mrs. Carriger was in the bloom of life being only 19 years old at her death, and she will be sadly missed in Maryville. She was a lovable character, always cheerful and no one could resist her sunny and winsome smiles. It was a real pleasure to know her. She was a faithful member and worker in the Methodist church. She was the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson. She graduated from school and was united in matrimony [sic] with Mr. Dorril Carriger the following year. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, two sisters, other relatives and a host of friends. Those from out of town who attended the funeral were: Mrs. Fannie Prior of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Palmer of Sturgeon, Mo., Mrs. Pearl Phelps and daughter, Miss Florence Lewis, Miss Rosette Lewis of Savannah, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Palmer, Mr. Donal [sic] Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and son, Mrs. Nanie Misner, Mr. Harold Carriger of St. Joseph, Mo., Mrs. Myrtle Martin of Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graves, Skitmore [sic], Mo., Miss Iola Brown, Blanchard, Ia.

Date of death: 3 Mar 1915

Subject: Harry William Johnson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 5 Mar 1915, Friday, p. 2

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Savannah, Mo., March 4.—The funeral services for Harry Johnson, who died Wednesday morning from meningitis. Were conducted today at the Christian church by the pastor, Rev. R. E. Snodgrass. Johnson attended church Tuesday night and was apparently in good health. He succumbed after an illness of four hours. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and leaves two brothers, Oscar and Walter Johnson. He was a graduate of Savannah high school of class of '13, and had lived here sixteen years. Burial will be in Savannah cemetery.

Date of death: 1 Apr 1907

Subject: Henry Olcott Johnson

Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 5 Apr 1907, Friday, p. 1

Henry Olcott Johnson was born in Cattaragus county, New York, April 27, 1842, and died at his home in King City, Missouri, April 1, 1907, aged 64 yrs., 11 mo. and 4 da.

In 1846 he moved with his parents to Waukesha county, Wisconsin, where he made his home until after he had grown to manhood. Brother Johnson was one of Wisconsin's noble youth who braved the battle's front during the great rebellion that the Union might be perpetuated, one and inseparable. For this cause, in 1863 he enlisted in Company E. Fourth Michigan Cavalry and served till the close of the war, when he received an honorable discharge. He was one of the company of men who captured Jeff Davis near the close of the war.

In 1871 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Oliver, and in 1872 he, with his young wife, moved to Empire Prairie, Missouri, where he made his home for many years. To this union three children were born, viz., Myron, Clara and Bertha. Clara dying in infancy and Bertha living to be a girl of but eight summers, when she too was called away. The mother also dying in the year 1880.

In 1883, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Lillie Storms with whom he has lived happily until his death. To them was born one child, Albert E.

Brother Johnson was converted and united with the Star Chapel Methodist Episcopal church in the year 1877. In 1896 he moved to King City where he has since resided, and his membership was transferred to the church at this place. He was of a quiet, retiring nature, and this disposition naturally manifested itself in his christian life. Truly in his life was manifested the saying of the prophet Isaiah, "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever."

A short time before his death he said to Sister Johnson, "I should like to live and be with you, but if it is the Lord's will I am ready to go. That was settled long ago."

The deceased leaves a wife, two sons, Myron and Albert E., one sister and one brother, besides many other friends and neighbors to mourn his departure.

[Long poem]

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A short service was conducted at the home at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, April 3, after which the remains were taken to Empire Prairie where the funeral sermon was preached by the writer from 1st Thess. 4:14, and the body of our beloved brother was laid to rest in the Star Chapel cemetery.

D. C. Phillips, Pastor.

Date of death: 10 Jan 1891

Subject: James Johnson* (or Garth)

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 6 Jan 1891, p. 6

James Johnson, a coachman ... D. D. Burne, met with an accident ... day afternoon, which may make him a cripple for life. Johnson shouldered a shotgun and went for a hunting expedition a few miles up the river. When a short distance north of the city he started up a rabbit and, giving chase, frightened the animal into a hole in the ground. Sticks and clods thrown into the hole failed to ... the animal to give up its retreat.

Johnson then got down on his hands and knees and taking the barrel of the gun pushed it into the hole in an attempt to scare the rabbit out. While the barrel of the weapon was hidden beneath the earth it was discharged in some manner, the contents of the gun ploughing a furrow through the hunter's right hand and entering the right leg just below the knee. A portion of the shot passed through the leg of the unfortunate man. Had the weapon went [sic] off a few seconds sooner, while Johnson had his face at the mouth of the hole, it would have been all day with him. As it is, he may lose the use of the fractured member. Johnson was removed to his home and Drs. Bussy [sic] and Doyle summoned, who relieved the sufferings of the wounded man as much as possible.

same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 10 Jan 1891, p. 5

Drs. Doyle and Busey yesterday amputated the right leg of James Johnson, the young negro employed at Ayr Lawn, who was accidentally shot a few days ago while probing for a rabbit with the butt end of a rifle. The amputation was made above the knee. Johnson is in serious condition.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 11 Jan 1891, p. 5

James Johnson, the young negro employed at Ayr Lawn, who was accidentally shot while out hunting several days ago, and whose limp was amputated on Friday, died yesterday. He was an accommodating and willing lad, and has many friends, who regret his painful death.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 17 Jan 1891, p. 6

The friend of the late James Garth, the young colored man who died from injuries received from the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting, at a recent meeting adopted the following:

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Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our honored and worthy associate James Garth;

Resolved, That we will ever hold in grateful remembrance the sterling qualities, the patience, integrity and the industrial disposition displayed by him while associated with us.

Resolved, That the sudden removal by death of our esteemed associate creates a vacancy not easily filled, and that we fully realize and deeply deplore the loss occasioned, and we freely mingled the tears of heartfelt sorrow and regret, while heart echoes heart in responsive sympathy with all his cherished and beloved associates and friends, and at one common altar offer our tribute to the memory of his merit and worth.

Resolved, that we feel obligated to Mrs. C. F. Burnes for the respect shown to our associate, James Garth, in his accident. She proved his support from the occurrence of his disaster until the clay covered him, and her loyal devotion to humanity has made her many honest friends, and her kind deed has made us pray for the angels to twine for her a wreath of immortality. Well has it been said that the Burnes family is conspicuous for its generosity.

Resolved, That we bow in humble submissive to the divine will of Him who doeth all things well, believing that the ... loss we have sustained in the gain of the master, who in his supreme wisdom pronounced the grain ripe enough to be gathered into His garner. The sickle keen of the reaper, was then applied, sending sorrow to the hearts of those who knew him to love and appreciate him as a true and valued friend.

Resolved, That we offer the ... measure to his bereaved and sorrow-stricken relatives, and as they pass under the rod with bowed heads, in the woe and extremity of their bereavement, but with firm faith in the justice of Omnipotence waiting forth sadly, but in meek submission, "Oh, God, Thy will be done."

May the strong right arm of Jehovah sustain them and the influence of His spirit guide and direct them.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be properly engrossed and sent to the relatives of the deceased, and Mrs. Burnes, who paid doctor's bill and funeral expenses, and that the resolutions be printed in each of the daily papers of this city.

J. R. Po..., Chairman, Bert Cunningham, Secy., John Watkins, Charles Ha...s, H. J. F. Smith, Committee.

Date of death: 31 Dec 1922

Subject: Jerome Bonaparte Johnson

Source: Falls City [NE] Journal, 1 Jan 1923

Jerome B. Johnson, Civil War Veteran, Passes Away at Home.

Jerome B. Johnson, Civil war veteran and pioneer resident of Richardson county, died at his home, three miles south of Rulo Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the age of 77 years, 4 months and 2 days.

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He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Abe Liberty, Mrs. Roberts and Archie Johnson, all living near Rulo. Five children preceded him in death.

Archie Johnson will return today from St. Joseph where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. The funeral will probably be at the Methodist church in Rulo Wednesday afternoon and burial in the Rulo cemetery. Reavis-Macomber have charge of the arrangements.

Date of death: 6 May 1916

Subject: John Johnson

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 20 May 1916, Saturday, p. 4

St. Joseph, Mo. Sir John Johnson died the 11th [sic] of May and was buried from the Francis Street Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Rev. Prince preached the funeral and the Knights Templar turned out.

Date of death: 4 Jan 1895

Subject: Mamie Johnson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 5 Jan 1895, p. 3

Mamie Johnson, (colored) of 419 South Sixteenth street died very suddenly yesterday at 12:30 o'clock. She returned from Kansas City Wednesday where she had been visiting a woman by the name of Lucy Tolson. It is not known what caused her death and an inquest will be held over the body this morning at 9 o'clock at the Sidenfaden's undertaking room.

Same

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

Mamie Johnson, colored, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at her home, 409 South Sixteenth street. Coroner Islaub, assisted by Dr. Bell, held a post mortem examination this morning and found that death was caused by over indulgence in alcoholic stimulants.

Date of death: 9 Dec 1918

Subject: Mary Louise Johnson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 12 Dec 1918, Thursday, p. 2

Rosendale, Mo., Dec. 12.—The funeral of Mary Lou, five-year-old daughter and only child of Frank Johnson Jr. and wife, one mile north of here, who died Monday evening, was held at the Presbyterian Church in Rosendale yesterday and burial was in Lower Neeley [sic] Cemetery. Her death was said to be due from spinal meningitis, following an attack of influenza.

Date of death: 7 Jul 1915

Subject: Mary Mariah (Johnson) Ford

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

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Mrs. Berryman Ford, 90 years old, a resident of Andrew county since 1848, died Tuesday.

Date of death: 3 Aug 1886

Subject: Nancy (Johnson) Lykens

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 3 Aug 1886, p. 8

Mrs. Nancy Lykens [sic], living three miles east of the city is seriously ill with dropsy, and yesterday evening her niece, Mrs. J. G. Walker, of Savannah, accompanied by her husband, went to her home.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 4 Aug 1886, p. 4

Mrs. Nancy Lykens, mother of Mrs. W. J. King and Mrs. Charles Simmons, died at her residence three miles northeast of this city, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the advanced age of 66 years.

Mrs. Lykens was born and raised in Jackson county, where Kansas City now stands, and removed to this county with her husband, Dr. Claiborne B. Lykens, and settled on the farm where she died, about forty-five years ago.

The funeral will take place at the late residence of Mrs. Lykens this morning at ten o'clock, Rev. F. W. Miller officiating. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend, without further notice.

Kansas City, Mo., Paola, Ks., and Cheyenne, Wyoming, papers please notice.

Date of death: 2 Aug 1912

Subject: Vida Pauline Johnson

Source: *St. Joseph [mo] News-Press*, 3 Aug 1912, p. 12

Orrsburg, Mo., Aug. 3.—Pauline, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of this place, died yesterday afternoon in a Maryville hospital following an operation for appendicitis. The little girl was taken ill last Monday. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon and the Rev. S. J. Deuker of Pickering, Mo., will conduct the services.

Date of death: 18 Jul 1916

Subject: Warren Lewis Johnson

Source: *The [Council Grove KS] Daily Guard*, 19 Jul 1916, Wednesday, p. 4

Warren Johnson, of this city, died at his home last night. He was one of the early settlers of this country and in the days of his activities, widely known in it. He was the father of George and Bruce Johnson and other sons well known in this county. Funeral services will be held in the Christian church Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

Date of death: 21 Dec 1906

Subject: William B. Johnson

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Source: *The King City [MO] Times*, 28 Dec 1906, Friday, p. 1

William B. Johnston [sic] was born August 3, 1844 at Menominee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, and died in his home in King City, Missouri, December 21, 1906. Aged 62 years, 4 months and 18 days. The first 24 years of this life was spent in his native state of Wisconsin, where on October 26, 1867 he married Miss Annie M. Crouch. In the spring of 1868, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston moved to Empire Prairie, Missouri, where they made their home for 36 years. In 1904 they moved to King City, Missouri, where they have since made their home. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were born four children one of whom died in infancy. The other three, viz., Norman, Frank and Roy are still living. The oldest son, Norman, lives in Denver, Colorado, Frank lives on the old home farm on Empire Prairie and Roy still lives at home with his parents.

Religiously Brother Johnston was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having in 1874 joined the class which then held its services in the old Brick school house on Empire Prairie. But later the class was moved to their new Church known as Star Chapel which was built in the year 1877. Brother Johnston was most exemplary in his christian life. He always tried to show his faith by his works, and during the association of the writer with him as pastor, for more than a year, he has never heard one word of criticism against his christian character. To know him was to love him. The last religious services he was able to attend, was the series of revival services held in our church in King City during the month of July last. He was one of the most regular and faithful attendants at these services and always seemed to greatly enjoy them. He has always taken an active part in the work of the church, not only by taking part in the spiritual work, but by interesting himself in the temporal affairs of the church, having served it in the capacity of Trustee, steward and Sunday School Superintendant [sic]. Since coming to King City he has up to the time of his death acted in the capacity of Trustee and Sunday School teacher. Truly he has been "faithful unto death" and now he has gone to "receive his crown." We must not omit to speak of the fact that during the great rebellion with his characteristic faithfulness to God, the church, his home and his country, he responded to the call and on December 22, 1864, enlisted in Co. E. 44th Regulars of Wisconsin and served to the close of the war. Receiving his discharge as a Corporal August 28, 1865.

Brother Johnston leaves a wife, three sons above mentioned, two brothers and a sister also many other relatives and friends to mourn his departure. But what is our loss is his gain. The funeral was conducted from the Methodist Episcopal church in King City, Missouri, and his mortal remains laid to rest in the Star Chapel Church yard on Empire Prairie. The sermon was preached by the pastor from Job: 14-14. "If a man die shall he live again."

D. C. Phillips, Pastor.

Date of death: 8 Jul 1919

Subject: William M. Johnson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 1 Jul 1919, Tuesday, p. 5

William Johnson, a negro was stabbed with an ice pick and seriously injured by Robert Hill, another negro, yesterday afternoon. Dr. J. T. Stamey, police surgeon, who attended Johnson, had him removed to Noyes hospital. Late last night the report from the hospital was that Johnson was in a very serious condition, but

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probably would live through the night. He was stabbed three times in the abdomen and chest. Hill went to the Central police station and gave himself up. He declared that he acted in self-defense when Johnson threatened him with a knife.

Date of death: 17 Sep 1912

Subject: Alonzo Jones

Source: *St. [MO] Joseph Gazette*, 19 Sep 1912, p. 8

Alonzo Jones, aged 36 years, died at the home of his mother, Amanda Jones, 713 N. 24th St., Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 4 a.m. He is survived by his mother and sister, Mrs. Essex Allen of St. Joseph, Mrs. Bessie Evans of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. F. J. Pick of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Sam Jones of Wichita, Kas. Mr. Jones was for some years steward at the Lincoln club rooms. The funeral will be held from the family home Thursday afternoon, Sept. 19, at 2 o'clock. Burial at Mount Mora cemetery.

Date of death: 22 Jan 1911

Subject: Amanda Jones

Source: *St. [MO] Joseph Gazette*, 23 Jan 1911, pp. 1 & 2

[Much of the article is illegible]

Negro Murders Wife and Girl with Butcher Knife

[Under photos] Upper right: James Stratton, who Murdered Two Women; at left, Body of Stratton's Wife As It Was Found, Covered With Blood, in Their Home; Below, at Right, Amanda Jones, Who Was First Killed; at left, Fannie Jones, Who Fled From the House and Escaped.

"Bad Man" Plunges Blade into Woman and Her Daughter, Then Flees Over Bridge.

Laughs and Chats After His Capture

"Bosco" Stratton Declares He Killed Then in Self-Defense—Wilts After Confessing.

... negro ... Amanda Jones, ... former marriage, ... yesterday afternoon ... 1717 Bartlett ... immediately af... committed ... Marshal Fells ... Officer Thompson ... bor-... Stratton... The ... back ... in ... rifle ... Stratton told ... had been ... always ... and her ... jumped ... got a knife and ...

... told the police ... B. Washington, ... witnessed the killing ... the murderer ... while ... Fannie Jones, an- ... the African ... and Antoine ... Amanda ... employed as a domestic ... E. J. Eckel was ... She told the ... family when they returned ... had been abusing her ... admits that he had been drinking. He says that for years he has been in the habit of taking a pint of whiskey home with him every Saturday night.

"There comes the whole damn family..." Stratton said, when he saw the ... women alighting from a street car with Washington. "I have a good notion to ... them all up." This was the conversation as Amanda told the others when they reached the house. After dinner Stratton and his wife adjourned to a sitting room and were

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talking. Fannie Jones, Washington and Amanda were in the dining room when the telephone rang. She answered and then went to the door of the sitting room.

"Someone wants to talk to you, mamma," she said, "and it's someone that won't be all the time abusing ..."
Mrs. Stratton went into the front room where the telephone was.

"That's right, go on. I suppose ... lover wants to talk to you again," Stratton is alleged to have shouted after her. Then according to the survivors, Amanda took a hand in the quarrel.

"You have abused my mother and my sister just as long as we are going to stand for it," she declared. "We are getting tired of ... all the time abusing us."

"I pay the rent on this house, and ... If you and your mother ... sister ... you can ... rent ... or get out." ... the rent ... Then as his wife's ... was ... still at the 'phone, Stratton seemed to become enraged. He ... from a cabinet drawer drew a small butcher knife its eight ... sharpened to a razor keenness.

Washington, when he saw that Stratton was angry, ... him ... the kitchen and ... with him. Stratton paid no attention. He started for the dining room and opened the door leading out of it ... kitchen. Just inside the door ... Amanda. Placing his left arm ... the young woman Stratton ... him and with ... knife into her body ... As the negro released her ... shrieked and fled ... door Washington ... had ... the stabbing ... Fannie Jones fled through ... where her mother ... phining ... around the house ... William Todd, wh... Stratton premises ... Amanda ... fallen in the yard ... was ... until ... Stratton had ... and others ... the body ... back porch...

What tran... work ... Mrs. Stratton, hearing ... the dining ... was the matter. Stratton ... Mrs. Stratton ... [*much illegible, several paragraphs*]

... in a cell at headquarters, the ... felt safe. The announcement that Stratton had been captured and was even then on his way to headquarters was received ... Boyd over the telephone in the room whre Mrs. Stratton's body ...

"Hallelujah, ... [*another paragraph illegible*]

...handiwork ... The furniture ... and the whole ... that of the ...

There is a ... insane. The ... extreme... two women, had evidently been twisted around and withdrawn with a sweep that left a deep gaping wound in each of them. Veiled threats which the murderer is alleged to have made indicate that the crime was premieditated and that perhaps he had intended exterminating Fannie Jones and Washington, too, had they not fled at his first attack upon Amanda.

Wilts After Sweating.

... get Stratton ... his ... for the purpose of taking ... quarters and ... statement they found him peacefully sleeping, apparently ... remorse. When ... later ... pale and wilted ... laughed and saluted ... Realization of

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what he had done seemed to be getting ... as the effects of the whisky ... had drank during the afternoon ... to die out.

... statement to C. D. McDaniel, ... prosecuting attorney, and ... Detectives Gibson. Stratton ... slightly different story from that ... the arrest. He declared ... when he opened the door from the kitchen to the dining room he confronted Amanda with a poker in ... and ... that she hit him on ... search by the ... to show any trace of ... credit ... wielded ... [*several more paragraphs illegible*].

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 24 Jan 1911, p. 3*

That Amanda Jones and Mrs. Elvira Stratton, her mother, negroes, came to their deaths as the result of being stabbed by James Stratton, Mrs. Stratton's husband, Sunday afternoon, was the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue. Stratton was turned over to the state on two warrants, charging him with murder in the first degree. He was taken ... Justice Burke and his hearing was set for Jan. 26.

Two ... witnesses to the murder of the Jones woman, Fannie Jones, her sister, and Sig... Washington, another negro, who was at the Stratton home on Bartlett street testified at the inquest. There was no testimony ... murder of Mrs. Stratton.

Ma... attended the ... Amanda Jones was ... saved the life of Fanny ... according to her testimony ... said, opened the ... the other girl was ...

A number ... [*two paragraphs mainly illegible*]

"My ... and abusing ..." testified Fannie Jones ... was all ... two doors. He ... her I ran ... door to the ... Mrs. ... telephone... the Police ... Fred ... yesterday went to the Swift ... Stratton was employed ... and drew the man's pay ... It amounted to \$13... the negro ... and remarked ... that's ... "

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 26 Jan 1911, p. 1*

Was a well laid plot to lynch James Stratton, alias Bosco, slayer of his wife and stepdaughter, frustrated by having his arraignment yesterday afternoon instead of today as originally set by Justice Burke?

This question is being asked by the authorities. Prosecuting Attorney Ferrell was told Monday that the feeling against Stratton was high among the negroes of the city. He was asked to turn over the slayer to the negroes and was promised that the formality of a trial would not be necessary to dispose of his case for good.

Dozens of negroes since Monday made inquiry of Justice Burke as to the date when the case was set. They were informed it was at 10 o'clock this morning. It was learned yesterday that the feeling was still strong against

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Stratton. He himself feared violence. To avoid trouble the funeral hour of his victims was chose for his arraignment. The members of his race attended the funeral by hundreds.

Disappointment was expressed by a leader among the negroes last night when he had learned of what had been done with Stratton. He declared that the members of his race had been well-organized and had gone so far as to select a tree on the east side of Fifth street, opposite the courthouse, which was to be used as the "gallows."

While the funeral of the two victims of Stratton was slowly passing the county jail yesterday, the two harses [sic]—one black, the other white—in the lead, Stratton sat within, in a state of remorse which at times bordered on a collapse. He had not shown any signs of sorrow for the double killing until yesterday.

It was only a short time before the funeral passed the jail that Stratton was led from prison to Justice Burke's court for arraignment.

The negro slayer now seems to realize the enormity of his crime, the stabbing death of his wife and her daughter last Sunday afternoon, just after their return from church.

"It's too bad, it's too bad," muttered Stratton to Deputy Constable Smith who was in charge of him. "Whisky's what did it."

Stratton said that he wants an attorney. He did not give any preference. It is likely that one will be appointed for him by the court.

The funeral of Elvira Stratton and Amanda Jones, the victims, was conducted from the A.M.E. church yesterday afternoon, the bodies being taken there from the undertaking establishment of L. F. Ramsey. Rev. J. A. Gregg officiated. The church was crowded. In going to the cemetery the funeral passed along the entire north part of the jail. Within Stratton was mourning his dead. Occupants of the numerous carriages kept their gaze on the prison as long as they could, as though trying to get a view of the slayer.

Date of death: 23 Jul 1910

Subject: Claude M. Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 25 Jul 1910, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., July 25.—Clyde [sic] M. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, who live four and a half miles west of Burlington Junction, Mo., was the victim Saturday afternoon of an accidentally discharged bullet which caused instant death. He was twenty-two years old.

Young Jones had been cutting wood on his father's farm Saturday forenoon, and when he returned to the house about noon he discovered he had lost his pocket knife. After the midday meal was over he set out to search for the missing knife, carrying with him a 22-caliber rifle with which he intended to shoot rabbits.

The young man failed to return during the afternoon, and his mother was greatly perturbed. When the elder Jones, who had spent the day in Burlington Junction, returned home in the evening, he started a search for his

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son. He found the young man's lifeless body about a half mile from the house with the heart pierced by a bullet. The corpse was found near a gate, and this and other facts indicated that the young man had fallen while climbing the gate, the trigger being accidentally pulled.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that death was accidental.

The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon, the Rev. L. L. Douglass officiating. The ceremony was under the auspices of the Odd Fellows lodge of Burlington Junction, of which the dead man was a member.

Besides his parents, young Jones is survived by a widow and three brothers and two sisters, one of whom, Henry Jones, lives in St. Joseph.

Date of death: 26 Jun 1906

Subject: Edward A. Jones

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Globe*, 7 Jul 1906, Saturday, p. 4

Miss Tillie Jones, 1909 North Mill street, has returned home from a week's stay at Cosby, Mo., where she attended the funeral of her brother, Dr. E. A. Jones.

Date of death: 5 Nov 1874

Subject: Fielden Jones

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 20 Nov 1874, Friday, p. 5

Nodaway County Items. Mr. James S. Jones, a citizen of White Cloud township, lost a little boy about a week ago, who died of a tumor or swelling in the head.

Date of death: 24 Jun 1918

Subject: Fletcher B. Jones

Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 6 Jul 1918, Saturday, p. 8

Fletcher Jones, 91 years old, and for forty-seven years a resident of Nodaway county, died Friday at the home of his son, George M. Jones, of Burlington Junction.

Date of death: 16 Nov 1914

Subject: Franklin Weir Jones

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Eye*, 20 Nov 1914, p. 4

The fifteen months old son of Chas. Jones, of Burlington Junction, Mo., died of pneumonia, Monday, as a result of having been scalded by the overturning of a bucket of hot water, Friday.

Date of death: 30 Sep 1899

Subject: Gilbert Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 2 Oct 1899, p. 6

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Gilbert Jones, colored and thirty-five years old, died Saturday night at 306 Jefferson street, and was buried this afternoon at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 9 Feb 1913

Subject: Grace Undine Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 11 Feb 1913, p. 4

Grace U. Jones, 23 years old, died Sunday at Excelsior Springs, and the body was brought to St. Joseph last night and was taken to ... Cosby, Mo., her former home this morning. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and burial will be in the Concord cemetery. She is survived by ... sisters and five brothers ... St. Joseph, Miss Carrie and W. P. of Kansas City, E. A., C. V. ... Miss B...h

Date of death: 26 Oct 1896

Subject: Hampton Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 26 Oct 1896, Monday, p. 6

Hampton Jones died this morning at the family residence, Eleventh and Powell streets of cancer of the stomach.

Date of death: 23 May 1893

Subject: Henry Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 24 May 1893, p. 5

Henry Jones, a negro 32 years old, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning in a little house on Levee street, at the foot of Dug Hill. Two little colored girls, the children of some neighbors, found the dead body of the negro when they went to carry his breakfast to him. He was found lying on his back, one foot hanging over the side of the bed, as though he had attempted to get up and fell back dead. The cause of his death is not known at the present time.

Jones had been sick for several weeks, and for a time was attended by a physician. He was separated from his wife, and the wife says the separation was caused by a neighbor, a woman who paid too much attention to her husband. Jones was known about the city as "Shine," having acquired the name when he was a bootblack.

Coroner Reynolds viewed the body yesterday, and will to-day inquire into the circumstances of the man's death.

Date of death: 8 Jun 1895

Subject: Henry Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 9 Jul 1895, p. 3

Henry Jones, a 10-year-old colored boy, while in swimming in the river in the rear of Krug's packing house got beyond his depth and was drowned about 1:30 p.m. yesterday. Several boys of his age and older were in swimming with him at the time.

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The boy lived with his parents at Fifth and Sycamore streets. His father is a day laborer.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 8 Jun 1895, p. 6

Henry Jones, a ten-year-old colored boy, was drowned in the river at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. The boy was in swimming at the rear of Krug's packing house, just below the bridge, with a number of companions about his own age. He got out a little too far and went over a "step-off," where the water grew deeper. Before he could recover himself he was caught in the swift current. The other boys made an attempt to save him, but their efforts were futile, and he sank out of sight. The boy's home is on Fifth street near Bartlett.

Date of death: [Nov] 1850

Subject: Isaac Newton Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Adventure*, 14 Feb 1851, p. 2

We received a letter, which is mostly of a private character, from our brother, Wm. H. Lusk, now in California dated San Jose, Nov. 26, 1850, in which he mentions the death of Mr. Isaac N. Jones, died of cholera. A few hours after his death his son a young man about 18 years of age was attacked with cholera and died in a few hours. Mr. Jones leaves a devoted wife, in a strange land, to mourn his loss. Mr. J. was a member of the legislature from Andrew county during the last session of the legislature and was highly esteemed by all acquainted with him.—[Jefferson Inquirer]

Date of death: 3 Jun 1889

Subject: John A. Jones

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

Mr. John A. Jones died at 7:30 last night at his home, at the corner of 5th street and Highland avenue. Mr. Jones was one of the unfortunate men who was buried in the land slide which occurred several days ago at Third and Albermarle [sic] streets. He leaves a wife and several children.

Date of death: 22 May 1917

Subject: Julius Ray Ulysses Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press/Gazette*, 22 May 1917, Monday, p. 6

Julius Ray Jones, sixteen years old, and son of John B. Jones, the negro janitor at the city hall, died at 3:40 o'clock this morning at the family home, 2301 Lafayette street. He was a member of the senior class at Bartlett high school and would have graduated this year.

Date of death: 26 Feb 1917

Subject: Leola (Jones) Johnson

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 27 Feb 1917, Tuesday, p. 6

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Lela [sic] Johnson, 35 years old, wife of William Johnson, died at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, 3428 Lafayette street. The funeral will be held tomorrow at the Fleeman-McNeil [sic] funeral home with burial at Ashland cemetery.

Date of death: 29 Jul 1873

Subject: Louie Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 02 Aug 1873, p. 4

It is with sincere regret and sympathy that we chronicle the death of little Louie Jones, the darling son of William P. Jones, with the house of Kahn & Co. Louie was but nineteen months old, and died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lewis, near Jimtown. He had suffered sometime from summer complaint and teething, and his father had removed him from the heat and noise of the city to the more invigorating air of the country, and placed him in the care of fond grandparents. But death had marked the little fellow as his victim. He continued drooping under the intense heat of summer, and on Thursday morning at four o'clock, the tiny little life went out; the pure spirit returned to the eternal Father who gave it.

The death of little Louie is a severe blow to the father, who but a few months ago laid in the grave a loved young wife. In his double bereavement he has the heartfelt sympathy of a large number of friends. There are many objects along the road of life to which the heart clings, but there are none around which the affections clamber closer or the heart tendrils twine more tenderly than a loving wife and a sweet and interesting child. To be bereft of both seems like blowing out the lamp of one's own life's happiness and taking every star out of the sky. And yet there is consolation in knowing that as the flowers bloom only to decay and only decay to bloom again, so our loved ones sink out of our sight into the gloom of death, to live again in another form and in another land, happier than this. We cannot reach them now, but the years are bringing us nearer to them and will sometime waft us into their company. It may seem cruel, but then there is a mission to sorrow, to refine the nature and purify the heart. The flames burn out the dross and leave the pure gold shining beneath.

Date of death: 17 Dec 1894

Subject: Luma Jones & Roy Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 19 Dec 1894, p. 5

Mrs. Maggie Jones Kills Herself and Children Because She Could Not Return to Andrew County

Th... home near Savannah ... not be accom... caused Mrs. Maggie Jones ... and girl Monday ... take her own ... the deed rea... last night and was a shock to a great humber of friends of the woman, wh... side ... Mrs. Maggie Jones, whose maiden name was Burnett and whose parents were among the early settlers of Andrew county having located on what is now known as Bennett Lane was the murderess and suicide. Some years ago she married Fred H. Jones. They had two children by the marriage. About a year ago they removed to Seligman, Mo. The two children were Roy, aged 9, and Lula, 8 years of age.

For some days past Mrs. Jones has acted queerly and has expressed a desire to return to her Andrew county home. Her actions were so queer that on Monday her husband had requested a lady to stay with his wife during his absence. Mrs. Jones made excuses until the woman was prevailed upon to leave the house with the oldest

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child, aged about 11. As soon as she was left alone Mrs. Jones hastily got a razor and cut the throat of her children and then cut her own throat four times.

She gave as her cause that she was tired of living. The deed was committed at 11 a.m. She lived until 3 p.m. She has been deranged before, although she talked perfectly rational after the deed, as her blood ebbed away. When the woman returned to the house the youngest child was in the yard unhurt. The little girl was lying on her face upon the floor, and the little boy was in a sitting posture against the wall. He said: "Mamma has cut me." Both of the children died immediately. The little girl had a wound on the hand, made in trying to ward off her mother's blows.

Same

Source: *Cassville [MO] Republican*, 20 Dec 1894, Thursday

Barry County has had its bloody battles and many are the graves that are scattered within its boundaries caused by the red handed murderer. Some murders have been in the heat of passion, when the keen knife or deadly bullet reaches a vital spot and laid low him who, perhaps but a few hours before had been a friend. Others have been cold blooded assassinations, where the coward sneaked from the ambush, waylaid by the slumbers of his victim, impelled by jealousy, anger or unholy love. But never in the long list of homicides has anything approached the cold blooded heartlessness of the tragedy of Dry Hollow that Saturday startled the county with its impossible save on one insane.

We are indebted to our valued Washburn correspondent for the following authentic recital of the occurrence, which was made after a careful investigation.

IN DRY HOLLOW, about three miles from Washburn; is located the homestead of William H. Jones. There, peacefully and apparently contentedly lived this honest settle and his family, which consisted of his wife, Maggie, and four children, aged respect lively, eleven, nine, seven and two years.

Five years ago they lived near Princeston, Mo., but Mrs. Jones health was poor and for a time she was deranged. The latter trouble being the product of the former, it was thought best to seek the health giving region of the Ozarks with it pure air and its sparkling water. For four years they had lived where now it seems that the hastening shadows of the coming night crowd close upon the lingering shades of the departed morn until but a rift of sunshine cheers the melancholy of those left to mourn. During this time Mrs. Jones' health had improved until she had but occasional fits of irrationality lasting a few days each time.

For several days before her death, Mrs. Jones complained of her head, but her mind seemed all right until Friday night, when Mr. Jones was awakened by his wife singing. Upon being asked what was the matter she replied that she was not going to live long and that when she died she was going to take Roy and Luma (the two children) with her. Mr. Jones finally succeeded in quieting her and she again retired. The next morning Mrs. Jones complained of feeling badly and before coming to town for his work, Mr. Jones went to get a neighbor, Mrs. Mason (Mrs. Jones' niece), to stay with his wife until his return.

Mrs. Mason's statement is that about 11 o'clock Mrs. Jones told the children to go feed the pigs and Mrs. Mason

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volunteered to help them. While Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Jones' oldest child, a boy of eleven, were gone from the house, the awful deed was committed. On their return, they found the little boy, age nine, bleeding terribly but still upon his feet, trying to get the door open, and the little seven-year-old girl was dead.

Upon being asked by Mrs. Mason what she had one, Mrs. Jones replied; "I am tired of living, and I cut my children's throats, and now I've cut mine." She also told Mrs. Mason to go after the neighbors, and tell them to come. Placing her own babe upon the bed beside Mrs. Jones' sleeping child, Mrs. Mason ran for help. When she returned, she found the little boy dead. After his throat was cut, he walked from one room to the other, and was trying to get out when Mrs. Mason returned from feeding the pigs. Mrs. Jones' throat was gashed four times, yet she lived about three hours. After help came she asked if anything could be done for her, and when told they did not know until the doctor came, she remarked she would like to live for her husband's sake.

When Dr. Chandler arrived she seemed perfectly willing for him to do all he could to save her, but repeated to him that she was tired of living, She died about 2 o'clock p.m.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones were highly respected by their neighbors, and there are no indications of any unpleasantness in the family. Mr. Jones is nearly overcome with grief.

The remains of the unfortunate woman and her two children were buried side by side at Prairie graveyard on Monday.

AN INTERVIEW WITH SQUIRE BROOKS, who conducted the inquest: J. C. McClure, R. T. Rains, Henry Dunn, J. A. Roberson, B. F. Rhodes, and J. Hood, serving as jurors, The Squire said "On Dec. 15th I was sent for to the dwelling of W. H. Jones to hold an inquest. I at once repaired to the place and when I entered the house an awful scene met my eyes. There lay on the floor in their blood little Roy Jones, about nine years old, and little Luma Jones, about 7 years old, and on the bed lay Maggie Jones, the mother of the two children, all three were their throats cut from ear to ear." I at once proceeded with the inquest, Mrs. Mason in giving her testimony said that she and the oldest boy went to take the hogs some slop or water, and before she got back to the house the terrible deed was done. When she got near the house she heard the little boy, Roy, tell his brother something she understood the word 'cut'. The boy, who was listening to the witness, spoke up and said that his little brother said: 'Ma cut my throat.' She entered the house and little Roy was leaning up against something in the kitchen with his throat cut. She stepped to the other room and there on the floor the little girl lay on her face. She did not know whether she was dead or not. Mrs. Jones was also lying on the floor, on her left side, with her throat cut; the razor being not more than six inches from her body. Mrs. Mason said: 'Maggie, what in the name of the Lord did you do this for?' Mrs. Jones said she was tired of living. She also told Doctor Chandler that she was tired of living and that she cut the children's throats and then her own.

"Dr. Chandler had a serious job of dressing and sewing up the wounds."

"Mrs. Jones told me that she woke him the night before about 1 o'clock singing. He asked her what was the matter, She said she could not sleep so he got up and made a fire in the stove. She told him she was not going to live long, but as she had said that so often it did not affect his mind much. After while she said: 'I believe I am dying now. I feel I am getting cold, and I want to take those two children with me.' Her mind, he said, seemed to

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be on those two more than anything. She wanted them to sleep with her all the time. They were buried Monday, then 17th inst., at the Prairie Cemetery. Mrs. Jones was put in one grave and little Roy and Luma were buried in another grave by the side of their mother."

Date of death: Nov 1868

Subject: Sarah Jones

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

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

19th—Sarah Jones, colored, of lung fever, aged 1? years, City Cemetery.

Date of death: 4 Aug 1886

Subject: Sarah Elizabeth (Jones) Lutes

Source: *Lincoln County [KS] Beacon*, 12 Aug 1886

At her home, in Lincoln, Kansas, Aug. 4, 1886, Mrs. Sallie E. Lutes, of consumption after a lingering and painful illness which she bore with sweet patience and Christian fortitude and cheerfulness.

Though surrounded by the blessings dearest to every true woman, a home which her presence and care made an earthly paradise, a kind and appreciative husband, and two beautiful sons, the elder five years of age the day she died, the younger but 11 months old, yet, like a trusting child, she resigned herself and all she loved into his hands who doeth all things well.

Sallie Elizabeth Jones was born in Morgan county, Indiana, Dec. 12, 1852, and was at the time of her death 38 years, 7 months and 22 days old. She was the second child of a family of nine children, seven of whom attained years of maturity and six are still living.

In 1863 her father removed with his family to Nodaway county, Mo., settling near the present site of Hopkins. Here she resided until 1878, when she came to Kansas in company with the family of Mr. Luther Stewart, a former merchant of this place. She immediately engaged in the business of dressmaking, occupying a portion of Mrs. Stewart's millinery store. She was married to Geo. M. Lutes, of this place, on the 22nd day of June 1879, and has ever since occupied the happy home now rendered so desolate by her death. She joined the Baptist church in her 16th year, and remained a faithful member until after her marriage when she transferred her membership to the Methodist Episcopal church to be with her husband.

In practical church and temperance work she was ever active, and her private charities and neighborly kindnesses were only limited by her means and physical strength.

She was one of the three women who organized the Lincoln Woman Suffrage Association, Nov. 11, 1879, of which has had been a most helpful and honored member, and of which she has been President the past three years.

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Though frail in body she was strong and fearless in spirit. To believe in the right and justice of a cause was for her to espouse it, and she ceased from her public as well as her home duties only when physical weakness compelled. The last work for the public good which she attempted was the circulation of a petition to the Mayor and Council of Lincoln center asking for the passage of an ordinance which shall effectually prevent the establishment or re-establishment of any billiard hall within the city limits, with or without license. That was in November last. Her rapidly failing strength prevented her from circulating the petition.

Her funeral was attended in the M.E. church, being the first funeral ever held there. A large concourse of sympathizing friends and neighbors attended and followed to their last resting place on the hillside her loved remains. In the absence of her pastor, Rev. I. McDowell, Rev. John Medraft officiated, assisted by Rev. W.D. Ward and Rev. H.C. Bradbury, who all bore testimony to the lovely christian character of the deceased.

Date of death: 12 Feb 1914

Subject: Victor Humphrey Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press/Gazette*, 13 Feb 1914, Friday, p. 6

Victor Humphrey Jones, colored, son of William H. Jones, principal of Lincoln School, died yesterday afternoon at the family home, 506 South Sixteenth street.

Date of death: 11 Sep 1901

Subject: Weldon Radford Jones

Source: *The Yukon [OK Territory] Sun*, 13 Sep 1901, Friday

Weldon S. Jones died at his home, 9 miles south of Yukon, on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1901, at 6 p.m. He had been sick for some time with typhoid fever which he contracted while conducting a transfer line from Richards to Lawton, and the medicine which was given to break the fever weakened his heart and he died of heart failure.

Funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Rev. Clark of Union City, assisted by Reverends Voss and Rineheart of this place.

Deceased was about 45 years of age and leaves a wife and five children to mourn his death.

He was conscious up to a very short time before he died, and called the family to him and told them all good by.

Mr. Jones was the father of Miss Gladys Jones, who has attended school in Yukon for the past two years. He has always lived an honest Christian life and said he was not afraid to die.

Date of death: 28 Dec 1916

Subject: William D. "Bill" Jones

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 29 Dec 1916, Friday, p. 9

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Bill Jones, a familiar negro character on the streets of St. Joseph for nearly a quarter of a century, who was a bootblack and window washer, died Tuesday night at the home of his mother, 1810 Frederick Avenue. The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon.

For a good many years Bill maintained a bootblacking stand at the mouth of the alley on Felix Street between the Jenkins music store and the Bank of Buchanan County, and also performed chores for several business houses and offices. Before he was full grown Bill was shot in the leg by Dan Shea, a policeman, now dead, from whom he attempted to escape, and it was necessary to amputate his leg near the hip. Ever afterward until his death he used a pair of crutches.

Bill, who was a very black negro and always polite and cheerful, was gifted with musical talent and usually carried with him a mouth organ and a guitar, ever prepared for dance or "concert" work.

Date of death: 13 Feb 1874

Subject: Absalom Joy

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 13 Mar 1874, Friday, p. 5

Nodaway County Items. Absalom Joy, a well known and respectable citizen of this county, died at his residence at Sweet Home last week.

Date of death: 5 Jul 1921

Subject: Frank Leslie Joy

Source: *The Luray [KS] Herald*, 14 Jul 1921, Thursday, p. 1

Frank Leslie Joy was born Sept. 24, 1864, at Savannah [sic], Missouri, and passed from this life July 5, 1921 at the age of 56 yr., 9 mo., and 11 days.

When but three years of age, he moved with his parents from Savannah [sic] to Irvin, Kans., living there until he was 9 years old when the family again moved going to Randolph, Kans. Here he grew to manhood. He then went to Kansas City where he lived until coming to Luray 21 years ago.

Mr. Joy was married to Miss Etta Clark, Sept. 12, 1898 at Wamego, Kans. To this union were born six children all of whom are living and were present.

Mr. Joy had been in ill health since May 21, last, and on Monday June 27, suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never rallied.

A sister, Mrs. McMasters of Humboldt, Nebr., the only surviving member of the family and who was present arrived in time to be with her brother and family in the closing hours of Mr. Joy's earthly life.

Mr. Joy was a highly esteemed citizen, living a quiet, retiring life, conducting his drug business in a very efficient manner.

The entire community mourns his departure and extends sincere [sic] sympathy to those who are thus bereaved.

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Date of death: 1 Aug 1898

Subject: Louis S. Joyce

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

The body of L. S. Joyce was interred in the city cemetery yesterday afternoon. Word was received from the parents of the man that they were unable to bear the expense of removing the remains to Atlanta. Joyce was killed at Armour by a train Monday.

Date of death: 11 Jan 1899 and 12 Jan 1899

Subject: Mrs. Mary Joyce and Matthew Joyce

Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 28 Jan 1899, Saturday, p. 5

Maryville, Mo. From the Nodaway Democrat of the 19th inst., we learn that the silent reaper Death, has gathered in a number of well known people of that place. Prominent among them being Mathew and Mary Joyce; the latter died Wednesday evening, 11th inst., at 11 o'clock, aged 86 years, the next evening a half hour earlier her aged husband, to whom she was married over 50 years ago, also departed from this life at the advanced age of 93. The aged couple are survived by six children.

The funeral occurred Sunday; services were conducted by Rev. Father Niemann at St. Patrick's church.

Date of death: 19 Dec 1915

Subject: Robert Judy

Source: [Maryville MO] *Daily Democrat-Forum*, 22 Dec 1915, Wednesday

Robert Judy died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Loutzenhiser, in Blockton, Ia., Sunday at 12 o'clock noon. The direct cause of his death was la grippe.

If he had lived until January 6, he would have been 91 years old. Mr. Judy lived here with his wife until last Thursday, when his son, Meyers Judy took him to Blockton so that he could be cared for, as the aged wife, who is 85 years old, also had a severe attack of the grippe and was unable to care for him.

He is survived by the wife and five children, four daughters and one son.

The funeral services were held in Blockton yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The body was buried there.

Date of death: 17 Mar 1910

Subject: Mrs. Anna Juncker

Source: *Washington County [OR] News*, 24 Mar 1910

Mrs. Annie Juncker, 65 years, died at the family home in Thatcher last Thursday. Born February 1, 1845 in Germany and is survived by her husband and several children.