

## Obituaries – “M” Surnames

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**Date of death: 6 Aug 1884**

**Subject: Phillip Maag**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 14 Aug 1884, Thursday, p. 5**

Phillip Mark [sic], an old resident and honored citizen of the eastern part of the county, died a day or so ago after an illness of over three years. He was buried in the German Methodist cemetery, near Cosby, Andrew county.

**Date of death: 25 Feb 1920**

**Subject: William R. Mabin**

**Source: *The Kansas City [Sun]*, 13 Mar 1920, Saturday, p. 1**

St. Joseph, Mo. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Malron [sic] died at their home on Douglas St.

**Date of death: 28 Dec 1908**

**Subject: Albert Mabion**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press/Gazette*, 28 Dec 1908, Monday, p. 1**

Adelbert Mabion, four-year-old son of Powell Mabion, a negro laborer, fell into a cistern, in the back yard of the family home, Seventeenth and Holman streets, at 12:30 today, and was drowned.

The boy's mother made frantic efforts to save his life, by using a clothesline in an effort to draw him from the cistern, but to no avail.

The Mabion boy, with several other children, had been playing in the yard and at the hour mentioned, one of the children told the little fellow's mother that he had fallen in the cistern. She grasped the clothesline and hurried out. The boy was seen floundering in the water and he obeyed his parent when she told him to catch hold of the rope.

The mother pulled on the rope until the child was entirely out of the water, but was terrorized to see the lad release his hold and fall back into the water.

Harry Sessley, a negro neighbor, heard Mrs. Mabion's cries and he hurriedly brought a ladder. When he descended into the cistern he found the child lifeless, under four feet of water.

Dr. J. C. Tilt arrived fifteen minutes after the child had been taken from the cistern, and Dr. George Senn came later. They worked in relays to save the boy, but, with the exception of a few flutters of the heart, their efforts brought no results.

The cistern is flush with the ground and it was covered with a piece of sheet iron, which the children had removed in order to throw sticks into the water.

**Date of death: Dec 1898**

**Subject: James Mace**

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 27 Dec 1898, p. 5**

The funeral of James Mace, the well known colored Democrat, occurred from the Francis Street Colored Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. C. H. Colborn officiating. The interment was made in Oakland cemetery.

The large attendance of both white and colored friends at the funeral services at the church and the line of carriages in the cortege indicated the esteem in which the old darkey was held in this city. The church was crowded and there were many floral tributes placed upon the beautiful casket which was provided.

Homer Osborn by whom the deceased was employed for many years, and to whom the old colored man came when he was sick or in trouble, saw to it that there was nothing lacking in the carrying out of the funeral arrangements. Many of the prominent Democrats of the city ordered carriages and had them waiting at the church. One of the last acts of Herman Garlich's was to step to the telephone and order a carriage be sent at his expense to the church for the funeral of the old colored man for whom he had a profound regard.

**Same**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 24 Dec 1898, Saturday, p. 5**

Jim Mace, who was found dead Tuesday morning, will be buried Sunday afternoon from Heaton's undertaking establishment on Seventh street. The remains will be placed in Oakland cemetery, where a lot will be purchased for the purpose.

The funeral of Mace will be conducted by his friends, principally the Democratic politicians and those active in political campaigns. The amount necessary to defray the expenses has been collected by Homer Osborn, and a lot will be purchased with the funds in his hands.

The old negro had many friends of his own race in the city, notwithstanding the fact that he opposed many of them in politics, and they will attend the funeral. He made few enemies on account of his politics.

**Date of death: 4 Dec 1912**

**Subject: Charles Macho**

**Source: *The Topeka [KS] Daily Capital*, 9 Dec 1912, Monday, p. 3**

Horton, Kan., Dec. 8.-- Charles Macho, a wealthy retired farmer of Horton, who has been a resident of Brown county for forty-one years, dropped dead this morning at his farm north of here. Mr. Macho retired from active work three years ago, and came to Horton to live. He was a member of the city council.

**Same**

**Source: *Hiawatha [KS] Daily World*, 5 Dec 1912, Thursday, p. 2**

Charles Macho of Horton, died suddenly of heart failure at his farm four miles north of Horton Wednesday, Dec. 4. He had gone with other men to the farm after hay and during the loading he became exhausted and sat

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down in the hay mow. The men soon after heard him make a noise and went to him to find him dying. Charles Macho was born July 2, 1851, at Beardstown, Ill., where he graduated from the High school. He came to Kansas in 1871, settling in Irving township, where he remained farming until 1891, when he purchased his present farm, about the best improved one on the Hiawatha and Horton road. He was married to Miss Ruth Kerr [sic] in 1874 and they had six children: Walter and Elmer, both married, the latter to a granddaughter of Rev. F. D. Houlett; Nora, Cora, Nellie and Blanch. He was a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security, of Horton, a liberal contributor to the Hiawatha Academy, a well read student, and was at the time of his death a member of the Horton city council. Originally he was a Republican, but drifted into the Alliance organization and from that to the peoples party. He was an active and useful man, full of life and energy.

**Date of death: 16 Mar 1893**

**Subject: Bertha Mary Mack**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 17 Mar 1893, p. 5**

Died, at Savannah, Mo., yesterday, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mack, age 5 months. Notice of funeral in tomorrow's issue of The Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack were formerly residents of St. Joseph and the sympathies of a large circle of friends will be with them in the hour of their bereavement.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 18 Mar 1893, p. 3**

The remains of Bertha Mary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mack, who died at Savannah, Mo., Thursday, will arrive today at 1:55 o'clock p.m., at the Chicago Great Western (Maple Leaf) depot and will be taken direct to Ashland cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

**Date of death: 11 Jun 1895**

**Subject: William Mack**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 12 Jun 1895, p. 5**

William Mack, colored, of Atchison was killed by passenger train No. 18 on the Rock Island about 5 p.m. yesterday between Denton and Troy. This train, which is due here at 5:40 p.m., is the Colorado and Nebraska train from the west. Engineer Rodgers with engine No. 206 was pulling No. 18, which was in charge of Conductor Cecil.

The engineer said that when he first saw Mack he was walking in the center of the track about 400 or 500 yards ahead of the approaching train. Henry Morgan, colored, also of Atchison, was with him. Morgan was walking some four or five rods ahead of Mack. When Engineer Rodgers sighted the men he whistled for them to clear the track. At the sound of the whistle Morgan turned around and motioned to Mack, who is said to be very hard of hearing, to get off the track.

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When Engineer Rodgers saw Morgan motioning he thought something was wrong and at once applied the air brakes and shut off steam. He brought his train to a standstill four car lengths beyond the point where he struck Mack.

Mack remained in the center of the train until the cow catcher struck him. While the engineer says that Mack's body was thrown to one side and there is no trace of him having passed under the engine, yet one of his legs was dismembered from the body and the other leg badly cut. Bruises and cuts were found about the body and head.

When Mr. Rodgers stopped the train Mack's body was lying beside the track at the rear of his engine. He said that he did all in his power to avoid striking the man and whistled repeatedly for him to get off the track. His companion, Morgan, also did what he could to get him out of the way of the approaching train.

Mack is about 35 or 40 years of age. The body was taken to Troy.

**Date of death: 10 Dec 1888**

**Subject: Daniel Mackey**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 11 Dec 1888, pp. 4 & 5**

One of the worst runaways the Gazette has had to chronicle for some times, happened last Sunday near Cosby, Andrew county. As the people were going home from Bethel church about three miles east of Cosby on Sunday, a span of horses driven by Mr. A. J. Dean became frightened and ran away, throwing him and his wife out of the buggy, but fortunately not hurting them seriously. A buggy driven by George Wilder was in front of them and the horses running against it, threw them from the buggy and damaged it considerably. Leaving them they ran against Mr. Reily who was on a sulky, and lifting the sulky from the ground threw him from it, and smashing the sulky, his horse became frightened also and ran with the rest. They ran some distance, and meeting Mr. Daniel Mackey, an old man about 70 years of age, on a lumber wagon, his horses became frightened and turning short threw him from the wagon. He was picked up in a very critical condition. Freeing themselves from the buggy they ran by several others, but fortunately no other damage was done. Pieces of buggy and harness was [sic] seen strewn for at least a mile and a half.

Since receiving the above account it has been learned that Mr. Mackey died from the result of his injuries early yesterday morning.

**Date of death: 8 Jul 1918**

**Subject: Mary Ann (Madden) Barnum**

**Source: [Etna Mills CA] *Western Sentinel*, 11 Jul 1918**

Mrs. Mary Ann Barnum, relict of the late Eli Barnum, and a pioneer resident of this county, died in Callahan on July 8th.

Mrs. Barnum was born in New York, July 4, 1827, and was consequently aged 91 years and 4 days. She crossed the plains in 1859, coming direct to Siskiyou county, where she has made her home ever since. Throughout her

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long life she made hundreds of friends by whom she was admired for the many stirring [sic] qualities which made up her character.

She was the mother of twelve children, eight of whom survive her. These are: Sons: B. T. Barnum of Callahan; F. M. Barnum, Merrill, Oregon; M. F. Barnum, Etna Mills; W. S. Barnum, Santa Rosa; A. L. Barnum, Callahan; daughters: Mrs. Rosie B. Hayden and Mrs. Luella Hayden, both of Callahan, and Mrs. Clara Phelps of Bray.

The funeral was held Wednesday and was largely attended by the many friends of the deceased, the interment being made in Etna.

**Date of death: 30 Jan 1903**

**Subject: Wilber Montier Maddox**

**Source: *McPherson [KS] Opinion*, 20 Feb 1903, Friday, p. 4**

Died—At Rock Creek [WA], Wilber M. Maddox. Mr. Maddox was leader at the Rock Creek mill and on Friday, January 30, while engaged in his work of loading cars he was caught between two large logs on the skids and was crushed to death.

Mr. Maddox was born in Brown County, Ohio, July 31, 1860. Came from Ohio to Atchison County, Missouri, with his parents while a small child and moved from there to McPherson Co., Kansas, where he married Miss Eleano [sic] E. Phillippi in 1882. To this union was born four children, three girls and one boy. The son is now about 18 years old and one daughter is older and two younger, one being only about three years old. Mr. Maddox came to Washington about six years ago.

He was a member of the Order of Pendo, also of the American Protection order. He was converted to the M.E. church in 1895 while he lived in Kansas. Mrs. Maddox has no relatives nearer than Kansas.

The body was brought to Centralia for burial, followed by his family and about 30 of his fellow workmen.

The Company at Rock Creek were kind, showing every courtesy possible both to the family and caring for the dead. The funeral was held from the Centralia M.E. Church and was conducted by Rev. J. W. Miller.

Mrs. Maddox and family have the sympathy of the people.—Rock Creek Paper.

**Date of death: 10 Aug 1887**

**Subject: Zeddock C. Maddux**

**Source: *Dillon [MT] Tribune*, 12 Aug 1887**

Wednesday morning C.A. Clayton, Z.C. Maddux, Wm. Peterson and Chas Powers, got in a dispute over some hay land, the right to which was claimed by both factions. Peterson, Maddux and Powers went to Clayton's armed and after talking awhile, angry words were exchanged, when Clayton went into the house, got a navy revolver and began firing on the three men. Maddux was shot in the left side below the left shoulder: another

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shot took effect in his back. Powers was shot in the hand while aiming at Clayton. Clayton's hired man hitched up and took the wounded men home. Clayton went to Butte and surrendered himself. Maddux died late in the afternoon. The people around Melrose seem to have more sympathy for the dead man than for his slayer.

**Date of death: 26 Apr 1922**

**Subject: James Madison**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 27 Apr 1922, Thursday, p. 8**

James Madison, negro, 38 years old, was instantly killed when he fell under the wheels of a wagon in which he had been rising at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday night at the end of an alley between Fourth and Fifth streets on Antoine street. Frank Houx, also a negro, who was driving, was taken to Central Police station and held for investigation. He was charged with being drunk.

According to witnesses, the two were driving a wagon loaded with cinders from the alley, and, as they turned into Antoine street, the wagon tilted and both negroes fell from the seat. The police say Houx was drunk. A half-pint bottle of "moonshine" was found on the dead man.

The rear wheel ran over Madison's chest, breaking several ribs which pressed against his heart. After the wagon passed, Madison stood up and fell face forward, on the pavement. The police ambulance rushed him to St. Joseph's hospital but he died on the way.

Madison was married and lived at 1334 North Thirteenth street. Houx lives at 2022 Holman street. The body is at Ramsey's undertaking establishment.

**Date of death: 18 Nov 1911**

**Subject: James H. Magee**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 20 Nov 1911, p. 8**

Hopkins, Mo., Nov. 19.—James H. Magee, known to the people of this community as "Old Mack," died yesterday after an illness covering a period of more than a year, being bedfast and practically helpless the last three months of his sickness. On account of being unable to retain nourishment of any kind during the last weeks of his illness, he became so emaciated [sic] that the bones of his body protruded through the skin.

Magee had lived the life of a hermit here for more than a quarter of a century, the only companions being his gun and dog. He was a man far above the average in intellect but after the death of his wife, which occurred at Bushnell, Ill., in 1873, he seemed to lose interest in life and led the life of a recluse.

Magee was born at Limerick, Ireland, Dec. 1, 1820, and came with his parents to this country when a child of three years. The family settled at Freehold, N.J., where a family of six children were reared. When yet a boy, Magee went to New York City and learned the plaster and brick mason trades, serving five years as an apprentice at a salary of only \$25 a year. Money advanced by a contractor who had taken a fancy to him made it possible for him to live until he could draw the wages of a journeyman. In 1862 he left New York and located at Bushnell, Ill., where he married Hester Ann Pierce, the daughter of a wealthy land owner of near that city.

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After the death of his wife, Magee became, for the time being, a wanderer upon the face of the earth. He was in Burlington, Ia., during the cholera epidemic of some thirty years ago at which time people died in great numbers, it not being uncommon for tradesmen to hear in the morning of the death of some man whom they had been working with the day before.

It was in Burlington where Magee met with the experience of his life. He was stricken with the disease and after being sick but a short time was thought to be dead. He was placed in a rough coffin and taken at night for burial, but before being lowered into the grave a friend arrived at the cemetery and declared that he did not believe Magee was dead so the doctor was sent for, the coffin opened and the suspicions of the friend proved well founded for life was not extinct and Magee was taken back to the pesthouse and, after a siege of several weeks, he was able to be up and soon regained his health.

Magee then went to work for the Santa Fe railroad, building many of the Fred Harvey eating houses that now stand between Newton, Kas., and Albuquerque, N. M.

When the Civil war broke out Magee enlisted as a flag-bearer with the Sixteenth Illinois volunteer infantry, serving in this capacity for three months and then went in as a regular soldier, serving three years. He left the army at Cornith [sic], Miss., in 1865, going home on a furlough. He was taken sick while at home and when his company disbanded he was recorded as a deserter and, although his captain and comrades did all they could to have him reinstated so that he might draw a pension or final refuge in the soldiers' home, it was of no use, and he suffered for something over which he had no control.

He belonged to no lodge and no church, being a non-believer and strictly a man of the world but when he heard "the rush on the other shore of the waves that are dark and cold," he asked that a minister be called, and died praying that his sins be forgiven.

**Date of death: 26 Sep 1900**

**Subject: John Magers**

**Source: *Angola [IN] Herald*, 31 Oct 1900, Wednesday, p. 8**

John Magers was born Oct. 23, 1829; died at the home of his brother, Peter Magers, in Savannah, Andrews [sic] county, Mo., Sept. 26, 1900, in the 77th [sic] year of his age. Deceased came to Steuben county, Ind., in 1848; and lived here many years. About 20 years ago he moved to Kansas. Having been in poor health for a long time, he went to his brother's in Missouri, on a visit, and while there he was taken severely sick. He was a great sufferer, dying from dropsy. He was willing to go. He was a good brother, a kind husband and father. He leaves a widow and one son, three brothers and four sisters to mourn their loss, which is his eternal gain. He will be remembered by many of the older settlers and friends in this county.

**Date of death: 2 Mar 1882**

**Subject: Mary Anne (Magill) Thoroughman**

**Source: *The [Butte MT] Semi-Weekly Miner*, 4 Mar 1882**

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It is seldom we have been called upon to perform a more sorrowful task than that of recording the death of Mrs. Mary A. Thoroughman, wife of Judge O.H.P. Thoroughman of this city, and mother of the late Cora L. Hale. Mrs. Thoroughman was the daughter of Mr. Caleb Magill of Howard county Missouri, and was married to Mr. O.H.P. in 1841. She lived a number of years in Lewis and Clark county, where by her womanly virtues and amiable disposition she endeared herself to a large circle of friends. During the past few years her home has been in Butte. All who have had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Thoroughman here have recognized in her those traits of character which stamped her as a noble woman. Scarcely a week has passed since the fond mother, now in the arms of death, was ministering to the want of her dying daughter. The great exhaustion consequent upon her unremitting attention to her darling child and her unutterable grief over the departure of the pure spirit of that loved one, rendered her an easy prey to the Destroyer. During the last hours of her very short illness, although fully conscious, her spirit seemed to be communing with that of her recently lost child. And when the dampness of death was gathering upon her brow, she seemed to recognize her "Cora" among the angels who hovered above her to bear her pure spirit on high. While on earth the child had wound itself around the heart of the mother, and when it called, the weary parent gave up life's battle and yielded her spirit to him who gave it. To the doubly grief-stricken husband, and almost broken-hearted daughter, and the sorrowing sons, the heartfelt sympathy of this entire community is extended. A devoted life is lost to the one, and a kind, affectionate mother has gone from the others, but Heaven has gained an angel.

**Date of death: 2 Sep 1898**

**Subject: daughter of George Magoun**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 3 Sep 1898, p. 7**

The most pitiful death witnessed in the city in many years was that of a little girl, three years old, on the vacant lot at Thirteenth and Faraon streets at 10 o'clock last night. The child was a daughter of George Magoun, who camped on the vacant lot a few days ago.

The parents of the child are poor, and came here to search for work. The little girl was a cripple, and became ill several days ago. She was attended by the city physician and the family was given help by the charity board.

Several persons visited the destitute family yesterday afternoon and last night, and saw that the child was in a dying condition. Somebody had given her a little wagon and some toys and these the child looking at longingly, even after the hand of death had been laid upon her. The remains will be buried today in the city cemetery.

**Date of death: 25 Nov 1901**

**Subject: Harvey Newton Mahan**

**Source: *Bedford [IA] Free Press*, 5 Dec 1901, Thursday**

On Monday, November 25, 1901, in Los Angeles, Cal., occurred the death of Harvey N. Mahan, mention of which was made last week. Mr. Mahan accompanied by his father and mother and a younger brother had but recently visited in Bedford before starting for California where they expected to spend the winter. He was taken with cerebral meningitis on No. 22 while enroute and died after reaching his destination three days later. The body was accompanied back to his home in Hopkins, Mo., by his sorrowing father and mother and brother and



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appropriate funeral services were held Sunday, December 1, at 10:30 a. m. in Hazel Dell church conducted by Rev. Wm. Cobb, interment following in Titus cemetery. The relatives were all present at the funeral with the exception of the father and mother, who were in poor health and one brother who recently went to Dillon, Montana. The deceased was born in Bedford, June 8, 1872 and was consequently 29 years of age. He was a good young man of exemplary habits and enjoyed the respect of many friends here. With them we unite in expressing our sympathy to his brother, T. S. Mahan of this city and to his other relatives in their bereavement.

**Date of death: 3 Mar 1879**

**Subject: John Mahan**

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

Last Saturday evening the saloon of Jake Schroeder on South Main street at Maryville, Mo., was the scene of a horrible shooting affair, in which Johnny Mahan received three shots from a Smith & Wesson 22 caliber seven chamber revolver in the hands of one Charlie Stevens, familiarly known as "Omaha Charlie." The particulars in the case are about as follows:

About the time stated, Jake Layton in company of Johnny Mahan, entered the saloon while Stevens was tending bar, when a quarrel spring up between Layton and Stevens about some girl or woman. Stevens told Layton to leave the house, to which the latter replied that he would not go. Stevens insisted on Layton leaving the room and told him that he did not want any words with him.

Here we will let Charlie tell his own story, having sought out Sheriff Henry Toel, who kindly sent his deputy, Mr. Nicholas Jones, to escort us to the prison cell where we found Mr. Stevens lying upon a pallet on the floor of his new quarters.

Mr. Jones introduced the reporter and told Stevens that he wanted to interview him if he had no objections. Stevens instantly sprang to his feet and came to the door of his cell, and looking through the bars replied: "certainly," but hoped that nothing would be published that was not strictly the truth, as several things had already been reported that were not true. He was informed that the truth was all that was wanted, and invited to tell his story in his own words, which he did as follows:

"I was tending bar," he said, "in the saloon, when Jake Layton and Johnny Mahan came in together. I was standing at the end of the counter and we got to talking about the woman. I told him that I had slapped her and I would slap her again if she ever dared repeat what she had done before. He said that he had heard that I was a shooting man but that he could lick me and double and tie me in a knot. I told him to go away from me, that I did not want to have any words with him, that I wanted to attend to my business. I then started down the inside of the counter to wait on Mr. Waggoner and Jake followed me up on the outside, and commenced to abuse me. I told him I wanted him to stop and let me alone, that I was attending to my own business, and if he did not get out of the house, I would put him out. He said he would not go, and that I could not put him out, and called me a son of a b—h. I then went around the end of the counter and went to take hold of him, he stood holding his right hand in his pocket, and I supposed he had his revolver in that pocket as I knew that he carried it there. I then told him to go, and he said he would not, and began to take his hand out of his pocket, and then I fired and missed him. Then Johnny Mahan jumped onto me and held me while Jake was coming at me. Then I fired at

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Johnny to make him let go of me, because I thought they had both come to whip me, and I knew that Johnnie carried a derringer and also that they always stood by one another in a row.

"I had been warned by Jake Schroeder in the morning to look out for these fellows, for they were putting up a job to clean me out; came from Boone, Iowa, to this place ten months ago, was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky; will be 36 years old next April the 10th day. Jake Layton struck at me two or three times, while Johnny was holding me."

This finished the interview, and bidding him good-by, the reporter left him alone in his gloomy prison.

When Mahan rushed forward and threw himself upon Stevens to prevent him from shooting again, Stevens turned his revolver and shot him, the ball striking him just above the stomach, passing through the diaphragm [sic] and entering the lower portion of the right lung, passing through that and following a rib back, lodged against the spine on the right side near the point of the scapula. Stevens then fired two other shots, each taking effect in the back part of the head, one striking the mastoid portion of the temporal bone on the left side and the other one less than an inch above, that passing under the scalp and out again. The lower ball lodged under the scalp. At this writing Mahan is sinking and it is thought he will not live through the night. Johnny Mahan is a single man about 26 years old, and leaves an aged father and a sister, who live at Hopkins, to mourn his untimely death. He claimed that neither of them were drunk, but that whisky led to the difficulty. Johnny has always been considered a very good hearted young man, but would stand by his friends in all kinds of trouble.

The Grand Jury is now in session and Stevens' case will go at once before that legal body.

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 5 Mar 1879, p. 5**

The death of Johnny Mahan, the victim of "Omaha Charlie," occurred at ten o'clock last Monday evening, at the restaurant of Ed. M. Moss, in Maryville, where he had been carried by his friends, and also received the generous hospitality of Mr. Moss and his family. An elegant rosewood burial case was procured, the mortal remains of another victim to the inhuman practice of shooting for small offense was placed in it, and yesterday at 3 o'clock it was borne to the Presbyterian church, where the funeral was preached by the Rev. A. D. Workman. The remains were then taken to the cemetery north of Maryville, followed by a weeping father and sister, where they were consigned to their last resting place.

The relatives of Johnny Mahan have the deepest sympathy of the public. The funeral was largely attended.

An inquest was held over the body and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts as stated in yesterday's Herald.

Since the death of Mahan, Charlie Stevens has been rather nervous, and yesterday morning remarked that he guessed he had got into a very bad scrape.

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The guard at the prison said he rolled about all night Monday night after hearing of Mahan's death. A mob was talked of by some parties, but there was not sentiment enough of that kind to carry out such a measure, and there is no doubt but "Omaha Charlie" will have a fair trial by the courts.

**Date of death: 27 Oct 1882**

**Subject: Thomas Frank Mahar**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 28 Oct 1882, p. 4**

A frightful accident happened last evening in the yards of the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs railroad, resulting in the almost instantaneous death of a young man named Frank Mahar.

Mahar attempted to jump upon a switch engine while in full motion and missing his footing was thrown under the wheels of the locomotive and injured about the head and right leg. From interviews with eye witnesses to the tragic event the following particulars are learned:

The accident happened in the freight yard of the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs at about 7 o'clock last evening. He belonged to the night switch crew which went to work at 6 o'clock. Mahar had either made a coupling or set a switch, and as the locomotive was backing up the track ... the tender. The engine was going at a pretty fast rate of speed and Mahar missed the foot board and was thrown upon the track. The accident was a matter of a second, and the young man, one instant full of life and activity, the next was a bleeding, lacerated mass of quivering flesh. One of the wheels passed over his right leg and crushed it in a fearful manner at the ankle. Another struck him in the head and dealt the wound which ... [illegible] consciousness and death almost simultaneously. His face and head were badly ... [illegible] and a flow of blood from the right temple indicated that the skull was fractured, while a mass of froth on the surface of the lips leads to the conviction that he further sustained internal injuries, a theory which could not, however, be established at 11 o'clock last night, when a reporter viewed the remains, the coroner not having at that hour been notified.

The unfortunate switchman was at once drawn from under the wheels and tenderly laid beside the track, but in ten minutes the last flickering breath escaped from the pain parched lips and another soul winged its mystic flight into eternity. The body was taken up to town and placed on a stretcher in the K.C., St. J. & C.B. freight house until the coroner has examined them and investigated the circumstances surrounding the manner of his death.

Word was sent to Mr. W. C. Mahar, an uncle of the young man, who was on a visit to a relative about a mile from town, who arrived in the city at a late hour last night and viewed the body at the freight house. By him a mounted messenger was at once dispatched to the deceased's home, about four miles south of Rochester, charged with the sad duty of notifying the wife of her sad bereavement. Mr. Mahar, the uncle of the ill-fated young man, was formerly a partner of Hon. Nicholas Ford and is well known here. From him the Herald learned that Frank was twenty-two years old and was married to a Miss Kimberlin almost three weeks ago. A handsome breastpin on the disordered and blood-stained shirt bosom of the dead man tells a tale of wifely affection. He was formerly a brakeman on Conductor Robb's train on the northern extension of the road with headquarters at Council Bluffs. When he married Miss Kimberlin he left his old avocation and night before last did his first duty as a member of the night switch crew. He was a young man of good personal appearance and

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many qualities which won him friends and acquaintances everywhere. He was esteemed by his superiors for his devotion to duty and his agreeable disposition and the railroad company realizes that it has lost a prompt, faithful and active employe [sic]. What disposition will be made of the remains is not yet known.

### **Same**

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 29 Oct 1882, p. 5

A jury was impaneled by Coroner Heddens yesterday morning who viewed the remains of Frank Mahar, the unfortunate switchman who was killed in the K.C., St. J. & C.B. yards night before last. The verdict is in accordance with the facts published in The Herald yesterday morning, and exonerates the company of any blame.

**Date of death:** 25 Nov 1884

**Subject:** Robert C. Mailler

**Source:** *The Weekly [Troy] Kansas Chief*, 27 Nov 1884

Robert C. Mailler died at his home in Leona, at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Early in October, he was thrown from a wagon, and his ankle was badly shattered. After trying for several weeks to save the foot, it was found that mortification had set in, and the doctors found amputation necessary. But he had become too weak to recuperate; blood poisoning had begun, and the limb would not heal. For some days, abscesses [sic] had been forming in his liver and lungs, and several days before his death, one of his eyes had burst out. For almost a week before his death, all hopes for him had been abandoned.

Bob Mailler had been raised in Doniphan County, his father having been among the earliest settlers in the vicinity of Troy, and he had lived in this county ever since. He represented the Troy District in the Legislature, during the session of 1872, and he had held several local offices. He married the only daughter of William R. Johnson, of Troy, and leaves her a widow, with four children, all sons, the oldest of whom is a young man making his own way in the world. The remains will be buried in St. Joseph, to-day. Many old friends will be pained to hear of the death of Bob Mailler.

**Date of death:** 24 Jul 1911

**Subject:** Mary A. (Maines or Raines) Walker

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

Mrs. Wesley Walker returned yesterday from Burlington Junction, Mo., where she attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Walker, widow of William H. Walker.

**Date of death:** 1 Sep 1892

**Subject:** Carrie E. (Majors) Sparks

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 3 Sep 1892, p. 2

The wife of Mr. J. H. Sparks of the St. Joseph Bridge company, died at Savannah on Thursday. The remains were followed to the grave yesterday by a large concourse of friends who will deeply deplore her loss.

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**Date of death: 22 Jan 1911**

**Subject: William DeWitt Majors**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Star*, 23 Jan 1911, Monday, p. 12**

William D. Majors, attorney, died of typhoid fever at his home, 3135 Chestnut Avenue, last night. He was 48 years old. He was a son of Judge J. B. Majors of Savannah. Mr. Majors married Miss Florence Hurst, daughter of S. J. Hurst, president of the Hurst Produce Company, in 1894. The widow and a son, Hurst Majors, survive. Funeral services will be at Forest Hill Cemetery at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

**Date of death: Jan 1868**

**Subject: Haley Mallard**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 2 Feb 1868, p. 1**

Partial List of Burials for the Month of January.—The following burials were made during the month of January, by Mr. D. J. Heaton, Undertaker.

...January 13—Haley Mallard, (colored woman,) aged 40 years, in Mount Mora Cemetery.

**Date of death: 3 Jul 1911**

**Subject: Elmer Malone**

**Source: *The Grove [OK] Sun*, 7 Jul 1911**

Elmer Malone was born February 20, 1864, died July 3, 1911, age 47 years, 4 months and 13 days. He leaves a father, four brothers and three sisters. A funeral service was held at his home on the Will Ballard farm, being conducted by the writer. At the close of the service the members of the IOOF lodge took charge of the body and repaired to the McLaughlin Cemetery where it was laid to rest, under the auspices of the Oddfellows and the M.W. of A, deceased being a member of both orders. Deceased had never made any confession but was known as a good, honest man, and leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss.

**Date of death: 12 Mar 1897**

**Subject: Mrs. Rachel Malott**

**Source: *The Girard [KS] Press*, 18 Mar 1897, Thursday**

Died, at her home in Brazilton, March 12th, 1897, Mrs. Rachel Malott, aged 71 years, 4 months and 11 days.

She was born in Miama county, Ohio, November 1st, 1825. She joined the Christian Church in 1842, and remained faithful to the end. She was the mother of eleven children, four of whom survive her, while seven preceded her into eternity.

Death to those who are God's dear children is only the end of all travail, the door of desire, the gate of gladness, the port of paradise, the haven of Heaven, the entrance to felicity, the beginning of blissfulness. It is the very bed of down for the weary bodies of God's people to rest in, out of which they rise more fresh and lusty to

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everlasting life. It is a passage to the Father, a chariot to Heaven, the Lord's messenger, a going to our home, a deliverance from age, a dismissal from war, a security from all sorrows. We at death leave one place to go to another. If godly we depart from our place here on earth and go to Heaven. We depart from our friends on earth and go to our friends in Heaven. We depart from the valley of tears and go to the Mount of Joy. We depart from a howling wilderness and go to a heavenly Paradise. Who would be unwilling to exchange a Sodom for a Zion, an Egypt for a Canaan, misery for glory?

The funeral took place at the school house at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The text of the funeral sermon was from Revelations 14th chapter and 13th verse: "Blessed are the dead that died in the Lord."

Wm. Cain.

**Date of death: 15 Feb 1917**

**Subject: Anna Elizabeth (Maloy) Murrin**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 16 Feb 1917, Friday, p. 6**

Maryville, Mo., Feb. 16.—Mrs. John Murrin, who has been in ill health for the last four years, died yesterday at her home here. Mrs. Murrin was born in 1864 at Green Castle, Pa., where she received her education, and in 1888 she was married to John Murrin.

**Date of death: 29 Jan 1887**

**Subject: Isham T. Manela**

**Source: *The Morning [Portland] Oregonian*, 1 Feb 1887, Tuesday, p. 3**

Yesterday afternoon Manager Hayes of the Portland office received a brief message from Kalama that Mr. I. T. Manela, the Western Union operator at Oak Point was drowning while engaged in repairing the line which had been prostrated by the rain storm. Later in the day, Mr. F. H. Lamb, superintendent of the company, received the following particulars by wire from Oak Point. The accident occurred about 3 p.m. Saturday. When the boat was returning from Westport a squall struck the sail and capsized the boat. It occurred in the Columbia river a few hundred yards above Westport slough and about 300 feet from shore. Manela and his assistant, Henry Cundiff, clung to the boat. The former was washed off the stern in about ten minutes afterwards and sank. Cundiff succeeded in holding on to the rudder iron in the stern. The boat subsequently drifted close to shore and he caught hold of some brush, landed and finally reached Westport in an exhausted condition, benumbed by the cold water. The boat drifted out again and had not been caught at last accounts. All the tools and nearly a full coil of wire which was used for ballast were aboard. Manela was a married man and his wife is prostrated by the shock.

**Date of death: 14 Sep 1899**

**Subject: George Daniel Manley**

**Source: *The [Redding CA] Searchlight*, 15 Sep 1899**

George Daniel Manley died at his home on Tehama street about 11 o'clock Thursday morning. He had been a sufferer of consumption for many months and the ravages of the disease left little doubt that death was near.

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The deceased was 45 years of age and a native of Ohio. He leaves a widow and several children. The family has resided in Redding continuously for many years, with the exception of two years spent in the mountains.

The funeral will be held from Moody's undertaking parlor this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Redding cemetery.

**Date of death: 20 Jan 1901**

**Subject: Mary (Manley) Stevens**

**Source: *The Canton [PA] Independent-Sentinel*, 25 Jan 1901, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. Mary Manley Stevens, wife of Charles W. Stevens, of Franklindale, died Sunday night and was buried at East Canton Wednesday afternoon, Rev. W. D. Crockett officiating. She was in her 85th year. For a number of years she had been almost totally blind from cataract, but notwithstanding this terrible affliction, she was one of the most cheerful and happy of women. A devoted wife and mother and a faithful servant of the Lord, she labored constantly for the happiness of those about her, and has richly earned that rest upon which she has entered. She is survived by her aged husband and four children: Mrs. W. S. Lewis, of this place; Manford Stevens, of Wyalusing; Wesley Stevens, of Franklindale, and T. W. Stevens, of Oneonta, N.Y. Two brothers and four sisters also survive: T. S. Manley, of East Canton; Sylvester Manley, of Empire Prairie, Mo.; Mrs. A. E. Dartt, of this place; Mrs. Jennie Stalford, of Wyalusing; Mrs. M. M. Park, of Monroeton, and Mrs. Stephen Fitch, of Elmira.

**Date of death: 9 Aug 1923**

**Subject: Wayne O. Manley**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Tribune*, 10 Aug 1923, Friday, p. 2**

Deverne Manley today received word that his brother, Wayne Manley of Moorehaven, Fla., was killed yesterday by a tractor. No particulars of the accident are known here. The message stated that the body will be brought to Maryville, his former home for burial, but funeral arrangements will not be made until the funeral party is heard from again.

The young man was nineteen years of age, and is survived by his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Manley, Moorehaven, Fla., two sisters, Mrs. Homer Taylor, Moorehaven, Miss Vancene Manley, at home, a half sister, Mrs. Ed Hamlin, Maryville, a half brother, Deverne Manley, also of Maryville and two brothers, Kenneth Manley, Huron, South Dakota, and Mervill, at home. His grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Manley, of Maryville, also survives. The family went to Florida in 1906. Previous to that time they had lived on a farm southwest of Maryville for a number of years.

**Date of death: 6 Jan 1911**

**Subject: William Riley Manley**

**Source: *The Stillwater [OK] Gazette*, Jan 1911**

W.R. Manley, formerly a resident of Payne county, having lived east of the city, died at his home in New

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Mexico, and was buried in Stillwater Tuesday, the funeral being held at the home of his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Thompson. The services were in charge of the Odd Fellows.

**Date of death: 15 Jan 1911**

**Subject: Elias Mann**

**Source: *The Chadron [NE] Journal*, 20 Jan 1911**

At four o'clock last Sunday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dave Owens, death came to Elias Mann.

The funeral services were held from the Christian church Wednesday, Rev. Herbert Bryce being in charge.

Elias Mann was born in Knox County, Vir., on May 12, 1827 making him 83 years, 5 months, and 3 days old.

Mr. Mann moved to Kentucky in an early day and from there to Otowa [sic] county, Mo., where his wife died some sixteen years ago. He practiced dentistry in Otowa county until he came to Dawes county two years ago. Mr. Mann made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Dave Owens of Wayside. He leaves five children. Mrs. Mary Johnson, Marysville, Mo., Mrs. Jennie Ross, Colorado Springs, Colo., Mrs. Sally Hogan, Kentucky, Mrs. Dave Owens, Wayside, and Walter P. Mann of this city.

Mr. Mann was a member of the Christian church.

**Date of death: 19 Oct 1898**

**Subject: Ida Mae Mann**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 24 Oct 1898, p. 5**

Savannah, Mo., Oct. 22.—The funeral of Miss Ida Mann took place Thursday, the remains being interred in the Baptist church cemetery, three miles west of town. The young lady, who is a sister of Charles Mann, one of Savannah's well-known carpenters, died after a lingering illness.

**Date of death: 26 Mar 1910**

**Subject: Bessie Manning**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 26 Mar 1910, p. 6**

Bessie Manning, eighteen years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Manning, Whitesville, Mo., died at 9 o'clock this morning at a local hospital, following an operation for appendicitis. She was a niece of P. E. and M. K. Manning of St. Joseph. The body was taken to Whitesville at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

**Date of death: 3 Jan 1900**

**Subject: Matilda Mansfield**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 3 Jan 1900, p. 6**



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Matilda Mansfield, an aged negress, who was born and raised in St. Joseph, died at Thirteenth and Sacramento streets today. She was sixty years old and had lived here all of her life. She was well known among the colored people.

**Date of death: 3 Aug 1912**

**Subject: Ellsworth Manship**

**Source: *King City [MO] Democrat*, 9 Aug 1912, Friday, p. 1**

Undertaker Cole was called over about seven miles northwest of town Sunday evening to prepare for burial the body of Ellsworth Manship, a young man of that neighborhood who had been found dead with a bullet hole through his heart.

According to reports, about eight o'clock Saturday forenoon young Manship had taken a twenty-two calibre rifle and left word with his mother that he was going out to shoot squirrels. The fact that he did not return at the expected time gave rise to the belief that he had met with an accident, and the alarm was given out over the neighborhood and a search instituted.

The body was not found until the afternoon of the following day, when it was found lying near a fence. The supposition is that young manship [sic] had crawled through the fence and in dragging the gun after him the weapon was discharged, the bullet passing through the heart and killing him instantly. While the exact time of the accident is not known, it is supposed to have happened about ten o'clock, two hours after the young man left home.

The county coroner was notified, but on becoming acquainted with the facts in the case decided that an inquest was not necessary, and that the young man had met an accidental death in which no second party was in anyway responsible.

The body remained where it fell for a period of over thirty hours before being located and was in an advanced stage of decomposition. Undertaker Cole says to prepare it for burial was the most difficult in his experience as an undertaker.

The funeral services were held Monday at the family home, conducted by Rev. McBean of Union Star and the remains buried in the Empire cemetery.

Young Manship was an exemplary young man, about twen- [sic] years of age and belonged to one of the best families of that community.

**Date of death: 28 Jul 1891**

**Subject: Stephen Bales Marcum**

**Source: *The [Troy] Kansas Chief*, 6 Aug 1891, Thursday, p. 3**

Two more pioneer citizens of Iowa Township died last week. They are gradually dropping out.

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...Stephen B. Marcum, another early citizen, died near Iowa Point, the same day [Wednesday]. His age was about 54 years. He had been sick for some time. He was step-father of Miss Tina Tobin, who has been employed to teach in the Troy schools for the next year.

**Date of death: 4 Feb 1899**

**Subject: Charles F. Markley**

**Source: Hopkins [MO] Journal, 9 Feb 1899, Thursday**

The community was again shocked last Saturday morning to hear of the death of Charley Markley, which occurred at his home in this city at about 5 o'clock.

He had been sick a little over a week with pneumonia, the disease that is so prevalent and proving fatal in so many instances throughout the east and west.

Mr. Markley came to Hopkins twenty-seven years ago and was one of the best-known men in the county. He always took great interest and pride in the town and did what he could for its advancement. Many times he climbed the long JOURNAL stairs to tell us of the large number of teams tied on the public square that we might make an item of the superiority of Hopkins as a trading point; and if he heard of anything he thought would benefit the town in a moral or commercial way, he invariably imparted the information to where it would gain publicity. For a number of years he was leader of the Hopkins band and spent time and money in making the organization a credit to the city, and also took great interest in church and Sunday school work. He was a quiet, reserved man, esteemed by all who knew him, and in his death his family loses an affectionate husband and the town a model citizen.

The funeral was held at the Christian church, on Monday at 1 p. m., conducted by Elder Chapman of Rosendale, who preached an eloquent and touching sermon, after which the remains were interred in the Hopkins cemetery to await the Judgment Day.

The deceased was an honored member of the Fraternal Aid and carried \$2,000 insurance in this order. The lodge attended the funeral in a body to pay its last respects to the fallen brother.

Charles F. Markley was born in Roscoe, Coshocton County, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1849, and died in Hopkins, Mo., Feb. 4, 1899. When a child his parents moved to Holmes County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. At the age of 17 years he united with the Christian church of that place. In 1872 he came to Missouri where he resided until his death. In 1875 he was united in marriage with Josephine Ewing, daughter of Capt. James Ewing, who survives him. In 1893 he and his wife united with the Christian church of Hopkins, living consistent lives, which gives the remaining one the blessed assurance of meeting her loved companion beyond the grave.

Mr. Markley's mother, two sisters and a brother are still living, his sister, Mrs. Ila McCoy, of Chicago, being present at the funeral.

**Date of death: 21 Sep 1911**

**Subject: Dove G. Markwell**

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**Source: *The Stroud [OK] Democrat*, 1911**

Miss Dovie Markwell died at the home of her mother in South Stroud on Sept. 22, 1911, after a lingering illness of several weeks with thyphoid [sic] fever. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Evans, from the family home and the remains laid to rest in the Tollison Cemetery north of town, Sept. 23rd. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

**Date of death: 16 Feb 1905**

**Subject: John F. Markwell**

**Source: *Herald of Truth*, 16 Mar 1905**

John F. Markwell was born Jan. 2, 1849, in Rush, Co., Ind.; died Feb. 16, 1905; aged 56 Y., 1 M., 16 D. He went west with his parents at the age of three years. Nov. 22, 1874, he was married to Sarah A. Good, daughter of J. S. Good. To this union six children were born, all of whom died in infancy, except one son, Clarence. Besides wife and son he leaves five sisters and three brothers. He was converted in 1875, first uniting with the United Brethren, afterward with the Free Methodist church, of which church he was a consistent member at the time of his death, which was caused by heart trouble. Funeral services were held at the Church of God in Shambaugh, Ia., Feb. 18th, conducted by his pastor, Pre. Aharn, assisted by the Pre's. Brown and Lawson.

**Date of death: 8 Nov 1920**

**Subject: King Solomon Marney**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 13 Nov 1920, Saturday, p. 5**

King S. Marney, a negro janitor, fell dead Monday morning, as he entered the building, 1212 Frederick Avenue, to go to work.

**Same**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 20 Nov 1920, Saturday, p. 2**

St. Joseph, Missouri. Capt. K. S. Marney, one of our old and respected citizens and Sir Knights, died very suddenly last Monday, November 8. He was once the Drill Master of A. R. Chinn Drill Company, and also past grand presiding prince of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor. The funeral took place at the Francis Street Baptist Church, Thursday, November 11. All the departments of the order turned out to the funeral of this grand old man. Rev. Prince preached the funeral. He leaves a nephew, Robert E. Bailey; a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

**Date of death: 25 Mar 1914**

**Subject: Caroline (Marrs) Acklin**

**Source: *[Marshalltown IA] Evening Times-Republican*, 25 Mar 1914, Wednesday, p. 6**

Mrs. Caroline Acklin, aged 72, a member of the soldiers' home from Des Moines, died at 8:45 this morning in the home hospital of bronchial pneumonia. Mrs. Acklin had been a member of the home since Jan. 24, 1911.

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Mrs. Acklin was a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, where she was born Oct. 27, 1841. Her husband, John Acklin, served in the Mexican war as a private of Company A, Second Ohio infantry. Mrs. Acklin is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Emma Dice, formerly matron of the soldiers' home, now of Heppner, Ore.; and two sons, Frank Acklin of St. Joseph, Mo.; and George Acklin, of this city.

**Date of death: 20 Apr 1905**

**Subject: Fannie (Marsh) Paulette**

**Source: *King City [MO] Democrat*, 28 Apr 1905, Friday, p. 1**

Mrs. A. W. Paulette was born in Gentry County, Missouri, October 24, 1877, and died in Tucson, Arizona April 20th, 1905. The remains were brought to King City on the 24th, and on the 25th, a very large concourse of relatives and friends attended the funeral services at the Baptist church. According to the wishes of the family, Rev. James Froman of the C.P. church preached the sermon, and Rev. W. G. Ball of the Baptist church conducted the devotional service.

Mrs. Campbell had arranged appropriate music, and the Order of Royal Neighbors and the Order of the Eastern Star had silent, but impressive ceremonies. The O.E.S. also held a service in the evening at Masonic Hall. At the close of the sermon Mr. Froman read the following eulogy.

The biography of Mrs. Fannie M. Paulette can be told in a few sentences. Born and reared among relatives and friends, in the eastern part of Gentry County, Missouri.

Educated in the district schools and the Normal at Stanberry. She was married to Dr. A. W. Paulette Oct. 26th, 1899. In July, 1901 she came to their home in King City.

He was very busy as a physician and she by her quiet demeanor and kindly social nature, won the esteem of many hearts and made many friends.

Twenty-seven brief, but happy summers thus passed away, for she died in the bloom and vigor and promise of youth. Of old age and decrepitude [sic] she knew nothing. But brief as was her earthly life, it was full of noble thoughts, kindly deeds and holy aspirations, and by the influences growing out of these, she being dead yet speaketh. A good life is never lost.

A little more than a month ago she went to the warm climate and sunny skies of Arizona, hoping that her rapidly declining health might be restored. God, who makes no mistakes nor willingly afflicts His children, decreed it otherwise. In the presence of her husband and brother, she calmly and peacefully gave up her young life.

While kindred and friends in Berlin and King City were praying for her restoration to health, God was preparing her for the life immortal and for a translation to fairer climes. There with father and mother, the little daughter Ruth and many other kindred gone before, she will be forever happy and forever at rest.

To the bereaved, this is the great consolation.

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Her character deserves a more extended notice but can be but briefly mentioned:

1.—She was a womanly woman. True in all the relations of life; yet, in saying this, we do not claim perfection for her or any other human being.

2—She was a Christian. The church was her religious home: becoming, early in life identified with God's people of the Baptist faith but extending charity to all.

3—A woman of fine artistic and literary taste and had read many of our best authors.

4—She had already made many friends and had she lived, her life would have been one of prominence.

Influential for good, King City has been better for her good life.

She will be missed in the home, in the civic societies, in many families where she was more than welcome.

With the bereaved husband, many relatives feel the loss of the association of a precious life.

For her there is another and better state of existence [sic].—

"Father I will that they also whom thou hast given me be where I am that they may behold my glory."

**Date of death: 2 Nov 1889**

**Subject: Charity (Marshall) Owens**

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

Mrs. Charity Owens, wife of Henry Owens, who resides immediately south of the city, died yesterday forenoon after a lingering illness of consumption. The funeral services will be held at the residence at 2 p.m., to-day, after which the remains will be interred in King Hill cemetery.

**Date of death: 5 Jul 1899**

**Subject: Joseph Marshall**

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

Joseph Marshall, a negro twenty-one years old, died at the asylum today and the remains will be sent to Utica tonight for burial. He was a son of Nelson Marshall, formerly a resident of the county, and was afflicted with epilepsy.

**Date of death: 11 Apr 1900**

**Subject: Charles P. Martin**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 13 Apr 1900**

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Charles Martin, one of the pioneer settlers of this part of the country, died at his home six miles northeast of Skidmore, Wednesday. His death was due to injuries received not long since occasioned by a fall from his horse. Deceased was 69 years old and came to this country about the year 1850. His remains were interred in the Smith cemetery, Thursday afternoon.\

**Date of death: 17 Mar 1913**

**Subject: David William Martin**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] New Era*, 20 Mar 1913, p. 3**

William David Martin was born in Scott county, Illinois, July 22, 1845, died at his home in Skidmore, Missouri, March 17, 1913. Funeral services were held in the M. E. church Wednesday, March 19, at 2 o'clock p.m., conducted by Rev. C. H. Sauceman. Interment in the Masonic cemetery at Skidmore.

Mr. Martin was married to Miss Martha A. Hatfield July 25, 1869 at Winchester, Illinois, the Rev. Barton officiating.

Three children were born to them, one of whom died at six years of age in their home in Graham. The two living are Thomas S. Martin of Porter, Oklahoma, and Mrs. J. E. James of Skidmore, both of whom attended the funeral.

He leaves beside his wife and two children, two brothers and three sisters. One of his brothers, T. F. Martin of Winfield, Illinois, attended the funeral.

Mr. Martin came with his family to Missouri in October 1878, settling first in Pettis county, where he lived for one year, then came to Nodaway county, locating at Graham, where he resided until 1892, when he moved to his farm three and one-half miles east of Skidmore, where he lived until October 1912 when he moved to Skidmore.

He united with the Methodist church at Mt. Zion in 1887 under the pastorate of Rev. James Shorewalter and has lived a conscientious Christian ever since.

Mr. Martin has been ill with Bright's disease for four years, but during all his long and painful sickness he has been a patient and uncomplaining sufferer.

Pall bearers H. W. Montgomery, C. H. Spahr, H. T. Barrett, J. R. Bagby, George Manchester and Frank Goslee.

He was a good neighbor, a kind father and a loving husband and his death will be greatly mourned by all who knew him.

**Date of death: 23 Sep 1920**

**Subject: Eliza Jane (Martin) Harris**

**Source: *Ottumwa [IA] Courier*, 23 Sep 1920, Thursday**

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Mrs. Eliza Jane Harris died last evening east of the city. She is survived by one son, Mack of Drakeville [sic].

The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the residence, on East Mary street, with Rev. A.L. Miller officiating. Burial will be made in the Shaul cemetery.

**Date of death: 12 Sep 1893**

**Subject: J. W. Martin**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 13 Sep 1893, p. 5**

A telegram was received yesterday announcing the death of Rev. J. W. Martin, colored, at Columbia, Mo. Rev. Martin was formerly pastor of Ebenezer M. E. church on Third street, and was a prominent member of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, a colored society, which met last night and took action regarding his death.

**Date of death: 24 Dec 1911**

**Subject: James A. Martin**

**Source: *Odessa [MO] Democrat*, 5 Jan 1912, Friday, p. 1**

James Martin died at his home northeast of Odessa Saturday, December 23.

**Date of death: 5 Jul 1915**

**Subject: Mary (Martin) Clay**

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

Mary Clay, a negress, was shot and killed Monday night at Sixteenth street and Garfield avenue by Cornelius Jones, also colored, who, in resisting arrest, fired at Patrolman L. M. Wilson, missing him and hitting the woman. Clay was overpowered and taken to jail.

**Date of death: 13 Oct 1914**

**Subject: Ola (Martin) Hoy**

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

Ola Hay [sic], 43 years old, wife of Henry Hay, 2502 Messanie street, died yesterday afternoon at a local hospital after an illness of two months. The body will be taken to Maryville, Mo., today for burial.

**Date of death: 1 May 1910**

**Subject: Warren B. Martindale**

**Source: *The Rochester [IN] Sentinel*, 2 May 1910, Monday**

A telegram was received by Mayor O. B. Smith this morning from Chicago, announcing the death of W. B. Martindale at his home in that city, Sunday evening. Mr. Martindale has been ill for some time and while his death is not a surprise it caused a severe shock among his relatives and many friends.

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He was born in Miami county and moved with his parents to Green Oak, this county, in 1851, where his father built a sawmill. The Martindale family was among the pioneers of the Eel River valley and the descendants and collateral relationship now constitute a large element of the most substantial citizens of that section. W. B. Martindale moved, at the close of the Civil war, to Missouri, where he read law and commenced the practice. However, a taste for writing led him into the field of legal literature, first as a contributor of the leading periodicals and afterward as a law book writer. He was the author of two very successful law books and as such, is known to the legal fraternity throughout the country. He married in Missouri and in 1882 moved with his family to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where for a number of years he was editor and proprietor of the Kenosha Courier. After disposing of that paper he became the inventor of a time stamp, an ingenious device for stamping time on paper. A company was formed which, under Mr. Martindale's superintendency, manufactured the machines. He also invented a machine for postoffice use, which changed the time automatically every minute and postmarked and canceled the stamps on forty to sixty thousand letters an hour. He was also one of the leading forces in the Corn King Husker Company of this city, and was always known to be an upright and conscientious citizen in every respect.

Besides a widow he leaves one son, Roy, of Chicago.

George A. Martindale, his brother, arrived in Rochester this afternoon and made arrangements for the funeral, which will be held in this city Tuesday.

**Same**

**Source:** *The Rochester [IN] Sentinel*, 3 May 1910

The funeral of W. B. Martindale was held at the Methodist church this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Kindig having charge of the services. Burial was made in Odd Fellows cemetery.

**Same**

**Source:** *The Rochester [IN] Sentinel*, 4 May 1910

Roy Martindale returned to his home in Chicago this morning, after attending the funeral of his father, which occurred here yesterday.

**Date of death:** 18 Aug 1916

**Subject:** William James Martindale

**Source:** *The Topeka [KS] Daily Capital*, 19 Aug 1916, Saturday, p. 12

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 18.—Dr. W. J. Martindale, for fifty-three years a Methodist minister, eighteen of which he occupied positions as presiding elder either of the Wichita, Pratt or Dodge City districts, died here today at the age of 74 years. He had been dangerously ill since May. In 1863 he entered the ministry in Indiana, coming to Kansas in 1887 and taking a charge at Nickerson. He is credited with having been a very powerful factor in establishing Methodism so firmly in southwestern Kansas. A wife and four daughters survive.



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**Date of death: 26 May 1913**

**Subject: Fr. Bede Marty**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 27 May 1913, p. 14**

Conception, Mo., May 27.—The funeral of Rev. Bede, O.S.B., who died at Bismarck N.D., yesterday, will take place at Conception Abbey tomorrow morning. Father Bede was born in Switzerland fifty-three years ago. He came to Conception Abbey in ... and was ordained priest in 1883. The following year he was sent on a mission to the Sioux Indians at Standing Rock Agency, where he remained constantly. Two weeks ago he was stricken with pneumonia and taken to the Sisters' Hospital in Bismarck, where he died peacefully at 9 o'clock Monday morning. The remains will arrive at Conception tonight. There will be a requiem at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning and the remains will rest in the cemetery of the monastery.

**Date of death: 24 Apr 1887**

**Subject: Mrs. Mason**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 26 Apr 1887, p. 4**

Mrs. Mason died Sunday night at 9 o'clock at her residence on Nineteenth and Mulberry streets. Deceased was an old colored woman sixty years old, and well liked by all who knew her.

**Date of death: 26 Mar 1881**

**Subject: Eleanora Susan (Mason) Graves**

**Source: *Huntsville [MO] Herald*, 31 Mar 1881, Thursday**

Mrs. Elenora [sic] Graves, wife of Clifton Graves, died in this city, on Saturday the 26th inst., of consumption, aged 37 years.

**Date of death: 6 Oct 1915**

**Subject: Mamie (Mason) Harper**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 16 Oct 1915, Saturday, p. 4**

St. Joseph, Mo. Mrs. Harper died the 7th and was buried under the auspices of the Eastern Star chapter Sunday.

**Date of death: 25 May 1883**

**Subject: Thurston Mason**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 27 May 1883, p. 5**

A colored man named Mason, was buried yesterday in Mt. Mora, having died the day before. Mason lived on Eighteenth and Sylvanie.

**Date of death: 19 Dec 1918**

**Subject: Elsie Elmyra (Massengale) Muck**

**Source: *Malvern [IA] Leader*, Dec 1918, p. 1**

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The J. H. Massengale family on the Robbins ranch north of Hastings are receiving more than their share of sorrow and affliction and the sympathy of the entire county goes out to them in their trouble. About three weeks ago they were taken with influenza from which complications developed and since that time three members of the family have succumbed to the dread disease.

The first taken, was mentioned in last week's leader. Willie was called. William Reilley Massengale was his full name. He was born February 13, 1903 in Missouri and had moved to this county with his parents three years ago. Brief funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. A. Smith, Saturday afternoon, December 14 and the remains were interred in the Hastings Cemetery. He was a fine manly boy and all who knew him spoke well of him.

At the time of his death two sisters, Bessie, unmarried and a married sister, Mrs. Elsie E. Muck were critically ill with the same disease in the same house. They had been taken sick in their home, but when all became sick, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lisle moved out of their big house and gave that up to them so that might have better care. They rallied once after the funeral, but later grew worse and both died Thursday morning, December 19.

Brief funeral services were held Friday afternoon conducted by Rev. F. A. Smith, and the remains laid to rest in the Hastings Cemetery. It was a double funeral requiring two auto hearses and was an unusual sight, one we trust may not be seen very often. A special choir from Hastings sang.

Bessie Massengale was born in Missouri, July 25, 1900, where she spent the greater part of her life, coming here about three years ago. She was a sweet disposition winsome young lady and won many friends during her residence i the vicinity who sincerely mourn her loss.

Elsie Massengale was also born in Missouri and had reached her 21st birthday on October 11, 1918. She was married in August 1914 at Clarinda to Earl Muck, who survives her. Two little daughters, aged 14 months, and 3 years respectively also survive her and will miss the mother's love and care. She was a good woman, a kind and loving wife and mother and her loss is sorely felt in the house and community.

**Date of death: 16 Mar 1922**

**Subject: Harrison William Massengale**

**Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 7 Apr 1922**

Harrison Massengale was born at Burlington Jct., Mo., on the 22nd day of November, 1859. This was his home until about his 25th year, when he came to Holt County. He has lived in the county ever since, having engaged in farming for some years between Mound City and Craig.

All of his active years were spent on the farm, where he was known as a hard worker, good citizen, and neighbor.

He was united in marriage to Cora Lynch at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 4th day of May, 1911. Two children came to bless the union, James Alfred, now in this 10th year, and Revo Rosetta, whose age is seven.

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Mr. Massengale worked industriously as long as his health would permit. Two years ago his physical condition rendered further labor an impossibility. For all this time, though not confined continuously to his bed, he has been an invalid suffering greatly. It was a losing fight from the very beginning. He gradually grew weaker until Thursday afternoon, March 16, when, with much suffering, he breathed his last at 4:45, and passed into the great beyond. His death has come as a great release, and surely is for the best.

Beside the children and the wife and mother, Mrs. Cora Massengale, he leaves on brother, J. A. Massengale, of Sasakwa, Okla., and two sisters, Mrs. Iva Puett of Falls City, Neb., and Mrs. J. S. Carmichael, of Lincoln, Neb.

Funeral services were held at the home in Mound City on Saturday morning, March 18, and were in charge of Ernest Molloy, pastor of the Christian Church. Burial was in the Mound City Cemetery.

**Date of death: 1 Jun 1903**

**Subject: Mrs. Martha Massey**

**Source: *Brown County [KS] World*, 12 Jun 1903, Friday, p. 20**

Mrs. Asa Massey died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Sevier, near Fairview, June 1. She has always made her home with Mrs. J. R. Blanchett but was brought here for burial. Mrs. Massey was over 80 years old and had lived in Brown county for 37 years. She leaves five children. They are: A. R. Massey, Horton; Thos., Seneca; A. J., Hiawatha; Mrs. Dave Sewell, Sabetha; Mrs. Sarah Sevier, Fairview; and Mrs. J. R. Blanchette [sic], of Morrill.

**Date of death: 19 Jul 1913**

**Subject: Otis Carlton Massey**

**Source: *The [Effingham KS] New Leaf*, 25 Jul 1913, Friday, p. 1**

People in general will read with regret of the death of Otis C. Massey, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Massey, of Effingham. A telegram came Sunday telling of his death which was very sudden and sad news for his father and step mother who did not even know he was sick. Otis Massey was born near Fillmore, Missouri, March 26, 1866. In July of the same year the family moved to Kansas, locating on a farm near Hiawatha, in 1876 he moved with his parents to a farm near Horton, in the New Malden neighborhood in Atchison County, where he remained until he became of age. He then went to railroading as a fireman on the B.M.N. route through Atchison. After four years he had to give up his work on account of injuries received in a wreck. He then traveled through Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. In a few years he again entered into railroad work in Arizona. After about ten years of service he was compelled to resign on account of defective hearing. He returned home, but only for a short time, when he had to seek a different climate, on account of ill-health. He started west and in a few years settled in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he died July 19, 1913. At the time of his death he was a contractor and builder. The deceased is survived by his father and stepmother, two brothers, S. W. Massey, of Mexico City, Blaine Massey, of Horton, whom many of the Alumni will remember as graduating from the A.C.H.S. and one sister, Mrs. A. F. Moore, also of Horton. His mother, five brothers and sisters have already preceded him to the better land. The death of Mr. Massey will come not only as a blow to his relatives but to his many friends and the friends of this estimable family who are so well and favorably known in

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Atchison County especially in the northwest part. At the time of this writing the funeral arrangements have not been made but his remains will probably be brought back to Horton.

### Same

**Source:** *The Horton [KS] News*, 24 Jul 1913, Thursday, p. 1

Otis Carlton Massey was born in Andrew county, Mo., March 26, 1866. In July of the same year the family came to Kansas, locating near Hiawatha. In 1876 they moved to the New Malden neighborhood where Otis spent his boyhood days. Upon becoming of age he went to Atchison where he entered the service of the B. & M. railway as a fireman. After four years he was compelled to leave this service on account of injuries received in an accident. He spent some years in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. He again took up railroad work for the Santa Fe, but on account of defective hearing he was after a few years compelled to seek other employment.

After spending some years with the people of the home neighborhood he again went west, locating in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he became a lathing contractor in which business he was engaged at the time failing health compelled rest. For about a year his health has been failing but it was not until six months ago that his friends induced him to have a medical examination. Although the doctor did not tell him, all his friends knew that his days were numbered.

While he was far from members of his own family many kind friends did all that could be done and his closing days were spent in comfortable surroundings. He was hopeful of recovery until near the close of life, which came peacefully on the 19th day of July, '13. The friends who ministered to him during his last sickness speak of his patience and hopefulness and of the spirit of gratitude in which he received the kindnesses shown him.

He was a member of the Trades' Union and at the time of his death was treasurer of the local union, among whose members he was held in highest esteem.

Mr. Massey is survived by his father, Mr. A. R. Massey of Effingham, a sister, Mrs. A. F. Moore of Horton, and two brothers, S. W. Massey of Old Mexico and Blaine Massey who resides in the New Malden neighborhood.

The body arrived in Horton last Tuesday evening accompanied by Mrs. Moore who went to Cheyenne at the time of her brother's death. Services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore who went to Cheyenne at the time of her brother's death. Services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Moore at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and interment made in Kennekuk cemetery.

**Date of death:** 23 Oct 1877

**Subject:** Raymond A. Massey

**Source:** *The Atchison [KS] Daily Champion*, 30 Oct 1877, Tuesday, p. 4

Died, Oct. 23, of diphtheria, Ray, son of A. R. Massey. This is the second death in the family within some six months. Mr. Massey but recently returned from Oregon, where he had been looking out a situation.

**Date of death:** 28 Mar 1916

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**Subject: Eudora (Mather) Anthony**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 29 Mar 1916, Wednesday, p. 2**

Maryville, Mo., March 29.—Mrs. F. R. Anthony died yesterday afternoon at her home after an illness of many months. Mrs. Anthony was formerly supervisor of the Northwest Missouri State Normal Training School. She is survived by her husband.

**Date of death: 20 Aug 1915**

**Subject: Orville Otis Matherly**

**Source: *The Miami [Co. KS] Republican*, 27 Aug 1915, Friday, p. 5**

Friday evening, August 20, about 5:30 o'clock, two boys, sixteen years old, Orville Matherly, son of M. T. Matherly, a carpenter, and Cecil Boyer, son of U. G. Boyer, a workman in the Missouri Pacific shops at Osawatomie, were drowned in the Marais des Cygnes river at the dam at Osawatomie, near the wagon bridge south of the State hospital. They constructed a frail canvas canoe and were boating near the dam and running the rapids, when the canoe was turned over. No one saw the accident, but Mr. Michaels was plowing in a field near the river and saw the boys there about 5 o'clock. Half an hour later he saw the upturned canoe floating in the water and at once gave the alarm. The boys not returning home, search was made and one of their caps was found on the river bank. The river was dragged and the body of the Boyer boy was found about 10 o'clock, and after dynamiting and dragging the river all night, the body of the Matherly boy was located Saturday morning about 11 o'clock, a short distance from where the body of the other boy was found.

The Boyer boy is survived by his parents, two sisters and a brother and Matherly by his parents, six brothers and two sisters. A double funeral, conducted by Rev. Johnson, pastor of the Christian church, was held from the church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The body of Matherly was buried at Elmdale cemetery, Osawatomie, and the remains of Boyer were sent to Woodburn, Iowa, the former home of the family. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in this county. It is estimated that forty automobiles were in line, beside other vehicles. The community sincerely sympathize with the families in their great sorrow.

**Date of death: 14 Apr 1909**

**Subject: Eleanor (Mathews) Garrett**

**Source: *The Topeka [KS] Daily Capitol*, 15 Apr 1909, Thursday, p. 7**

Miss [sic] Eleanor Garrett of Omaha, formerly of Topeka, died last night. The body will be brought here this morning for burial. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

**Same**

**Source: *The Topeka [KS] Daily Capitol*, 17 Apr 1909, Saturday, p. 9**

The funeral of Mrs. Eleanor Garrett, who died in Omaha, Neb., will be held Sunday morning at 9 o'clock from the home of her son, T. B. Garrett, 1523 West street. Interment will take place in the Grantville cemetery.

**Date of death: 1912**

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**Subject: infant child of Henry Mathews**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 21 Jul 1912, p. 16**

The disappearance of the body of an infant, prematurely born, from a shed where it is said to have been buried by the father, resulted in an investigation yesterday by Coroner Byrd, and the facts as he learned them have been given to the prosecuting attorney.

The coroner's investigation resulted from a complaint made by the father of the child, Henry Mathews, of 106 Elk street, who alleged that the premature birth followed an operation by a negro doctor. He said, according to Dr. Byrd, that he buried the child's body in the shed, but when he tried to find it yesterday it had disappeared. What became of the body could not be learned.

Edna Mathews, wife of Mathews, who was found at the home of her mother, 104 West Deer street, admitted to Dr. Byrd that the operation had been performed, but denied the statement of the husband that he was not a party to it. He filed suit for divorce last week as a result of the affair.

During the investigation Mathews and his wife and the mothers of both were brought together and an altercation in which they indulged grew so violent that all were threatened with arrest for peace disturbance. The Mathews are negroes.

**Date of death: 23 Feb 1879**

**Subject: Jacob Matheny**

**Source: *The Weekly [Troy] KS Chief*, 27 Feb 1879, Thursday**

Died--Jacob Matheny, in Doniphan, February 23d, of pneumonia, after an illness of seven days, aged about 57. Having two daughters married, he leaves a wife and three children at home. Mr. Matheny was an old settler of Doniphan County, and has, like some of us, had to battle through life's uneven ways. Father Leak officiated at the funeral, by delivering a religious discourse. He was buried in the Masonic Cemetery.

**Date of death: 19 Nov 1898**

**Subject: William Mathias**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 23 Nov 1898, p. 7**

Savannah, Mo., Nov. ??—William Mathias, a guest at the City Hotel, drank poison Friday morning and died Saturday, after terrible suffering. The unfortunate man mistook a bottle of corrosive sublimate for wine and assistance was called too late to save him.

**Date of death: 20 Sep 1884**

**Subject: Mrs. Hannah J. Matlock**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 21 Sep 1884, p. 8**

Mrs. James A. Matlock died at her home, corner Eighteenth and Messanie streets, yesterday morning, and the remains will be interred this afternoon. Mrs. Matlock, who was a well known colored woman, leaves a husband

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and two children and many devoted friends to mourn her loss. One of the children was attending the institute at Jefferson City, but returned home yesterday.

**Date of death: Dec 1920**

**Subject: Albert Granville Mattox**

**Source: *The [Hiawatha] Kansas Democrat, 30 Dec 1920, Thursday, p. 8***

Albert Granville, son of Charles and Mary Fowler Mattox, was born in Mitchell county, Ill., Dec. 8, 1840, being at the time of his death 80 years and 22 days of age. He moved when a boy of 12 with his parents to St. Joseph, Mo. Enlisted in Southern army at Rochester, Mo., and served the entire period of the war, later locating in DeKalb county, Mo. He was married to Sarah Loar at New Market, Mo., Oct. 14, 1869. To this union were born ... sons and two daughters, eight of whom with the faithful wife survive. The children are: Mary Jane Davidson, deceased; Chas. William, Orting, Wash.; Franklin, Savannah, Mo.; Thomas, Paola, Kans.; Audrey Wilson, Sumner, Wash.; James, John, Ed and Jerry, all of Hiawatha. He moved to Hiawatha from Rosendale, Mo., in September, 1919, on account of failing health. He was a great sufferer, being confined to his bed for 15 months. All that loving hands could do was done to relieve his suffering but could not stay the hand of death. He was a member of the Christian church in Rosendale, for about 25 years. Was a charter member of Odd Fellows lodge at Fillmore, Mo., being a member of that organization over 35 years. Funeral was held Monday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. T. V. Hubbell. A quartet composed of Tom Wise, Festus Myers, Miss Lillian Nigus and Miss Katy Moody sang "Face to Face" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The body bearers were Odd Fellows. Burial was made in Mount Hope cemetery. The Odd Fellows had charge of the burial service.

**Date of death: 5 Oct 1918**

**Subject: Charles Sutherland Mattox**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press, 5 Oct 1918, Saturday, p. 2***

Charles Mattox, thirty-four years old, who was found unconscious with a hole in his head in the rear of 1530 Bartlett street, Thursday, Sept. 26, died at the home of his brother, 821 Hickory street, this morning.

Mattox's skull was fractured and his right arm and leg had been paralyzed ever since he was picked up by a policeman and sent to Noyes Hospital. His brother was notified of the finding of the man last Saturday, and Wednesday the injured man was removed to the brother's home.

The brother says Mattox had been slugged and robbed of \$40, which he had earned at Nitro, Va., where he had been employed in the government powder mill. He had returned from Nitro the day before he was picked up. There is no clue to the assailants of Mattox.

**Date of death: 18 Feb 1876**

**Subject: George L. Mattox**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican, 18 Feb 1876, Friday, p. 8***

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We learn that our fellow-countryman, George Mattox, Esq., is at present lying very low. He has been confined to his bed for several weeks.

**same**

**Source:** *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 3 Mar 1876, p. 8

Died. Near Savannah, on Friday morning, February 18th, Mr. George L. Mattox, an old and respected citizen. The deceased had been a resident of Andrew county for a long number of years, and was universally esteemed for his many good qualities. He leaves a widow and two sons and two daughters behind him to mourn his loss.

**Date of death:** 7 Nov 1913

**Subject:** Mary (Maupin) Owens

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

Maryville, Mo., Nov. 17.—Heart disease is believed to have caused the death of Mrs. Frank H. Owens, who was found dead in bed at her home here this morning. She had been ill for some time. She was 61 years old.

Mrs. Owens was born at Camden Point, Mo. She was married in 1872 and three years later moved to Nodaway county with her husband. Owens was at one time sheriff here and later was steward at the state hospital for the insane in St. Joseph.

Mrs. Owens is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Mary Irwin of Los Angeles; and one son, Frank Owens, Jr., of Kansas City. Her mother is Mrs. Mary Maupin of Dearborn, where three sisters also reside. They are, Mrs. Ben Foster, Mrs. John Wilson, and Mrs. Sterling Duncan. Another sister, Mrs. Bart Owens, lives at Camden Point and she has two brothers, Thomas Maupin, St. Joseph, and Harry Maupin, Dearborn.

**Date of death:** 19 Apr 1912

**Subject:** Nancy Jane Maurer

**Source:** *The Springfield [MO] Leader*, 20 Apr 1912, Saturday

Miss Nancy J. Maurer, a sister of Mrs. J. P. Ralston, died at the home of Dr. Ralston, 433 East Elm street, at 6 o'clock Thursday morning after an illness of two months from cancer of the liver. She leaves, besides the sister at whose home she had been living, another sister, Mrs. Peterson of St. Joseph, Mo., and three brothers, as follows: R. C. Maurer of Towner, Colo.; P. L. Maurer of Graham, Nodaway county, Mo.; and Albert Maurer of Kelso, Wash. All are expected to come to the funeral.

The body was taken at 11 o'clock last night to Graham, Mo., where the funeral services and burial will occur Sunday. No services were held here.

**Date of death:** 20 Feb 1907

**Subject:** Edward Maxwell

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 21 Feb 1907, Thursday, p. 3



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Edward Maxwell, eighty-seven years old, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at his home, one-half mile north of Krug Park, and where he had lived since 1841. He was the second of the three pioneer brothers to be called to his maker. Death was due to pneumonia, which developed from an indisposition with which the aged man was taken down three weeks ago.

Edward, James and Logan Maxwell were brothers who came to Buchanan County from Kentucky in 1841 and each pre-empted a homestead in the district north of Krug Park, their lands adjoining. There were very few settlers in the county when the brothers came here and the village known as Blacksnake Landing consisted of a few log cabins clustered at the foot of Prospect Hill. The brothers continued to live on their farms and were never separated until in June, 1905, when the elder of the trio, Logan Maxwell, died at the age of ninety-one years. Edward, who died last night, was the younger of the brothers. James, the surviving brother, is now ninety-one years old.

The funeral of Edward Maxwell will be at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, near the Maxwell homesteads and of which the brothers have been members for many years. The body will be buried in the Maxwell Cemetery near the grave of Logan Maxwell.

The foregoing picture of the brothers was made from a photograph taken at a family reunion at the Maxwell homestead shortly before the death of Logan Maxwell. It was used in a story in The News-Press.

The dead man is survived by a widow, four sons and two daughters. The sons are W. D., Howard, M. E. and E. B. Maxwell. The daughters of Mrs. Mamie Peters and Mrs. Maggie Stevens.

**Date of death: 5 Aug 1912**

**Subject: Elizabeth (Maxwell) Ridgley**

**Source: *Forest Grove [OR] Press*, 8 Aug 1912**

Elizabeth M. Ridgley wife of Wm. Ridgley, aged 70 years, died at the family home in the northern part of this city August 5th. Funeral services were held at the residence conducted by Rev. Hilton. Interment [sic] was made in the Forest View cemetery Aug. 6th. Her husband, three daughters and two sons survive her.

**Date of death: 1 Nov 1894**

**Subject: John Henry Maxwell**

**Source: *Brown County [KS] World*, 9 Nov 1894, Friday, p. 6**

The funeral services of Uncle Johnnie Maxwell were held last Thursday in Willis, the remains then brought to Robinson and interred in Rose Hill cemetery.

**Date of death: 20 Dec 1898**

**Subject: James Mayes**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 21 Dec 1898, p. 5**

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James Mayes, an aged colored man, died suddenly yesterday morning in the room of Napoleon Bonaparte Reid, 208 Francis street. His death took place shortly before 6 o'clock. There was no one in the room except his partner, generally known as "Bone" Reid.

Reid says that when the 5 o'clock whistle blew Mayes left his bed and took a walk. After an absence of some time he returned and again lay down, complaining of feeling ill. Reid noticed that he was becoming rapidly worse, but before he could do anything for the sick man the latter had breathed his last.

Mayes has been a resident of this place about forty years. He was born in Madison county, Kentucky. While a young man he was a slave and was at one time owned by William Morrison, a foundryman at Lexington, Mo., where he was employed in the foundry of his master.

He was for some years employed by Granville C. Adkins as a hemp cutter, and was one of the best men ever employed in that capacity. He was also employed by Tandy H. Trice as a family servant and did odd jobs about town. The old man was especially attached to Homer Osborn, and was employed at the home of the latter the day before he died.

One of the peculiarities of the old man was the fact that he strongly adhered to the Democratic faith all his life. As long as he lived in St. Joseph he was found in the foremost ranks of Democracy. No power could shake his faith in his adopted party, and many a man has been whipped in account of the political views of Mayes.

Chief Broder said that he knew the old negro well. He has figured in a great many cases in the police courts, but it was very seldom that he was fined. He always got out of his scrapes in some manner.

Mays was probably over 70 years of age. Some say he was over 80, but he himself did not know positively. The old man was quite popular and was well known all over the city. Many will regret his sudden demise.

After his death the body was removed to Heaton's undertaking establishment. The inquest was held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The jury was composed of the following members: Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, foreman; J. R. Jones, Isaac Hayden, James Gordon, James W. Brown and Harry Robinson.

There is one peculiarity about the jury. The members are all colored men, and it is probably the first jury of its kind that has ever sat in this state. The men are intelligent and refined, and represent the best class of the negro population of the city.

The following verdict was rendered. "We, the members of the coroner's jury, find in the case of James Mayes, no deceased, from the autopsy performed by Coroner Spier Richmond and from personal observation of the heart and aorta, that the deceased came to his death from aortic aneurysm: in short, rupture of the aorta. The testimony shows that he came to his death as the post mortem indicated."

Mayes leaves a son. He was married many years ago, but was not living with his wife for some time, having obtained a divorce. The funeral will take place next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Francis street Baptist church.

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**Date of death: 14 Oct 1918**

**Subject: Elizabeth Frances "Bessie" (Mayfield) Coffer**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 14 Oct 1918, Monday, p. 10**

Bessie Mayfield Coffer, wife of Frank Coffer, aged 34 years, died at her home, 525 N. 11th, Monday, Oct. 14. Deceased is survived by husband and five children, ranging in age from 5 days to 8 years; also by mother, Mrs. John Gooding, and one sister, Mrs. W. T. Seymour, Pasadena, Cal. Funeral services will be announced later.

**Date of death: 8 Feb 1910**

**Subject: William B. Mayhugh**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 9 Feb 1910, p. 6**

William B. Mayhugh, aged fifty-two years, died at 7:15 o'clock last night, at a local hospital. The body will be forwarded to King City, Mo., for burial.

**Date of death: 12 Jun 1881**

**Subjects: George E. and Grace A. Maynard**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 14 Jun 1881, p. 1**

*[Part of a long article about the cyclone]*

At the residence of Mr. Maynard the scene was shocking to behold. Mr. Maynard was found jammed against a post with a rail driven through his body. He died in a few minutes. His oldest daughter, Gracie, aged about 12 [or 17], could not be found for some time. Fully one-half a mile away she was found without a stitch of clothing on her person save one stocking. Although alive when found she soon afterwards expired. The remainder of the family were injured, how serious we have not learned.

**Same**

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

*[Part of a long article about the cyclone]*

With boisterous, tempestuous force the cyclone swooped down upon the fine farm of George E. Maynard, five miles west of King City. Mr. Maynard saw the approaching danger many minutes before it reached him, but was uncertain as to its course. He left his house and started south to escape. He ran directly into the full force of the cyclone, and was carried some seventy-five yards. He was found against a post in a very crippled condition, and a piece of timber four inches through was found piercing his body through and through. He lived an hour after he was picked up, and made his will before he died. His daughter, Grace, a beautiful and estimable young lady of eighteen, sought to avoid danger, and making the same mistake as her father, she, too, was caught and carried some two hundred yards, and landed in a corn field. She had not a stitch of clothing on when found, except a garter about one leg. She lived but a short time and expired. Mrs. M. was uninjured. Two other children were injured, but will recover. The house was a total wreck, and the loss of stock was very great.

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**Date of death: 9 May 1923**

**Subject: Jacob Wilson McAdams**

**Source: *The [Grand Junction CO] Daily Sentinel*, 9 May 1923, Wednesday, p. 3**

Jacob Wilson McAdams, veteran of the Civil war and a resident of the Pear Park district for the past 16 years, passed away as he lay asleep at his home some time during last night, as the result of a heart attack. His death was discovered about 4 o'clock this morning, his usual hour for arising, when he was called by his wife who noticed that he was not awake as usual. He was then cold in death, and it was evident that death had occurred a number of hours previous probably soon after he retired at about 9 o'clock last evening. In death he lay as if asleep, his head resting on one hand which was under the pillow, and it is probable that he never realized the stroke that claimed him in death.

Jacob McAdams would have been 76 years of age had he lived until next month. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was a resident of Missouri, and he enlisted in company G, 43rd Missouri infantry, serving for 11 months with that organization.

Seventeen years ago Mr. McAdams came to the Grand valley, and for 16 years of that time he resident on the fruit ranch on which he died last night. He was a member of the local post, G.A.R., and active in the work of that organization. He enjoyed a very wide acquaintance over both the city and the valley.

Mr. McAdams is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. D. S. Thomas of Fruita. The following grandchildren also survive, Miss Leona Smith, a nurse residing in this city, Miss Fern Smith of Delta, Miss Clarice Smith of Pella, Iowa, Mrs. Archie Bliss of this city, Lucile and John Porter of Fruita, Corene Thomas of Fruita, and Roy Smith of Salt Lake City. Three great-grandchildren also survive.

No arrangements will be made for the funeral service until word is received from relatives who are coming from other points.

**Date of death: 4 Jan 1916**

**Subject: David R. McAllaster**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 14 Jan 1916, Friday, p. 4**

David R. McAllaster was born in Newfield, N.T., February 8, 1840. He was the eldest son of Benjamin R. and Prudence S. McAllaster. He served his country as a soldier during the last year of the Civil war. He was married to Ellen Birbeck on September 4, 1866. He removed to Empire Prairie, Mo., in the spring of 1868, and he was one of the pioneer settlers; always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, and ever ready to do his part in the development of his country.

He was converted and united with the M.E. church when a young man, afterward uniting with the Star Chapel M.E. church, and at the time of his death was a member of the King City M. E. church. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father, a good neighbor and a loyal citizen, and leaves to mourn their loss, his devoted wife, two sons and four daughters, one brother, Frank, who lives at Newfield, N.Y., and was present at the funeral, and one sister who lives at Newfield, N.Y.

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He died at Eureka springs, Ark., January 4, 1916, at 10 o'clock a.m., aged 75 years, 10 months and 26 days. The funeral service was held at Star Chapel, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Smutz, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. W. A. Yetter. The text used is found in 2nd Timothy, 1st Chap. and the latter part of the 12th verse. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near by to await the call on the morning of the resurrection. May the help of the Lord be given to those who mourn.

C. S.

**Date of death: 27 Apr 1921**

**Subject: Harmon F. McAllister**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 28 Apr 1921, Thursday, p. 2**

Harmon McAllister, 56 years old, a former resident of St. Joseph, died Wednesday at his home at Graham, Mo. He removed from St. Joseph to Graham ten years ago. He is survived by three sons and one daughter, William Charles, Lloyd and Hattie, all of Graham, and the following sisters and brothers, Mrs. C. A. Peter and W. M. McAllister, St. Joseph; C. N. McAllister, Berea, Ky., Dr. R. L. McAllister, Marysville, Kas., and Mrs. R. J. Davis, Mount Pleasant, Texas. Burial will be at Graham.

**Date of death: 5 May 1902**

**Subject: Nancy W. (McAlpin) Collier**

**Source: *Page County [IA] Democrat*, 15 May 1902**

The following notice was received last Thursday evening after the paper was issued.

Mrs. Collier, whose maiden name was Nancy McAlpin was born in Lee county, Tenn., March 24, 1829 [sic], and died at her home in Hawleyville May 6, 1902, aged 76 years, 1 month and 12 days.<sup>1</sup> She was united in marriage with A. M. Collier, February 16, 1849. To this union were born nine children, four of whom are living—Mrs. D. B. Goodman, Mrs. Dr. Elliott, Mrs. Ernest Strong and Charles—all of whom reside in or near Hawleyville. Mr. and Mrs. Collier were among the earliest settlers in Hawleyville. In her earlier years she affiliated with the Cumberland Presbyterian church but for the last twenty-five years has been a member of the Methodist church. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Wells.

Mrs. Collier, some days before her death, realized that the end was near, and as a last message to her children dictated the following to Mrs. Wm. Wells on April 30th.

"The mother's last words to her children: Children, most dear, weep not for me when I am gone, but think of me as one sleeping; for you have been the joy of my life. But life is vanishing and death is even at the door; only the lifting of the veil and I'll be there. This poor stammering tongue will have to lie silent in the tomb, but calm will be my feelings and at rest will be my soul [sic] and the tears all wiped from my eyes, for in His presence is fullness of joy, and at His right hand is peace forevermore. Dear children will you meet me there, where the

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<sup>1</sup> Note: these dates and age do not match up, but are clear in the newspaper.

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flowers are even in bloom, and where sorrow, sickness, pain and death is felt and feared no more? Will you all meet me there?

**Date of death: 22 Jun 1869**

**Subject: Robert McBeath (or McBath)**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Gazette*, 22 Jul 1869, p. 2**

The following resolutions were adopted by Rochester Lodge No. 248 of A.T. and A.M., on the death of Dr. Robert McBath, June 23d, 1869.

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Architect of the universe, in His allwise providence, to remove from our midst our brother, Dr. Robert McBath; be it therefore

*Resolved*, That in the death of brother Robert McBath we have lost a worth brother and society a quiet and respected citizen.

*Resolved*, That we recognize in the life of our deceased brother an example of kindness and devotion to our brotherhood worth of imitation.

*Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family and friends of our deceased brother, and that the members of this Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be published in the St. Joseph Gazette, and a copy forwarded to the family of our deceased brother.

J. C. Ryan, W.M.

M. G. Ruby

N. Kirtley, Committee

**Date of death: 28 Apr 1919**

**Subject: Eliza Marcella (McBride) Kempton**

**Source: *Concordia [KS] Blade-Empire*, 30 Apr 1919, Wednesday, p. 6**

Eliza Marcella McBride was born March 30th, 1840, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She came west to Illinois and later to Missouri.

She was married to Wm. Wirt Kempton, April 11th, 1867, at her father's home near Fillmore, Mo.

She came to Kansas with her husband in 1873, and has lived in the old homestead ever since, until stricken about a year ago, when she moved to Concordia to be near her son, Lucien, and family, to have their help in caring for her.

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She passed away Monday, April 28, 1919, to be with Jesus. She leaves to mourn her loss her faithful husband, W. W. Kempton; her two sons, Lucian W. and Myron S. Kempton, with their wives, and sixteen grandchildren, besides a sister, Mrs. Marcia Wood, of Wabash, Nebr., one brother, Robert H. McBride, of Mankato, Kansas, and a host of more distant relatives and friends. The son who lived in Sioux city, Iowa, (Myron S.) was present at her death.

Mrs. Kempton was a most cheerful woman, despite her many sorrows and trial, and her pleasant smiles have cheered many. Her life with her husband was noticeably happy and harmonious, and the sympathy of all who know them is with her bereaved husband and other loved ones. But it can truly be said, "Their loss was her gain," for she has gone to be with her Lord.

It has been said of her, "There could not be a sweeter soul. If a soul could be perfect on earth, hers was."

Patient and calm, trusting in her Redeemer, she has passed to her final reward.

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**Date of death: 5 Oct 1913**

**Subject: Nancy Jane (McBrien) Delaney**

**Source: *Villisca [IA] Review*, 9 Oct 1913, Thursday, p. 1**

Mrs. Nancy Jane Delaney passed away at the home of her son J. W. Delaney on West Eight Street last Sunday morning, October 5, 1913, at 4:30 after a lingering illness and feebleness of over six months. She had been low and helpless in her bed since last March, and being almost blind for a number of years, her condition has indeed been a sad one but yet she was cheerful.

Nancy Jane McBrien was born in East Tennessee, May 6, 1831, and was at the time of her death, 82 years, 4 months, and 20 days of age. She came to Iowa in 1854, and settled near Villisca and has made her home in this vicinity almost continuously from that time, being one of the pioneer of this county. In 1850 she was married to William B. Delaney and to this union eight children were born, four boys and four girls. Two of her sons, John and Isaac, preceded her in death, and her husband also died June 14, 1908, and was interred in the Villisca Cemetery. A number of years ago Mrs. Delaney made a profession of religion and united with the Advent Christian Church in Villisca. During her last years she was exceptionally cheerful in meeting her friends whom she had known in former years, and any who called to see her. She had endured many hardships during her pioneer life in this section, but accepted all as it came without a murmur.

The funeral services were held from the J. W. Delaney home at 2:30 Monday afternoon, conducted by S. H. Coleman, former elder of the Advent Christian Church of Villisca and assisted by Elder P. L. Sweeney of Lincoln, Nebraska. Interment was in the Villisca Cemetery. Those relatives present from a distance at the funeral were: two daughters, Mrs. Beda Klugey and Mrs. Lydia Brown, both of Clarinda.

Those who survive her are two sons, C. W. and J. W. Delaney of Villisca; four daughters, Mrs. Lydia Brown of



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Clarinda, Mrs. Beda Klugey of Clarinda; Mrs. Emma Cook of Edgland, North Dakota; and Mrs. A. W. Brand of Denver, Colorado, and one sister, whose whereabouts are not known.

**Date of death: 14 Jan 1890**

**Subject: William McBrien**

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

William McBriant [sic], of No. 212? South Ninth street, died yesterday afternoon after a brief illness of erysipelas. The remains will be taken to Rosendale this morning for interment in the McBriant cemetery.

**Date of death: 1 Dec 1889**

**Subject: William McBrien**

**Source: *Marshall County [KS] Democrat*, 5 Dec 1889, Thursday, p. 5**

Mr. McBrien, of Oketo, died, yesterday.

**Date of death: 22 Jan 1911**

**Subject: Elvira (McBroom) Stratton\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Jan 1911, Monday, pp. 1 & 2**

Inflamed by jealousy because his wife, Elvira, had been called to the telephone immediately following a family quarrel over an alleged admirer of her's [sic], James Stratton, a negro better known as "Bosco," stabbed and killed the woman and Amanda Jones, her daughter by a former marriage, about 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Stratton home, 1717 Bartlett street. Stratton fled immediately after the murders had been committed and was captured by City Marshal Fells of Elwood, after Cycle Officer Thompson and Patrolman James had borrowed a horse and chased Stratton across the Grand Island bridge. The double murdered laughed and chatted with a squad of officers who rode back to police headquarters with him in the patrol wagon. Although a trifle surly at times he seemed to show no remorse for the crime.

"My wife had been untrue to me for about four months," Stratton told Chief of Police Haskell. "We had been married six years and I had always made a good home for her and her two daughters. But they all jumped onto me today and I got a knife and cut them."

According to the story told the police by Stratton and by S. B. Washington, another negro, who witnessed the killing of Amanda Jones, the murderer and Amanda remained at home while Mrs. Stratton and Fannie Jones, another daughter, went to the African M. E. church, Third and Antoine streets, with Washington. Amanda, who had been employed as a domestic at the home of Rev. E. J. Eckel, was too sick to go out. She told the others of the family when they returned that Stratton had been abusing her. Stratton 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 now," Stratton said, when he saw the two women alighting from a street car with Washington. "I have a good notion to beat 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 you." Mrs. Stratton went into the front room where the telephone was.

"That's right, go on. I suppose your 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 your all the time abusing us."

"I pay the rent on this house, and set the table. If you and your mother and your sister don't like it, you can pay the rent yourselves or get out," was the reply. Then, as his wife's voice was heard still at the 'phone, Stratton seemed to become enraged. He went out to the kitchen and from a cabinet drawer drew a small butcher knife, its eight-inch blade sharpened to a razor keenness.

Washington, when he saw that Stratton was angry, followed him into the kitchen and remonstrated with him. Stratton paid no attention. He started for the dining room and opened the door leading out of it into the kitchen. Just inside the door he met Amanda. Placing his left arm around the young woman, Stratton drew her to him and with his right plunged the knife into her body clear to the hilt. As the negro released the woman she shrieked and fled out of the back door. Washington who had witnessed the stabbing, preceded her and Fannie Jones fled through the front room where her mother was telephoning and around the house to the home of William Todd, which adjoins the Stratton premises on the rear. Amanda had fallen in the yard and it was not until the double tragedy was over and Stratton had gone that Washington and others ventured out, picked up the body and laid it on the Todd back porch.

What transpired next is only guesswork. It is presumed that Mrs. Stratton, hearing Amanda's screams, hung up the telephone and rushed toward the dining room to see what was the matter. Stratton evidently met her at the door. Once more the knife descended with awful force behind it. Mrs. Stratton's jugular vein was pierced as the keen blade crashed into her body at the collar bone on the right side. She fell face down on the rug and was breathing her last when Police Officers Boyle and James entered the house. Amanda was dead when she was placed on the porch.

Stratton in the meantime fled out the back door, dropping the knife as he ran. Those in the Todd home and the others who had been alarmed by the screams saw him disappear in the direction of the Grand Island bridge. No one offered to stop him. Stratton's reputation as a "bad n—r,"<sup>2</sup> which had earned him the title of "Bosco," was too much for them to tackle. He was not stopped until he had paid his toll across the bridge. Then hot on his heels came Officers James and Thomson [sic], riding double on the horse impressed into service. They took only time to telephone Marshal Fells at Elwood and then loped after Stratton. He started to run, and, watching the men behind him did not see the Elwood officer until the latter had stopped him with a revolver. Stratton submitted easily to arrest and made no resistance when he was started back toward the Missouri side.

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<sup>2</sup> The newspaper used the full word. I will not.

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At the bride the officers and their prisoner met Captain Roderick, Detectives Moore and Johnson and Officer Kelley, who had hurriedly set out from headquarters. Stratton was at once rushed to Central station, where detectives took charge of him and secured a complete confession of the whole affair. Stratton said that he acted in self defense but the statements of Fannie Jones and Washington do not bear out his first tale that all four of them had jumped on him. Later he admitted that his wife was at the telephone when he killed Amanda.

The scene of the tragedy was thronged with the curious, both black and white, long after Coroner Byrd had viewed the bodies and ordered them removed to an undertaker's. The negroes were wailing and Fannie Jones added to the excitement with her hysterical screams. Then men were worked up to a high pitch and opening vowed vengeance on Stratton if they could get to him. A report reached the police that an attempt was being made to get up a mob to take Stratton from the police, but once he was safe in a cell at headquarters, the police felt safe. The announcement that Stratton had been captured and was even then on his way to police headquarters was received by Officer Boyle over the telephone in the room where Mrs. Stratton's body was lying. In an effort to quiet the excited negroes outside the information was imparted to them.

"Hallelujah, God be praised," shrieked one hysterical woman and the others took up the cry. The men joined in, while some cursed the murdered and prayed that he be hanged.

Stratton was perhaps one of the best known negroes in the city. His face bears a long deep gash that extends across the neck as a tribute to the deftness with which Major Marmaduke, another negro, wielded a knife following a quarrel between them at the circus grounds some time ago. Marmaduke was sent to the penitentiary for two years for the cutting affray. Stratton, despite his quarrelsome ways, was a hardworking negro and for some years had been employed in the hog department at Swift's packing plant. The home where he killed his wife and stepdaughter yesterday was scrupulously clean and neat, the handiwork of the two dead women. The furniture was of excellent quality and the whole house was better than that of the average negro.

There is a possibility that Stratton is insane. The crime was brutal in the extreme. The knife, after being plunged deep into the bodies of the 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 premeditated and that perhaps he had intended exterminating Fannie Jones and Washington, too, had they not fled at his first attack upon Amanda.

When officers went to get Stratton in his cell for the purpose of taking him to the detectives' quarters and securing a statement they found him peacefully sleeping, apparently unshaken by remorse. When they brought him back an hour later, Stratton was rather pale and wilted. He no longer laughed and saluted those he knew. Realization of what he had done seemed to be getting in its work as the effects of the whisky which he had drank [sic] during the afternoon began to die out.

In his statement to O. D. McDaniel, assistant prosecuting attorney, and Chief of Detectives Gibson. Stratton told a slightly different story from that he told upon his arrest. He declared that when he opened the door from the kitchen to the dining room he confronted Amanda with a poker in her hand and that she hit him on the head

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with it. Close search by the police failed to show any trace of the poker and the police do not credit his story that the dead woman wielded one. His head last night showed no traces of the blow which he says he received.

Stratton further told the police that after stabbing Amanda he went toward the parlor where his wife was and that she met him at the door, "scratching and clawing like a cat," and that he stabbed her in self defense.

Asked to illustrate how he had wielded the weapon, which was on the table in front of him, Stratton caused a commotion in the detectives' office when he seized the knife and made as if to plunge it into McDaniel or Stenographer McCoy, who was taking his statement down. The blade, as it was held within an inch of the hearts [sic] of the latter, caused both men to jump back in their chairs. Stratton chuckled at their evident consternation.

Policeman Cecil James, one of the two who returned Stratton across the bridge after his capture in Elwood, said that when he first approached the murderer the latter tendered him a pocketknife, closed, and said he was ready to accompany him. James recently had an encounter [sic] with Stratton when he arrested him for fighting and Stratton evidently remembered a blow which the officer dealt him with a club and which laid the negro low. In his wild ride on horseback with Officer Thompson, James broke both his watch and chain against the pommel of the saddle.

Fannie Jones and Washington were also questioned by the detectives and told stories similar to that which they had told during the afternoon. Following the taking of their statements they went downstairs and expressed a wish to see Stratton in his cell. The wish was refused, the police fearing that they might create a scene or seek to do the prisoner harm. Other negroes, who made similar requests, were also refused, threats which had been made against Stratton having come to the ears of the officers.

Coroner C. F. Byrd last night held a postmortem on the bodies of the victims, which was [sic] taken to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue.

### Same

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 24 Jan 1911, Tuesday, 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 before Justice Burke and his hearing was set for Jan. 26.

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

Many whites and negroes attended the inquest.

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Only the fact that Amanda Jones was the nearest to Stratton saved the life of Fannie Jones, according to her testimony. Stratton, she said, opened the door near where the other girl was standing and grabbing her, plunged the knife into her breast.

A number of negroes made attempts to get on the coroner's jury, according to Coroner Byrd. The jury was composed entirely of white men.

"My stepfather was cursing and abusing my mother," testified Fannie Jones. "I heard him make the remark, 'I'm going to kill the whole damn family.' I also heard him open a drawer in the kitchen cabinet. My sister stood near the door. He opened the door and commenced stabbing her. I don't know what happened to mother."

"I held him around the waist," said Sigle Washington. "I told him 'I wouldn't do that.' Amanda was all the time standing between two doors. He grabbed her and, holding her around the waist, stabbed her. I ran out the back door to the home of Mrs. Brown and telephoned to the police."

Secretary of the Police Board Fred Lauder yesterday went to the Swift plant, where Stratton was employed as a hog killer, and drew the man's pay check. It amounted to \$13.45. When he gave it to the negro at the county jail, Stratton happened to notice the "death drop" and remarked to the police secretary, "Say, that's a long ways down."

### Same

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Jan 1911, Thursday 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 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.

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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: 8 Mar 1908**

**Subject: Green McCafferty**

**Source: *Morning [WA] Olympian*, 10 Mar 1908**

Green McCafferty, pioneer of 1852, Indian fighter and veteran of the Mexican war of 1845, died Sunday at 2:30 o'clock at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. L. E. Duval, at the age of 79 years. After a lifetime on the frontier of the west, he passed his declining years at the home of his daughter at Mud Bay. Mr. McCafferty was widely known throughout the northwest among the pioneers.

Green McCafferty was born in LaFayette county, Missouri, December 20, 1828. He was a mere lad when he joined the regular army during the Mexican war, serving as a teamster. Although he never received a pension, a few years ago the government acknowledged his claim for his services and he was paid in full for the time he served, receiving his pay a little over a year ago, more than 60 years after he had earned it.

A few years after his Mexican service, the Pacific coast fever struck him and he came to Puget Sound, arriving in Olympia in 1852. He early mastered the intricacies of the Indian language of the tribes near here and served for a long time as Indian interpreter under Isaac I. Stevens, first governor of the territory of Washington.

When the Indian war of 1855-6 broke out, Mr. McCafferty joined the state volunteers and served through the campaign. He has resided almost continuously in Thurston county since coming here 55 years ago.

Mr. McCafferty is survived by four daughters and one son, Mrs. Lou H. Duval of Mud Bay; Mrs. Arthur Austin, of Mud Bay; Mrs. Katie Hughes of Lyle, Wash.; Mrs. Alive [sic] Byers, of Colorado, and Charles McCafferty of Lyle, Wash. His wife passed away 33 years ago.

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Funeral services will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Duval at Mud Bay and interment will be in the McLane cemetery. Rev. C. E. Philbrook will conduct the services.

**Date of death: Apr 1909**

**Subject: Charles A. McCampbell**

**Source: *Albany [MO] Ledger*, 23 Apr 1909, Friday, p. 1**

Rev. Charles A. McCampbell, a minister of the M. E. church and a former resident of this county, committed suicide at his home in Bolckow last Sunday, by cutting his throat and jugular vein. The only reason that can be given for the rash act is that of temporary insanity. For some time he had been in poor health, as was generally known by those who were in any way acquainted with him, and he had been urged to quit his work and recuperate. His family life is said to have been very happy and financial matters were not pressing on him. Rev. Pierce, the district superintendent, is the informant of the following facts relating to the tragedy.

Sunday morning both Rev. and Mrs. McCampbell were awake before arising and talked over domestic affairs, and Mr. McCampbell afterwards arose and built the fire, and his wife remained a few minutes. They had invited guests to their home for dinner and they had been speaking of their coming and other home matters. Shortly after the husband left Mrs. McCampbell heard a fall in the kitchen below, and another sound which she thought was the kettle boiling. But on coming down stairs and reaching the kitchen she found her husband in a dying condition and the blood gurgling from the wound. Help was immediately summoned, but he was weak from the loss of blood before the flow was stopped. He lingered until two o'clock in the afternoon. He was unable to talk but wrote messages to his family and other relatives. He was 37 years old and leaves a wife and three children. His parents, J. W. McCampbell and wife, and his wife's parents, Rev. Chas. Leonard and wife, all live near Gentry.

The funeral was held at the "Ridge" church, west of Gentry, on Tuesday, April 20th, conducted by the Rev. J. T. Pierce, of Maryville, district superintendent of Maryville district, and the Rev. J. H. Thompson, pastor of the M. E. church at Barnard, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery there beside the church.

Charles A. McCampbell was born August 6, 1871, in Park Co., Indiana, and died April 18, 1909, in Bolckow, Mo., aged 37 years, 8 months 12 days. In 1880, when he was 9 years of age, his parents removed to Mercer County, Mo. They lived there three years. They then removed to Illinois, where they lived one year. In October, 1884, they came to this neighborhood, settling near Gentry when he was 13 years old, and have lived there ever since.

He was converted to God when 16 years of age at a meeting held by father Leonard in that neighborhood. He united with the Methodist Protestant church at "Ridge," and at once began to be active in Christian work. He was for two years a class leader and Sunday school superintendent in one community in Worth county. While there a useful and widespread revival occurred. The people thus early in his life had confidence in him.

He was married to Maggie Leonard at her father's house in Worth county, February 16, 1893. They lived one year in the neighborhood west of Gentry, then four years in Worth county. He attended the Kansas City university of the Methodist Protestant church for one term preparing for the ministry; his health broke, and he

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was compelled to give up school. He then settled on a farm near Gentry and live there two years. During that time he was carrying on his studies for admission to the ministry. He began to preach in 1897 and afterwards served as pastor at a number of charges in Iowa. His health failed him and he was ordered by his physician to take a year's rest. He was zealous in his calling, and after two months from work took charge of a congregation in Nodaway county. He was admitted to the Missouri conference of the M. E. church in October last year, and from there he was appointed to Bolckow, Andrew county. He had served his charge faithfully there and had gained the affection of the people and was highly regarded for his conscientious spirit and Christian walk.

**Date of death: 5 Jul 1920**

**Subject: Ida May (McCartney) Filson**

**Source: *The [Maryville] Daily Democrat-Forum*, 10 Jun 1920, p. 3**

Funeral services for Mrs. Robert Filson of Hopkins, who died last Saturday at Greenfield, Iowa, were held at Hopkins Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. R. R. Watts of Bosworth, Mo., assisted by the Rev. Ballenger of the Baptist church. Mrs. Filson is survived by her husband and six children. She was born in 1855 at Concord, Ill., and was married to Mr. Filson in March 1872.

Mrs. Filson, in company with her husband and son, Orville, and Mrs Minnie Seltzer of Hopkins, left last Friday morning in their car for Greenfield, Iowa, to visit friends. Mrs. Filson was in her usual health when she left home. Shortly after arising Saturday morning, she fell to the floor in a faint and died in a few moments.

**Date of death: ca. 1850**

**Subjects: Daniel & Mrs. Mary McCarty**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 13 Aug 1920, Friday, p. 1- not an obituary**

Friday of last week, two men who had passed the three scorer and ten age, stepped into the Chronicle office and each had an expression of real delight on his countenance. One of them was well known to the Chronicle force, the other being a stranger. But it was only momentary, for at once James Vaughn introduced his friend, T. J. McCarty, of near Avenue City, in Andrew county, and stated that the two had known each other 72 years. That is a long time for two men to have known each other and also a long time for men to have lived so nearly in the same community as have these two gentlemen. Both were natives of Andrew county and were born within a few miles of each other.

Mr. Vaughn was born over toward Flag Springs and Mr. McCarty over near where Rosendale now stands. Mr. Vaughn is 76 and his friend 74. These two were greatly enjoying each other's company. They together called at several places about town and among old friends met was H. Edwards, a former Andrew county man, but who has lived in King City many years.

James Vaughn has lived in this community nearly all his life, and Mr. McCarty also, save a period of about nine years, he lived in Kansas. Mr. McCarty was two [sic] years old when both his parents died of fever the same day, one in the morning and the other in the evening. Both were buried in the same grave at Lower Neely Grove Cemetery. After the death of his parents he was taken in charge and raised by Mrs. Samuel Francis on Empire



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Prairie. He is a brother of James McCarty who is well known to many people in this locality, as he was for some years in business here with the Millan Brothers. He, James, is now at Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Vaughn and Mr. McCarty certainly enjoyed the visit together, and when one would see these elderly gentlemen walking down the street and not know that they counted their years by the upwards of seventy, by the pace they set and the agility with which they moved, you would have thought a couple of middle aged men were walking at a pretty good pace. It was interesting to see them together and certainly entertaining to talk with them and hear the men compare some of the old times of years ago when, where King City now stands, was a great prairie and the wild flowers nodded in the breezes and the deer and the turkey were in the woods on the streams. But wonderful changes have come about, and these men have witnessed these great changes that come in the allotted time for man, and they are in good health for men of their years and are enjoying the days even now as they come and go. May they live to enjoy many more visits together.

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**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 26 Feb 1851, Wednesday, p. 3

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Probate Court of Andrew County (in vacation,) letters of administration on the estate of David [sic] McCarty, deceased, dated February 4th, 1851.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same are required to exhibit them properly authenticated for settlement to the administrator, within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from having any benefit of said estate, and if such claims are not exhibited within three years, they will be forever barred.

Benjamin Ogle, Administrator

**Date of death:** 7 Apr 1898

**Subject:** infant daughter of Thomas McCarty

**Source:** *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 16 Apr 1898, Saturday, p. 5

Conception. On last Wednesday morning the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCarty of St. Benedict's parish departed this life. Its spirit went to join the cherubim, and will know only a heavenly life. Its knowledge of the cares and trials of this life is but as a transient cloud's shadow on a bright landscape. The sorrowing parents have the heartfelt sympathy of their friends.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Father Berthold, and the remains laid to rest in the Conception cemetery.

**Date of death:** 23 Sep 1884

**Subject:** John McCarty

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Herald*, 25 Sep 1884, Thursday, p. 5

Last July John McCarty, his wife and four children, sons grown, moved from Independence, Mo., and established themselves two miles south of Riverton, a little birg ten miles northeast of St. Joseph. Here

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McCarty opened up an eating house, or rather an eating tent (for it consisted merely of canvas stretched over poles), and depended on patronage upon the men who were working near that place engaged in changing to a standard gauge the narrow gauge railroad.

Things progressed prosperously enough for the McCarty's, and they were making money. Their tent was pitched in a sort of a camp, and was surrounded by the tents of the railroad employes, whom they fed, and fed well.

McCarty, sr., was a man addicted to strong drink. In a drunken row at Independence a short time before he left that place, a policeman had seen fit to hit him over the head with a club, inflicting a painful wound, from the effects of which McCarty never had recovered. It was noticed that since the time of his injury he had acted peculiarly, and his friends agreed that his mind was affected.

Many times had McCarty, the elder, sworn off and promised to stop drinking, and just as many times had he failed and fallen. Several times he had remarked to his wife, and to his brother, who camped near him, that if he couldn't quit drinking he would kill himself. But he didn't quit, and so far hadn't killed himself, and they regarded his threats of self-destruction as of no consequence.

Monday of this week McCarty, who since his removal to the railroaders' camp, had been working by the day as were the other men, was sent to St. Joseph to have several plows repaired. The first thing he did after reaching this city was to become as full of tangle foot as his hide would hold. In this condition he remained all day, forgetting to go home, and forgetting his errand. Suspecting that his delay was occasioned by a fall from grace into his old habits, he was sent after and taken back to camp that night, arriving in a semi-sober condition after dark.

When McCarty got on one of his big drunks he never came home, but slept and stayed away until he was sober. Consequently, after hearing her husband had been brought back to camp drunk, his wife was not alarmed when, at the usual bed time, he did not put in an appearance.

About 9 o'clock McCarty stepped inside a big tent where a lot of the boys were congregated around a bright fire, smoking and telling tales, and borrowed a pipe and tobacco of his brother Tim McCarty. Sitting down, apart from the others, he smoked in silence, and after finishing handed the pipe to its owner and left the tent, remarking that he had taken his last smoke. No attention was paid to this remark, as it was similar to others he had made.

About 11:30 Monday night he passed by the tent where his brother was asleep, and with a lighted lamp in his hand peered in, laying his empty hand on his brother's head. This was the last time he was seen alive.

At 4 o'clock his wife arose, and going outside the tent saw her husband, as she supposed standing upon the ground. Stepping to his side, she touched his face. The body was cold and stiff. She then saw that he was hanging from a beam that projected from the tent out over a covered wagon that stood near it. The beam was a little higher than a man's head. Mrs. McCarty shouted for help, and the dead man was cut down. He had tied the rope around his neck, and after fastening the other end to the beam had jumped from the wagon. He had died with few struggles, and after little suffering. His neck was broken.

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Dr. Kirschner, coroner, was notified, and started for the scene at eight o'clock Tuesday morning. He empaneled [sic] a jury composed of T. M. Orr, W. G. Orr, J. E. Lambert, Marion Guinn, Dan McDonald and John Brewer, and they returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

John McCarty was 50 years of age and had been considered a respectable, law-abiding man and good citizen when out of liquor. Drink was his greatest enemy, and when under its influence he was like a wild man. He was hard-working, industrious, a kind father and a good husband. His family is deeply affected over his sad death.

**Date of death: 9 Jul 1886**

**Subject: Noah McCaskey**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 11 Jul 1886, p. 7**

Maryville, Mo., July 10.—Noah McCaskey, a druggist at Barnard, died yesterday and his remains were shipped to Ohio for burial to-day. He was a druggist, and resided at Barnard during the past six years. He left no relatives here, but a sister of his resides at Hiawatha, Kansas. He was a very bright Mason and was master of his lodge. Gov. Morehouse, Recorder Toel, County Clerk Miller and Representative Anthony, of this city, attended the Masonic ceremonies, which were very impressive.

**Date of death: 27 Jan 1900**

**Subject: Daniel McCauley**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 29 Jan 1900, Monday, p. 7**

Three boys playing on the ice on Blacksnake Creek near Grand avenue found the dead body of a man lying on the bank about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. They notified other people in the vicinity, and the police were told of the finding of the body.

The body was that of Daniel McCauley of Savannah, a bridge carpenter in the employ of the Chicago Great Western. He came to the city Saturday with his wife, who came to visit friends in north St. Joseph. McCauley was about the north part of the city Saturday afternoon and night. He was seen at the First Ward House as late as 11 o'clock Saturday night.

When he left the place McCauley had not been drinking to excess, and there was nothing to indicate that he was not all right. It is supposed that he crossed the Grand avenue viaduct from St. Joseph avenue to the east side, and was trying to make his way to the dispatcher's office in the yards.

McCauley did not fall from the viaduct according to the witnesses at the coroner's inquest, who saw the body after it was found, but from the east embankment. He fell a distance of twenty feet, and his face struck the rocks and frozen earth.

When the body was found the man was lying on his back, with his head bent back and his left arm under him. His head was badly bruised. The face was so badly bruised that it had the appearance of having been beaten with a club. The forehead had two or three cuts on it. The face had been badly frozen, and the hands and feet

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were frozen when he was found. Although there was still a little warmth about the body, McCauley was quite dead.

Coroner Richmond was notified and had the body removed to Heaton's, where an inquest was held today. Clarence Nagle, Willie Jacobs and George Nagle are the boys who first saw the body. The police called to the scene searched the clothing of the dead man and found that his valuables had not been disturbed. They believe his death was accidental.

There was found in the pockets of the dead man's clothing a silver watch and chain. In his other pockets, the police found \$19.35 in money. The other small articles in his pockets had not been touched.

McCauley had been in the employment of the Chicago Great Western about nine years, under Supt. J. A. McLean and Foreman A. Morrison of the bridge gang. They said today that he was a good workman and was regarded as one of the best men. A year ago last September he was married to Miss Mary Hurst of Savannah. They lived at Savannah after their marriage and came to the city occasionally on a visit. They had no children.

Rod McCauley, a brother of the dead man, lives in St. Joseph and is a civil engineer in the employ of the Chicago Great Western. When McCauley did not return to his wife Saturday night, she supposed that he was with his brother, and was not uneasy about him.

It is supposed that McCauley fell over the embankment and was so badly hurt by the fall that he could not call for help. He was rendered unconscious by the fall, it is believed. His head was within few inches of the bed of the creek, and his feet higher up on the bank. There was nothing to indicate that he had moved after he struck the frozen ground and rocks.

The condition of the body showed that he not have fallen from the viaduct, although he may have believed that he was walking upon the viaduct in the darkness. The body was too far from the structure for him to have fallen from it. The distance from the viaduct to the bottom of the creek at that point is much greater than from the embankment over when McCauley is thought to have fallen.

Witnesses at the coroner's inquest testified that McCauley had been in Porter's place at St. Joseph avenue and Grand avenue late at night, and that he was also at the First Ward House as late as 11 o'clock. He had probably taken a few drinks, they said, but was not intoxicated. When last seen alive he was all right and nobody had paid any particular attention to him. McCauley was about forty years old and was a man of great strength.

McCauley and his wife were visiting at the home of Charles Adkins at 1218 North Fourth street, and had come to the city to remain over Sunday. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that he had come to his death by falling over the embankment. The remains will be taken back to Savannah this afternoon for burial.

**Date of death: 15 Oct 1892**

**Subject: W. W. McClain**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 19 Jan 1893, p. 3**

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The following letter was received by Coroner Reynolds on Tuesday:

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 14, 1893.—Coroner Buchanan County, St. Joseph, Mo.—Dear Sir:-- In an old paper I ran across a notice dated 'St. Joseph, Missouri, October 17, 1892,' stating that a Burlington switchman named Frank McClain, had been killed in the Burlington yards at St. Joseph.

I had an uncle whose name was Frank Reuber [sic] McClean. We have not heard of him for years, and thinking this person was probably my uncle, I write to ascertain if you can give me his full name, age and anything else you can let me know in regard to him.

It will be a great favor if you will give me all the information you possess in this regard, or if you know nothing about the matter kindly let me know who you think would know. I will be glad to pay you for your trouble. Enclosed you will find [sic] envelope properly addressed. Very respectfully, Mary Daily.

The records in the Burlington offices here bear no such name as Frank McClain, but show that a man named W. W. McClain, who was employed as a brakeman was killed by the cars in the Burlington yards on Saturday, October 15, 1892.

But very little could be learned concerning him. He had been in the employ of the Burlington but two days and no one knew where he came from.

When he was employed on the Burlington he stated that he had worked at Lawrence, Kansas, and at Lincoln, Nebraska, as a switchman. The second night he worked here he fell while making a coupling, and was run over and instantly killed. The dead man was taken to Heaton's undertaking rooms, where an inquest was held, after which he was buried in the city cemetery, the Burlington paying the funeral expenses. There was nothing in his pockets to give a clue to the relatives of the man. Superintendent Hohl has a photograph of the man.

Beyond these facts nothing is known of this man. An effort was made at the time to find his friends, but nothing was learned either from Lawrence or Lincoln as to his identity.

**Date of death: 31 Mar 1919**

**Subject: Mary Ann (McClarnen) O'Donnell**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 5 Apr 1919, Saturday, p. 5**

Conception, Mo.

Mrs. Patrick O'Donnell, widely known in the southeast part of Nodaway County, died last Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock, at the home of her son, Joseph O'Donnell, near Barnard. Mrs. O'Donnell was 75 years old, and had lived in the county since her early girlhood. Her husband died ten years ago. She is survived by six children, Mrs. Michael Callahan of Fort Worth, Texas, Mrs. W. E. Brady and Mrs. Lawrence Growney of Conception, and Hugh, Joseph and Patrick O'Donnell, living near Barnard. Mrs. Callahan arrived in time to attend her mother's funeral, which was held Thursday. Services were conducted at the church in Conception, and interment was in Conception cemetery.

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**Date of death: 9 Jul 1918**

**Subject: Samuel Edward McCleave**

**Source: *The [Maryville MO] Democrat-Forum*, 9 Jul 1918, Tuesday, p. 1**

Ed McCleave, a well-known farmer living three miles south of Hopkins, died last night at Ensworth hospital in St. Joseph where he underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday. The body, accompanied by Mrs. McCleave, will be taken to Hopkins tonight.

Mr. McCleave was united in marriage to Miss Neva Templeton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Templeton of Maryville, May 29, this year.

Others surviving him are his parents, who live in Hopkins, and eight brothers and sisters, most of whom live in or near Hopkins. One brother, Earl McCleave, is in France.

Mr. McCleave was a member of the local organization of U. C. T.

**Date of death: 12 Dec 1892**

**Subject: William McClure**

**Source: *Pleasanton [KS] Observer-Enterprise*, 17 Dec 1892, Saturday, p. 3**

Died: On Monday, Dec. 12, 1892, of paralysis, Wm. McClure, age 77 years, 4 months and 6 days.

On Nov. 29 he was stricken with paralysis from the effects of which he never recovered. His face was familiar to almost every citizen. He was kind and courteous to everyone and went about his work in that quiet, unassuming way that won the respect and good will of all who knew him. While not connected with any church, he was, nevertheless, an exemplary christian whose word was his honor. He was most esteemed by those who knew him best. His remains were interred in the Pleasanton cemetery on Wednesday, the funeral services being conducted by Father Whitman. He was born in Jefferson county New York, Aug. 6, 1815. In 1841 he was married to Miss Magaret [sic] Smith who now survives him. In 1842 he oved to Iowa and from there to Linn county Kan. in 1859. From here we [sic] went to Ndoaway, [sic] county, Mo., in 1874 and thence to South Dakota returning to Pleasanton in 1892. Besides his widow he leaves four daughters, Mrs. John J. Harris of this city, J. H. Bicket and Mrs. E. Conniff, of Bridgewater, S.D., Mrs. A. H. Pride of Maryville, Mo., and one son, Frank McClure, of Bridgewater, S.D.

**Date of death: 25 Sep 1918**

**Subject: John Downing McConnell**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 26 Sep 1918, Thursday, p. 5**

The charge of assault with intent to kill was changed to murder in the first degree yesterday against John Rufus and George Yocum, negroes. They are alleged to have struck John McConnell in the back of the head with a black jack, from which blow McConnell did not regain consciousness. He died yesterday at Noyes hospital.

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The purpose of the assault was robbery and, it is alleged, the negroes took \$10 from McConnell. The assault took place late Friday night in the alley between Third and Fourth streets near Edmond. The negroes were arraigned on the new charge yesterday and will be given a preliminary hearing on Oct. 4. Their bond was set at \$5,000 each.

The information in the murder charge was sworn to by Samuel McConnell, a son of the dead man. McConnell, who was sixty-one years old had lived near Amazonia for the past twenty years. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Samuel and Clem.

An inquest will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at H. O. Sidenfaden's rooms.

**same**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 16 Nov 1918, Saturday, p. 5**

The murder case against John Rufus, a negro, who is charged with the killing of John McConnell near Amazonia some time ago, is on trial in the criminal court.

**Same**

**Source: same, p. 5, another column**

After two hours deliberation the jury in the John Rufus murder case brought a verdict of guilty Thursday and Rufus was sentenced to the penitentiary for thirty-five years.

**Date of death: 30 Nov 1916**

**Subject: J. E. McCormick**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 1 Dec 1916, Friday, p. 1**

Savannah, Mo., Nov. 30.—Eight cars of Chicago Great Western freight train, No. 61, south bound, left the tracks about one mile south of here shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon, resulting in the death of J. E. McCormack s[ci], a switchman of Des Moines, Iowa. A broken brake beam is given as the cause of the wreck. McCormack's body was extricated from the wreckage about two hours later and taken to the Christianson undertaking rooms. He was not a member of the train crew, but was riding on the cars with two companions who escaped injury by jumping. McCormack was crushed beneath the wreckage of an oil car. The body will be sent to Des Moines on the Chicago Great Western passenger train which leaves here at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The tracks were torn up for a distance of several hundred feet. Wrecking crews were sent out from St. Joseph, and it was said they would be kept busy the better part of the night clearing the wreckage. All Chicago Great Western trains were detoured over the Creston branch of the Burlington's tracks.

**Date of death: 5 Jun 1900**

**Subject: Thomas F. McCormick**

**Source: *Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 7 Jun 1900, Thursday**

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Thomas McCormick, the well-known east side farmer, died Tuesday night, after a long and painful illness with cancer.

He united with the M E church some weeks ago and the funeral will be held today, conducted by Elder John of this city, after which burial will take place in the Hopkins cemetery.

An obituary will appear next week.

**Same:**

**Source:** *Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 14 Jun 1900, Thursday

Thomas McCormick was born in Uniontown, Fayette county, Penn., July 27, 1850; died near Hopkins, Mo., June 5, 1900, aged 49 years and 29 days.

Losing his parents at an early age, he came to Iowa when quite young to make his home with the family of his uncle, Jacob Springer. Between him and the members of this family the dearest relationship existed. He was to them as a dear son and brother.

He came to Missouri in October 1883 and was married to Mary M. Miller and settled down on his farm, where he remained until the time of his death. He leaves an absent sister in West Virginia.

Mr. McCormick was a man of noble and generous impulses—true to his convictions of right and wrong. In consequence of continued poor health, he necessarily lived a somewhat secluded life, but he was a man of strong friendships---a friend to him was a friend for life. He was a kind husband and an indulgent father. Home and family to him were objects of almost sacred affection.

He professed faith in Christ as a personal Savior about six weeks before his death and joined the M. E. church. To his near friends he talked freely about his conversion and hope of Heaven. Having set his house in order, he very patiently submitted to his severe suffering until the end.

His pastor, Rev John, conducted the funeral at his home, Thursday, June 7, at 11 a. m. Burial was had in Hopkins cemetery.

**Date of death:** 24 Aug 1894

**Subject:** William A. McCown

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 25 Aug 1894, p. 5

Clearmont, Mo., Aug. 24,-- William McCown of Braddyville, was shot and instantly killed tonight at 9 o'clock by R. M. Lewis, city marshal. McCown and some companions had been drinking at a low dive kept by a man named Bun Roth. The man became noisy and quarreled, and when the marshal tried to arrest him, he was knocked down by McCown. The marshal then pulled his gun and shot McCown through his heart, killing him instantly. Great excitement prevails but the general opinion is that the shooting was justifiable. The coroner, Dr. Martin of Maryville, has been telegraphed for, and all the men implicated in the disturbance will be arrested.



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**Date of death: 16 Dec 1918**

**Subject: Clifton Kimbel McCoy**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 16 Dec 1918, Monday, p. 2**

Clifford [sic] K. McCoy, forty-seven [sic] years old, a farmer northwest of town, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning, of pneumonia. He is survived by his widow, three daughters and two sons, Edward McCoy, Forbes, Mo., Frederick, St. Joseph, Mrs. Edith Carther, Mrs. Emma Clark and Mrs. Edna Morgan, all of St. Joseph. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford [sic] McCoy of St. Joseph, also survive him.

**Date of death: 5 Jul 1920**

**Subject: Lorenzo Dow McCoy**

**Source: *Coshocton [OH] Tribune*, 5 Jul 1920, Saturday**

Alonzo Dow McCoy, aged 70, died at his home near Warsaw, Saturday morning at 7 o'clock, death resulting from kidney trouble. The aged man had been confined to his bed for the last four weeks with this ailment.

Mr. McCoy was born in Jefferson twp., two miles and a half north of Warsaw, on a farm July 9, 1849.

He was a well known citizen of Jefferson twp. and his death came as a shock to his friends as well as his relatives. He followed the occupation of a farmer and that of a veterinarian. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, having joined this body several years ago.

There are surviving, besides the widow, seven children; Mrs. A.S Littleton, Mrs. T.H McNeil, and Mrs. G E Pine, all of California; D.F. McCoy of Iowa; W.M McCoy of Nellie, and Earl & Avery McCoy of the home. Funeral arrangements have not been made Saturday. The Masons will be in charge of the funeral.

**Date of death: 25 Nov 1881**

**Subject: Elijah McCrary**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Gazette*, 1 Dec 1881, Thursday, p. 1**

At nine o'clock Friday morning Elijah McCrary died at his residence at Easton, of paralysis. He suffered a stroke of paralysis several years ago, from which he partially recovered, but which rendered him an invalid. Last Sunday, however, he received another stroke, which rendered him helpless, and which results in his death Friday morning. Mr. McCrary was one of the oldest and most respected citizens in the county. He was born in Howard county, Missouri, January 25, 1820, and resided in that county until he and [sic] became a man. He was married in Howard county to a lovely and most estimable young lady, who has ever since been a loving and faithful wife to him. During the past few years her devotion to him has been more than ordinary, thus proving her one of the truest and noblest of women. She still survives him, and will in the future make her home at the family homestead at Easton. In 1851 Mr. McCrary removed to this county with his family, purchasing a farm near Easton. There he remained until a few years ago, proving one of the most thorough farmers in the Platte purchase. Some years since he went into merchandising, but still continued to carry on his farm. Three years ago he turned his store over to his sons, one of whom is E. Don McCrary, and they are now the principal

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merchants of that town. Mr. McCrary started in business with a small capital, but when he retired from business he had accumulated a goodly portion of this world's goods, Last spring he commenced the erection of a house, according to his wife's plans and arrangements, feeling that it would be more pleasant for her in such a home, as he was old and liable to be called away at any moment. The residence was completed and occupied in September last. Mr. McCray was a true man in every respect, honest, just and charitable, and was universally respected in the community in which he passed so many years of his life. He leaves six children, three of each sex, who are now grown to men and women. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, under whose auspices the funeral took place at 11 o'clock Saturday.

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The following tribute to the memory of the deceased is offered by an old friend, and is therefore given a place in these columns.

A just honorable and most excellent citizen of Buchanan county, dead—dead to all the claims of earth that are earthly, but alive to the rewards of the just, made perfect in the—to us—hereafter, but to him, the present.

This man though dead to all his neighbors and friends in earthy [sic] respects, who have known him and appreciated the goodness of his heart for more than a third of a century, lives not only in their remembrances [sic] but in the enjoyment of the promises made to him of faith.

Elijah McCreary [sic], to all intents and purposes, lived by the 'Golden Rule.' He done to all men as he would be done by, exacting from no man that which he would not concede under similar circumstances. An honest man and a most worthy citizen has gone from our midst, few remain who are his equals, and none who are his superiors in all that constitute a man.

The subject of this notice was born in Howard county, Mo., January 5, 1820, from an Irish parentage, who emigrated to Missouri from North Carolina, to Howard county, and subsequently to Johnson county, where his early years were spent. In 1837 he settled in Andrew county, and subsequently in Marion township, Buchanan county. In 1854 he laid out the town of Easton, the town site of which he owned, and has ever since been identified with its interests. For a number of years he has been an exemplary member and deacon in the Cumberland Presbyterian church and living up to its teachings. His progeny are among the honored of the county and are of such as delight to inherit the virtues of a worthy and honorable sire. Peace be to the ashes of Elijah McCreary.

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**Date of death: 13 Feb 1919**

**Subject: Flora (McCrea) Huddle**

**Source: *The Ainsworth [NE] Star-Journal*, 20 Feb 1919, Thursday, p. 1**

Flora McCrea Huddle was born in Nodaway county, Mo., November 27, 1864, and died at Savannah, Mo., Feb. 13, 1919, aged 54 years, 2 mo. 16 ds.

She was married to Chas S. Huddle Dec. 24, 1880, and remained in Missouri until 1883, when they came to

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Keya Paha county, settling on a homestead, where they resided until Oct. 2, 1918 when they bought property in Ainsworth and moved here.

Last May, Mrs. Huddle went to Savannah, Mo., for treatment and remained there several weeks, visiting her sister, Mrs. Bramble before returning home in July. She again returned to Savannah, January 14 to take treatment, and had made good progress toward recovery, so good in fact that she expected to be able to return home soon, when complications developed which caused her death.

The remains were brought to her home in this city Saturday evening accompanied by her husband who had been with her constantly and her sister, Mrs. Bramble. The family did not know of her death until the train reached Long Pine with the remains as the telegraph wires were down.

Mrs. Huddle was the mother of five children, Floyd E. who died at Stewart Alaska in 1906, Claude S. of Colon, S. D.; Eva, who died in 1908, Martha E. and Forest C. at home in this city.

Two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Mary E. Allen of Middleton, Idaho; Lottie Bramble of Skidmore, Mo., and Ham McCrea of Valentine; one grandson, Elby also survive, who were present at the funeral except Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. Huddle was a devoted, self-sacrificing wife and mother and dearly loved by all who knew her. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Union church in Keya Paha county near the old homestead, conducted by Rev. Peterson of the M. E. church, Springfield, Nebr. Pall bearers were members of the I.O.O.F. lodge vis, Jas. Irwin, Otto Tisue, Herman Breitinger, Edward Roach, John Slonecker and George Sprague.

**Date of death: 14 Mar 1873**

**Subject: William McCrea**

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

Whitesville Items. Wm. McCrea died March 14, with pneumonia and typhoid fever. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Dungan of Gentryville.

**Date of death: 9 Dec 1878**

**Subject: James McCreary**

**Source: *Omaha [NE] Daily Republican*, 10 Dec 1878, p. 4**

James McCreary, brother of John McCreary, Esq., of this city, started eastward from San Francisco a few days ago, accompanied by a son about nine years old, taking passage on the emigrant train. The father and son arrived safely at Evanston Monday night, but when daylight broke the discovery was made that Mr. McCreary had suicided by cutting his throat. The body was found sitting upright, with a bloody pocket knife clasped in one of the hands. No explanation of the cause could be found, and it surmised that the deceased had become temporarily insane. The remains were interred at Green River yesterday, and the little boy will continue his journey to this city, where he will arrive in a day or two.

**Same**

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**Source: *Omaha [NE] Herald*, 11 Dec 1878, p. 5**

James McCrary [sic], a brother of Mr. John McCrary, of this city, committed suicide on east-bound emigrant train No. 6 of the U. P. R. R., on Monday night. When the train reached Green River yesterday morning the dead body of Mr. McCrary was found by his fellow passengers in his seat in the car, grasping a knife in one hand, with which he had cut his throat, his clothing and the floor being covered with blood. No one had heard anything wrong during the night and it was impossible to tell when the deceased killed himself. He was alive when the train left Evanston on Monday evening.

A sad feature of the case is the fact that the little son of the deceased, 9 years of age, was with him, but was fast asleep in another seat when the deed was committed. The boy was overwhelmed with grief at the death of his father. The conductor learned from him that he had an uncle residing in Omaha, and at once sent a telegram notifying Mr. John McCrary of the dreadful circumstances.

An inquest was held at Green River yesterday, the jury rendering a verdict in accordance with the facts above given.

The remains will be buried at Green River. Mr. McCrary sent a telegram instructing his little nephew to come at once to Omaha. It is supposed that the deceased killed himself in a fit of insanity.

**Date of death: 10 Apr 1890**

**Subject: George J. McCumber**

**Source: *Fairfield [IA] Tribune*, 16 Apr 1890, Wednesday, p. 4**

George McCumber, who with his wife and two grown children was living on the farm of Henry B. Mitchell, two miles west of this city, died on Thursday, April 10, of influenza. Mr. McCumber was about 50 years old, and an honest, industrious man. He was buried in the city cemetery Saturday, April 12, Rev. W. G. Thorne conducting the services.

**Date of death: 10 May 1881**

**Subject: James McCumber**

**Source: *St. Louis [MO] Globe-Democrat*, 12 May 1881, Thursday, p. 5**

Carrollton, Mo., May 11.—Intelligence was brought here to-day of the accidental drowning yesterday of James McCumber in the Wakanda, near Hordwick's Mill, about eight miles east. He was a very worthy young man.

**Date of death: 24 Sep 1899**

**Subject: Jesse J. McCumber**

**Source: *Fairfield [IA] Tribune*, 27 Sep 1899, Wednesday, p. 7**

Jessie [sic] J. McCumber died at the home of his mother in this city early Sunday morning. He had been in poor health since last March and since September 4th, when he was operated upon, he had not been able to leave his bed. In the early part of August he went to Nevada, Missouri, for treatment, and remained there for nearly a

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month, but received no benefit. He returned to this city on August 30th and was then taken to his mother's home. He suffered greatly all during his illness but was conscious, except when under the effect of opiates, until a few hours before his death. A post-mortem examination was held Monday morning and the cause of his illness and death pronounced to have been cancer of the liver.

Mr. McCumber was well known in the city and county, most of his life having been spent here. He was the only son of Mrs. Mary E. McCumber, of this city, and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell, also of this city, is his only living sister. He was born in Clarke county, this state, November 8th, 1867, and came to this county with his parents when two years old. Since that time, with the exception of two years, his home had been in Jefferson county. He was married in Richland, to Miss Ida Morgan, October 6th, 1890, and she with five children, the oldest a daughter of eight years, the youngest a babe of only a few weeks, survives him.

Mr. McCumber had lived in Fairfield for the past four years and his mother, wife and children, have the sympathy of their friends both in the city and county.

The funeral took place from his mother's residence on West Burlington street, Monday morning at ten o'clock. Rev. Dr. Magill conducted the services.

**Date of death: 30 Apr 1884**

**Subject: Mrs. Ellen (or Alcy) McDaniel**

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

On Wednesday, at 4 o'clock p.m., Mrs. Ellen McDaniel died at her home, near Cosby. She was 84 years old, and resided in St. Joseph over twenty years. The funeral will take place to-day, and a number of friends from this city will attend. Mrs. McDaniel was the mother-in-law of Officer Harry Chapman of the police force in this city. She was a good woman, and was esteemed by all who knew her.

**Date of death: 18 Sep 1891**

**Subject: John Andrew McDaniel**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 23 Sep 1891, p. 5**

Savannah, Mo., Sept. 20.—John McDaniels [sic], one of the pioneers of Northwest Missouri, died at his residence in Savannah yesterday evening at 6 o'clock. He was born in Warren county, Tenn., November 24, 1817, and moved with his parents to Cooper county, Mo., when 2 years old. He moved to Andrew county, Mo., in 1887. He was three times married and leaves a widow and two children, viz: a son, Gilbert McDaniels, and a daughter, Mrs. Sloan M. Young.

Judge McDaniels, as he was always familiarly called, was always one of our most enterprising citizens. In politics he was a Democrat and was twice a candidate for county judge and once a candidate for representative, each time running far ahead of his ticket, and each time only lacking a few votes of being elected.

**Same**

**Source: same, p. 8**

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Savannah, Mo., Sept. 22.—Mr. John McDaniels [sic], one of the old and honored and respected citizens of Savannah, died Friday evening at 6 o'clock and was interred in the Savannah cemetery on Sabbath afternoon by the order of Free Masonry. His funeral service was preached by Rev. Mr. Moore, in the M. E. church, south, and a very large procession followed him to his last resting place.

**Date of death: 5 Jun 1908**

**Subject: Virlanda (McDaniel) Collins**

**Source: *Winchester [KS] Star*, 12 Jun 1908, Friday**

Mrs. Virlanda (McDaniels) [sic] Collins was born in Kentucky July 11, 1832, and died in Kansas, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Forsyth June 5, 1908, aged, almost seventy six years. When a child she removed with her parents to Agency Ford, Buchanan county, Missouri, where she spent about thirty years of her life, her father being one of the early settlers there where he owned a large estate including about thirty slaves. In 1850 she married Miles Collins. To this union eleven children were born seven of whom are still living one son and six daughters.

In a very early day she came with her husband out to Brown county, Kansas, but after a short time went back to Missouri. In the early 80's they came back to Kansas, locating on Rock Creek. In 1894 they moved to New Kirk, Oklahoma, where her husband died in February 1900. A couple of weeks ago she came to her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Forsyth, to make a visit. She was very feeble and her visit quickly terminated in the closing of her earthly journey. On Saturday, after a service held in the United Presbyterian church conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Dunlap, her body was laid away in the R. P. cemetery.

When young she connected with the United Presbyterian church, and retained her membership in that church during her long life.

**Date of death: 31 Jul 1907**

**Subject: Daniel McDaniels**

**Source: *The [Beloit KS] Western Call*, 9 Aug 1907, p. 6**

The death is announced as having occurred at Edmond, Kansas of Daniel McDaniels a former resident of this city. The deceased gentleman lived at one time on East Asher Creek, being among the earliest settlers of that neighborhood. He homesteaded land which he farmed for many years and retained possession of it until a short while ago, when he sold the 240 acres of which it then consisted to Joe Grau the well known sheep farmer of the same vicinity. Some years ago Mr. McDaniels moved to Beloit and purchasing property in the west part of town, now occupied by John S. Smith made this place his residence until he moved to Edmond about a couple of years ago. Mr. McDaniels was well advanced in years has been sick for some time from stomach trouble and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by a grown up family one of his sons being John McDaniels who formerly raised redpollled cattle on his father's place on East Asher Creek, but is now also a residend [sic] of Edmond.

**Date of death: 19 Jan 1906**

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**Subject: Julia (McDevitt) Kimmet**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune, 27 Jan 1906, Saturday, p. 5***

Hirlingen. [sic] Died, January 19, six miles east of Helena, Mo., Mrs. John Kimmet, nee Julia McDevitt, aged 32 years.

The deceased leaves to mourn her early death, her husband, John Kimmet and three small children, the youngest of whom is eleven months old.

The funeral took place from St. Mary's Church at Hirlinggen [sic], Sunday, January 21, at 2:30 p.m. The interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

May she rest in peace.

**Date of death: 24 Oct 1876**

**Subject: Daniel McDonald**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald, 25 Oct 1876, p. 4***

At ten o'clock yesterday morning, Daniel McDonald, father of R. L. McDonald, Esq., of this city, died at the family residence on the old Wilson, or Jimtown Place, in Andrew county, some five miles north of the city. Mr. McDonald had attained a ripe age, and his death was not unexpected. He had been failing for the last two years, his strength declining more rapidly during the last few months. For some time previous to his death he was confined to his room. The funeral of the deceased will take place from Jimtown church at ten o'clock this morning. The remains will be brought to the city and interred in Mt. Mora Cemetary [sic], where the wife of the deceased, and a grown daughter, who preceeded [sic] him to the unknown land some two years, lie buried. Many friends of the deceased and family from this city, will doubtless attend the ... In respect to the deceased, the wholesale house of R. L. McDonald & Co., and the retail store of Henderson & Co., will be closed to-day.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald, 26 Oct 1876, p. 4***

The funeral of the late Daniel McDonald took place at the Jimtown church, on the Savannah road, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. It was attended by a large concourse of people from the neighborhood in which the deceased had lived since settling in Missouri. A large number of carriages went from the city. The funeral ceremonies were conducted by Rev. C. I. Vandeventer, of the M. E. Church South, now presiding elder of the Plattsburg district, assisted by Rev. Mr. Campbell, pastor of the Seventh Street Presbyterian Church, and the regular minister of the M. E. Church at the Jimtown charge. Elder Vandeventer conducted the services, reading portions of the Scripture appropriately applicable to the life of the deceased, and followed with a funeral discourse of great beauty and power, chosing [sic] for his text the cheerful passage "Blessed is the death of them who die in the Lord." The sermon was cheerful, and directed to the living, and delivered in Mr. Vandeventer's invariably engaging and impressive manner.

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At the close of the sermon the coffin was borne to the hearse by old companions of the deceased, among the pallbearers being Mayor A. Beattie, of this city. The funeral cortege started for the city shortly after noon, and was one of the most imposing that has ever entered the city from so far for years. Arriving at Mount Mora cemetery, the remains were deposited by the side of those of the wife and a daughter of the deceased, there to await the Christian's resurrection.

**Date of death: 18 May 1903**

**Subject: Effie Ann (McDonald) Albright**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 19 May 1903, p. 4**

Mrs. J. L. Albright, who has been an invalid for the past eight years, passed away last night. The funeral will be conducted at her home, 5 1/2 miles northeast of town, tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Interment in the Skidmore Masonic cemetery.

We understand that Uncle Jerry Albright, husband of the deceased, is quite poorly and may not be able to attend the burying of his wife.

**Same**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 22 May 1903, p. 4**

Effie Ann Albright, wife of Jerry Albright, died May 18, 1903, after an illness of eight or ten years. She was born May 20, 1843. Her maiden name was McDonald.

**Date of death: Oct 1892**

**Subject: James McDonald**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 30 Oct 1892, p. 6**

Afro-Americans.—The funeral of James McDonald took place from the Francis Street church Tuesday [sic] afternoon. A large audience of relatives and friends of the deceased young man was present to listen to the very feeling funeral sermon by Rev. Corhon.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 6 Nov 1892, p. 5**

Afro-Americans.—Memorial exercises in honor of James McDonald, ex-president of the Willing Workers' lyceum, were held at the Francis Street Baptist church Friday night.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 26 Oct 1892, p. 6**

Burial permits were issued by the clerk of the board of health as follows today: James McDonald, Ottumwa, Iowa, aged twenty-one years; inflammation of the stomach.



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**Date of death: 21 Nov 1891**

**Subject: James Allen McDonald**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 22 Nov 1891, p. 6**

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, James McDonald of Union star [sic], committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. A few minutes before the deed was committed McDonald entered his sleeping room, and nothing more was seen of him until one of the members of his family heard the shot, hurriedly entered the chamber, and found him lying fatally wounded, with a bullet in his brain.

No cause can be assigned for the suicide as Mr. McDonald was generally supposed to be one of the most prosperous and successful men in St. Joseph. Until a few years ago he owned and worked a large farm near Orchard, DeKalb county, but recently had been engaged in the stock trade, and was well-known to St. Joseph dealers.

About thirty minutes before he fired the shot which put an end to his life he told a friend that he was not feeling well, but gave no hint that he intended or meditated suicide.

He leaves a family of five children, three daughters and two sons. Two of the daughters are grown, the eldest being married, and the other keeping house for her father. The other children are small. The dead man was one of a large family and had many relatives in Buchanan county.

**Date of death: 19 May 1864**

**Subject: Thomas Jefferson McDonald**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Herald & Tribune*, 26 May 1864, p. 1**

Captain McDonald, of DeKalb county, and a worthy and loyal man was murdered yesterday at his own house by two men named Robinson.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Herald & Tribune*, 26 May 1864, p. 3**

The murderer of Captain McDonald gave himself up to the military authorities yesterday. He admits the killing of McDonald, but says his brother had nothing to do with it. His name is Robinson. The officer who has him in charge says he appears very sorry for the act, and sheds tears freely when speaking of it. He had a difficulty with the Captain about some cattle, and shot him out of pure malice.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph Weekly [MO] Herald & Tribune*, 2 Jun 1864, p. 1**

The assassinations daily perpetrated in this county and neighborhood excite the most gloomy apprehensions in the minds of our citizens. Unrestrained violence, and unchecked lawlessness ever inspire terror and dismay. An attempt is being made to create the impression that the murdered men are the victims of political hate. In one instance, we think a man has suffered for being connected with a Union League; but the other cases cannot be

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accounted for on that hypothesis. As many "Paw-paws" have been murdered as Union Leaguers. ... [*other cases*] Captain McDonald was a "Pawpaw" officer, and his murderer confesses that he killed him because of a personal difficulty concerning the sale of some cattle.

**Date of death: 27 Sep 1883**

**Subject: William Arthur McDorman**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 21 Sep 1883, p. 5**

A boy was seriously, and it is feared mortally injured, at the glucose works Wednesday evening. The lad, who had accompanied his father to the works, was sitting in a spring wagon when the horses were frightened by a passing train, and turning around suddenly turned the wagon over, the bed falling on the boy and injuring him internally. His recovery is doubtful.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 25 Sep 1883, p. 8**

The Gazette of last Friday made mention of the serious accident which occurred to a boy at the glucose works, by which he would probably lose his life. The team of horses attached to the wagon in which he was sitting took fright at a passing locomotive, and whirling around turned the wagon over on the boy. It now transpires that the boy, whose name was Arthur McDorman, had his skull cracked, from the effects of which he died. The funeral took place yesterday.

**Date of death: 12 Mar 1921**

**Subject: Charlotte Isabelle (McDowell) Wilson**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 13 Mar 1922, Monday, p. 14- *not an obituary***

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Charlott [sic] R. [sic] Wilson, who passed away Mar 12, 1921.

*When the evening shades are falling  
And we are sitting all alone,  
To our hearts there comes a longing,  
If you could only come home.  
Oft and oft our hearts do wander  
To the grave not far away,  
Where we left our mother  
Just one year ago today.*

Sadly missed by her children, Carrie, Joseph, Charles and Anna

**Date of death: 22 Jun 1917**

**Subject: John Nelson McDowell**

**Source: [Belvidere IL] *Republican-Northwestern*, 26 Jun 1917, Tuesday, p. 5**

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The funeral of John McDowell, whose death Friday afternoon, June 22, at 4 o'clock was briefly mentioned in The Republican Saturday, was held at the family home, four and one-half miles north of Kirkland, Sunday afternoon, June 24, at 1 o'clock. The burial was in the Blood's Point cemetery. The Masonic lodge, No. 857, had charge.

The deceased was born October 18, 1840, on Section 1, only a few rods from the present family home, where he had lived for most of his life. He claimed to be the first white child born in DeKalb county. His father, John N., Sr., came to DeKalb county from the east at a very early date in the settlement of the country, the time being in September, 1835. His widow, who was Miss Evelyn Newton, survives her husband.

There remain besides the wife the children: Dell, of Batavia; Dr. William McDowell, Clayton and John, of Rockford; Fred of Alberta, Canada; Port, of Fargo, N.D.; Mrs. Pearl Jacobs, of Helena, Montana; John and Edgar, twins, the former of Spicer, Minn., and the latter of Kirkland, and James, of Minneapolis, Minn. There also survive his brother, John, and sister, Mrs. Susan Lee, of DeKalb county; Walter, of the state of Washington, and sister, Mrs. Mary Hunt, of Chicago. A brother, Attorney Wm. McDowell, and sister, Eliza, died in Kirkland a few years ago and two brothers passed away in infancy.

The deceased and the McDowell family have been prominent and esteemed residents of DeKalb county since its settlement and there will be much regret that one of its best known members has passed away.

**Date of death: 11 Apr 1906**

**Subject: Mary Ann (McDowell) Hughes**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] New Era*, 19 Apr 1906, p. 1**

Mary Ann McDowell was born in Pike county, Missouri, January 23, 1850 [sic]; was married to Thomas Patterson Hughes in the month of December, 1862; died at her home in Skidmore, Missouri, April 11, 1906.

She was preceded to the Great Beyond by her husband, who died August 2, 1899. She leaves a brother, three sisters, two sons and five grandchildren to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence Friday morning by the Rev. W. C. Rice, after which the body was taken to the Groves cemetery where it was laid away.

**Date of death: 8 Nov 1883**

**Subject: Henry McElroy**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 15 Nov 1883, p. 4**

Henry McElroy of Clay township, Andrew county, has not been regarded as exactly right, mentally, since July last, when a mule team ran away with his son, and injured said son so severely that he is still disabled. Twice before he attempted to commit suicide, but was unsuccessful. On Thursday of last week, while threshers were stopping at his home, he proceeded to the woods and hung himself, and when found was beyond resuscitation. His place is about three miles north of Filmore [sic]. Up to last summer, when his neighbors believe his mind

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became unbalanced, no man treated his family more kindly, but since that time he has been irritable, excitable and at times uncontrollable [sic]. His death is mourned by all who knew him.

**Date of death: 10 Jan 1900**

**Subject: Martha E. (McFadden) Morehouse**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 12 Jan 1900, p. 8**

Maryville, Mo., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Albert P. Morehouse, widow of the ex-governor of Missouri of that name, died at the home of Dr. D. C. Wilson, in Maryville, last night ... Mrs. Morehouse had been in failing health for some time, and especially ... the last two years. Monday evening she had a severe chill, and from this time gradually sang until her death. The funeral will take place from St. Paul's Episcopal church today and the body will be interred beside her husband.

Mrs. Morehouse's maiden name was Martha McFadden. She was born in Evanston, Ind., and was sixty-two years old. Her only surviving relative is F. C. McFadden of Lexington, Mo. In the latter town she was reared, and here, in 1865, she was married to A. P. Morehouse of Maryville. Mr. Morehouse, after representing Nodaway County in the Legislature several terms, was elected lieutenant governor in 1884, and in 1887, on the death of Governor Marmaduke, became governor. As mistress of the executive mansion Mrs. Morehouse became widely known and popular. Mr. Morehouse was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor at the expiration of his term, but was defeated by David R. Francis of St. Louis. He then retired from politics. In September, 1891, he committed suicide in Maryville. Mrs. Morehouse had considerable property, which goes to her son, Ned Morehouse of Maryville, and her daughter, Mrs. Archie Neal of Chetopa, Kan. The former, it is understood, gets the larger share.

**Date of death: 20 Dec 1920**

**Subject: Elizabeth (McFarland) McFarland Churchill**

**Source: *Clarinda [IA] Herald*, 30 Dec 1920**

Mrs. James Churchill passed away Monday morning at the home of her son, Orlando McFarland, living east of town, with whom she has made her home the past several years.

**Date of death: 10 Jan 1904**

**Subject: George McFarland**

**Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 15 Jan 1904, p. 1**

Died, of consumption, at his home in Forest City, Sunday evening, January 10, 1904. George McFarland, aged 26 years and 8 months. He leaves a wife and two small children, three brothers and one sister to mourn their loss. Short funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev Acton, and the remains were laid to rest in the Forest City cemetery. Our sympathy is extended the bereaved family.

**Date of death: 14 Aug 1909**

**Subject: Jane (McFarland) Fleming**

**Source: *Clarinda [IA] Journal*, 19 Aug 1909**

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Mrs. Jane Fleming died at her home on Main street, in Clarinda, Saturday, Aug 14, 1909, after an illness of about three weeks. Her maiden name was McFarland. She was one of twelve children and was the daughter of Moses and Sarah McFarland, and was born in Licking county, Oh., Dec 23, 1833. Her parents at one time resided in the southern part of Page county, Ia. She removed with them at an early date to Missouri. She was married in that state, Sept 26, 1852, to Thomas Fleming, and to them, were born five children. One son died at the age of 5 years. The surviving children are Charles M. Fleming, Clarinda; Mrs. Della Flowers of Watertown, Ill; Frank B. Fleming, Gravity, and Edmund [sic] Fleming, Clarinda. The late Mrs. Fleming was converted and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1854, and since that time has lived a consistent Christian. Her husband died Sep 5, 1893, and since then her home has been in Clarinda. Her funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev J.W. Abel.

**Date of death: 9 Nov 1910**

**Subject: Peter J. McFarland**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 9 Nov 1910, Wednesday, p. 1**

While discussing the results of the election, P. J. McFarland, sixty years old, a laborer employed at the Rhineheart stone quarry, near Dean, Mo., dropped dead in the bar of the First Ward House, 2101 St. Joseph avenue, about 6 o'clock this morning. The man ceased talking suddenly, and slipped from a chair to the floor. A fellow workman hurried to his side and discovered that he was dead.

Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body and attributed death to heart disease. The corpse was removed at Heaton's undertaking establishment, where an inquest was announced for this afternoon.

McFarland, who lived at a boarding house at Dean, came to St. Joseph last Thursday, and had not been working since that time. He engaged a room at the First Ward House, conducted by Chiaboral, and said that he intended to take a rest. Another laborer employed at the stone quarry came to the city in a buggy early this morning to take McFarland back to Dean. McFarland said he thought he would go to a hospital instead of returning to work, as he wasn't very well. Then the two men began to talk about the election, and soon McFarland was a corpse.

McFarland went to Dean from Chicago about five years ago, and he has no relatives in this part of the country.

**Date of death: 24 Dec 1900**

**Subject: Samuel McFarland**

**Source: *Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 27 Dec 1900**

Samuel McFarland, 78, died at his home in east Hopkins, Monday morning, Dec 24, 1900, death being due a stroke of paralysis received on Friday morning previous to his death.

At the closing of this, the greatest of all centuries, the life of a man who did his part in helping make the century

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what is should be, closes with it, and as a result, the usual Christmastime joy and happiness in Hopkins has been intermingled with sadness.

Samuel spent most of his youth in Beaver County and received his education in the school of the neighborhood. He accompanied his family to Coshocton County, Ohio, in 1840, where he engaged in farming and in 1848 married Miss Julia Holmes. In 1855, he moved to Johnson County, Iowa with his family, consisting of his wife and four children, and from there moved to Texas.

In 1859 he lost his wife, and oldest child by death, and returned to Ohio, where the following year he married Nancy Elliott, who survives him. They at once left by team for Texas, covering the distance of 1,400 miles in forty-eight days. There he remained until the rebellion broke out. Being a northern man and a rank Republican, his sentiments were not in keeping with his surroundings so on Aug 12, 1861, in company with his family and George Downing and family, he left overland for Nodaway County, Mo., a distance of over 700 miles, through a country overrun with bushwackers and Kansas Jayhawkers, and the thrilling adventures met would fill a volume.

They arrived at Old Xenia, Sept 11, 1861. Mr. McFarland subsequently settled on a farm just north of where Hopkins now stands, in fact the town was located on part of his farm. At that time, however, his nearest postoffice was Xenia, six miles distant, while St. Joseph was the nearest supply point. When the railroad came in 1870 and the town of Hopkins was to be established, Mr. McFarland owned part of the town site and assisted in founding the town and has been an active worker for it since. At one time, he owned 400 acres of very fine land, but had sold it all off. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Church, an honored Mason, and to him Nodaway County is indebted for helping push her to the front ranks. Peace to his ashes.

Rev. Eri Edmonds conducted the funeral services at the Methodist Church today at 11 a.m. assisted by Rev. C.H. John, after which burial took place in the Hopkins Cemetery. Out of respect for the deceased and in pursuance to a proclamation issued by Mayor Norris Herbert, all business in Hopkins was suspended during the funeral. Besides his wife, Uncle Mc leaves four children, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, Joseph, Scott and John C.

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

**Subject: William James Brady**

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

Conception Junction, Mo.

Word has been received ... John J. McGarry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGarry, of near Bedison, was killed in action in France October 22.

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

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**Date of death: 13 Jul 1898**

**Subject: Robert McGarry**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune, 23 Jul 1898, Saturday, p. 5***

Conception. The cold hand of Death has stopped the beating of one more noble and generous heart:-- Robert McGarry of St. Benedict's parish, after a long and severe illness, passed to his reward on the morning of July 13th. The remains were interred in St. Columba's Cemetery at Conception. R.I.P.

**Date of death: 1 May 1916**

**Subject: Charles McGee**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 2 May 1916, Tuesday, p. 6***

[... indicates illegible words]

Charles McGee, 40 years old, a negro, died at the Burlington bunk house north of the Francis street depot, about 10 o'clock last night, as a result of a hemorrhage of the lungs. The body was removed to the Ramsey undertaking rooms. McGee's home is in St. Louis and was ... here by the Burlington Railway ... He had ... been working ... weeks.

**Date of death: 17 Aug 1911**

**Subject: Virgil McGee**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 18 Aug 1911, p. 4***

Believed to have been seized with cramps, Virgil McGee, an 11 year old negro boy, was drown about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon while swimming in Roy's branch in the French Bottoms, west of the city.

The lad was alone at the time he drowned. He had gone swimming with a crowd of boy companions but the rest of the crowd had gone around a bend in the creek, out of view of the McGee boy. When they returned to where they had left him he was nowhere to be seen. His clothes were on the bank where he had left them when he first went in the water.

William McGee, father of the boy who is employed by Wallman & Co., fruit dealers, has employed Jack Ring, the well known diver, to search for the body. Ring will try to find it this morning. If the body has not been carried down the creek to the Missouri river, Ring says he can find it. The McGees live at 423 Augusta street.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 22 Aug 1911, p. 4***

A negro floater found Saturday in the river near Lake Contrary, has been identified as the body of Virgil McKee [sic], who was drowned Thursday. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

**Date of death: 2 Jul 1921**

**Subject: Orlando Duff McGeorge**

**Source: *Hiawatha [KS] Daily World, 14 Jul 1921, Thursday, p. 1***

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D. McGeorge, who came to Everest to visit his sister, Mrs. E. F. Adams, from Missouri, was taken seriously ill, died. He had been afflicted with asthma for several years, from which he died. Mr. and Mrs. Adams accompanied the remains to his home in Whitesville, Mo., where he was buried.

**Date of death: 19 Nov 1903**

**Subject: Margaret McGettigan (Sr. Mary Pius)**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 28 Nov 1903, Saturday, p. 5**

Clyde Times, 20th inst.: Died, at the Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Thursday evening, November 19, Sister M. Pius, after a long illness of inflamatory [sic] rheumatism. Sister M. Pius was one of the oldest sisters at the Convent, being among the first to join the order after it was founded here. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McGettigan who resides [sic] west of town.

**Date of death: 25 Dec 1916**

**Subject: Everett McGill**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 26 Dec 1916, Tuesday, p. 5**

Everitt [sic] McGill, a negro 26 years old, was found dead in his room at 214 1/2 Francis street last night by fellow roomers who had become alarmed when he did not appear all day yesterday and by the fact that the light in his room had been burning since 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning when he was last seen alive. Dr. J. L. Cox, police surgeon, was called and said that the man had been dead since morning. Death is thought to have been due to heart disease. An inquest will be held.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 27 Dec 1916, Wednesday, p. 6**

An autopsy was performed yesterday on the body of Everett McGill, a negro, who was found dead in his room at 214 1/2 Francis street Monday night, and revealed that McGill died from alcoholism of the heart. No inquest will be held.

**Date of death: 8 Jan 1923**

**Subject: Mamie (McGill) Jackson**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press/Gazette*, 8 Jan 1923, Monday, p. 6**

A state warrant has been issued charging S. J. Goodpasture, fifty-three years of age, a farmer of Faucett, Mo., with felonious assault upon Mrs. Marie Ballard, a negress living at 1303 South Eighth street, early Sunday night. The woman is in a serious condition at Noyes Hospital.

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 9 Jan 1923, Tuesday, p. 5**



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A gunshot wound she is alleged to have received at the hands of S. J. Goodpasture, a farmer of Faucett, Mo., Sunday, caused the death Monday night of Mrs. Marie Ballard [sic], a negress, 45 years old. The shooting took place at Mrs. Ballard's home, 1303 South Eighth street. Goodpasture said the woman tried to rob him.

A charge of felonious assault, on which Goodpasture was arraigned in justice court Monday afternoon, probably will be changed to murder. Following his arraignment Monday, Goodpasture was held for a preliminary hearing Thursday under \$1,500 bond.

### Same

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press/Gazette*, 2 Oct 1923, Tuesday, p. 1**

S. J. Goodpasture, a tobacco raiser, who lives near Faucett, this county, will be tried Oct. 25 for the murder of Marie Baird [sic], a negro, whom he shot to death in her home on South Eighth street, last January. Goodpasture claims the woman attempted to rob him.

**Date of death: 15 Jun 1921 (found)**

**Subject: Richard McGill**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 18 Jun 1921, Saturday, p. 5**

The badly decomposed body of Dick McGill, a one-armed negro who had been night watchman for the American Express Co., and who disappeared last February, was pulled from the Missouri at the foot of Lafayette street Wednesday.

**Date of death: 5 Mar 1920**

**Subject: Mary Virginia (McGinnis) Freytag**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 5 Mar 1920, Friday, p. 10**

Mrs. Frank Freytag, maiden name, Mary Virginia McGinnis. Died at 4:10 p.m., Thursday, March 4, 1920, in Kansas City, Missouri, as result of influenza with complications. Was born at LaPrairie, Ill., September 28, 1861. Came to Graham, Missouri, in 1864, and married there to Frank Freytag, February 10, 1885. Came to St. Joseph, Mo., in 1887. She is survived by following: Husband, Frank Freytag; one son, Frank Freytag, Jr., both of St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. Allen McNeal, Graham, sister, and two brothers, C. C. McGinnis, Wray, Colo., and Stanton McGinnis, Tulare, Cal. Deceased was a member of Third Street Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, Mo.; also of Radiant Chapter No. 298, Order of Eastern Star, St. Joseph, Mo. Funeral will be at Graham, Missouri, 2 o'clock p.m., Saturday, March 6, 1920, and interment in Prairie Home Cemetery at that place. Friends invited.

**Date of death: 1 Oct 1897**

**Subject: Mrs. Catherine McGinty**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 2 Oct 1897, p. 5**

Catherine McGinty, widow of Patrick [sic] McGinty, died at her residence, No. 2006 South Sixth street, yesterday at 2 o'clock. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mr. P. E. Weber this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment at Calvary cemetery.

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**Date of death: 28 Dec 1883**

**Subject: Peter McGinty**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 30 Dec 1883, p. 4**

Mr. Peter McGinty, aged 74 years, died at his residence corner Sixth and Scott streets, Friday evening at 6:20 of paralysis. The funeral will take place from his late residence at 12:30 to-day. Friends of the family are invited to attend. The remains will be interred in the Catholic cemetery.

**Date of death: 24 Mar 1905**

**Subject: David McGlumphy**

**Source: *Marion [IA] Sentinel*, 1905**

D. M. McGlumphey [sic] was born March 6, 1821, in Washington Co., Penn., and died Mar. 24, 1905, at Waubeek, Ia., at the age of 84 years. Deceased leaves two daughters and one son to mourn the loss of their father. In 1862 he united with the Jordan's Grove Baptist church, of which he remained a loyal member until his death. He settled in Linn County in 1844, and has maintained his residence in this county ever since. During the last twelve years, advancing age and increasing infirmities have kept him from any active labors, and he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. T. J. Johnson, at whose home in Waubeek the death summons reached him Friday March 24. Funeral services were held at the house, conducted by Rev. D. M. Hand, of Jordan's Grove. Interment was made in Mount Clark cemetery, near Central City. Many friends and old neighbors heartily sympathize with the bereaved ones in their loss, and themselves mourn the loss of a kindly Christian friend.

**Date of death: 2 Jan 1873**

**Subject: Thomas McGrew**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 10 Jan 1873, Friday, p. 3**

Thomas McGrew, who died so suddenly last Thursday night, and concerning whose death so many rumors were afloat, died from the effect of heart-clot, which fact was ascertained to a certainty by a *post mortem* examination by Drs. Stone, Bryant and Smith.

**Date of death: 11 Jan 1908**

**Subject: David Richard McGuire**

**Source: *The Palco [KS] News*, 23 Jan 1908, Thursday, p. 1**

David Richard McGuire, was born in Richland county, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1850. Died at his home near Luray, Kansas, Jan. 11, 1908. Aged 58 years and 10 days. He moved to Missouri with his parents in 1865. He was married to Joamia [sic] Jennnigs in 1875. He moved to Kansas in 1878. He was the father of 11 children, 9 survive him, 8 boys and 1 girl, 2 died in infancy. He gave his heart to God 18 years ago and has been a faithful worker in the church every [sic] since. The funeral was conducted by the U. B. Pastor J. W. Courtner at the Delhi Church, the body was laid to rest in the Delhi cemetery in the presence of a large number of mourning friends and neighbors.

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*A precious one from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled,  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled.*

*Sleep on dear father,  
Peaceful be thy rest;  
God called thee home,  
Who thought it best.*

**Date of death: 4 Mar 1908**

**Subject: Kosciusko McGuire**

**Source: *Osborne County [KS] Farmer*, 12 Mar 1908, Thursday, p. 2**

Koscie McGuire, son of Mrs. David McGuire of Delhi township, died last Thursday morning after an illness of a month, in which he suffered greatly. He was taken to Kansas City about two months ago for an operation, and for awhile it was thought it would recover. He was about twenty-one years of age. The funeral was held Friday from the Delhi church, conducted by Rev. Cortner.

**Date of death: 2 Jun 1910**

**Subject: Isabella (McIntosh) Collis**

**Source: *The Rock Island [IL] Argus*, 3 Jun 1910, Friday, p. 14**

Mrs. Isabel Collis, widow of George Collis, died at 10:10 last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jason Willis, at Hampton. Dropsy was the cause of death. Mrs. Collis was an old resident of the county. She was born in Scotland, Jul 12, 1829, and came to America in 1849. For a time she lived in St. Louis and there she was married in 1850 to Mr. Collis. The most of the time since the family had lived in this county and near Cleveland in Henry county. The husband died in 1891 and for seven years the wife had been living with her daughter in Hampton. Surviving are eight children, Willie, David, John and Mrs. Scott Brown of Henry county; Louis of Moline; Mrs. G. C. Dailey of Taylor Ridge; Mrs. John Martin of Helena, Mo.; and Mrs. Willis. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon with services at Cleveland, conducted by Rev. W. S. Read of Hampton.

**Date of death: 12 Mar 1897**

**Subject: Lula (or Lou) McIntosh**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 13 Mar 1897, p. 7**

A post mortem examination of the body of Lou McIntosh, the negro woman who died under peculiar circumstances at the disreputable house at 112 Jule street, was held last night by Coroner Richmond and Dr. J. B. Reynolds. Coroner Richmond said there was no trace of poison visible in the woman's stomach. It was suspected by the woman's mother that she had died from poison, administered by some one or taken with suicidal intent.

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The post mortem examination revealed that the woman's stomach was in a terribly inflamed condition, but that might have been produced by strong drink or some other stimulant, the coroner said. The heart was engorged with blood, showing that she had used a strong stimulant of some kind. It is known that the McIntosh woman quarreled a few days ago with Gus Arnold, the white man with whom she had been on familiar terms for a long time, and she was heard saying to him:

"I am going to do just what I said I would."

She had told some of her friends that she was going to Cripple Creek, and was making preparations to go when she died. Whether she meant that she was going to leave the city, or take her own life, nobody knows. She was taken ill Thursday night and died at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Dr. Reynolds was called to see her, but she was unconscious, and remained in that condition until she died. Her mother, Mrs. Ella Goins, told the coroner last night about her suspicions, and he decided to investigate the case. An inquest is being held this afternoon at Sidenfaden's undertaking rooms.

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**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 15 Mar 1897, p. 6

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict late Saturday afternoon that Lou McIntosh, the negro woman of the town who was found dead Friday night, committed suicide by poisoning herself.

**Date of death:** 6 Jul 1922

**Subject:** Daniel Pollard McIntyre

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 Jul 1922, Saturday, p. 2

Daniel Pollard McIntyre, 64 years old, a farmer of Champaign, Ill., died at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Savannah. He is survived by his widow. Burial will be in Champaign.

**Date of death:** 12 Sep 1905

**Subject:** James W. McIntyre

**Source:** *Osborne County [KS] Farmer*, 21 Sep 1905, Thursday, p. 6

James W. McIntyre was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and died at his home near Jewell City, Kan., Sept. 12, 1905. He was reared in Erie county, Pennsylvania, and was a graduate of Edinborough college. He went to Missouri at the age of 24 and taught school and helped to organize the first institute in that section. He was elected surveyor and surveyed for four years. He was married in 1868 to Ada C. Joy, a sister of Joseph E. Joyce of Osborne, at Fillmore, Mo. They came to Osborne county, Kansas, in 1872, and lived here about 20 years. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was county surveyor of Osborne county about 16 years. He was a faithful and devoted member of the M.E. church. He was greatly afflicted the last six years of his life, but bore his afflictions with Christian fortitude. He loved his Bible and was an excellent teacher in the Sunday school. His end was peace. Two children preceded him to the heavenly home. He leaves his wife and son Loyal, and Mrs. Lowe of Kansas City, Kan., who was reared in the McIntyre home, to mourn his departure.

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The body was brought to Osborne for burial. Funeral services were held in the M. E. church Thursday at 2 p.m. by Rev. W. L. Cannon and interment made in the Osborne cemetery. The pall bearers were: B. F. Hilton, J. A. Morton, J. J. Hays, S. B. Farwell, F. Yoxall and C. M. Cunningham.

**Date of death: 7 Aug 1912**

**Subject: Nancy (McKee) Harsh**

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

Hopkins, Mo., Aug. 7.—Mrs. Nancy M. Harsh, 102 years old, died here at 4 o'clock this morning. She was Missouri's oldest woman, and until last week had been exceptionally hale and hearty. Ten years old when Napoleon died at St. Helena, born before Washington died, she saw Fafayette [sic] on his triumphal second tour of the United States, rode on the first boat that was launched on the Erie canal and saw the union make virtually all its great strides, and the most important epochs in its history come and go. She was born in Mercer county, Pa., June 14, 1810. She had five sisters, all of whom lived to be more than 90 years old. Her death occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Donlin. The body will be taken to Creston, Ia., for interment.

**Same**

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

Hopkins, Mo., Aug. 11.—Although she defied every so-called modern law of health and hygiene, Mrs. Nancy M, Harsh, who died here this week at the age of 102 years, was one of the very few young women of her day who refused to allow the Marquis de Lafayette to kiss her when he visited Washington, Pa., her home at that time.

Mrs. Harsh had an abhorrence for fresh air in the winter time and slept in a perfectly close room at all times. She kept her room at a high temperature and took every precaution to prevent the admission of fresh air. She invariably slept with her head covered with the bed clothing, and often used a pillow to cover her head with. She had a theory that a hot dry room would cure any of the minor ailments of the body.

Her hair was not white at death but rather streaked with gray. She always used coffee and was a great eater of pork. Her husband died in 1848, leaving her with six small children. She took these, and went to Bureau county, Ill., where she reared them to adult age. Later she took her family and came further West, locating first at Council Bluffs, Ia., and then at Creston.

**Date of death: 25 Apr 1911**

**Subject: Mary Ellen (McKenny) Cummins**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 29 Apr 1911, Saturday, p. 5**

Maryville, Mo.

The funeral of Mrs. Christopher Cummins, whose death occurred after an illness of several weeks at the family home, 404 South Market street, Tuesday evening at 7:35 o'clock, took place Friday morning, services being

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held in St. Patrick's Church, Revs. H. Niemann, F. P. Cummins, a son of the deceased, and John, O.S.B. officiating.

Mrs. Cummins, who was a native of Cloughan, King's County, Ireland, and Miss Mary Ellen McKenny before marriage, was born June 19th, 1838. When yet a child, with relatives she came to America, residing first in New York and later in Ohio. Her marriage to Christopher Cummins, occurred at Xenia, Ohio, April 22nd, 1860. With her husband, she came to Missouri in 1869, her residence in Maryville dating from 1903.

Mrs. Cummins was a devout Catholic, a woman of refined nature and noble character, and highly esteemed in Maryville and adjacent neighborhoods. Besides her husband, she is survived by eight children, all of whom were at her bedside when death came.

**Date of death: 27 Jun 1920**

**Subject: Elizabeth Rose (McKeone) Smith**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 3 Jul 1920, Saturday, p. 5**

Conception Junction, Mo. Mrs. Michael Smith, ninety years old, for seventy-five years a resident of Nodaway County, died at 10 o'clock Monday forenoon at the family home, one-half mile northeast of this place. The family was among the first settlers in Nodaway County, coming from Ireland. Mr. Smith died fifteen years ago. Mrs. Smith had been in good health until 10 o'clock Saturday night when she suffered an attack of heart trouble, which resulted in her death twelve hours later. She is survived by three sons and one daughter. A son, J. P. Smith, lives at 1204 Fifth avenue, St. Joseph. The funeral was held Wednesday at Holy Family Church, Conception Junction.

**Date of death: 25 Aug 1915**

**Subject: Charles Boone McKinney**

**Source: *Lockwood [MO] Luminary*, 27 Aug 1915, Friday, p. 3**

Charles McKinner, one of the oldest men in Clay county, is dead at the home of his son, W. N. McKinney, in Excelsior Springs. He was 86 years old and had lived in Missouri since 1850, with the exception of a trip to California in 1852, when the gold rush was one.

**Date of death: 20 Apr 1919**

**Subject: Clarence McKinney**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 21 Apr 1919, Monday, p. 12**

Clarence McKinney, age 23, died at 11 p.m., April 20, at the residence of Mrs. Clara Ward, his aunt, 113 East Louis st. Funeral Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. from residence. Interment at Ashland Cemetery, Funeral private.

**Date of death: 27 Sep 1918**

**Subject: Ellen (McKitrick) Jackson**

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

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St. Joseph, Mo. Mrs. Joe [sic] Jackson died Saturday morning. Her funeral was held Monday morning from her home. She leaves a husband and a host of relatives to mourn her loss.

**Date of death: 14 Aug 1913**

**Subject: John C. McKnight**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 18 Aug 1913, p. 8**

Burlington Junction, Mo., Aug. 17.—John C. McKnight, 67 years old, for many years a resident of Nodaway county, died Thursday morning. He had been ill for some time.

**Date of death: 11 Jun 1876**

**Subject: John Elleson McKnight**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 15 Jun 1876, Friday, p. 1**

Mr. John E. McKnight, an attorney and highly respected citizen of Oregon, Holt county, Mo., came to St. Joseph last Thursday and registered at the Occidental Hotel, having business in the city which was expected to detain him for several days. He was assigned to room No. 10, on the third floor, on the south side of the building, overlooking Jule street. On Friday night, at half past eleven o'clock, he retired to his room and went to bed, the apartment being about fifteen feet wide, and the bed occupying a place next to the wall on the opposite side from the window. Mr. Wheeler occupies room No. 23, on the first floor, directly in rang with room No. 10. About three o'clock yesterday morning he heard a noise in the street just in front of his window, and got up to see what caused it. Looking through the opening, he noticed a man lying with his head in the gutter, his feet resting on the pavement, and apparently in an insensible condition. He at once hastened to the street, and his surprise may be imagined when he made the discovery that the person was Mr. McKnight, who had fallen from his window in the third story, and was occupying the position above mentioned. The alarm was immediately given, and Mr. Hall, the proprietor of the hotel, assisted by others, took the victim of the misfortune at once into the house, and dispatched messengers for surgical and medical assistance. In a short time Drs. Knight, Geiger and Hall arrived, and made an examination of Mr. McKnight's injuries, which were found to be a severe cut just above the left ear, and another over the left eye; while his left hip was bruised, and his right wrist sprained. The physicians consider him badly, if not dangerously injured, and fears are entertained that he is internally hurt, there being evidences that such is the case.

It was rather a warm night, and it is supposed he went to the window to get air at his bed, which was some distance off, was moved end from the wall, against which it was placed, as though he had pushed it aside in getting up. His family was at once telegraphed to, and his wife reached the city yesterday afternoon on the 12:20 train of the Kansas City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs railroad.

Later. We are informed that Mr. McKnight died on Sunday evening last, from the effects of his fall. His remains were conveyed over the K.C., St. Joe & C. B. R.R., to his home in Oregon Holt county, on Monday. He leaves a wife and three children—two girls and one boy.

**Date of death: 7 Aug 1919**

**Subject: Mrs. Martha E. McKnight**

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 9 Aug 1919, Saturday, p. 6**

Mrs. Frank Freytag went today to Barnard, Mo., to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. James McKnight, who died Thursday at Dell, Mont. Mrs. McKnight was the wife of the former Barnard postmaster. Burial will be there this afternoon.

**Date of death: 12 Nov 1923**

**Subject: Laura Belle (McLain) Opperman Haywood**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Star*, 13 Nov 1923, Tuesday, p. 2**

Haywood—Mrs. Opperman Wilder Haywood, 52 years old, died last night at her home, 4037 Warwick boulevard. She leaves her husband, Joseph Haywood; two daughters, Mrs. Teresa O'Neal and Miss Dea Haywood, of the home; two sons, Vernon Opperman and Beach Opperman, Fremont, Neb.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McLain of Springfield, Neb.; two brothers and four sisters.

**Date of death: 26 Feb 1917**

**Subject: Sarah Jane (McLain) Fraser**

**Source: *Grand Island [NE] Daily Independent*, 27 Feb 1917, Tuesday**

Mrs. James [sic] McClain [sic] Fraser, who was brought to St. Francis hospital about a week ago from Phillips, passed away at that institution about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, death resulting from acute paronchymatous nephritis. The deceased was born on April 23, 1850 and was, therefore, 67 years, ten months and three days old at the time of her demise. The remains were shipped at 10 o'clock this morning to Hopkins, Mo., the former home of the deceased, for interment and were accompanied by relatives.

**same**

**Source: *Grand Island [NE] Daily Independent*, 3 Mar 1917, Saturday**

Sarah Jane McLain was born in Mercer, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1850. She died in St. Francis hospital, Grand Island, Feb. 26, 1917, aged 67 years, 10 months and three days. She was united in marriage in 1873 to Charles Fraser in Iowa City, Ia., her husband having died in 1897. There was one child born to the union, a daughter, who passed on in early childhood. The deceased moved with her husband to Hopkins, Mo., in the early 80's, and continued residence there until 1907, when she removed to Omaha, Neb., residing there until March 1916. She then went to Phillips, Neb., the home of her daughter [sic], Mrs. Ora Kiker, with whom she resided until her death. Mrs. Fraser was a kind woman and will be missed by all who knew her.

**Date of death: 7 May 1899**

**Subject: Lucy McLare**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 9 May 1899, p. 5**

The funeral of Lucy McLare, a well known colored woman, was held yesterday afternoon at the Francis Street Baptist church. The deceased died Sunday morning at 3 o'clock at her home, 1422 North Thirteenth street. She was 32 years old.



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**Date of death: 14 Jul 1875**

**Subject: Henry McLean (or McClain)**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 15 Jul 1875, p. 4**

We are again called upon to chronicle another death from drowning. This is the fourth person that has drowned this season. Yesterday afternoon we were aroused by the announcement that another unfortunate had gone down into the greedy jaws of the Big Muddy. Several boot-blacks, among whom were Jack Ring, Tom Hickman, Joe Combs, Tom Collins, Alfred Todd and Tom Williams, went up just above the cut to take a swim, as was their custom. Henry McClain happened along with them and went ... with the rest of the party. This was his first time and he could not swim a stroke. The water at this point, after the first step out, is over one's head, and it was not long before it was noticed that Henry McClain was drowning. He made no outcries, but strangled and went down. His companions went promptly to his assistance, but without avail. They dived for some time for his body but could not recover it. Tom Williams at one time got him and held him up but he together with his charge, was on the point of sinking before assistance reached him and he came in to shore. Henry McClain was thirteen years of age and lived with his mother in the alley back of the Herald ... [one line illegible] were brought back, took it very hard. His body will be watched for, but as yet, no attempt has been made to recover it.

**same**

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

Yesterday afternoon, about three o'clock, another of those drowning affairs occurred in the neighborhood of Cottonwood Point that have made that locality famous and should prove a warning to all to avoid the treacherous waters of that locality, and in fact, of the entire river front in the neighborhood of this city. Its ever shifting bottom, suck holes, currents and eddies renders [sic] it at all times, and all seasons of the year, an unsafe and dangerous adventure for the best of swimmers to plunge beneath the waters, and doubly so for the inexperienced.

Henry McLean, a colored boy, and one of the bootblacks of this city, at the time above mentioned, went in bathing in company with a number of other lads, in the bay between the cut in the K.C., St. Joe & C. B. railroad and Cottonwood Point. Being unable to swim he requested one or two of the other lads to take him out into deep water and learn [sic] him how to make the strokes. They did so, and after proceeding some ten or fifteen feet from the banks the whole party suddenly found themselves beyond their depth, and of course young McLean was left to his fate, the other lads, after an attempt to rescue him, and finding him determined to cling to, and drag them under, struck out for shore and took care of themselves.

The tidings of the affair reached the city in a few moments, and immediate attempts were made to recover the body, but up to dark last evening it had not been found. Young McLean was about fifteen years of age, and earned his livelihood by blacking boots and doing various chores about the city for business houses and offices. He took his meals wherever they could be obtained, and usually slept at Beachem's. His mother cooks for a physician residing on Third street.

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As we have before stated, the entire river front of this city is dangerous ground and every parent should take most decisive means to prevent their children from trusting themselves into the angry waters which swirl and whirl along the river banks.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 16 Jul 1875, p. 4

The body of young McLean, drowned yesterday near Cottonwood Point, has not been recovered. It will probably come to the surface to-day or to-morrow, and may be detected by persons at work along the river's bank if a watch is kept for it.

**Date of death:** 18 Oct 1916

**Subject:** Samuel W. McLean

**Source:** [Portland] *Oregonian*, 18 Oct 1916, p. 16

Died McLean -- In this city, October 15, Samuel W. McLean, aged 72 years 9 months and 6 days, beloved husband of Ellen McLean and father of C. W., Carl, O. J. [sic] and F. E. McLean, all of this city; brother of C. H. McLean of this city; Mrs. M. J. Bowerfind of Kansas, and W. F. McLean of Oklahoma. Mr. McLean was a member of Ben Butler Post G.A.R. and Hawthorne Masonic Lodge. The funeral will take place at the Portland Crematorium today (Wednesday), October 18 at 2 P.M. under the auspices of Hawthorne Lodge, No. 111, A.G. and A.M. Friends invited to attend.

**Date of death:** 4 Aug 1919

**Subject:** John McManus

**Source:** *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 9 Aug 1919, Saturday, p. 5

Easton, Mo.

Judge John McManus, ninety-one years of age, a farmer and long-time resident of DeKalb County, died Monday at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Lucy Wogan, of Easton. The aged man's health had been poor many years, and for the last seventeen years he had been blind. The funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Church, Easton, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, and burial was in Hurlingen cemetery. Judge McManus was born in Ireland and came to America when he was nineteen [sic] years old. His first home in this country was in Kentucky, where he lived until 1862, when he moved to a farm near Clarksdale, Mo. He then enlisted in the Confederate army and was a veteran of the battle of Lexington, Mo. With the exception of two years spent in Kentucky, Judge McManus had lived continuously in DeKalb County since the war. For fifteen years he was a county judge. Richard McManus of Conception, Mo., is a brother, and Mrs. Susannah McIntyre, in Ireland, a sister of the dead man. The deceased was a devout Catholic.

**Date of death:** 24 Jul 1914

**Subject:** Margaret "Mamie" (McMichael) Wager

**Source:** *Prescott [AZ] Journal Miner*, 26 Jul 1914

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In every section of Yavapai county sorrow will be expressed when it is learned that Mrs. Minnie [sic] Wager, wife of E. G. Wager, has passed away. A short time ago she was stricken with an acute attack of appendicitis and after being taken to Mercy hospital an operation was performed from which she did not rally. Preceding this treatment her condition assumed a serious nature and the end came on Friday night.

Mrs. Wager was among the arrivals in this section over a third of a century ago. She was a prominent figure in extending aid to the needy and her acts of charity are known among the old timers who will cherish her memory for generous deeds that were freely extended on many occasions. Beside her husband, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Samuel Foran of McCabe.

**Date of death: 30 Apr 1889**

**Subject: Thomas McMichael (or McMichaels)**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 3 May 1889, p. 4**

From parties who were in the city yesterday partial particulars were obtained of the killing and robbing of Thomas McMichaels, a resident of Dawson, Nodaway county. McMichaels was raised in the west part of Nodaway county, and is well known to the people of that section. He left Dawson about three months ago for Dixon, Pulaski county, where he had remained until he was killed. On last Saturday a party who pretended to be a deputy sheriff ... to where he was in the country and arrested him, but on what charge could not be ascertained. He accompanied the pretended officer, the two starting in the direction of Dixon. This was the last seen of him until Tuesday, when his dead body was found in a clump of timber a short distance from Dixon. It is supposed he was murdered for money, as he always had considerable money on his person. The deceased is very well known in this city, and has a large number of friends and several relatives who reside here. The body was taken to Burlington Junction for burial, arriving last night. The deceased has a sister, Mrs. Riley Manley, who resides at that place.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 5 May 1889, p. 8**

Thomas McMichales [sic] the mute who was murdered for his money near Dixon, Mo., last Tuesday, was found at Dawson Friday. There have so far been no further particulars of the killing developed.

**Date of death: May 1916**

**Subject: Paul Duncan McMillan**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 6 May 1916, Monday, p. 8**

Maryville Physician Buried.

Maryville, Mo., May ?.—The funeral of Dr. Paul McMillan was held yesterday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church, conducted by the Rev. William M. Case. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery. The physicians of the city attended in a body.

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**Date of death: 27 Nov 1897**

**Subject: Noah McMullin**

**Source: *Clarinda [IA] Herald*, 30 Nov 1897, Tuesday**

Noah McMullin died last Saturday at his home northwest of town, aged 67 years, 11 months and 27 days. Deceased was born in Ohio, July 25, 1827. He soon removed to Pennsylvania with his parents and in 1855 was married to Miss Julian Pearson [sic]. Seven children were born to them, four sons and three daughters, five of the children still surviving him. He was converted in his youth and was for many years a faithful member of the Methodist church. Coming to Iowa in 1883, he joined the United Brethren church. The funeral was held at the Rose Hill church, six miles north of town, on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. D. Fye, of the U. B. church here and Presiding Elder E. W. Curtis of Des Moines. The deceased was one of the old residents of the county and was respected by his friends and neighbors as few men are. His loss will be deeply mourned by all who knew him.

**Date of death: 3 Jun 1873**

**Subject: Martha Buford (McMurtry) McDonald**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 7 Jun 1873, p. 4**

*'Tis sweet to know that when this life is ended,  
When all its struggles and its strifes are o'er,  
There is a land from earthly cares defended—  
Where tired souls find rest forever more.*

Our yesterday morning's issue contained the mere statement of the death of Mrs. Martha B. McDonald, which occurred at 11 o'clock on Thursday, at the residence of her husband on the old Gen. Wilson farm, near Jimtown.

Mrs. McDonald was sister [sic] to Dr. Silas McDonald, and mother of R. L. McDonald, of this city. She was born in Kentucky, near Harrodsburg, in 1807, and was a few weeks over sixty-six years old at her death. Her maiden name was McMurtry. At the age of about twenty she married Daniel McDonald, who still survives her. She lived in Kentucky until the year 1865, when she removed to this State with her husband, who purchased a fine farm in Andrew county, where they have since resided.

Mrs. McDonald's health had not been good for the last ten years, and for the last ten months she had seen but few well days. In May of last year she made a visit to her children in Kentucky, hoping to recover her health, but returned in November but little improved. A few days after her arrival home she witnessed the death of a dear daughter. From this time forward her health failed rapidly and she was confined to her room almost constantly till her death. Toward the close of her illness she became very weak but was conscious until the final separation. During her long illness she was tenderly attended by an affectionate daughter and son and a loving and devoted husband, though advanced in years. For over forty-five years she had been a member of the Presbyterian church and her faith in her religion and a future happy home with her Savior, where she would join friends and dear ones who had long since gone, was bright and constant to the last.

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Belonging to one of the best families of Kentucky, the deceased possessed many advantages in her younger life. Acquiring an excellent education, and possessed of more than ordinary natural refinement, her acquaintance was extensive and her social influence of the most refining character.

The funeral services were held at the house at 2 p.m. yesterday, Rev. J. G. Fackler, of the First Presbyterian Church, preaching the sermon from the Scriptural passage, "She is not dead, but sleepeth." The funeral was largely attended.

The remains, accompanied by many friends of the family, were brought to the city in a hearse and interred in Mount Mora cemetery, by the side of the late daughter of the deceased. Six are left living yet behind, four daughters and two sons, and her husband, the aged partner of her joys and sorrows through nearly half a century, together with them, regret the loss of one, like whom, none other can be to them. In their bereavement, the consolation of true sympathy from many sincere friends is extended to them.

**Date of death: 07/08 Jul 1918**

**Subject: Miles McNeal**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 13 Jul 1918, Saturday, p. 1**

News reached this city Monday of the death of Miles McNeal, former county clerk of Nodaway county, which occurred at the home of his brother, Allen McNeal, of near Graham, with whom the deceased was living at the time he was attacked by his last illness—dropsy. The deceased had been a resident of Nodaway county since 1859, at which time his people, now one of the well known families of that county, came from Pennsylvania. The deceased was in his sixty-eighth year. The remains were laid to rest in Miriam cemetery, Maryville, Monday.

**Date of death: 27 Aug 1892**

**Subject: Sarah E. (McNeall) Antrim**

**Source: *The Quincy [IL] Daily Herald*, 1 Sep 1892, Thursday, p. 3**

Died at the home of her daughter, Mrs., John Rutledge, on Sept. 27, Sarah E. Antrim, beloved wife of Wm. E. Antrim, of Shell City, Mo., of consumption. She died a peaceful, happy death, aged 49 years. She leaves a devoted husband, two daughters and four sons to mourn the loss of a loving, Christian wife and mother. She also leaves two brothers, A. A. McNeall, of Columbus, and Finley McNeall, of California, that being all that are left of the family of Dr. A. B. McNeall and wife, Esther McNeall. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church on the 29th inst. by Rev. English, of Quincy, to a large congregation. She had been a faithful member of the M. E. Church since early childhood, living an example of Christian purity, loving and beloved by all who knew her. Our loss is her gain. The family have the community's sympathy in this and affliction.

**Date of death: 1 Apr 1916**

**Subject: Callona T. (McNees or McNess) Tourbier**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 2 Apr 1916, Sunday, p. 6**

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Mrs. Calonia [sic] Tourbier, 58 years old, 1217 Lincoln street, died at 11:15 oclock last night at a hospital here. She is survived by one son, Frank Tourbier of Larkenburg, Kas., and three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Story, Mrs. Minnie Churchill and Miss Helen Tourbier, all of this city. The body is at the Meierhoffer undertaking rooms and will later be taken to the family home. No further funeral arrangements have been made.

The funeral will be at 3 oclock tomorrow afternoon from the residence. Burial will be at Ashland cemetery.

**Date of death: 18 Nov 1923**

**Subject: Thomas C. McNeil**

**Source: *Smith County [KS] Pioneer*, 22 Nov 1923**

Tom McNeil, a landmark of this city, died Sunday night with cancer of the kidneys. His condition for a long time was as trying as could be imagined, but he stoically bore up under his sufferings, and made but little complaint. Funeral services were held, Tuesday afternoon, in the local Christian church, and burial made in Fairview cemetery. The biographical sketch below was kindly furnished by Elder J.B. Franklin, who officiated at the funeral.

Thomas C. McNeil, son of William and Sarah McNeil, was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on January 24, 1852, and departed this life from his late home in Smith Center, Kansas, on Sunday evening November 18, 1923, which was the first death in the family since that of his mother in 1905. At the age of five the westward journey of Mr. McNeil led from Terre Haute to Amboy, Illinois, from there to Bedford, Iowa, then to Hopkins, Missouri, and from Hopkins to Cedar, Kansas, where he homesteaded in the year of 1878. From Cedar, he later removed to Smith Center where he made his home with his brother, Nathan H. McNeil, and his sister, Mrs. Albert Reed, for the past several years. Mr. McNeil united with the Baptist church in early life while living at Hopkins, Missouri, and was always faithful in his devotion to all which is good and enduring and found delight in the public service of the church. About thirty years ago Mr. McNeil suffered the loss of one arm and from that occurence [sic] he has been in failing health and though he suffered much pain from this he was ever most patient and enduring and was very considerate and appreciative for all that kind and loving hands could do for him. The father and mother and one sister, Eliza Jane, passed on before and all living brothers and sisters were present with him through his last moments having been most attentive and faithful to him through his affliction. Of the immediate family he leaves to mourn his departure, Mrs. Anna Ball and Mrs. Ellen Reed both of Smith Center; Mrs. Nannie Hatfield of Dove Creek, Colorado; Mr. N. H. McNeil of Smith Center and Harmon McNeil of Cedar, Kansas, together with many other relatives and friends reckoned only by the number to whom he was known.

**Date of death: 26 Apr 1918**

**Subject: Alfred R. McNulty**

**Source: *Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 3 May 1918**

The many friends, and they are legion all over Holt County, will learn with keen sorrow of the death of our former sheriff, Alfred R. McNulty, which occurred at his home in Mound City, on Friday last, April 26, 1918, after a long struggle with a complication of diseases.

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Mr. McNulty was sitting up in his chair when the summons came, and his life went out as if the snuffing of a candle.

He was of a jolly, companionable disposition, warm-hearted, and generous to a fault, and perhaps he could call as many people by their first name as any individual in this county. He was popular as an official, and made Holt county a splendid sheriff. His passing will be deeply regretted by his large circle of friends.

He was the third child of Asa F. and Catherine Watson McNulty, who came to Holt county from Ohio, on his being discharged from the Union Army, in 1865, having served in the 73rd Ohio Infantry. His father died November 3, 1902, and his mother, March 26, 1905.

The deceased was born in Benton Township, September 23, 1866, and died April 26, 1918, in the 52nd year of his age. He grew to manhood on the farm, and remained on the farm until 1888, when he went to Mound City and engaged in the livery business, and the mail business between that city and Bigelow, and for five years was a rural mail carrier, which position he held when elected to the office of sheriff in 1906, which position he held for six consecutive years.

In 1889 he married Miss Minnie Blair, who together with two sons, Lloyd and Elby, and one daughter, Miss Ruth, survive him. He is also survived by brothers and sisters, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning from the home, and were conducted by Rev. Ferguson, of the Presbyterian Church.

**Date of death: 19 Mar 1921**

**Subject: Margaret (McNulty) McCue**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 26 Mar 1921, Saturday, p. 5**

Clyde, Mo., March 21.—Margaret McCue, nee McNulty [sic], a resident of Nodaway County for over forty years, died at her home east of Clyde March 19. She was born in Towanda, Pa., July 10, 1839, and was united in marriage to John McCue in April, 1859. To this union ten children were born, seven of whom are living—John J. of St. Joseph, Mo., James of Chicago, Mrs. W. O. Sharp, Clyde, Mrs. Ed Summers of Ainsworth, Neb., Mrs. Chas. Kalf and Mrs. John Donovan of Aurora, Ill., and Catherine McCue at home. All the family were present at the time of her death.

Funeral services were held in St. Benedict's Church, Clyde, Rev. Father Frowin officiating. Interment was in Columbia Cemetery at Conception.

The deceased was of a quiet, home-loving nature, and made herself a large circle of friends, who extend to the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy in their sad hour of affliction.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McCarthy, Chas. Riley and Michael McQuinn of St. Joseph, were out-of-town friends present at the funeral.

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**Date of death: 17 Nov 1880**

**Subject: Louvina Ann "Visa" (McQuinn) Meek**

**Source: *The Holton [KS] Recorder*, 25 Nov 1880, Thursday, p. 8**

Near James' Crossing, on the 17th of November, of typhoid fever, Louvina, wife of Samuel Meek, in the 53d year of her age. The deceased was born in Perry county, Kentucky, whence at an early age, she, with her parents, emigrated to Andrew county, Missouri, where she was united in marriage to the husband who now mourns her loss. She and family moved to Kansas in 1860, and to Jackson county in 1870, where she has since resided. When but 18 years of age she dedicated her young life to the service of Him who hath said, 'Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth.' Her life since that period has been one of unwavering trust and confidence in God. To her family and to the community in which she has lived, she has left an example of Christian fortitude, patience, charity and love which will be a tower of strength in the years to come. Six weeks ago she followed to the tomb her youngest son, a boy of 15 years. Being worn out with the excessive tax upon her during his illness, and the typhoid fever having set in her exhausted system, soon yielded to the fell-destroyer.

In her death the bereaved husband loses a devoted wife, her children a wise counselor and Christian mother, and the community a good citizen. On the day following her death, her remains were followed to their last resting place, at the Crossing cemetery [sic], by a concourse of sympathizing friends and relatives.

*'As the bird to the sheltering rest,  
When the storm on the hill is abroad,  
So her spirits [sic] has flown from this world of unrest,  
To repose on the bosom of God.'*

A Friend.

**Date of death: 15 Apr 1917**

**Subject: Margaret (McQuinn or McCabe) Growney**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 21 Apr 1917, Saturday, p. 1**

In the passing of Mrs. Margaret Growney, which occurred at the home of two of her children, 2705 Penn, and near the house of her son, James C. Growney, the well-known attorney of this city, Sunday afternoon, Northwest Missouri and the Platte Purchase loses another of the pioneers who blazed the way for this present garden spot of the earth, that their posterity might enjoy unbounded prosperity, and in that early stage encountered all of the sorrows and privations, and the few joys of a new country with that self sacrifice and fortitude which was a characteristic of the Spartan mothers of those days. She was a true pioneer—coming to Nodaway county in 1853 when there was hardly a house in that section and settling on the then wide and open prairie of the Conception neighborhood. There she lived a good mother, a fond wife and a neighborly neighbor until 1908, when she came to this city to enjoy life's close.

She was a native of Ireland and was married to Phillip Growney, with whom she lived through all of the pioneer days. To them ten children survive and thirty-three grandchildren. The children are Patrick L., Maryville, Mo.; James C. St. Joseph; John D., Phillip R. and Lawrence F. of Conception; Dr. Joseph J. of Kansas City, Kan.;



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Charles M. and Anna R. of the home address, St. Joseph; Mrs. Michael McQuinn, St. Joseph, and Mrs. Patrick Hayes of Atchison. Rev. Philip [sic] Growney, O.S.B., of Mount Angel, Ore., is the eldest grandchild.

On Wednesday morning after a requiem at St. Francis Xavier's church the remains were taken to Conception where services were again held and were attended by all of the people of that community, after which the tired body was laid to rest eternal beside that of the husband with whom she had spent so many happy days of her eighty-one year span of life.

**Date of death: 15 Feb 1899**

**Subject: George W. McRoy**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 16 Feb 1899, p. 5**

George W. McRoy, a colored man, aged 24 years, was murdered last night shortly after 6 o'clock by Jesse Boswell, alias Jesse Booker, alias Buggerman. The weapon used was a large rock, which was hurled with murderous force by the strong arm of Boswell. The killing occurred at the alley on Patee street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. There were several witnesses.

McRoy fell as soon as he was struck and expired within a few minutes. He received no medical attention. An autopsy was held last night by Coroner Richmond and Dr. Crossland. It was found that the skull had not been fractured, but the blow was so violent that it produced congestion of the brain, which caused the young man's death.

Police Officers Quincy Hill and Ed Kelley were informed of the affair by a conductor on the Union line, at Fifth and Edmond streets. They took the next south-bound car and found the man in the care of a white [sic] and colored boy. He was dead when the officers arrived.

The patrol wagon was called, and, under the care of Officers Hill, Kelley and Scott, the remains were taken to Heaton's undertaking rooms, where they were placed in the morgue.

Shortly after the murder was committed Ed Johnson and Joe Harper, colored men, called at the Central station and said that they were with McRoy at the time of his death. Charles Brown was also a witness to the tragedy.

From the accounts of the men it appears that they had been playing pool in the saloon of Walker & Dodd at Fifth and Charles streets. Some angry words were passed, and soon afterwards McRoy, in company with Johnson and Harper, left the place. The trip walked down Fifth street and were followed by Boswell. When they reached Patee street they turned to the east. Boswell caught up with the others at the alley. The account of what followed differs somewhat, according to the reports of the witnesses. The only thing they were certain of was the fact that Boswell picked up a large rock and threw it at McRoy with terrific force. The man fell as soon as hit. He was dead in a few moments.

When the police learned that Boswell was the guilty man they immediately began to search for him. Officers Hill and Kelley went to the home of Boswell, near Eighteenth and Messanie streets. He was not found there. At 7:10 o'clock he was apprehended by Officers Gibson and John Martin near Fifth and Messanie streets. He was

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brought to the station and confined in a cage, where he attracted the attention of a large number of curious people.

Boswell is known as one of the toughest and most unruly colored men in the city. He is only 19 years old, but has already gained notoriety. He formerly worked in the poultry houses about the city but of late has confined his labors chiefly to shooting craps and similar occupations. His step-father, William Pleasant, is a very respectable old man, and has long since been compelled to forbid the young man his house. Of late he has been living with an aunt.

McRoy was a respectable young man, and stood high in the estimation of his friends. He was not known to have any bad habits and always conducted himself in a law-abiding manner. He was not in the habit of associating with the kind of company in which he was found just prior to his murder, it is said.

Mrs. Louisa Matlock, who runs a boarding house at 510 North Third street, said to a Herald reporter last night that McRoy had been boarding with her since last June. She always considered him a model young man, and had none but words of praise for him. She said that the young man worked for Swift and Company until last Tuesday when he quit. He had not returned home Tuesday night and she did not see him at all Wednesday. Mrs. Matlock expressed great sorrow at the death of the young man.

McRoy was to have been married next month to Miss Nettie Gasaway. He had most of his furniture purchased and spoke to some of his friends in regard to the coming wedding only yesterday. His affianced is almost prostrated over the sad affair.

The father of the dead man lives at Keokuk, Iowa, and a sister, Mrs. Smith, at American City, Mo. They were notified of the death last night by telegram.

One of the saddest incidents connected with the affair was enacted at the morgue, where the body lay, last night. Mrs. Della Hillman, living at Fourteenth and Henry streets, came to the place and insisted upon seeing the young man. She claimed that he was a brother of her husband, and that his name was John Hillman. She was at first refused entrance, but entreated so piteously and earnestly that she was allowed to enter.

When she saw the form of the young man cold and stiff in death she gave a scream that was heartrending, for she recognized the corpse as the body of her husband's brother. Her grief was uncontrollable, and she was led away with difficulty, sobbing and moaning in the most pitiful manner. Several friends who were with her tried in vain to console the grief-stricken woman. The other women also recognized the remains as those of John Hillman.

It appeared very mysterious at first, as the body was positively recognized as both George W. McRoy and John Hillman. However, Dr. Crossland, who is familiar with both families, explained. The young man is a brother, or half-brother, of Hillman. At first he was known as John Hillman, but he afterwards changed his name to McRoy. He has the latter name tattooed upon his left arm. Also the date, 1875, believed to be the date of his birthday. This accounted for the dual recognition. The husband of Mrs. Hillman, who is in Kansas City, was telegraphed for.

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The coroner's inquest will be held this morning at 10 o'clock. Awaiting the result Jesse Boswell nervously paces his narrow cell at the police station, and refuses to say anything at all regarding the crime for which he is imprisoned.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 18 Feb 1899, p. 5

A brother of George McRoy, the man who was killed last Wednesday, arrived in the city yesterday from his home in Callao, Mo. He viewed the remains of his dead brother yesterday afternoon and was very much touched over the sad affair. The body of the dead man was taken to Callao last night for burial.

**Date of death:** 5 Nov 1902

**Subject:** William McVey

**Source:** *The Albany [MO] Ledger*, 7 Nov 1902, p. 4

William McVey died at his home in the west part of Albany Wednesday evening of typhoid fever.

He had been ill for several weeks, and at one time was thought to be out of danger, but took a backset which caused his death.

He had resided here only a year or so, having moved here from Worth county. The remains were buried at Highland cemetery yesterday at 2 o'clock.

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**Date of death: 13 Aug 1920**

**Subject: James Neuman Means**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 14 Aug 1920, Saturday, p. 6**

James M. [sic] Means, thirty-one years old, a traveling salesman for the Nave-McCord Mercantile Company, who lately had been living at McCook, Neb., died at 5:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a St. Joseph hospital, from blood poisoning. Means stepped on a nail July 24, and the wound became infected. He was brought to St. Joseph last Monday and his right leg was amputated. His father, W. C. Means, formerly was a police sergeant.

Surviving Means are his widow, his parents, and these brothers and sisters: Bud Means, Marysville, Kan., and Dot Means, Mrs. Margaret Van Hoozer and Misses Almata and Edith Means of St. Joseph. The body is at the home of the parents, 1306 Elwood street, where the funeral service will be conducted at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be in Ashland Cemetery. The dead man was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and the Travelers' Protective Association.

**Date of death: 18 Nov 1903**

**Subject: Lucinda Emeline (Means) Tignor**

**Source: *Kansas City [MO] Star*, 19 Nov 1903, Thursday**

Mrs. L. Tignor, mother of Charles Tignor and of Mrs. W. O. McBride, died last night at her home on Walnut street in Independence after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Tignor had been a sufferer from heart trouble and about a week ago was stricken with pneumonia and the complication caused her death. She was 65 years of age and had lived in Independence for twenty years.

**Date of death: 6 Aug 1913**

**Subject: Martha Ellen (Means) Billings**

**Source: *The Pineville [MO] Democrat*, 15 Aug 1913, Friday, p. 4**

Mrs. Martha Billings an old and respected citizen of this community, but who only a short time ago went to make her home with her son, Charley, who lives in Henry county, Missouri, died there Thursday and was brought back and laid to rest in the New Bethel cemetery, Friday. The bereaved family have the sympathy of our entire community.

Mr. Billings of Western Kansas, arrived here Saturday to attend the funeral of his mother but was too late.

**Date of death: 15 Oct 1918**

**Subject: Andrew Perry Meek**

**Source: *The Holton [KS] Recorder*, 24 Oct 1918, Thursday**

Andrew Perry Meek was born in Andrew county, Missouri, April 13, 1850, and departed this life Oct. 15, 1918, aged 68 years, 6 months and 2 days. He was united in marriage to Mary J. Wykert Feb. 13, 1868, and to this union were born six children, three sons and three daughters. One son and the three daughters preceeded [sic] him to the world beyond. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, two sons, eight grandchildren and five sisters and many near relative.

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The funeral took place from the residence October 16 at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Shaffer of Rossville.

The deceased came to Jackson county, Kansas in 1869, and homesteaded a piece of land near Avoca, and for many years was a resident of this county. He later moved to Oklahoma and lived there a few years. Seven years ago he came back to Kansas and has since lived near Delia.

May the Lord who knows all our grief, comfort and sustain the bereaved.

**Date of death: 27 Mar 1907**

**Subject: Berry Meek**

**Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 29 Mar 1907, Friday, p. 1**

Dr. Berry Meek, one of the earliest of Holt county's physicians, died at the St. Joseph asylum, Wednesday of this week, March 27, 1907, and had he been spared to have reached the 22d of April, would have been 81 years of age. He was a native of Henry county, Kentucky, being born in 1826. He was a son of John Meek, who came to Holt county in 1852, locating southeast of Mound City. In 1859 he became a student of medicine under Dr. Jabez Robinson, then a practicing physician of Oregon, and graduate from the St. Louis Medical College in 1857. On his graduating he began the practice of his profession at Jackson's Point. From the spring of 1865 to October, 1866, he practiced in Clay county, Illinois, and from March, 1869, to March, 1873, he was a resident of Craig, the remainder of his time he was a resident of Jackson's Point, now Mound City. During the latter part of 1896 his health failed him, and in March, 1897, he became an inmate of the St. Joseph asylum, where he died.

In 1860 he married Elizabeth, daughter of William Sharpe, one of Union township's earliest pioneers, after whom and his brother, Sharp's Grove received its name. He was the father of four children, John W., having died a number of years ago; of Gertrude, Leonidas and Frances, we have no data. Politically, he was a Democrat, having voted for James Buchanan in 1856. He was made a Mason, in Oregon Lodge in 1854, the Masonic Lodge at that time being but one year old, and was therefore one of the oldest of that fraternity in our county. We have no particulars as to funeral details, as the news of his death only reached us as our forms were about ready for press.

**Same**

**Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 5 Apr 1907, Friday, p. 5**

The remains of Dr. Berry Meek, who died in St. Joseph, Tuesday last, particulars being given in our issue last week, were brought to Mound City for interment, the funeral services being held on Thursday, 29th ult. He is survived by his wife and three children—Mrs. W. S. Vandeventer, Mrs. Charles McCandlish and Bass Meek.

**Date of death: 14 Feb 1874**

**Subject: Charles S. Meek**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 6 Mar 1874, Friday, p. 1**

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Whitesville, Mo., February 25, 1875

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe to remove by death our beloved brother, C. S. Meek, who departed this life in Whitesville on the 14th of this month; therefore be it

Resolved, That, while we deeply regret the loss of one who was bound to us by a mystic tie and a common sympathy that unite us together as a brotherhood, yet we cannot forget, in our grief at the loss by us sustained, that there are others who were bound to him by more and deeper ties; and to the widowed wife, orphan children and surviving relatives of our deceased brother, we would extend at this time our sincerest sympathy and regard; ... [*other tributes*]

**Date of death: 12 Dec 1918**

**Subject: John Meek**

**Source: *The Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 20 Dec 1918, Friday, p. 5**

John Meek was born in Holt county, Mo., Sept. 25, 1854. He passed away at his home about 10 miles southeast of Oregon, December 12, 1918; age 64 years, 2 months and 17 days.

Mr. Meek spent his entire life in this state.

He was united in marriage to Melissa Thornhill, July 18, 1894. Two children were born to this union: one daughter, now living in Oklahoma; and one son who died in infancy.

He was marriage again to Fannie Bradley, Feb. 20, 1910. Two children were born to them: Marvin, a boy of six, who died last September, and Edward, age two.

His two children, named above, his companion, two step-daughters, and three step-sons remain to mourn his loss.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. C. F. Hand, at the home, December 14, 1918, and the body laid to rest in the Noland cemetery.

**Date of death: 5 Oct 1922**

**Subject: Joseph Alexander Meek**

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

James A. Meek, seventy-seven years old, died yesterday morning in a St. Joseph hospital. He is survived by a brother, W. K. Meek, Rea, Mo., and a son, Edgar Meek, Kansas City.

**Date of death: 24 Sep 1916**

**Subject: Mary Edna (Meek) Conine**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 24 Sep 1916, Sunday, p. 1**

A speeding automobile which the driver lost control of near the fish hatchery about four miles south of St. Joseph about 1 o'clock this morning headed into the bank alongside the road and Edna Cronine [sic], one of the

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two women passengers is dead, the result of a broken neck. The other woman, Belle Buchanan, is in St. Joseph hospital with injuries that may prove fatal.

The car was being driven by Elmer Walters, a chauffeur. He escaped with comparatively [sic] insignificant injuries. The automobile was wrecked.

The two women resided at 1330 Frederick avenue.

The ambulance from both central and South Side police station went to the scene of the wreck.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 25 Sep 1916, Monday, p. 8

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Edna Conine, who was killed when the automobile in which she was riding was wrecked at 1 o'clock yesterday morning about four miles south of the fish hatchery, will be held tomorrow afternoon from her home, 1328 Frederick avenue. The dead woman is survived by her husband, Frank Conine; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Meek; a sister, Miss Belle Meek; a brother, J. J. Meek, and four half-brothers, Charles, William and Edward Meek of St. Joseph, and Earl Meek of Long Beach, Cal.

The accident occurred when the car in which Mrs. Conine was riding with Miss Belle Buchanan, ran into the bank alongside the road. The chauffeur, Elmer Walters, escaped with minor injuries. Miss Buchanan is at the St. Joseph hospital with serious injuries.

**Date of death:** 28 Feb 1922

**Subject:** Nancy Anne (Meek) Stout

**Source:** *Salina [KS] Evening Journal*, 10 Mar 1922, Friday, p. 10

Graham County News. Hill City, March 10.-- Mrs. Thomas Stout whose home was near Studley, died last Tuesday of heart failure.

### Same

**Source:** *The [Hill City KS] Reveille-New Era*, 9 Mar 1922, Thursday, p. 1

Nannie A. Meek was born at Flag Springs, Mo., December 16, 1860, died at her home at Studley, Kansas, February 28, 1922, aged 61 years, 2 months and 12 days. She was united in marriage to T. F. Stout at Flag Springs, Mo. Dec. 16, 1884. To this union were born seven children, six sons and one daughter. She was preceeded [sic] to the grave by James Bertram, aged 8 months; Harrold M. aged 1 year and 4 months; Laura Helen, 6 years; and Daniel C., 18 years. She is survived by her husband, three sons, Earl, Earnest and Charley, one daughter-in-law and six grand children all living at Studley, besides three brothers and two sisters. She and her husband came to the western part of the county 24 years ago, living here continuously. Funeral services were conducted at Studley by Rev. Coyely of Morland, and the body was placed in the Studley cemetery.

### Same

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**Source:** *The Hoxie [KS] Sentinel*, 9 Mar 1922, Thursday, p. 1

Those who have known the Stout family for these many years and were intimately acquainted with the generous wife and kind affectionate mother, will be pained to know that the dark messenger of death has taken the mother from the home—called her to a new field of labor in the kingdom of her Maker beyond the stars.

She is not dead for her influence will live on to guide aright the affairs of her household left behind, for "to live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die." Her sterling qualities of citizenship and kindly influences will long remain a precious memory to the little village she so long called home. May her soul rest forever in perfect peace.

Nannie A. Meek was born at Flag Springs, Missouri, December 16, 1860, and died at her home at Studley, Kansas, February 28, 1922, age 61 years, 2 months and 12 days.

She was united in marriage to T. F. Stout at Flag Springs, Missouri, December 16, 1884. To this union were born seven children, six sons and one daughter; James Bertram, Harold Meek, Laura Helen and Daniel C., all preceded her to the great beyond. Her husband, three sons, Earl, Ernest and Charlie, all of Studley, survive her; also six grandchildren, and three brothers and two sisters.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Copley, of Morland, at the church at Studley and the body was placed in the Studley cemetery.

**Date of death:** 17 May 1912

**Subject:** Napoleon Bonapart Meek

**Source:** *The Topeka [KS] State Journal*, 17 May 1912, Friday, p. 2

N. B. Meek, aged 56, died about 11 o'clock this morning at the home of his son, W. H. Meek, at 210 Taylor street. He has been sick several weeks. The funeral will be held at the son's home at 3 o'clock Saturday. Interment in Mount Hope cemetery.

**Date of death:** 30 Sep 1880

**Subject:** Samuel Steward Meek

**Source:** *The Holton [KS] Recorder*, 7 Oct 1880, Thursday, p. 5

West Jackson. October 4, 1880.

Truly 'in the midst of life we are in death.' After a brief illness with typhoid fever, Steward Meek, on last Thursday evening, yielded to the reaper Death, and passed 'to that bourne whence none return.' Only fifteen years of life were his. On Friday his remains were laid in the cemetery [sic] at James' Crossing, by his many friends.

**Date of death:** 20 Jan 1872

**Subject:** Barbara (Meisenheimer) Zimmerman



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**Source: *Brown County [KS] World*, 25 Jan 1872, Thursday, p. 2**

On the 20th inst., at her residence near Hiawatha, Mrs. Barbary Zimmerman, wife of Mr. Rudolph Zimmerman, in the 38th year of her age.

Mrs. Zimmerman emigrated to Kansas and settled with her now bereaved husband, near Hiawatha in 1855. She therefore passed through all the scenes of hardships and trials incident to the lives of the early settlers of Kansas. In all temporal things her life was truly a success. She, however, passed the last four years of her life in intense suffering and pain, from which the angel of mercy has just relieved her. Her end was peace.

J. A. A.

**Date of death: 21 Mar 1891**

**Subject: Daniel Meisenheimer**

**Source: *The Hiawatha [KS] Journal*, 26 Mar 1891, Thursday, p. 5**

It is with sorrow we pen this paragraph for "Dan," as he was called was everybody's friend

Mr. Meisenheimer was born in Germany in 1829. Six years later he emigrated with his parent, brothers and sisters to this country and settled in Ashland county, Ohio. Later he moved to Andrew county, Mo. In 1850 he, in company with his brother Jacob, went to California and on his return eight years later he settled with his brother on a farm four miles southeast of Hiawatha, where he continuously resided until his death, which occurred Saturday afternoon last. The cause of his death was lung and heart trouble and he was 62 years and 20 days old at the time of his death.

He was always industrious and gained a comfortable fortune.

Funeral services were held at the Evangelical church, of which he was a member, Monday afternoon, Rev. A. G. Lohman officiating. The church was decorated with flowers, and all—old and young, rich and poor—were there to pay their last respects to a friend's memory; a friend indeed. He always had a pleasant word for everybody and his word was as good as a bank of gold.

Dan never married but made his home with his brother Jacob and for more than forty years they toiled together with a mutual feeling and love for each other that cruel death alone could sever.

They slept under the same blanket among the mountains and on the plains, dug for gold together and shared alike their joys and sorrows.

**Date of death: 2 Oct 1900**

**Subject: Ora Etta (Meisenheimer) Jenkins**

**Source: *Brown County [KS] World*, 12 Oct 1900, Friday, p. 14**

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Death is doubly sad when it comes to youth. Death has come to the young and lovable wife of Herbert E. Jenkins—to the arms that held a smiling babe of two years. Mrs. Jenkins' maiden name was Ora Etta Meisenheimer; born near Hiawatha, Aug. 28, 1875. She lived there until her marriage to Herbert E. Jenkins, of Seneca, Sept. 17, 1895. She was reared in a religious family and joined the Evangelical church when ten years of age. About two years ago she lost her mother. Her married life was spent happily in Seneca. A little over two weeks ago she was taken seriously ill. On Tuesday morning, Oct. 2, at 7:30 a.m. she died of quick consumption. A week ago she resigned herself to death. She bade all adieu. She leaves a sorrowing young husband, a two-year-old daughter, Donna Louise, a father, five brothers and three sisters. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors of American, who, in accordance with her wishes, decorated the Congregational church in which the funeral was held, with beautiful ferns, palms and other potted plants. The funeral was at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. C. H. Bente preached a touching sermon from the text, Jeremiah 15:9: "Her sun is gone down while it is yet day." The Royal Neighbors attended as a lodge and escorted the body from the house to the church. They offered a beautiful floral wreath containing the initials of the order. A large throng assembled to pay respect to one who had been amiable and lovable, a true friend, a faithful wife and a loving mother. She was laid to rest in the Seneca cemetery. Peace be with her.—Seneca Tribune.

**Date of death: 4 Mar 1898**

**Subject: William C. Melton**

**Source: *The [Washington Co. IN] Republican Leader*, 11 Mar 1898**

William C. Melton died at his home in the south part of this county Friday, March 4, 1898, of consumption, after an illness of several months. He was born April 12, 1840, in Burke county, North Carolina. He was in the Confederate service. Not being a rebel, he left them in 1862 and after many trials and narrow escape from losing his life, he reached the Union lines and reached this county without money and almost no clothes.

By industry and frugality he laid by sufficient money to buy 80 acres of land. This farm he sold and removed to Nodaway county, Missouri, where he purchased a farm and lived for a few years. He afterwards removed back to this county, purchasing the farm where he resided until his death.

He was married to Emma Bush in 1866. To them were born five girls and one boy, all living. He was baptized in Blue River by Elder Enos Turner some years ago and held to this faith until death. Howard township has lost a good citizen, the wife a noble husband, and the children a kind father. The funeral was conducted by Elder Enos Turner at Big Springs church, after which the remains were laid to rest in the church-yard.

William C. Melton was 58 years old.

**Date of death: 23 Aug 1893**

**Subject: George Washington Mendenhall**

**Source: [El Dorado KS] *Walnut Valley Times*, 24 Aug 1893, Thursday, p. 4**

Died: At Eureka Springs, Arkansas, on Wednesday, August 23rd, of dropsy, Geo. W. Mendenhall, aged about 21 years. After months of suffering and affliction the end came and he is at rest. George was noble young man,

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loved and respected by all. His sisters, Mrs. G.W. Ryan and Miss Anna Mendenhall, were with him and started home with his body. Funeral at 3 p.m., tomorrow from the M.E. Church.

**Date of death: 14 Jan 1900**

**Subject: Lawrence D. Mendenhall**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Republican*, 18 Jan 1900, Thursday, p. 1**

A couple of weeks ago the Republican had an account from the Graham Post of the accidental shooting of Lawrence Mendenhall by Frank Mowry, while hunting rabbits in Hughes township on Tuesday, December 19, 1899.

A rabbit ran under a corn crib and each hunter took a different end of the crib to scare the animal out. Mowry saw something moving at the opposite end which he took to be a rabbit and fired his gun, the shot taking effect in Mowry's [sic] hand and knee.

Unfortunately, however, blood poisoning set in from the wounds, and Mr. Mendenhall died Sunday morning, January 14, 1900, at 6 o'clock, at his home 3 1/2 miles east of Graham. His funeral services were held Monday at Bethany church, seven miles southeast of Graham, where he was buried.

Mr. Mendenhall was a young man only about 22 years old. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his untimely end. Of course every one deplors the sad accident, which is only another object lesson to all to be extremely careful with fire arms.

**Date of death: 15 Dec 1917**

**Subject: Newell G. Mendenhall**

**Source: *The Nebraska Signal*, 20 Dec 1917, p. 5**

Newell G. Mendenhall was born at Moorsville, Morgan county, Indiana, February 14, 1829, and died at Geneva Neb., December 15, 1917, aged 88 years 10 months and 1 day. When a young boy he moved to Richland, Keokuk county, Iowa, where he lived until nineteen years of age, when he returned to Hendricks county, Indian, where he engaged in farming.

In the early pioneer days of Indiana, he was a stage driver from Nightstown to Indianapolis. When this means of travel was abandoned, he became conductor of a freight train on the Wabash railroad, making the run from Lafayette, Ind. to Danville, Ill. He married Lucinda S. Cook of Hancock county, Indiana. Five children were born to this union, only two of whom are living: Mrs. M. F. Fussell of Geneva, and Mrs. D. A. Crain of Sedalia, Mo.

In 1873 he again took up farming near Pendleton, Ind., but in 1880 the family moved to Hopkins, Mo., where they resided for twenty-seven years. Here he became a painter at which occupation he labored as long as health would permit, his last work being done at the age of eighty-five. In 1907 he and his wife came to Geneva to make their home with their daughter.

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During his early married life Mr. Mendenhall became a Christian and united with the Untied Brethren church, near Tipton, Ind. At Hopkins, Mo., he united with the Methodist church and continued a consistent member until 1908, when his membership was transferred to the Methodist church of Geneva. He was a kind and loving father and grandfather, and will be greatly missed in the home. He leaves two daughters, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral took place from the Methodist Episcopal church in Geneva at 3 p.m. Tuesday and was conducted by Rev. R.H. Thompson. The interment was in the Geneva cemetery.

**Date of death: 15 Aug 1916**

**Subject: George Meredith**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 15 Aug 1916, Tuesday, p. 2**

George Merdith [sic], seventy-two years old, who lived at 102 West Dear [?] street, died this morning at 6:30 in a local hospital. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

**Date of death: 27 Dec 1922**

**Subject: Mary Edna (Merrigan) Farnan**

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

Mrs. Mary E. Farnan, thirty-two years old, wife of Christopher L. Farnan, a farmer of Clyde, Mo., died at 12:30 o'clock this morning in a St. Joseph hospital. Besides her husband she is survived by her father, James P. Merrigan, and by six children. Burial will be at Clyde.

**Date of death: 27 Jul 1921**

**Subject: Mercedes Victoria Merrigan [Sr. Mary Rita]**

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

Maryville, Mo. Sister Mary Rita died Wednesday morning of last week at 6:30 o'clock at the St. Francis Hospital, Maryville, following an illness of two years of tuberculosis. Requiem services were held in the chapel at the hospital Friday morning of last week, Rev. Father Anselm officiating, and burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery. Sister Rita, before her entrance into the Sisterhood, was Miss Mercedes Merrigan of Conception Junction, Mo. She was twenty-three years of age, and is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Merrigan of Conception Junction; three brothers, Frank, James and Edward, at home, and three sisters, Sister Mary Beatrice, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Margaret Merrigan, Kansas City, and Agnes Merrigan, at home.

**Date of death: 5 Mar 1921**

**Subject: William A. Merrigan**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 12 Mar 1921, Saturday, p. 5**

Conception, Mo. William A. Merrigan, 69 years old, a resident of Nodaway County for more than forty years, died at his home near Stanberry last Saturday morning after a few days' illness following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Merrigan was one of the wealthiest farmers in this county. He was born at Richland, Pa., Sept. 14, 1852,

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and was married to Miss Katherine Keefe of Nodaway County in 1878. Besides his wife, he is survived by five sons and four daughters, who are as follows: William, Jr., Robert, Patrick, Clarence and John, all of Nodaway County; Katherine of Kansas City, and Nora, Esther and Mary at home. He is also survived by five brothers, Thomas, James, Clarence, Robert and Ed, who live in the vicinity of Clyde. Funeral services were held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the Abbey Church, Rev. Father Placidus officiating. He was buried in the cemetery at Conception.

**Date of death: 26 Jun 1914**

**Subject: Mary Elizabeth (Merrin) Trimmer**

**Source: *The [Effingham KS] New Leaf*, 3 Jul 1914, Friday, p. 4**

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Trimmer, who had been at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eli Sinclair, the past few months, died last Friday of paralysis of the brain. She had been poorly the past five years but sick only a short time before her death. Mrs. Trimmer was born in Knox Co., Ohio, in 1840. The remains, accompanied by her husband, Mrs. Sinclair, two other daughters, and three sons, that were with her at the time of her death, was [sic] taken to New Point, Mo., for burial.

**Date of death: 10 Aug 1910**

**Subject: Isaac Merritt**

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

Savannah, Mo., Aug. 10.—Judge Isaac Meritt [sic], for the last two terms presiding judge of the county court here, and one of the most prominent farmers in this vicinity, dropped dead about 8 o'clock this morning at his home, six and one-half miles northwest of here.

The cause of death is given as heart disease. It is said that he had been a sufferer from the malady some time, but his death was entirely unexpected. He had seemed in unusually good spirits when he arose this morning, it is said. He was alone when stricken. He was waiting for his breakfast and had been conversing with his wife. He went into an adjoining room, and about ten minutes later his wife found him lying on the floor. Medical aid was summoned, but life was found to be extinct.

Judge Meritt is survived by his widow, and two sons, John and Cale Meritt, and a daughter, Miss Edith Meritt, fourteen years old, all of whom live on the Meritt homestead here. Another daughter, Mrs. John L. Turner of Bolckow, Mo., also survives.

The funeral will be held from the family home at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be at the Savannah cemetery.

**Date of death: 6 Apr 1904**

**Subject: James Merritt**

**Source: *The Albany [MO] Capital*, 7 Apr 1904, Thursday, p. 1**

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James Merritt died in his home in Albany yesterday afternoon, after a three weeks' sickness with typhoid fever. Mr. Merritt was nearly 60 years old and had lived in Gentry county for many years. He leaves a family of five sons and one daughter.

Mr. Merritt's wife was buried last Wednesday, he being sick at the time.

**Date of death: 2 Jan 1917**

**Subject: Robert Lewis Merritt**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] News*, 4 Jan 1917, p. 1**

Robert Lewis Merritt, living 1 1/2 miles northeast of Skidmore, died at 7:45 o'clock, Tuesday morning, Jan. 2, 1917, following an illness which begun last April with a paralytic stroke.

Mr. Merritt was born in Andrew county, Mo., Jan. 8, 1861, and was 55 years 11 months 24 days old at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife and seven children. The children are: Mrs. Vella Watts, Hallie V. Merritt, Mrs. Beulah Bilby, Robert Merritt, Jr., Ella, John and Marguerite Merritt all of Skidmore, also his father, John Merritt, and a brother, Marvin Merritt of Savannah.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church South, Wednesday afternoon conducted by Rev. M. Dewitt, after which the body was laid to rest in Masonic cemetery, Skidmore, Mo.

**Date of death: 15 Oct 1910**

**Subject: Winnifred (Merritt) Estes**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 17 Oct 1910, p. 5**

Savannah, Mo., Oct. 17.—While attempting to fill a gasoline stove at her home near Rosendale, Mo., several days ago, Mrs. Frank Estes received burns in an explosion from which she died Saturday evening. She was attempting to fill the stove while it was lighted, it is said. She is survived by her husband and five children.

Mrs. Estes was the daughter of George N. Merritt of Rushville, Mo. The funeral was at Rushville today.

**Date of death: 16 Nov 1912**

**Subject: James Lyman Messecar**

**Source: *[Maryville MO] Daily Democrat*, 18 Nov 1912, Monday**

L. M. [sic] Messecar, the father of Mrs. Walter Morehouse of Hopkins, died at his home in Oklahoma Saturday. His body was brought to Hopkins Monday noon for burial, Mr. Morehouse going to St. Joseph Monday morning to accompany the remains to his home, three miles east of Hopkins.

The funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Morehouse home. Mr. Messecar was an old resident of the Hopkins vicinity. He left Hopkins twelve years ago and has made his home there since.

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**Source:** *[Maryville MO] Daily Democrat-Forum, 23 Nov 1912, Saturday, p. 14*

The remains of J. L. Messecar, formerly of Hopkins, who died in Oklahoma, were brought to Hopkins Monday noon and taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Morehouse, at which place the funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Taylor of the M. E. church officiating. Two sons, Merton Messecar of Kansas City and Bruce Messecar, and wife of Oklahoma, accompanied the remains to Hopkins.

**Date of death: 8 Mar 1899**

**Subject: Frank Willis Messenger**

**Source:** *The Maryville [MO] Tribune, 9 Mar 1899, Thursday, p. 1*

Frank W. Messenger, one of the best-known and most popular young printers in Maryville, died at the home of his father, C. W. Messenger, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Messenger had been ill for some time, but his death came suddenly and unexpectedly.

Frank W. Messenger was born in Clark county, Iowa, near Murray in 1869, and was consequently 29 years old. He came with his parents to Maryville in 1871, and with the exception of a few months at different times, had lived here all of his life since.

The funeral will take place tomorrow, but final arrangements for it have not yet been made. Mr. Messenger's parents, his sisters, Mrs. A. L. Cuttler [sic] of Kansas City and Miss Marcia, who is employed in the Nodaway Democrat office, and one brother, Walter, survive him.

**Date of death: 24 Aug 1890**

**Subject: Grace Truman Messenger**

**Source:** *The Maryville [MO] Republican, 28 Aug 1890, Thursday, p. 4*

An obituary notice of Miss Grace Messenger is unavoidably laid over until next week.

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Grace Truman, daughter of Charles W. and Anna Messenger, died at the residence of her parents in Maryville, at a little past 11 o'clock a.m. Sunday, August 24, 1890, aged 18 years, 8 months and 7 days. She had been sick for a long time with consumption, and for several weeks had been confined to the house and her bed. All that loving hands and tender care could do had not been spared, but the dead disease must have another victim. When the time came however for her to say farewell to loved ones she was ready, which is of course great cause for congratulation. Her funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. Tuesday, August 26, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Kemper, assisted [sic] by her former pastor, Rev. T. M. S. Kenney, who came up from St. Joseph to attend the last sad obsequies. The pall bearers were Messrs. Ernest Andrews, Francis DePaul, --- Roots, Clarence Andrews, Claude Waddle and John English. Her remains were laid away in Miriam cemetery, to await the last triumph. We extend our deep felt sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

**Date of death: 16 Mar 1885**

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**Subject: Josiah Messner**

**Source: *St. Louis [MO] Post-Dispatch*, 17 May 1885, Tuesday, p. 4**

Albany, March 17.—Financial trouble and health drove Mr. Josiah Messner to self-destruct yesterday. He took an overdose of opium.

**Date of death: 12 May 1911**

**Subject: Willis Metcalf**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 12 May 1911, p. 15**

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Metcalf were called to Conception, Mo., today by the death of his father, Willis Metcalf, aged eighty-six years.

**Date of death: 26 Sep 1918**

**Subject: Alfred C. Meyer**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 26 Oct 1918, Saturday, p. 5**

Clyde, Mo. Mr. Peter Meyer received a message Sunday, October 20, stating that his brother, Alfred C. Meyer, a private in Co. B. 356th Infantry, N.A., was killed in action in France, Sept. 26th.

Requiem High Mass for the repose of his soul will be chanted in St. Benedict's church at 9 o'clock, Tuesday, October 29, by the Rev. Odilo Schieber, O.S.B., pastor of St. Mary's Church, Maryville, Mo., who is a cousin of the deceased.



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**Date of death: 17 Dec 1921**

**Subject: Edward B. Michau**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 17 Dec 1921, Saturday, p. 1**

Edward Michau, for many years a St. Joseph resident, was found dead in his room at 224 North Eighth street, shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. Dr. A. R. Timerman, coroner, was called and removed the body to the Fleeman-McNeill funeral home. Heart trouble is believed to have caused his death.

Mr. Michau, who was sixty years old and single, had been in fair health and retired to his room several hours before he was discovered by an attendant of the rooming house where he lived.

The dead man is survived by one brother, Eugene Michau, now visiting in California. The brothers owned the Michau block, northeast corner Sixth and Felix streets. The father was Alfred Michau, a pioneer resident of northwest Missouri. He has been dead many years.

**Date of death: 5 Feb 1905**

**Subject: John T. Michau**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 6 Feb 1905, Monday, pp. 1 & 6**

John T. Michau died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Michau, 111 North Sixth street. His death resulted from heart failure following the grip and was rather sudden.

He was well known in St. Joseph, having spent the greater part of his life here. For several years he had been engaged in literary work, having given up the practice of law for it, and a short time before his death had finished the manuscript for a book, "Archaeology vs. History," which will be published by his relatives.

John T. Michau was born in Maryville, Mo., February 26, 1852. His parents removed to this city in April 1866, where he attended the public schools, being graduated from the St. Joseph High school in 1871. He then spent four years in the literary and law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. From the time of his graduation until 1885 he practiced law in St. Joseph and Kansas City, and during the following three years traveled extensively in Europe.

In 1891, at Columbia University in New York, he laid the foundation for the literary work which he following during the remainder of his life. In his researches to find material for the great work he had undertaken he made two journeys up the Nile, visited the Holy Land and traveled over a greater part of the world. The work was undertaken by him at the instance of eminent scholars in archaeology, who believed him to be particularly fitted for it. It became his life work and there was nothing too arduous for him to undertake in the search for material.

His work gave him a wide acquaintance among literary people all over the world. Mr. Michau was better known among literary people in eastern cities and in the old world than in his home city, perhaps.

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In the archaeology societies of the world he was particularly well known, and the work he had undertaken has been awaited with great anxiety by those who knew of it. Flattering offers were made to him for the publication of the work before it was finished, but no part of it has yet been given to the world.

Friends of Mr. Michau in this city known of his devotion to the work he had undertaken, and considered it little short of wonderful. He abandoned the practice of law and all other pursuits to devote all his time and energies to this work. It appeared to be desultory at times, when he waited for facts that must be established to fit into some niche or corner of ancient history, but when the work was once done it was complete.

Only a few weeks before his death was the work finished. It was his ambition to have the great book published before he died, but that ambition was not realized.

Among the attorneys of St. Joseph Mr. Michau was particularly well known. He was a member of the Buchanan County Bar association and was considered a bright lawyer. He had many friends among those who attended school with him and who had known him since his boyhood days. His kindness of heart and liberality were well known to many people here, and his scholarly attainments endeared him to many more people who knew him less intimately.

Mr. Michau is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Michau, and two brothers, Eugene F. Michau and Edward F. Michau. He was married in 1878 to Miss Lizzie McCreary of Ann Arbor, Mich., a talented and beautiful woman who died in this city in 1880. In 1884 he was married to Miss Minnie Wagner of Kansas City, and one child, a boy, was born of the marriage.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but will be announced later.

### Same

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 7 Feb 1905, Tuesday, p. 6**

The funeral of John T. Michau, who died Sunday morning, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Michau, 111 North Sixth street.

The pallbearers will be William D. Rusk, Samuel S. Shull, George W. Eastin, Richard L. Spencer, Harry M. Tootle, William H. Floyd and Joseph Andriano. The body will be placed in the vault at Mount Mora cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral.

**Date of death: 23 Oct 1918**

**Subject: James Elijah Midgett**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 9 Nov 1918, Saturday, p. 2**

St. Joseph, Missouri. Mr. J. Midgett, 1808 North Main street, died at his home Wednesday morning of bronchial pneumonia. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his loss.

**Date of death: 18 Dec 1922**

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**Subject: Helen Frances Milbourn**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 18 Dec 1922, Monday, p. 8**

Helen Frances Milbourn, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Milbourn, died yesterday afternoon at the family home, 916 North Second street.

**Date of death: 26 May 1910**

**Subject: Irene Milbourn**

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

Arriene, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Millbourne [sic], died of heart failure at 9 o'clock last night at the home of the parents, five miles north of the city.

**Date of death: 18 May 1917**

**Subject: Rebecca (Milburn) Greer Baker**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 19 May 1917, Saturday, p. 6**

Mrs. Rebecca Baker, 74 years old, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 905 Madison street. She is survived by four sons, A. M. and George Baker and David Grear of St. Joseph, William Baker of Kansas City; and two daughters, Mrs. Hannah Brazelton and Mrs. Julia Schneider of Port Arthur, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the residence. Burial will be in Green cemetery.

**Date of death: Feb 1902**

**Subject: Lelia Hattie Miles**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Tribune*, 20 Feb 1902, Thursday, p. 11**

Hopkins.

The youngest child of William Miles has been very sick with pneumonia.

**Date of death: 7 Jan 1855**

**Subject: Christopher Miller**

**Source: *St. Louis [MO] Globe-Democrat*, 31 Jan 1855, Wednesday, p. 2**

Died, At his residence in Whitesville, Andrew county, Mo., on the 7th inst., Mr. Christopher Miller, formerly of Nelson county, Va., aged 43 years.

**Date of death: 20 Jul 1868**

**Subject: David Miller**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 4 Aug 1868, Tuesday, p. 1**

July 20—David Miller, aged 59 years; interred in Mount Mora Cemetery.

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**Date of death: 21 Mar 1898**

**Subject: Emily Ann (Miller) Young**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 30 Mar 1898, p. 4**

Savannah, March 29.-- Died. At her late residence, two miles south of Savannah, at 11:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 1898, Mrs. Emily A. Young, aged 84 years, 6 months and 9 days. The funeral took place from the Cumberland Presbyterian church at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 24th, Rev. O. D. Allen of Clay county, officiating. The remains were interred in the Cumberland Ridge cemetery.

**Date of death: 4 Sep 1921**

**Subject: Eugene Wade Miller**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 6 Sep 1921, Tuesday, p. 6**

Miller, E. W., a retired banker of Agency, Mo., died at his home at 123 N. 15th st. at 11:20 o'clock Sunday, Sept. 4. Mr. Miller was born in Andrew Co., June 6, 1867, removed to Agency, Mo. with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Miller in 1884, where father and son engaged in general merchandise. A few years later he organized the Agency bank of which he was president thirty years, retiring when illness compelled him to give up active duties. Mr. Miller was widely known throughout the county and loved and respected for his many virtues, as he was a good citizen, a loyal Christian worker in the Methodist church. Which he supported since a boy of 14 years, being superintendent of the Agency Sunday school many years. He was a good farm manager, owning a fine farm at Garrettsburg, Mo. He moved to his present home twenty-one years ago, expecting to spend his later years in retirement in the Francis Street church he loved so well. Besides his wife, Mr. Miller leaves four sons, Clyde Miller, of Agency, Mo.; Donelan L. Miller of Atchison, Eugene and Clarence, of St. Joseph, and four daughters, Mrs. Bryan, of Agency, Mo.; Mrs. Norris of Omaha, Neb.; Misses Dixie and Letty Miller, of St. Joseph. The funeral will be conducted at the Francis Street church at 2 o'clock p.m. Sept. 6. Burial at Mount Mora.

**Date of death: 1 Jan 1870**

**Subject: Frances (Miller) Hankins**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 4 Jan 1870**

On Saturday morning at 2 o'clock Mrs. Mary Miller, relict of the late David Miller, died, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. B. F. Case, on Frederick Avenue, in this city. She was born April 25th, 1814, and was married Dec. 9th, 1830. Mrs. Miller was a most estimable lady, and her loss will be deeply felt by a large circle of friends. She was confined to her bed for several months, but bore her affliction with christian patience and resignation, and died peacefully in the faith and hope of the Gospel of Christ.

On the same morning, in the room adjoining the one in which her mother had died but a half hour before, Mrs. Fanny Hankins also departed this life. She was the daughter of David and Mary Miller, was born on the 24th of June, 1843; and was married to Mr. Anderson Hankins on the 25th of October, 1862. She was a devoted Christian, and in the midst of her brief but intense sufferings, in the language of one who was present, "enjoyed the peace of God, and sang the praises of her Redeemer." Of both mother and daughter it may be said: "They

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were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided." A friend has kindly selected the following appropriate lines for the occasion:

*"Thou art gone to the grave; we no longer behold thee,  
Nor tread the rough paths of the world by thy side;  
But the wide arms of mercy are spread to enfold thee,  
And sinners may hope, since the sinless has died."*

On Sunday the remains of Mrs. Miller and her daughter were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The funeral services took place at the Francis Street Methodist Church, where a most interesting and touching discourse was delivered by Rev. C. I. Vandeventer, the Pastor. The mother and her child were then committed to one grave, there to slumber lovingly side by side, as they had lived through life, until they shall be summoned to join the ransomed host above.

This deep afflicted falls with peculiar force upon Mr. Hankins, from the fact that only a few short weeks since he was called upon to part with a loved and beautiful child taken suddenly to the arms of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

**Date of death: 6 Oct 1921**

**Subject: Frank Lincoln Miller**

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

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

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

**Date of death: 26 Jul 1878**

**Subject: Isaac Miller**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 27 Jul 1878, p. 4**

At his residence in Andrew county, seven miles this side of Savannah, at six o'clock last evening, Isaac Miller, in the eighty-first year of his age.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at four o'clock at Fairview, on the Rochester road six miles from this city. Rev. F. M. Miller will conduct the funeral services.

Mr. Miller has been a resident of Northwest Missouri for the past twenty years, was a zealous member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and an honored member of the Masonic fraternity. He has engaged the

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confidence and respect of the entire community wherein he has so long resided, and his death will be mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Miller leaves a wife and family of grown up children who reside in Andrew county. He has several relatives in this city, among whom are Mrs. I. G. Hamman and W. P. Jones.

**Date of death: Feb 1909**

**Subject: J. D. Miller**

**Source: *The Kincaid [KS] Dispatch*, 12 Feb 1909, Friday, p. 1**

Word has been received that J. D. Miller died a few days ago at his home in Rochester, Mo. Mr. Miller was formerly of this place, having living on his farm south and west of town, better known as the old Freeland West farm.

**Date of death: 25 Jul 1906**

**Subject: James Andrew Miller**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 25 Jul 1906, Wednesday, p. 5**

James A. Miller, aged forty years, a fireman employed by the St. Joseph Light, Heat and Power Company, died at 11 o'clock this morning at the family home, 3212 Seneca street.

**Date of death: 24 Jul 1878**

**Subject: John "Commodore" Miller**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 25 Jul 1878, p. 4**

At half past one o'clock yesterday afternoon, a little colored boy named John Miller, and known as "Commodore," aged nine years, and son of Martha Miller, living on Sixth street south of Edmond, was drowned in the river at a point about a hundred yards north of Elevator No. 1. Some half dozen of his companions were in swimming when he waded out after them. He could not swim and soon sank and was drowned. His body was not recovered.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 25 Jul 1878, p. 4**

For some time the energetic reporters of the Gazette have been watching the little boys, both black and white, bathing in the river, and from the recklessness with which they plunged into the muddy stream have been sure of having an item of some one being drowned. And sure enough their fears have been realized. Yesterday afternoon about half past one o'clock, while six colored boys from ten to fifteen years old, were bathing in the river just above grain elevator No. 1, one of their number, Commodore Miller, was drowned. He in company with two other boys, had swam [sic] out into the current, and in coming back they became almost exhausted. They were all swimming in close proximity to each other, and one of them seeing that he was fast losing his strength, placed his feet against young Miller and gave a violent plunge forward, at the same time pushing Miller back into the swift current. He was then too weak to reach the shore, and being carried out still further

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into the stream, sink to the bottom. Commodore, as he was generally called, was about fifteen years old. His mother is a colored woman living in Sixth street, between Edmond and Felix, and the Commodore was her only child. The body will probably not be recovered, as the river is very deep where the accident occurred.

### Same

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 28 Jul 1878, p. 4

The floater found at Atchison has been identified as the body of Commodore Miller, the colored boy drowned here a few days ago.

**Date of death:** 3 Feb 1914

**Subject:** John S. Miller

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 3 Feb 1914, p. 6

Maryville, Mo., Feb. 3.—John S. Miller, for thirty-eight years a resident of Nodaway County, died this morning at 7 o'clock of pneumonia [sic] following ten days' illness. He was born in Ohio and married in 1868, moving shortly afterward to a farm in this county, near which he has resided ever since. He is survived by a wife and six children, Art Miller and Mrs. Cora Phillips, living in Washington; C. V. Miller, Emporia, Kan., Fred Miller and Mrs. John Evans, who live in Maryville, and Daniel Miller, at whose home he died. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

**Date of death:** 31 Mar 1912

**Subject:** John Stanton Miller

**Source:** *Central Point [OR] Herald*, 4 Apr 1912, Thursday

John S. Miller, an Indian war veteran who came to Oregon in 1846 and to Jackson county in 1852, died at his home on the Applegate, Sunday, March 31, 1912, aged 87 years, 3 months and 7 days.

Mr. Miller was born in Clay county, Missouri, Dec. 24, 1824. He came to Oregon across the plains and in early days was city marshal of Medford.

Mr. Miller leaves six children. They are: Mrs. W. M. Pemall (sic, Pernoll), T. B. Houston, of Applegate; Mrs. L. N. Culp of Callahan, Calif., and John G. Miller, B. W. Miller, W. L. Miller of Applegate.

The funeral services were held at Griffin creek Tuesday at 1 p.m. Funeral services at the grave.

**Date of death:** 3 Mar 1881

**Subject:** Louis M. Miller

**Source:** *The Holton [KS] Signal*, 9 Mar 1881, Wednesday, p. 3

West North Cedar.

March 4th, 1881.

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Ed. Signal—Died, At his residence on North Cedar yesterday of consumption Louis Miller, aged 44 years. He had been quite feeble all winter. He leaves a wife and large family of children, in rather limited circumstances. He was a good man, and was warmly liked by all who knew him.

*Dear is the spot where christians sleep,  
And sweet the strains that angels pour.  
O why should we in anguish weep?  
They are not lost, but gone before.*

**Date of death: 24 Oct 1900**

**Subject: Maggie Frances (Miller) McGauhey**

**Source: *The White Cloud [KS] Globe-Tribune*, 25 Oct 1900, Thursday, p. 1**

A telephone message was recieved [sic] yesterday evening about eight o'clock by Dr. J. H. McGauhey, announcing the death of his brother's wife, Mrs. A. W. McGauhey at her home in Robinson.

She had been very sick for four and a half weeks with Typhoid Fever and during the latter period was unconscious all the time. The death is quite a sad one. She leaves a husband and two small children, one four years old and the other only four months old. The funeral service will take place tomorrow morning in Robinson and the remains taken to her former home, Cosby, Mo., where her parents still reside, for interment.

**Same**

**Source: *The Robinson [KS] Index*, 1 Nov 1900, Thursday, p. 1**

Death always brings sadness and sorrow, but especially severe is the sting when it comes as it did to Mrs. A. McGauhey. In the prime of her life, when she had so much to live for; her infant baby, her little daughter scarcely old enough to realize her loss, a loving husband who fought so long and hard against the sickness that her life might be spared, her father, sister and brothers who watched by her bedside and hoped against hope that she could stay with them. But it was decreed that she should go and on the evening of October 25. After over a month's sickness the Death Angel entered the home and took her away.

Maggie Francis [sic] Miller was born in Andrew county, Mo., April 21, 1870, where she lived until December, 1893, when she was married to Dr. Archibald McGauhey. She then moved to Hollenberg, Kan., and resided there until in June, 1898, when the Doctor came to Robinson and took up the practice of medicine. She was a member of the Baptist church at Cosby, Mo., from which the funeral services were conducted last Friday morning conducted by Rev. Dunnegan. She leaves her two children, her husband, father, five brothers and a sister to mourn her loss.

**Date of death: 17 Jul 1912**

**Subject: Margaretha (Miller) Miller Schindler**

**Source: *Wathena [KS] Republican*, 28 Jun 1912, Friday, p. 1**



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Margaretha Miller was born Jan. 12, 1832, in Loelingen, Canton Schaffhausen, Switzerland. She was united in marriage with Mr. Martin Miller May 9, 1868. This union was blessed with one daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Bubbelbis, who lives in Nebraska. In 1871 they came to America. Mr. Miller died in 1872. In 1873 she was married to Mr. John Schindler. For some time they lived northeast of St. Joseph, Mo. Later on they moved over to Kansas, to the present home place, about six miles north of Wathena. Mr. Schindler died in 1889. Since then, she had made her home with her son Emil. She had been ailing since the first of December, 1911, yet she bore her sufferings cheerfully until death relieved her from all pain at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ritschard, in Wathena, Kansas, Monday, the 17th of June, 1912, at 12:30 a.m., aged 80 years, 5 months and 5 days.

Mrs. John Schneider and Mr. John Schindler, Jr., of Avenue City, Mo., and Mrs. Samuel Lehman and Mr. Fred Schindler, all deceased, of this vicinity, were her step-children. Besides the daughter and son above mentioned, she leaves five grandchildren and many other relatives to mourn her departure.

The funeral services were conducted in the Smith Creek German Reformed church, of which she was a faithful member, Tuesday afternoon, June 18, 1912.

**Date of death: 1 Jan 1870**

**Subject: Mrs. Mary Miller**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Union*, 6 Jan 1870, Thursday, p. 3**

Mrs. Mary Miller, widow of the late David Miller, was born April 25, 1814, was married December 9th, 1830, and died, after an illness of several months, in this city, at the residence of her son-in-law Mr. B. F. Case, on the morning of the 1st day of January, 1870, at 2 o'clock. She bore her affliction with Christian patience and resignation, and died peacefully, in the faith and hope of the Gospel and Christ.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 4 Jan 1870**

On Saturday morning at 2 o'clock Mrs. Mary Miller, relict of the late David Miller, died, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. B. F. Case, on Frederick Avenue, in this city. She was born April 25th, 1814, and was married Dec. 9th, 1830. Mrs. Miller was a most estimable lady, and her loss will be deeply felt by a large circle of friends. She was confined to her bed for several months, but bore her affliction with christian patience and resignation, and died peacefully in the faith and hope of the Gospel of Christ.

On the same morning, in the room adjoining the one in which her mother had died but a half hour before, Mrs. Fanny Hankins also departed this life. She was the daughter of David and Mary Miller, was born on the 24th of June, 1843; and was married to Mr. Anderson Hankins on the 25th of October, 1862. She was a devoted Christian, and in the midst of her brief but intense sufferings, in the language of one who was present, "enjoyed the peace of God, and sang the praises of her Redeemer." Of both mother and daughter it may be said: "They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided." A friend has kindly selected the following appropriate lines for the occasion:

*"Thou art gone to the grave; we no longer behold thee,*

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*Nor tread the rough paths of the world by thy side;  
But the wide arms of mercy are spread to enfold thee,  
And sinners may hope, since the sinless has died."*

On Sunday the remains of Mrs. Miller and her daughter were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The funeral services took place at the Francis Street Methodist Church, where a most interesting and touching discourse was delivered by Rev. C. I. Vandeventer, the Pastor. The mother and her child were then committed to one grave, there to slumber lovingly side by side, as they had lived through life, until they shall be summoned to join the ransomed host above.

This deep afflicted falls with peculiar force upon Mr. Hankins, from the fact that only a few short weeks since he was called upon to part with a loved and beautiful child taken suddenly to the arms of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

**Date of death: 8 Mar 1923**

**Subject: Mary Amelia (Miller) Maule**

**Source: *Choteau [MT] Acantha*, 15 Mar 1923**

Mrs. May [sic] Maule of Bynum, aged 52, who died at the Choteau hospital last Thursday, March 8, following a stroke of paralysis, was buried Saturday afternoon at Bynum where funeral services were held from the family residence. Mrs. Maule had been sick for about six weeks.

A resident of Bynum for 16 years, Mrs. Maule was well known to the people of the vicinity and a wide circle of friends will join in sincere sympathy for the two children, Maryetta, age 13, and James, age 9, who besides an aged mother and brothers and sisters, survive.

James Maule, to whom the deceased was married shortly before going to Bynum to live, preceded her in death in 1916. Besides the children surviving relatives are: Mrs. Priscilla Cook, Bynum, her mother; three brothers, Timothy, Omer and Tom Cook, all ranchers of Teton county, and Mrs. Frank Harris, a resident of the country west of Fairfield.

**Date of death: 29 Jan 1898**

**Subject: William Miller**

**Source: *Longmont [CO] Ledger*, 4 Feb 1898, Friday, p. 2**

Mr. William Miller, an old gentleman of Noland, died last Saturday evening. His remains were brought down here last Monday, and interred in the Hygiene cemetery. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. L. Whistler. Mr. Miller was the father of Mrs. S. S. Bashor. His age was 71 years.

**Date of death: Jul 1868**

**Subject: William Miller**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Morning Herald*, 4 Aug 1868, p. 1**

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

... July 28.—William, son of Sallie Miller, (colored,) aged 18 months; interred in City Cemetery.

**Date of death: 10 Aug 1885**

**Subject: Andrew Albert Milligan**

**Source: *Pineville [MO] News*, 26 Aug 1885, Wednesday, p. 1**

A. A. Milligan, a well-known citizen of Graham, was drowned the other morning at the Maitland Mill on Nodaway River. He was catching driftwood, when the boat capsized. He leaves a wife and eight children in poor circumstances.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Louis [MO] Globe-Democrat*, 11 Aug 1885, Tuesday, p. 4**

Maitland, Mo., August 10.—A. A. Milligan, a well-known citizen of Graham, was drowned this morning at the Maitland Mill on the Nodaway River. He was catching drift-wood when the boat capsized. The body was recovered. He leaves a wife and eight children, in poor circumstances.

**Date of death: 12 Sep 1919**

**Subject: John E. Milligan**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 17 Sep 1919, Wednesday, p. 1**

Parnell, Mo., Sept. 16. The burial of John Milligan, who was killed last Friday in Arkansas, just across the line from Hope, La., when two Mexicans attacked and stabbed him, took place here today. He, with his wife, was traveling at the time with a show of which he was the proprietor.

He was 36 years old and a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Milligan of this place. He is survived, besides his parents, by three sisters and three brothers.

**Date of death: 26 Jan 1883**

**Subject: Benjamin A. Million**

**Source: *The Holton [KS] Signal*, 31 Jan 1883, Wednesday, p. 8**

On last Friday morning B. A. Million, a young man, about twenty 25 [sic] years of age, who has been boarding at Mr. Hadley's, in the north part of the city arose, dressed, and deliberately shot himself through the heart with a large self-cocking revolver, which he had procured at the hardware store of Wm. Kinne, on the night previous, for that purpose. He was alone in the room at the time and nothing was known of the tragedy until his lifeless form was found upon the bed.

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Numerous stories have been going the rounds in regard to the probably cause which led him to commit the rash act, but nothing authentic is known. By some it is said that he was troubled over a recent trade in land that he had made. The coroner's jury found that it was mental depression.

Coroner Scott held an inquest on the body Friday forenoon.

John Tucker testified that he slept with Mr. Million the night before the shooting. ["I got up and while I was in another room with Mr. Saunders I heard a noise and thought it might be a door slamming [sic]. We mentioned the matter and again resumed our studies. I afterwards saw Mr. Million in bed after he was shot. Never heard of Mr. Million having any difficulty with any one."

S. Eubanks testified: I was in this city last night and this morning at the time Mr. Million was shot. I heard a noise that sounded like the slamming [sic] of a door. I afterwards saw Mr. Million and he was in bed with a revolver near his left hand. There was no one in the room excepting Mr. Million at the time the shot was fire, that I know of. Never heard of him having any difficulty with any one.

L. D. Saunders testified: I was at Mr. Hadley's residence last night, and this morning, at the time Mr. Million was shot. He was in a room by himself, I think. I never heard of Mr. Million having any difficulty with any one. I saw Mr. Million after he was shot, with a revolver lying on the bed close by him.

The following is the verdict of the coroner's jury:

State of Kansas,  
Jackson County.

An inquisition holden at Holton, in Jackson county, on the 26th day of January, A.D. 1883, before me, Coroner of said county, on the body of B. A. Million, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors, upon their oaths, do say the death of the deceased was caused by a bullet shot from a pistol by his own hand, while laboring under mental depression.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

J. H. Christman, O. J. Larkin, E. Musgrove, S. F. Richardson, W. H. Robinson, Samuel Osterhold.

In an interview with Mr. Hadley, he stated to the editor that Mr. Million was to take the mail to Topeka for him the day the shooting took place. He sounded gloomy the evening previous, for some cause or other. It was thought by some to be on account of the recent death of his father and by others because of some trades he had been making. The deceased was a hard-working young man and had accumulated some property. He had for some time been troubled with spells of headache which nearly prostrated him. He said he purchased the revolver for the purpose of killing a dog, which had been bothering him lately. Mr. Hadley says he has vainly tried to find some good reason for the young man's rash act, but he cannot account for it.

**Date of death: 18 Apr 1900**

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**Subject: George W. Mills**

**Source: *The Mulhall [OK] Enterprise*, 27 Apr 1900, Friday**

Died, on April 18, 1900, at his home ten miles northwest of Perry, George W. Mills, aged 75 years. Some years ago he resided on the farm of son, E. L. Mills, who lives three miles northwest of Mulhall, and was well and favorably known in that community. He leaves a wife, three sons and five daughters to mourn his death.

**Date of death: 23 Feb 1893**

**Subject: Nancy Ann (Mills) Mills**

**Source: *Gallatin [MO] North Missourian*, 10 Mar 1893**

Mrs. Nancy Mills, who died a few days ago in Johnson county, was born in Kentucky March 1, 1793.

**Date of death: 12 Dec 1918**

**Subject: Roy L. Mills**

**Source: *St. Louis [MO] Post-Dispatch*, 13 Dec 1918, Friday, p. 19**

Entered into rest at Little Rock, Ark., Thursday, Dec. 12, 1918, at 6 a.m., in his forty-fifth year, Roy L. Mills, beloved son of Mrs. E. R. Mills, brother of Mrs. A. M. Hutchens, Mrs. William T. Miles and the late Clarence E. Mills.

Funeral Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m., from Shepard's chapel, 5921 Easton avenue. Interment at St. Peter's Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

Springfield (Mo.) papers please copy.

**Date of death: 7 Oct 1922**

**Subject: John Alvin Milner**

**Source: *The Belleville [KS] Telescope*, 12 Oct 1922, Thursday**

The death at his home in Liberty Township, on Saturday, October 7, of John Alvin Milner at the age of 67 years, 7 months and 26 days, removed one of the oldest and most respected farmers of the north part of the county. He had lived in the community for many years and was well known and respected. Mr. Milner, during his many years residence had accumulated considerable land in his home neighborhood and being one of the early pioneers had seen the open prairie grow into a productive and well inhabited country.

Mr. Milner was a good neighbor, a kind husband and father, and a friend to all, and his death, the result of blood poison, caused several weeks previously by an injury to one of his hands while leading a calf, will be a source of regret to his family and his host of friends. During his illness he was patient and was ready and prepared to go when his time came. He had for years been associated with the believers and died as he lived in the complete faith and assurance of being saved thru his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a member of a large family of brothers and sisters and had always been an industrious and hard working man. He came to Kansas in the early 70's and had been a resident of the same community for over 50 years. A wife and eight children, 4 sons, and 4

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daughters, survive. The children are Mervin, Herbert, Alvin, Harry, Grace, Roxie, Louie and Mildred.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the home and from the Milner school house, his old friend, A. B. Bachelor of Belleville preaching the sermon, with burial in the Milner cemetery.

**Date of death: 10 Sep 1905**

**Subject: William Milner**

**Source: *The Nelson [NE] Gazette*, 14 Sep 1905, Thursday, p. 1**

William Wilner [sic], formerly of Nelson, died at the home of his son near Belleville, Kansas, last Saturday night. About ten years ago he had a slight stroke of paralysis and since that time he has been almost helpless. He retired at the usual time Saturday night seemingly in his usual health, but was found dead in the morning. He was 75 years of age. When but a young man he confessed his faith in Christ and has since then lived a faithful christian life. He leaves to mourn him a wife, nine children, six step-children, thirty-nine grand children and four great grand children.

**Date of death: 1 Jan 1911**

**Subject: Jackson Miner**

**Source: *Table Rock [NE] Argus*, 12 Jan 1911**

DuBois (From The Press)

Jackson Miner, was born near Mt. Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio, April 2nd, 1830, and departed this life at his home in DuBois, Nebraska January 1, 1911, aged 80 years and 9 months. While a child he removed with his parents to Savannah, Andrew County, Mo., where he was married March 27, 1851, to Margaret Ligget [sic], who died February 22, 1904. To their union were born four children all of whom survive him. The departed removed his family to Nebraska in 1862, and located on the prairie northeast of where DuBois now stands. Early in the sixties he had entered in the Masters [sic] service, joining the M. E. church of DuBois and remained a faithful member of the same. The funeral was held Tuesday. January 3rd, at the M. E. church conducted by the pastor T. R. Hollingsworth, assisted by Rev, A. Payne pastor of the U. B. church. Interment was made in DuBois cemetery.

**Date of death: 21 Jan 1920**

**Subject: John Wesley Miner**

**Source: *The McCook [NE] Republican*, 30 Jan 1920, Friday, p. 1**

John W. Miner died suddenly at his home in this city January 21, 1920.

He had been in seemingly good health up to the day of his death. That day he complained of not feeling right and went home. He became unconscious while sitting in a chair and did not recover, and died in a few hours afterwad [sic].

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Deceased was born in Andrew county, Missouri, December 20, 1851. He as [sic] married to Miss Alice Storm on March 21, 1873. Six children were born of this union, five of whom survive. He moved to McCook from Decatur county, Kansas, in the fall of 1915. His wife died April 9, 1919.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodman orders and a member of the Methodist church.

The children surviving him are: Charles W. Miner, of Atwood, Kans.; George A. Miner, Cedar Bluffs, Kans., Clarence E. Miner, Concordia, Kans., Frank A. Miner and Mrs. Jessie May Simmerman, of McCook. Fourteen grandchildren, two brothers and one sister and a host of friends also survive him.

The family have the sincere sympathy of everyone in their sorrow.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church and his body interred [sic] in Riverview cemetery.

**Date of death: 17 Jan 1912**

**Subject: James William Miner**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 18 Jan 1912, p. 8**

J. W. Moner [sic] died at his home in Amazonia Jan. 17. At 5 a.m. Funeral will be held at M.E. Church Friday at 2 p.m. Burial at German cemetery, Amazonia.

**Date of death: 5 Nov 1901**

**Subject: Patrick Henry Minor**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 6 Nov 1901, Wednesday**

Patrick Henry Minor, of 603 Hall street a well known citizen, died at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning aged forty-six years, after a lingering illness of two weeks. His father, J. Minor, was a physician here many years and deceased was born at the old family home near San Antonia [sic], about nine miles east of St. Joseph. He leaves a widow, two children, Willie H., thirteen years old, and Paul A., ten years old, also two brothers and eight sisters. One of his brothers is a prominent farmers [sic] at Easton, and another is a physician at San Antonio.

The funeral will take place from the family home today. The body will be buried in a private cemetery on the Minor homestead.

**Date of death: 7 Mar 1915**

**Subject: William Warren Minturn**

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

William W. Minturn, 65 years old, a former resident of St. Joseph, died yesterday morning at his home, two miles west of Wathena, Kas. For a number of years he had been connected with the Letts-Parker Grocer [sic] company of St. Joseph. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Harry L. Minturn of Chicago and Warren R. Minturn of Kansas City, Mo.

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**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 9 Mar 1915, p. 5**

Funeral services for William W. Minturn, who died Sunday morning at his home in Wathena, Kas., will be held at the home at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Burial will be in Belmont cemetery, near Wathena.

**Same**

**Source: *Wathena [KS] Republican*, 12 Mar 1915, Friday, p. 1**

William Warren Minturn died at 11:45 a.m., Sunday, March 7, 1915, at his home two miles west of Wathena, aged 65 years, 5 months and 4 days.

Born August 11th, 1849, at Point Pleasant, W. Va. Came to St. Joseph, Mo., 1857. Married Miss Alice Fee in Wathena, Dec. 7, 1870. Death was due to an ulcer caused by sitting on a stool at his work as a book keeper which proved incurable, and when he finally became incapacitated for his work, he moved to the Fee farm near Wathena.

Mr. Minturn lived in St. Joseph many years. He was cashier for the late George A. Kennard when Mr. Kennard conducted a wholesale tea business, which later was absorbed by the Kennard Grocery Company, of which the dead man was made secretary. When Roberts Parker Company took over the Kennard company, Minturn continued with the new firm as cashier. At the time of his death he was bookkeeper for the Blair Fruit Grocers Association.

Besides his wife, Mr. Minturn is survived by two sons, Warren R., of Kansas City, and Harry L., of Chicago. He was brother-in-law of the late George A. Kennard.

The funeral was held at the house Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., and burial was at Bellemont cemetery, with services by Rev. Maloney, rector of Christ Episcopal church, St. Joseph. Relatives in attendance at the funeral were: Charles Cargill, Walter Minturn (brother) and wife of Amazonia, Missouri, Mrs. Sallie Rodgers (sister) and her daughter, Mrs. Bender; David Kennard, a nephew; his son Harry Minturn's wife and daughter of Davenport, Iowa; A. N. McDaniels and Mrs. Parigo, cousins; his son Warren and family, two sons and two daughters, of Kansas City. His son Harry, of Chicago, an actor filling an engagement, could not come.

The pall bearers were R. B. Carter, H. B. Morgan, Charles Vories, John Brazelton, Clarence Hale and Fred Meng.

**Date of death: 27 Jun 1916**

**Subject: Roy Misner**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 8 Jul 1916, Saturday, p. 4**

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Mr. Roy Misner died the 26 [sic] and the funeral services were held from the Holsey Church.

**Date of death: 23 Nov 1918**

**Subject: Calvin Golden Mitchell**

**Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 7 Dec 1918, Saturday, p. 2**

Mr. Calvin Mitchell, twenty-three years old, an employe of Swift & Company, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, 1218 Grand avenue, of pneumonia. He is survived by his wife. The body will be taken to Weston, Mo., for burial.

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**Date of death: 13 Jan 1911**

**Subject: David Henry Moberly**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 14 Jan 1911, p. 7**

Maryville, Mo., Jan. 14.—David H. Moberly, seventy-three years old, a prominent resident of this neighborhood, died last night at his home near Pickering, north of Maryville. He had been an invalid some time, it is said. About three years ago he was stricken with paralysis and never regained his strength. The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning from the Christian Church at Pickering.

He is survived by his widow and seven children named as follows: Mrs. J. S. Pheiffer [sic], Mrs. H. L. Rutherford, Miss Lina Moberly, all of Pickering, Mrs. Henry Randall of Kansas; Davis Moberly of Oakland, Cal., John Moberly of Barnard, Mo.; Miss Emma Moberly of Maryville.

The funeral services will be in charge of the Rev. F. W. Lindenmeyer, pastor of the Christian Church. Burial will be at Marian [sic] cemetery at Maryville.

**Date of death: Dec 1907**

**Subject: Randolph Mobley**

**Source: *The Pittsburg [KS] Daily Headlight*, 28 Dec 1907, Friday, p. 8**

Randolph Mobley, one of the pioneers of Cherokee County died recently at Eldorado Springs, Mo. He came to Kansas in 1857, settling on Brush Creek near the present site of Weir, and figured prominently in the early border war and land troubles. He was a southerner, a native of Louisiana.

**Same**

**Source: *Modern Light [Columbus KS]*, 19 Dec 1907, Thursday, p. 2**

Randolph Mobley, aged 75, a former citizen of this vicinity, died on Tuesday [sic] at El Dorado Springs, Mo. Mr. Mobley was one of the earliest settlers of this county, in fact in this part of Kansas in 1857. He came here from Louisiana, was here during the border troubles, enlisted in the arm when the war began and after his return, settled on the farm on Brush creek three miles east of this city, where he has continuously resided until the past three years. About two years ago he married a lady in El Dorado Springs, and has lived there since. Besides the aged wife, he leaves a son, Lee Mobley, now on the home place, and three married daughters. Mr. Mobley was an upright, well respected citizen and was held in high esteem by all his acquaintances. The remains were laid to rest in the Bird cemetery beside the body of his first wife.

**Date of death: 5 Nov 1873**

**Subject: Peter Moe**

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

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The following soldiers of 1812 have died in this county during the past year... Peter Moe, who was in Captain Morehouse's company, 6th regiment, under General Van Rensalar New York militia, died November 5th, 1873, aged 90 years. He served in the engagements at Queenstown Heights, Lundy's Lane and Buffalo. He was a pensioner.

**Date of death: 1 Jun 1901**

**Subject: James Moffitt**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 2 Jun 1901, Sunday, p. 4**

James Moffitt, thirty-three years old, died at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the factory of H. Ehrlich & Sons, 910-916 South Ninth street, of hemorrhage of the lungs. Moffitt was stricken while at work at a machine. He was carried into the office and Drs. J. C. Story and J. M. Doyle were called. Coroner Doyle arrived after Moffitt was dead. He viewed the body but will not hold an inquest.

Moffitt was singularly unfortunate. Several months ago he was injured while at work for the St. Joseph Gas company and was unable to leave his home for several weeks. Then he went to work for Ehrlich & Sons and after being there a short time broke his leg. On the first of last month his little daughter died—exactly one month before the death of her father. He had been back to work only three days when he died.

The body was taken to the family home, 2432 South Twelfth street. He is survived by a wife and two small children. He was a Mason and the Masonic lodges will assist at the funeral. The burial will take place Monday afternoon, probably in Oakland cemetery.

**Date of death: 1 Dec 1899**

**Subject: Mary Ellen (Mogee) Broce**

**Source: *The Anthony [KS] Republican*, 8 Sep 1899, Friday, p. 8**

Mary Broce wife of J. Broce died last Friday, at her home five miles Northwest of Attica. Mrs. Broce had been complaining some time of lung trouble. She died as she lived: a true and affectionate wife, a kind and dutiful mother, a respected neighbor, a devoted christian. She died happy in the light and glory of the faith of her Redeemer. Mrs. Broce leaves behind a husband and eight children.

**Date of death: 12 Nov 1911**

**Subject: Benjamin Franklin Moler**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Tribune*, 16 Nov 1911, Thursday, p. 1**

Benjamin Franklin Moler died on Sunday afternoon at his home, two and a half miles northeast of Guilford, of heart failure and was buried from the Methodist church of Guilford Tuesday afternoon. The funeral was preached by the Rev. J. H. Thompson, Ph.D., of Maysville. The services were under the auspices of the Odd Fellows lodge of Guilford, of which Mr. Moler had been a charter member.

Mr. Moler was 71 years old and for more than 61 years had been a resident of Washington Township. He owned and managed a farm of 130 acres and was one of the most successful farmers of the community. He had

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one of the finest alfalfa fields in the country which he had maintained for a number of years. He was also a raiser of fine stock, specializing in hogs and poultry. He was a Civil War veteran and belonged to the 13th Missouri infantry. After several months of active service he was captured by the Confederates at Lexington and kept prisoner for some time, when he was paroled and sent home. He was married in 1863 to Miss Elizabeth Paul. To them were born three children, Abbie, Emma and Charles. Only one, Emma, now Mrs. Olson, of Stanberry, survives. Besides his immediate family, he leaves two brothers, five sisters and two granddaughters.

**Date of death: 3 Jan 1896**

**Subject: Mrs. Cora May Montgomery**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 7 Jan 1896, p. 5**

The remains of Mrs. Pierce [sic] Montgomery, of Bolckow, who died in this city, were taken to Bolckow for burial.

**Date of death: 13 Sep 1901**

**Subject: Effie (Montgomery) Owens**

**Source: *Skidmore [MO] Standard*, 20 Sep 1901, Friday, p. 2**

Mrs. George Owens died at her home northeast of Skidmore, Friday, September 13, 1901. She had been sick for some time with consumption and her death was not unexpected. She leaves a husband and one child and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her death. The sympathy of all is extended to the bereaved husband and child.

The funeral was conducted at the family residence, Saturday afternoon. Interment in the Masonic cemetery.

**Date of death: 17 Nov 1869**

**Subject: John C. Montgomery**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 18 Nov 1869, Thursday, p. 1**

Yesterday morning Mr. John Montgomery died at the residence of his son, Mr. D. C. Montgomery, seven miles southeast of town, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. The deceased was born near Abingdon, Virginia. He was one among the oldest settlers of the Platte Purchase, having resided in Buchanan county over thirty years. He was in every respect a most estimable citizen, and, although gathered in like a fully ripened sheaf, his loss will be sincerely felt by a large circle of friends. He had been for some time suffering from some chronic complaint, but it did not assume a serious form until within the past few days. The funeral will take place this afternoon, from the residence of D. C. Montgomery, near Walnut Grove.

**Date of death: 19 Nov 1913**

**Subject: Leon Keck Montgomery**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 20 Nov 1913, p. 3**

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Bolckow, Mo., Nov. 20.—The body of Leon K. Montgomery, a former Bolckow attorney, later an attorney at Kansas City, who died there, arrived here last night and the funeral services will be held tomorrow from the home of his niece Mrs. Walter Craig.

Mr. Montgomery was a graduate of Missouri State University and of the Michigan University law school.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Cora Montgomery, and a five-year-old son, George, he is survived by two brothers, John N. and F. Pierce Montgomery, both of Bolckow; and five sisters, Mrs. P. M. Messick, Bolckow; Mrs. W. S. Dysart, Barnard; Mrs. T. E. Fleming, Graham; Mrs. J. Arch McMaster, Hopkins, Mo., and Mrs. J. B. Davis, Pledger, Texas.

**Date of death: 31 Jul 1907**

**Subject: Mary Ann (Montgomery) Logan**

**Source: *The Skidmore [MO] New Era*, 8 Aug 1907, p. 1**

Mrs. Mary Ann Logan, whose maiden name was Montgomery, was born in Nodaway county, Mo. Feb. 17th, 1860 and died at her home near Skidmore July 31, 1907, aged 47 years, 5 months and 14 days. On February 13th, 1878 she was married to Mr. Joseph W. Logan of Nodaway county, with whom she lived happily till her death. To them were born five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are living. Besides her husband and children, two grand children, her mother, five brothers and one sister survive her to mourn their great loss. She was a kind and loving wife, very industrious and economical - a helpmeet indeed, an affectionate and devoted mother, dearly loving and doing for her family all in her power. She had been a sufferer for many years and during her last sickness suffered intensely. Before her death she talked with her daughters about where she wished to be buried and how she desired to be dressed for her burial. Her wish was carried out as nearly as possible. Her funeral was conducted by Elder N. Rollo Davis of St. Joseph, a former pastor of the Christian church in Skidmore, and a friend of the family, at her late home 1 1/2 northeast of Skidmore at 2 o'clock, August 1, in the presence of a large and sympathizing audience. Elder Davis, while speaking, testified to Mrs. Logan's generous hospitality, having been many times entertained in the Logan home. A good wife and loving mother has gone out from that home and the hearts of the people go out in deep and earnest sympathy to the bereaved family. Mrs. Logan was buried in the Masonic Cemetery near Skidmore.

**Date of death: 6 Jan 1911**

**Subject: Richard J. Montgomery**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 7 Jan 1911, p. 4**

Richard Montgomery, a negro, for many years janitor at the First National bank when it was located at Fourth and Francis streets, died at his home, 505 North Twenty-fifth street yesterday of pneumonia.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 6 Jan 1911, p. 13**

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Richard Montgomery, commonly known as "Uncle Dick," and one of the oldest and best known colored residents of St. Joseph, died today at his home, 505 North Twenty-fifth street, of pneumonia. He had been sick only since Tuesday.

The dead man was for many years employed as janitor of the First National Bank, when it occupied the building at Fourth and Francis streets, and prior to that he was for many years in the service of the late C. D. Smith, as carpenter and general utility man about his wholesale house and residence. Montgomery had lived in St. Joseph fifty-four years and was seventy-seven years old. Of late years he had been unemployed. He had been a deacon of the Colored Baptist Church, between Tenth and Eleventh on Francis streets for forty years. He is survived by six children, four sons and two daughters. One of his sons, Samuel, is janitor at the offices of the St. Joseph Terminal Company. The funeral probably will be conducted Sunday.

**Date of death: 14 May 1916**

**Subject: Alfred Moody**

**Source: *The Skidmore [MO] News*, 22 Jun 1916**

From Custer County (NE) Chief, June 15, 1916:

"The news that both Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moody had passed away at their home in this city on Wednesday, June 14, came as a sad surprise to the community. When death claims man and wife the same day, and in fact, the same hour, it is a very unusual occurrence [sic].

"Mr. Moody had been ailing for some time, but had been confined to his bed only a portion of the time. About 3 o'clock he felt that there was something wrong with his condition and called his wife. Both Mr. Moody and a daughter, Mrs. Weigel, who was living with them, got up and were administering to him when Mrs. Moody sat down on the bed and complained of a severe pain. In a few minutes she pitched forward on the floor in an unconscious state. Mrs. Weigel, seeing that her mother was seriously ill rendered quick assistance and then aroused Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Hans Simonson, neighbors, and a physician was also notified. In a short time they were at the Moody residence. It was soon seen that Mrs. Moody was beyond earthly help.

"Mr. Moody had been afflicted with heart trouble and his condition being serious the excitement and anxiety for his wife hastened his end. His heart beats became less frequent and in fifteen minutes after his wife passed away he died without a struggle. While he knew his wife had fallen and was in serious condition it is not thought that he realized she was dead.

"Mr. Moody was 76 years of age the 24th of February, while his wife was 74 on the 23rd of the same month. They had traveled through 47 years of married life together and both came to the end of the journey at the same hour. It was certainly unusual.

"Both Mr. and Mrs. Moody were born in Illinois, were married at Mason City in that state. After living in Nodaway County, Missouri, about ten miles northeast of Skidmore, Mo., they came to Custer County thirty-two years ago this spring. They first settled across the river from Milburn, but later moved to the vicinity of New Helena, where they resided until last fall, moving then to Broken Bow.

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"Three daughters survive them, Mrs. Minnie Weigel, who lived with them; Mrs. Mary Sierks, of Dunning, and Mrs. Bert Roberts, who lives near Broken Bow. Mr. Moody is survived by three sister, Mrs. W. W. Tracy, of Skidmore, MO; Mrs. Elzada Whithead, of Sharon, Kan., and Mrs. Charlotte Reader, of Mason City, Ill.

"The funeral was held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark, of Skidmore, and Wm. Fuller, a brother of Mrs. Moody, from Johnson County, Neb., were among those at the funeral."

**Date of death: 1846**

**Subject: Isaac Moody**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 6 Nov 1846, Friday, p. 1 [excerpts]**

Minutes

Of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Platte River Association of United Baptists, held with the Dillin's Creek Church, at Jamestown, Andrew county, Mo. on the 2nd and three succeeding days of October, 1846.

.. Report of condensing committee called for and adopted, which is as follows:

... 4th. Mt. Zion church writes, our course has been onward, notwithstanding the loss of our much beloved brother, Isaac Moody. We have the labors of brother J. D. Wilson. ....

**Date of death: 26 Jun 1879**

**Subject: Margaret (Moody or Modie) Abney**

**Source: *Cheyenne [WY] Daily Sun*, 27 Jun 1879, p. 4**

Yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Jackson Abney crossed over to the other side, she had been an invalid for years, and during a great portion of the time suffered intensely from her malady. Deceased was born in Ohio, on the first day of June, 1828. On the 14th of September, 1847, she was married to Mr. Jackson Abney, in Andrew county, Missouri. At an early period in the history of Cheyenne she removed with her husband to this place, and was well known to all our old citizens.

**Date of death: 27 Dec 1890**

**Subject: unknown male Moody**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 1 Jan 1891, p. 5**

Last Saturday an old negro man named Moody, who was dependent upon the charity of the public for a living, died in St. Joseph, and in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Anatomy and the statutes of Missouri his body was awarded to the Ensworth Medical college. The body had been removed to the undertaking establishment of Duffy & Smith, on Frederick avenue, and not having been called for in time was given the customary pauper burial in the City cemetery.

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When the college students learned of the disposition that had been made of the corpse they decided to exhume the body, and in order to attract as little attention as possible from the morbid class of humans it was agreed to perform the work after dark.

All arrangements were made for the job to be done Tuesday night, and about 10 o'clock three students and two prominent physicians of the city, professors of the college, repaired to the grave yard, dug up the corpse, and after placing it in a spring wagon, conveyed it to the college building. One of the professors and the students removed the body from the vehicle to the dissecting room, while the second professor remained in the wagon to hold the horses.

No sooner had the men carrying the corpse disappeared than four men, who turned out to be Detective Locke and three of his deputies, suddenly came out from a place of hiding, and leveled four very long and ugly looking revolvers at the head of the physician who was acting as driver. The medicine man was of course very much surprised and perhaps somewhat frightened, as the muzzles of the gapping [sic] pistols did not present a particularly inviting appearance. He asked for an explanation of the conduct of the gun manipulators, and was told that they wanted to see the "stiff" that had just been unloaded. He inquired by what authority the demand was made, and Locke informed him that he carried the commission of a special police officer, and had reason to believe that the dead body had been "snatched" contrary to law. Mr. Locke went further and told the college man that it was suspected that the corpse was that of Mrs. Nancy Smith, the woman who died at Fourth and Isabelle streets a few days ago in an epileptic fit.

The doctor gave the detective his word that the remains were not those of Mrs. Smith, but a colored pauper which had been turned over to the school according to law. This, however, did not satisfy the men who had him in their power, and he told them he would relieve their curiosity by showing them the body. Closely followed by Locke and his aides, who were careful to keep their guns in plain view of their captive's face, the doctor conveyed the quartette to the dissecting room, where the body of the negro man was exposed to view. After convincing themselves that the corpse was not that of the unfortunate Mrs. Smith, Locke apologized to the hospital man and told his deputies to guard him closely until he reported the case to the police. He soon returned and after withdrawing his guard, the four detectives made their exit. In the meantime the students had dispersed, fearing some hard, and the professor who drove the wagon was allowed to take care of himself.

A Gazette reporter called on Dr. Locke yesterday to get his version of the affair, and the question was asked of the detective, who employed him to work on this case. He made the following statement:

'I was employed by no one and had no interest in the matter except my aversion to grave robbing and dissection. I have always had a horror of such things, and it is a sort of second nature to me to be up and trying to prevent anything of the kind if I hear of it in time.'

'What led you to believe that the corpse of Mrs. Smith would be, or had been, exhumed by the students,' the reporter asked.

'Well, I will tell you. Tuesday a man came to my office and said he understood there was to be some grave robbing that night, but he didn't know what cemetery was to be visited by the ghouls. I immediately consulted a



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friend of mine, and we came to the conclusion that the body of Mrs. Smith, who had died so suddenly and under peculiar circumstances, was the one wanted.

'I summoned three of my men, hired two single buggies, and started to shadow the supposed robbers. They drove to Duffy & Smith's about 9:30 o'clock and got some spades and shovels. They then started north on Twelfth street. I told my men to follow them and turned back to shadow Ensworth hospital. After a time my men returned, and said they had lost the trail, and that all was well at the City cemetery.

'We concluded to watch the college a while longer, and about 11 o'clock a wagon drove into the alley and a 'stiff' was taken from it into the building. My men and myself immediately stepped forth and asked who the corpse was. We were then invited to go in and look at it, and as soon as I had viewed it I told the doctor in charge that I was sorry to have disturbed him and asked pardon. I then drove to police headquarters to report the case and was told to let it pass.'

Locke says the reason his party drew guns on the driver of the wagon was because he had been informed that the students all 'went loaded.'

The faculty and students of Ensworth college are very indignant over the action of Locke and his men, and the story that has been circulated that they had robbed a grave. They say Locke had no right to enter the college building and that himself and his aides were entirely too fresh in the matter. They laugh at his statement that he intended to prevent the robbing of a grave and say a blind man could have found them, dark as it was, in the City cemetery.

To avoid further gossip, however, the remains of Moody were not experimented upon and were reinterred yesterday afternoon.

**Date of death: 16 Jun 1918**

**Subject: James Fisher Moon**

**Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Democrat Forum*, 17 Jun 1918, Monday**

James Moon, 79 years old, died at 6 o'clock yesterday evening at his home on East Thompson street, following a two weeks' illness of heart trouble and Bright's disease.

Mr. Moon was born in Virginia and came to Missouri when a boy and has since lived here. He is survived by his wife and seven children. They are: Oscar Moon of California, Thomas Moon of Topeka, Kan., Orville, Elvin, Virgil and Som [Sam] Moon and Mrs. Sanford Smith of near Pickering.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Christian church at Pickering and burial will be in the Pickering cemetery.

**Date of death: 19 Sep 1910**

**Subject: Thomas Mooney**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 20 Sep 1910, p. 6**

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Thomas Mooney, thirty years old, a laborer, died last night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mooney, 1325 Fifth avenue. He is survived by five brothers, Oscar, Charles and Guy Mooney of St. Joseph, John Mooney of Savannah and James Mooney of Beattie, Kan., and one sister, Mrs. Stella Bartlett.

**Date of death: 18 Sep 1872**

**Subject: Andrew Brown Moore**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 18 Sep 1872, Wednesday, p. 4**

Below we give an abstract of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the conference of the M. E. Church, South, now in session at Mexico, Missouri. ...

When the name of Andrew Moore was called it was announced that Bro. Moore had passed to his reward.

**Date of death: 2 Jul 1916**

**Subject: Argus S. Moore**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 3 Jul 1916, Monday, p. 5**

Augus [sic] S. Moore, thirty-six years old, and a resident of Wathena, Kan., died at 6 o'clock Sunday evening at a local hospital, following an operation for appendicitis. Burial will be at Union Star Tuesday forenoon. He is survived by the widow, three small daughters, parents, five sisters and two brothers.

**Date of death: 24 Jan 1884**

**Subject: Gabriel Moore**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 26 Jan 1884, p. 4**

Gabriel Moore, an old colored man, who lived alone at Fifth and Messanie streets, has been ill for some time. Thursday morning, about six o'clock, Boone Reed, another colored man, called to see him, and found him suffering great pain. At the old man's request, Reed hastened to summon Dr. French. Without waiting for the doctor to get ready, he hurried back to the house, and finding the old man proper up in bed, as he had left him, stated to him that the doctor would be there in a few moments, and he would go on to his work. The old man made no reply, whereupon Reed got a light and discovered that he was dying. The doctor arrived a few minutes later, but the old man had breathed his last before he reached the house. Reed then went to Undertaker Seidenfaden's [sic], leaving the corpse in charge of two colored women, Annie Bridgewater and Matilda Catlett. When Mr. Seidenfaden arrived he discovered that the old man's pockets were turned inside out, and he immediately called attention to the fact that the body had been robbed. It was known that he had money the night before, and suspicion rested upon the colored women. The deceased was the father-in-law of Officer Daniel B. Carpenter of the police force, who instituted an investigation, and yesterday filed complaint before Justice Dolman, accusing the women of committing the robbery. A warrant was issued and Officer Carpenter arrested the women, who gave bond for their appearance. They declare their innocence, but Officer Carpenter thinks he can produce sufficient circumstantial evidence to show their guilt. The old man Moore was half Indian, and very singular in his habits, but worked hard when he was able. He has been suffering with consumption for two years, and died of a low fever.

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**Date of death: 10 Jul 1916**

**Subject: Martha J. (Moore) Heath**

**Source: *The Leavenworth [KS] Post*, 11 Jul 1916, Tuesday, p. 8**

Mrs. Martha J. Heath, 91 years old, widow of the late Rev. Stephen Heath, who died in 1988, died Monday at the home of her niece, Mrs. William H. Reed, in Topeka. The body will be shipped to Leavenworth for burial tomorrow morning, arriving at the Soldiers' Home at 11:05 o'clock over the Santa Fe. Burial will be at Mount Muncie cemetery. The Methodist church will have charge of the services. Many of Leavenworth's older residents remember the Heaths. Rev. Mr. Heath was pastor of the Methodist church here at one time.

**Date of death: 6 Dec 1917**

**Subject: Martin Everett Moore**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 8 Dec 1917, Saturday, p. 8**

Martin Everett Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, died Dec. 6, 1917, at 7:30 p.m. at his home in Amazonia, Mo., aged 14 years 1 month and 16 days. Survived by father, mother, one brother and sister, John and Alleen. Funeral from residence Saturday, Dec. 8, at 1 o'clock.

**Date of death: 17 Feb 1919**

**Subject: Robert A. Moore**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 18 Feb 1919, Tuesday, p. 6**

Robert A. Moore, sixty-five years old, died at 7:15 o'clock last night at his home, 1420 North Eighteenth street. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Kyles and Miss Grace Moore, all of St. Joseph.

**Date of death: 1 Feb 1913**

**Subject: Thomas J. Moore**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 3 Feb 1913, p. 8**

Guilford, Mo., Feb. 2—Thomas A. [sic] Moore, 80 years old, a farmer who lived six miles east of here, was found in a corncrib yesterday morning, frozen to death. He and his son had been living together on the farm. The son, who is deaf, did not hear his father leave the house the night before. The body was clad only in night apparel and shoes when found.

**Same**

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

Guilford, Mo., Feb. 1.—Thomas A. Moore, eighty years old, living six miles southeast of here, was found frozen to death this morning about 6 o'clock in a corn crib on his farm. He and his bachelor son, Thomas B. Moore, fifty years old, living on the farm. The father's mind had become enfeebled and had been losing his faculties in the last ... this son watched him closely. Last night, however, when about midnight the father arose and went outdoors, the son, being deaf, did not hear him. When he awakened about 1 o'clock and missed his

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father he began a search. After about an hour's unsuccessful work, he called neighbors and they continued to search until the old man's body was found. He was clad only in night apparel and shoes.

**Date of death: Mar 1882**

**Subject: William Moore**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 11 Mar 1882, p. 4**

William Moore, who is well known to many of our readers, says the Maysville *Register*, died very suddenly at his his late residence, about seven miles northwest of Cameron, last Friday night. The cause of his death was alcohol. The facts in the case as near as we can learn are about as follows: Late Saturday evening some parties returning from Cameron came along the road near where Mr. Moore was at work, and asked him to drink with them. They had plenty of alcohol which they diluted with water, and each one in the party drank a large amount of the mixture. Moore at length became very drunk and went to the house and laid down. During the night he complained of being in great agony, but finally ceased to complain and the family went to bed. The next morning Moore was found cold in death. Various rumors were started as to the cause of his death, and foul play was suspected by some, but upon investigation of the facts in the case, all suspicion was allayed and the deceased was buried last Sunday without an inquest. Moore has been addicted to drink for sometime [sic], and has frequently been told by physicians that unless he quit drinking immediately he would not live long.

**Date of death: 25/26 Jul 1910**

**Subject: William Moore**

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

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moore died at 7:30 o'clock last night at the family residence, 1711 South Fourteenth street.

**Date of death: 12 Apr 1881**

**Subject: William P. Moore**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 15 Apr 1881, p. 1**

Willie P. Moore, a bright-eyed, intelligent little son of Dr. W. P. Moore, of Maryville, Mo., died at his home April 12 at three o'clock p.m. Willie was just ten years and two months old when his pure spirit winged its way to that higher and better land where the life cords are not thus rudely broken.

**Date of death: 7 May 1884**

**Subject: S. L. Moorhead**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 14 May 1884, p. 8**

Dr. Moorhead, who died on May 7, at Avenue City, had a policy on his life in the Home Mutual of Burlington, Ia., for \$1,500. Mrs. Moorhead and her son were in the city yesterday to take initial steps to obtain the money.

**Date of death: 23 Dec 1891**

**Subject: Bryan Moran**

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**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 24 Dec 1891, p. 3

A special to The Herald from Maryville says:

Last night Brian [sic] Moran, one of the oldest settlers in this community, died at the age of 81, at his home in this city. His wife, aged 72, survives him. Their children are—Sheriff Bernard Moran of this county, Senator M. G. Moran and Lawyer James Moran of St. Joseph, Mrs. Kate McFarland of Creston, Iowa, and Mrs. Martin Dyer of Maryville.

The funeral will take place tomorrow. M. G. and James have been in the city for some days, waiting the end, which was not unexpected.

**Date of death:** 30 Aug 1915

**Subject:** Michael Gullis Moran

**Source:** *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 4 Sep 1915, p. 1

The announcement of the death of Michael G. Moran which occurred at five minutes after five o'clock in St. Joseph's Hospital last Monday afternoon, came as a great shock to the community. Death was due to acute Bright's disease.

Senator Moran had been in poor health for two weeks, but when he appeared at the Monroe Club rooms Sunday morning nothing unusual was noticed in his condition. Monday morning he fell in a swoon at Fifth and Felix streets, and was taken in an ambulance to the Sisters' hospital, where Dr. Frank X. Hartigan and Dr. John I. Byrne were summoned. They pronounced his condition [sic] serious, and his brother's family was at once notified.

At the time he entered the hospital Mr. Moran was unconscious and remained so throughout the day. When it was seen that his condition was precarious, Rev. Charles F. Buddy, chaplain of the Hospital, was summoned and he remained with him for some time, leaving only to attend to matters of importance. In the afternoon he returned to the patient who was growing weaker and still remained unconscious. About 4 o'clock, or a little after, it was evident that death was approaching and Father Buddy began the prayers of the Church for a departing soul; these prayers were continued until life became extinct. Besides Father Buddy there were also present when [sic] the end came, Mr. Moran's brother, Mr. Bernard Moran and Mrs. Bernard Moran. The body was taken to Sidenfaden undertaking establishment and later removed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Moran, 723 South Fifteenth street, from which residence the funeral was held Thursday morning.

Mr. Moran was born in Berlin, Wis., and was of Irish Catholic ancestry, his father being Bryan Moran and his mother Bridget Hughes Moran. While he was still a child the family moved to Missouri, locating at Maryville, Nodaway County.

Finished at his home school at an early age, he was sent East to higher institutions of learning. His talent for oratory, and his quick perception and ability to reason, led him to determine upon following the vocation of a

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lawyer, and at the age of twenty he was admitted to the bar in this state, studying law with his older brother, James Moran, at that time an attorney in Hopkins, Mo. The elder brother died in St. Joseph in March, 1912.

When Michael Moran was twenty-two years old his people removed to St. Joseph, and he began at once to engage in politics. He always was a staunch Democrat, and in 1887 was elected to the state senate from Buchanan County. As state senator he was best known as the author of the bill creating the excuse board in St. Joseph, and of the bill providing for the industrial school at Chillicothe.

In 1910 he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress from the Fourth district. C. F. Booher and William E. Spratt were also candidates; Booher received the nomination and was elected. In 1913 he was notably active in behalf of Charles A. Pfeiffer, who was mayor, and against whom the recall was being invoked.

As an orator Mr. Moran had few, if any, equals in this city or in the state.

Mr. Moran, more familiarly known as "Mike" Moran, never married. He possessed a unique personality and distinguished appearance. His hair, thick and white, was worn long; his voice, a deep bass, together with his other talents, won for him the appellation of "the silver tongued orator." He was known to almost every man, woman and child in the city.

For his friends he would go any length, and for them he would do anything, but for his enemies words hardly could be found sufficiently to belittle them. He was consistent, and if he made a political or personal enemy that person remained an enemy.

His great gift of oratory, stentorian voice, picturesque appearance, keen wit and quickness in debate would have won him lasting fame in the halls of congress, had he been accorded a place therein.

He was a student of the classics of history, biography, and of current political events, but Blackstone, Kent and Cooley did not appeal to him. In this wide reading of the best in literature, he acquired a marvelous vocabulary. Words of many syllables and little used seemed to stick in his memory, and one of his favorite diversions was to apply such a word to an antagonist.

Did opportunity afford he loved to pass on some of the knowledge with which his mind was so well stored, and the information thus imparted was always well received. How gracefully he would perform these little impromptu acts of kindness is well illustrated in the following episode:

One day last winter, toward the close of the season, two young school teachers were entering the public library for the purpose of looking up the subject of boat-making as they intended conducting a recitation bearing on the subject the following day. The Senator was in the rotunda of the building, and recognizing one of the young ladies as the daughter of an old friend, inquired of her what she was seeking at the library. Upon being told he immediately began a discussion of the subject, going back to the time of the Odyssey, an epic poem attributed to Homer which narrates the return of Ulysses from Troy to Ithaca, and dwelling eloquently upon the young heroine [sic] who made her adventure in a boat. Inside of a few moments an audience of about twenty was

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standing about him, each one deeply interested in the topic that he was treating in an original and entertaining manner.

He had an Irishman's innate sense of reverence for woman and purity and was never known to listen to a suggestive or vulgar story. It was one of his favorite practices to take himself to the home of his brother Bernard on Sundays there to enjoy the company of his household.

For years he had made his home at 324 1/2 Francis street, and there he kept his library, said to be one of the finest private libraries in the state. It consists of something between 6,000 and 7,000 volumes. He was a devoted patron of the public library.

The funeral was held Thursday at noon at Maryville, Mo., his boyhood home, the body being laid to rest on St. Patrick's cemetery, near his father and mother. The funeral party left St. Joseph at 10 o'clock that morning and went immediately to the cemetery. On arriving at Maryville, a delegation, representing the Nodaway County bar association and made up of Wesley A. Blagg, George Robb Ellison, T. A. Cummins and L. C. Cook, met the party at the train. The party from St. Joseph included relatives and the pallbearers, Charles H. Mayer, L. C. Gabbert, R. E. Culver, J. W. Mytton, W. B. Norris and Barney Reilly.

**Date of death: 15 Sep 1923**

**Subject: Gordon Abraham Morehouse**

**Source: *The [Maryville MO] Daily Democrat-Forum*, 15 Sep 1923, Saturday, p. 3**

Gordon A. Morehouse died at 12:45 today at his home, four miles southwest of Hopkins. He had been in ill health for several years.

The funeral services will be held at the home at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and will be conducted by the Rev. E. C. Wright of the Hopkins M. E. Church. Burial will be in Hopkins cemetery.

Mr. Morehouse was 78 years old. He is survived by his wife, one son, John Morehouse, and two daughters, Mrs. Guy Blanchard of Hopkins and Mrs. Ira Gray of Hopkins. One sister, Mrs. Axie Baldwin of Hopkins survives.

Mr. Morehouse was born in Morrow County, O., March 26, 1845, and was there reared, spending his youth on a farm and receiving a common school education. In the spring of 1869 he came west and settled in Nodaway County. He was married in 1868 to Miss Mattie Strawn, who was born in Perry County, O., in October 1842.

**Date of death: 22 Feb 1923**

**Subject: Walter Cornealis Morehouse**

**Source: *Hopkins [MO] Journal*, 1 Mar 1923**

After a long illness with a complication of diseases. W. C. Morehouse passed away last Thursday at his home in east Hopkins. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church. The sermon being preached by Rev. H. McNamee a former pastor, now pastor of the First Methodist church of Tarkio, after which

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burial took place in the Hopkins Cemetery under the auspices of the Masonic lodge of which the deceased had long been a member.

The following obituary was read by Rev. McNamee.

Walter Cornealis Morehouse was born November 24, 1858, on the old Judge Morehouse homestead eight miles southwest of Hopkins, Missouri, and died at his home in Hopkins February 22, 1923. He grew to manhood on the farm where he was born where he resided continuously until 1880 when he moved to Maryville. His grandfather, Judge Stephen Morehouse, was at this time probate judge of Nodaway county and Walter served four years in helping with the duties of this office. After leaving the office of the probate judge, Mr. Morehouse served two years as deputy sheriff under Frank Owens. In 1886 he returned to the old farm and devoted his attention to farming, soon afterwards purchasing a large farm east of Hopkins, that was his home until November 1, 1922, when he moved to Hopkins. On January 17, 1892 Mr. Morehouse was united in marriage to Minnie Messecar and to this union were born seven children. Mrs. Ruth Swaim, Hollister, Idaho, Henry, Walter, Harley, Virgil, Paul and Edna all of Hopkins, all being present at the funeral. Mr. Morehouse was a man of great strength of character always taking an interest in civic affairs. In politics he was a Democrat and a close student of political economy. While a member of no church, he was always found on the right side of every moral proposition. He was industrious, a good neighbor, a splendid citizen, a loving husband and father and will be greatly missed in this community, and the sympathy of all is extended to the grief stricken wife and family. What a splendid thing to have so lived that when the great change comes, all can unite in their expression of sorrow and say, "We have lost a good neighbor, citizen and friend."

**Date of death: 5 Aug 1913**

**Subject: Jesse Morgan**

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

Parnell, Mo., Aug. ??.—Jesse Morgan, 68 years old, died Tuesday at his home in Parnell. He was a negro of the old wartime days and was the property of William C. Morgan before the conflict.

**Date of death: [Jun/Jul] 1864**

**Subject: Charles Morris<sup>3</sup>**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Weekly Herald and Tribune*, 14 Jul 1864, p. 2**

The Guerrilla Excitement!

Bushwhackers in the county—Apprehensions of a raid on St. Joseph— The alarm in the city, etc.

There is no disguising the fact that guerillas are swarming in the counties below us, and have even ventured into this county in very considerable force. For the last three days facts and rumors have come to us so thick and fast as almost to create bewilderment. Unfortunately the truth is bad enough but the many stories circulated on all hands have tended to the dissemination of universal alarm among the people.

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<sup>3</sup> Not in MSE Database



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On Sunday two or three members of Capt. Snyder's company arrived at Headquarters, bringing the report that a gang of guerrillas, estimated at from forty to sixty in number, under one C. F. Taylor, had entered the village of Taos, took such goods as they could find to suit them; exchanged a few broken-down horses for good ones; threatened everybody with instant death who offered the slighted resistance, and then departed, going in an eastern direction. Later in the day a portion of the same band went to the residence of Rev. Charles Morris, a few miles below Agency Ford. An affidavit made before the Provost Marshal by Mr. Wm. Powell, states that these fiends called Mr. Morris out, set his house on fire, compelled him to look on until the roof fell in, then shot both of his eyes out and put a bullet through his breast. They also shot a black boy through the head, robbed the family of all their money and burned all their clothes.

Mr. Morris was a quiet, unobtrusive citizen, over sixty years of age.

"While in the neighborhood where the above act of diabolism was committed the perpetrators made frequent boasts that they had men enough to take and hold this city, and they intended to do it.

About sundown on Sunday evening, ten of this gang returned to Taos, where they were joined by three persons—Harry Cox, a man named Brown, and another whose name we did not get.

This information coming to the knowledge of our people, the excitement became intense. Some three or four hundred citizens flocked to Odd Fellows' Hall, when a portion of them were armed, and until a late hour of the night the toll of the drum, and the heavy tread of armed men could be heard on nearly every street. It is even reported to us that Divine Service was suspended in several of the churches, and that one or two ladies became so frightened as to faint away.

All Sunday night every road and avenue leading to the city was picketed. No enemy came in sight, however, and in the morning many guards could be seen coming in from all direction. [sic] The alarm produced had somewhat abated yesterday, but still a good deal of uneasiness was felt in the community. A number of citizens from the vicinity of Taos, arrived in the forenoon, bringing in their horses for safe keeping.—About noon a dispatch was received stating that Platte City had been taken by the guerrillas, and that it was supposed they would next attack Weston. The regular train, however, went down and returned at the usual hour in the evening, without molestation. Weston was safe at last accounts, but there is no doubt a sufficient force of guerrillas are in Platte to take the place at any time, should they be so disposed.

At four o'clock yesterday afternoon a meeting was held at the Market House for the purpose of completing the organization of our city militia, which adjourned to meet this morning at ten o'clock. Volunteers were drummed up to stand on picket duty last night, but we must have a thorough organization, and no citizen who claims to be loyal should fail to be present at the hour to-day.

**Date of death: 12 Jun 1916**

**Subject: Drusylla (Morris) Miller Hulse**

**Source: Holt County [MO] Sentinel, 23 Jun 1916, p. 2**

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Drusilla [sic] Morris was born January 16, 1840, in Cass county, Michigan, and died at the age of 74 years, 4 months and 26 days, June 12, 1916, at the home of her son, Thomas J. Hulse, in Forest City, where she had made her home and had been cared for for a number of years. In 1849, she with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Morris, moved to Davis [sic] county; in 1853 to Nodaway county; in 1855 to Gentry county, where in 1859 she was married to Samuel Miller. They then moved back to Andrew county, and in 1861 moved back to Gentry county, and in the following year Mr. Miller was called to go to war, but he took the measles and on November 13 he died at Benton Barracks, and his body was buried at Jefferson City. To this union were born two daughters, Frieny, who died when a baby, and Mrs. G. W. Reed, who now lives at Albany. Mrs. Miller lived a widow until 1866, when she was married to Thomas E. Hulse, and to them were born six children, one daughter, who died in infancy, and five sons, Samuel D., James R., Chas. H., Thomas H. and Simpson E., all of whom are living except Samuel D., who died in December, 1901. Mrs. Hulse confessed her faith in Christ about thirty years ago under the preaching of Rev. W. A. Chapman, at Stone church, and was baptized in the Hulse lake on their farm. Her husband and two daughters and one son having gone on before, she leaves five sons and one daughter, besides other relatives and friends. The children wish to extend thanks to all who so kindly assisted them in any way during the illness and death of their beloved mother. Funeral services were conducted at the Christian church by Rev. W. A. Chapman, of Rosendale, Wednesday afternoon, and the body was laid to rest in the Fillmore cemetery.-- Fillmore correspondence in the Savannah Reporter, June 16.

### Same

**Source:** *The Albany [MO] Capital*, 22 Jun 1916, Thursday, p. 2

Drusilla [sic] Morris was born in Cass county, Michigan, Jan. 16, 1840. In 1849 she, with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Morris, moved to Daviess county, Missouri. In 1853 they moved to Nodaway county, and in 1855 to Gentry county, settling near Lone Star.

In 1855 [sic] she was married to Samuel Miller of Andrew county, and they resided in that county until 1861, when they moved back to Gentry county. In 1862 Mr. Miller enlisted in Provisional Co. B, 35th Mo. Volunteers, and the same year died from an attack of measles at Benton Barracks, being buried at Jefferson City. Two daughters were born to this union—Frances, who died in infancy, and Mrs. G. W. Reed of Albany, Mo. In 1866 Mrs. Miller was married to Thomas E. Hulse of Andrew county, and she resided in that county most of the time until her death. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hulse, one daughter dying in infancy, and one son, Samuel D., dying in December, 1901. Four sons survive her. They are James R. Chas. H., Thos. J. and Simpson E. Hulse.

In early life she united with the M. E. Church, holding in that faith until about thirty years ago, when she united with the Christian Church, of which she was a member until her death.

She died at the home of her son, Thos. J. Hulse, at Forest City, Mo., on June 12, 1916, aged 76 years, 4 months and 26 days.

Funeral services were conducted at the Christian Church, in Fillmore, Mo., on Wednesday afternoon, June 14th, by Rev. W. A. Chapman of Rosendale, Mo., who paid high tribute to the Christian character of Mrs. Hulse. The body was then laid to rest in the Fillmore cemetery.

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**Date of death: 4 Aug 1913**

**Subject: Ella Margaret (Morris or Stubenhoeffer) Schmitz**

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

Mrs. Jacob E. Schmitz, who lived at 1230 North Thirteenth street, died this morning at the home of her mother in Parnell, Mo. Mrs. Schmitz, who had been visiting in Parnell since the middle of June, was stricken with paralysis several days ago. She is survived by her husband and a daughter, Katherine, both of whom went to Parnell soon after she was stricken. Burial will be at Parnell.

**Same**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 9 Aug 1913, Saturday, p. 5**

Mrs. Jacob E. Schmitz, who lived at 1230 N. Thirteenth street, died Monday morning, 4th inst., at the home of her mother in Parnell, Mo. Mrs. Schmitz, who had been visiting in Parnell since middle of June, was stricken with paralysis several days ago. She is survived by her husband and a daughter, Katherine, both of whom went to Parnell soon after she was stricken. Mrs. Schmitz, whose maiden name was Ellen Morris, was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, in 1864. When but fourteen years of age she came to Worth County, Mo. Her marriage to Mr. Schmitz took place in the Cathedral, this city in November, 1888. The funeral took place at Parnell Wednesday morning, Rev. Father Leo, O.S.B., officiating. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery at Parnell.

Mrs. Schmitz was a convert to the Faith, having been received into the Church by Right Rev. Ignatius Conrad, O.S.B., the day before her marriage. She was a member of the Cathedral Altar Society, and although unassuming was never wanting in lending her assistance to any cause for the good of religion.

**Date of death: 1 Mar 1897**

**Subject: George Morris**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 5 Mar 1897, Friday, p. 1**

St. Joseph, Mo. March 1.—For several days past there has been anything but a friendly feeling between two of the best known residents of Stanberry, Mo., which culminated in the murder of one. Ex Mayor G. E. Alcott and George Morris had been engaged in business together, the last time in running a meat market. Recently it became necessary to separate and there was to be a division of accounts. Morris thought he was getting the worst of the deal and protested. The men tried to effect a settlement to-night, but without success, and Morris left the meat market for his home to get a revolver. He is said to have openly threatened the life of Alcott. The latter was warned and armed. Upon Morris' return to the place of business, Alcott, without parleying opened fire, killing his former partner instantly. Alcott gave himself up. He said he acted simply in self-defence [sic], and that had he not fired when he did, Morris would have killed him. The sentiment of the people seems to be with Alcott. Morris was a son of Dr. J. N. Morris, a prominent resident of Stanberry.

Later—Alcott has been arrested, and has given bond in the sum of \$5,00 for his appearance before the grand jury. As far as we have heard, the sentiment seems to be with Mr. Alcott. We give it as rumor not being conversant with the real facts.

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**Date of death: 21 Mar 1923**

**Subject: Isaac Clinton Morris**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 23 Mar 1923**

I. C. Morris of Rea passed away at the home of his sister Mrs. Deaton in Barnard on Wednesday morning, March 21, at 6 o'clock. A biography will be published next week.

**Same**

**Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 3 Mar 1923**

Clint Morris died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mc [sic] Deaton, Wednesday morning, March 23, at about 6:00 o'clock, following a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Morris was married to Miss Mary Anna Jackson, March 25, 1885, and she preceeded [sic] him in death in January 190 [sic]. He leaves four children to mourn his departure, Ira of Rea, Clarence of Marrill, Iowa, Joe of Rea and Jessie, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Deaton in Barnard. Three sisters and one brother also survive him Mrs. Thomas Painter, Clyde, Mo., Mrs. Sarah Woodhead, and Mrs. Deaton of Barnard and Israel of Palco, Kansas.

Mr. Morris was a member of the Bolckow M. E. Church of the I.O.O.F. Lodge at Flag Springs and of the Mason Lodge at Whitesville.

Funeral services were preached at Flag Springs Thursday and burial was at Flag Springs.

**Date of death: Sep 1918**

**Subject: Martin S. Morris**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 7 Sep 1918, Saturday, pp. 5 & 6**

A telegram received at the post-office Thursday stated that Martin Morris had been killed at Roodhouse, Ill. The dead man was identified as a resident of Andrew county, his home being at Savannah. He had been committed to the Hospital for the Insane at Fulton, Mo., some time ago, but escaped from that institution a month ago.

**Date of death: 1 Apr 1915**

**Subject: Mary A. Morris**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press/Gazette*, 2 Apr 1915, Friday, p. 15**

Mary A. Morris, eighty-nine years old, one of the oldest negro residents of St. Joseph and who was a slave of Henry Morris, an early-day farmer of Pike County, Mo., died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Scott, 2206 Sylvania street. She had been a resident of St. Joseph since 1869, and came here with the family of her former master. Her husband, Jonah Morris, also was a slave owned by Henry Morris. The aged woman was for many years a member of the Christian church. The funeral service will be conducted at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home and burial will be at Ashland cemetery.

**Date of death: 14 Dec 1923**

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**Subject: Sarah A. (Morris) Malone**

**Source: *Glenburn [ND] Advance*, 20 Dec 1923, Thursday, p. 4**

Mrs. Sarah Malone died Friday evening at the home of her son, John, after an illness of two weeks. She came to Glenburn to spend Thanksgiving but soon after her arrival here from Minot she suffered a paralytic stroke, which was the cause of her death.

Mrs. Malone came to Elm township, North Dakota, from Conception, Mo., in the year 1902, moving with her husband to a farm one-half mile west of Glenburn in 1909 where they continued to reside until the death of her husband five years ago. She then moved to town to live with her son, Sam, and later moved to Minot to live with her son, James, following the death of his wife. She was a motherly woman with great patience and was dearly beloved by all who knew her. She is survived by three sons and one daughter, James J., of Minot, John and Sam of Glenburn, and Mrs. C. Lockman, of Poplar, Mont.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic church Monday forenoon and the body laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery in Glenburn. Rev. Father Heinz conducted mass and four of her grandsons served as altar boys during mass. Father Heinz spoke lovingly of the many good qualities of the deceased and said that her reward would surely come in the new world.

**Date of death: 27 Aug 1901**

**Subject: Thomas H. Morris**

**Source: *The Gordon [NE] Journal*, 30 Aug 1901**

News was brought to Gordon Tuesday night by G. W. Beamer that Tom Morris, familiarly known as "Missouri Tom," had been found dead in Boonemann's sheep camp that afternoon by his little daughter. The particulars of his death as given to us by Mr. Beamer, are as follows: Tom was herding sheep for Henry Bonnemann on Hay Creek, about a mile from Mr. Beamer's place and about the same distance from his own home. Monday night he ate supper with his family and was apparently well and hearty. Tuesday morning he did not come for his breakfast, but the family thought nothing of it. When he failed to come for dinner, one of his daughters was sent over to the sheep camp to see if anything was wrong. She went to the wagon, looked in at the door and was horrified to see her father sitting upright, partly dressed, his head bent forward and to one side. She ran home and told the family, and Chas. Webster was the first to go to the camp. His story corroborated [sic] with that of the little girl. The body was left as found. G. W. Beamer came to Gordon and telegraphed Coroner Compton of Valentine, who came up on No. 3 Wednesday morning. He empaneled a jury, consisting of G. W. Beamer, E. H. Boyles, Henry Bonnemann, Tom Jones, Virgil Estabrook and Jas. Harris. An inquest was held and a verdict of death from natural causes was rendered, probably heart failure.

The deceased was a man 69 years of age, who came from Nodaway county, Missouri, to Cherry county, in the spring of 1899, and had resided on Hay creek ever since. He leaves a wife with eight children at home. He was the father of sixteen children. He was a Mason and a member of the G.A.R. And was buried under the auspices of the G.A.R. in Gordon cemetery, at noon, Thursday. Brief services were held at the home at 9 a. m. conducted by Rev. Easley. Tom Morris was a hardworking man, rough on the exterior, but kind hearted and honest. His neighbors speak well of him and say he was a true friend who could be depended upon. He received a pension

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and had some money saved up and a small bunch of cattle. His family will be provided for and have the sympathy of friends and neighbors.

**Date of death: 22 Feb 1899**

**Subject: Dorcas (Morrison) Truex**

**Source: *The Robinson [KS] Index, 24 Feb 1899, Friday, p. 1***

Died; at the residence of her son, Wm. Truex, in Robinson, Kansas, Mrs. Dorcas Truex, February 22, 1899. She had long been a sufferer and death came to her as a relief. She passed away at last peacefully and without suffering, having been unconscious sometime before her death. She left five children, all of which stood around her bed when her spirit took its departure.

Dorcas Morrison was born near Baltimore, Maryland in 1814. She moved to Ohio with her parents at an early age. She was there married to Stillwell Truex and in 1840 moved to Missouri, settling near Savannah, in Holt county. [sic] The country then was practically a trackless wilderness. They moved to Kansas in 1864 and settled on a farm near Robinson, where they lived until 1883, when the husband died at the age of 72 years. Mrs. Truex was of German and Irish ancestry. They were among the early patriots, her grandfather having fought in the revolutionary war and her father in the war of 1812. Her father's family all preceded her to the spirit land except one sister who is at present a resident of Parkersburg, West Virginia. The funeral services took place on Thursday at 10 o'clock a.m. Conducted by Rev. W. B. Stevenson, after which the remains were laid to rest by the side of her husband, in Leona cemetery, and were followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

**Date of death: 11 Jan 1918**

**Subject: Lawrence (or Lorence) R. Morton**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 12 Jan 1918, Saturday, p. 1***

Lawrence Morton, a negro, shot his wife and then turned the gun on himself and fired a bullet into his brain at the home of George Todd, 410 Sycamore street, yesterday afternoon, which results in the woman's death at 8:40 o'clock last night and Morton's death an hour later. The couple had been married about a year, but had been separated for several weeks. Thursday afternoon the woman went to the Todd home to visit. Morton went to the Todd home yesterday morning and after talking to his wife for some time he went away. Shortly after dinner he went to see his wife again and went into a room to talk to her.

The first indication of trouble was when Mrs. Todd heard a shot fired. She went at once to a neighbor's home and it was several minutes later when a city fireman arrived at the house, attracted by the revolver shots, and found the woman lying on the floor, bleeding profusely. Morton was sitting against the wall, blood dripping from a bullet hole in his head. A .38 caliber revolver was found beside Morton, with four cartridges discharged. The police were notified and the wounded negroes were taken to a hospital, but were beyond surgical aid.

There were no eyewitnesses to the tragedy.

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Mrs. Todd told the police that she left the house after the first shot was fired, taking her two small children with her. It is believed that the woman was shot twice through the head, while only one bullet is thought to have entered the man's head. Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, was called and viewed the bodies, which were removed to I. F. Ramsey's rooms. An inquest probably will be held today. The couple lived at the home of Morton's parents, 414 North Second street, until their separation. They had no children.

**Date of death: 3 Mar 1897**

**Subject: Mrs. Vina Morton**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 4 Mar 1897, p. 6**

Mrs. Vina Morton, a very old colored woman, died suddenly yesterday at the home of her daughter, Lucretia Johnson, 107 South Twenty-first street. She had probably been dead some hours when the fact was discovered at a late hour in the afternoon. Coroner Richmond was notified and the remains were removed to Undertaker Sidenfaden's, where an inquest was held this morning. The verdict of the jury was that the aged woman had come to her death from general debility resulting from old age.

Mrs. Morton died sitting in her chair. She was an inveterate smoker and her pipe and tobacco were found on her lap when her daughter came into the room where death had entered so quietly.

It was said by Mrs. Morton's son-in-law today that she was considerably more than 100 years old, although there was no evidence other than the physical appearance of the deceased to bear out this statement. It was known, however, that she was close on to the century mark, if indeed she had not passed it, as she remembered distinctly many incidents of the war of 1812 with England and often spoke of it to her children. At that time she lived in the East.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 5 Mar 1897, p. 3**

An inquest was held over the remains of Mrs. Vina Morton, the aged colored woman, at Sidenfaden's morgue yesterday morning. According to the verdict death was found to be due to natural causes- old age and general debility.

Mrs. Morton will be taken to Savannah for burial on Sunday. It was learned yesterday that the deceased was at least 113 years of age. Edward Baker, the promoter of the Home for Ex-Slaves in this city, says Mrs. Morton and his grandmother were playmates in their youth. His grandmother died in 1887 at the advanced age of 103 years, and it was always understood that the two women were of about the same age. Mrs. Morton spent the greater part of her life on a Virginia plantation.

**Date of death: 17 Dec 1915**

**Subject: Elizabeth (Moser) Whitlock**

**Source: *The Morning [Portland] Oregonian*, 21 Dec 1915, Tuesday, p. 19**

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Silverton, Or., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Elizabeth Whitlock, aged 81 years, was found dead in bed Saturday at her home on South Water street. Death was due to heart trouble. On Saturday, December 11, a surprise party was given for Mrs. Whitlock by the neighbors and at that time she was in excellent spirits. It was thought she died Thursday, but her death was not found out until Saturday, as she was living alone by preference to being dependent upon her children.

Mrs. Whitlock was born in Indiana December 11, 1934, and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1862 [sic]. She is survived by 10 children: Albert, Lorenzo, Columbus, John and Howard and Mrs. Eva L. Ames, of Fullerton, Cal.; William, of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Elizabeth Lamb of Salem, and James, of La Pine. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

**Date of death: 30 Mar 1897**

**Subject: John Moser**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily News*, 29 Mar 1897, p. 2**

A farmer named Mozier, who lives six or seven miles east of the city, suffered a paralytic stroke today and was conveyed to Dr. J. B. Reynold's office. Later in the day he was removed to his home. It is thought that he will recover.

**Same**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 30 Mar 1897, Tuesday, p. 5**

John Moser, a well known farmer who lives about seven miles from this city, on the One Hundred and two river, was stricken with paralysis while in St. Joseph yesterday. He suffered the stroke while transacting business at the office of Ulrich Schneider on Fifth street, yesterday morning. Moser is 80 years old and it is not expected that he will survive. He is a brother of the late Frederick Moser of St. Joseph.

Mr. Moser had not been in the office twenty minutes when he was seized with paralysis. Without a moment's warning he became speechless and could not move a muscle of his body. It was not known what had befallen the aged farmer until he was removed to the office of a physician across the street. The physician pronounced it a dangerous stroke of paralysis. Mr. Moser was deprived of the use of his entire body. He was removed to his home yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Moser, and his son, William J. Moser, drove to St. Joseph yesterday morning. They came to Mr. Schneider's office at 11 o'clock and hitched their team there. Mr. Moser entered the office to attend to some legal business. His son went in with him but left a few moments after, saying he would be back soon. Mr. Moser seemed to be as well as usual and immediately proceeded to business.

He sat down in a chair near Mr. Schneider's desk and asked to have a deed to some property drawn up. The location of the property was hunted out on a map and Mr. Schneider commenced on the deed. The farmer had been in the office about a quarter of an hour when he was asked a question but returned no answer. Mr. Schneider looked up and saw that his face was twitching peculiarly.



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Moser could not say what was the matter. It seemed his limbs were most affected at first. He endeavored to lift his right leg with his hands, but could not move. At this point the son came in. Alarmed at the condition of his father, he tried to arouse him. The latter attempted to speak, but his replies could not be understood.

Dr. J. B. Reynolds was summoned. The physician had Mr. Moser removed to his office across the street. It was found that Mr. Moser was suffering from paralysis. He was powerless to use any of the muscles of his body. All proper medical treatment did not tend to improve Mr. Moser's condition to any great extent. Later in the day he could talk some, but with great difficulty. His condition is considered most dangerous. Mr. Moser was taken home at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Moser's misfortune was a great surprise to his son. He said his father seemed in the best of health on the way to town and had not been sick lately. Mr. Moser owns considerable property and is known as an influential farmer. He is well known in St. Joseph, having transacted business here for many years.

**Date of death: 18 Nov 1917**

**Subject: John Moser**

**Source: *Hiawatha [KS] Daily World*, 19 Nov 1917, Monday, p. 1**

John Moser died at his home, 101 Kickapoo, Sunday evening at 6:15 o'clock. Mr. Moser, who was 91 years old, had been around the house all day and seemed in his customary health. He had been troubled with a heart affection. Shortly after 6 o'clock he grew ill and soon afterwards passed away. John Moser was one of the earliest settlers in Hiawatha township. March 31, 1855, Mr. Moser, Christian and Rudy Zimmerman and their families settled in Hiawatha township, which at that time only had one settler-- Jacob Englehart. Mr. Moser was born near Bern, Switzerland, March 26 [sic], 1826. He received a common school education and was employed with his father as a brick and tile burner until 1854 when he came to America. He spent one summer in Andrew county, Missouri, and the next spring came to Brown county and preempted his claim in Hiawatha township. Here Mr. Moser prospered as a farmer. About 25 years ago he rented his large farm and came to Hiawatha, where he resided until his death. During the Civil war Mr. Moser was a member of the Brown county battalion of the Kansas militia and helped repel the Price raid. In 1852 Mr. Moser was married in Switzerland to Miss Maglema [sic] Wenger. Five sons and three daughters were born to them. John, the oldest son, was killed in a street car accident during the World's fair at Chicago. The living sons are Fred, Arnold, Eli D. and Frank Moser, of the Hiawatha community. A daughter, Anna, is the wife of Rev. J. K. Young, of Lawrence. The other daughters are Mrs. Elizabeth Norton, of Hiawatha, and Miss Mary Moser, who kept house for her father. Mrs. Moser died in 1896. Mr. Moser was an active member of the Evangelical church of Hiawatha. The passing on of John Moser removes one of those pioneers who have been real builders of Brown county. Mr. Moser endured all the trials of the early pioneers. He cleared a place for his home and industriously worked so that future generations might have the best results of his labors. He and Mrs. Moser reared an unusually fine family of children. The sons inherited their father's qualities of industry and honesty. They are splendid types of Christian citizenship. There are no finer men in Brown county than the sons of John Moser. The daughters are of the fine womanly type which reflects good in every community. The life of John Moser has been a grand one-- the living was as peaceable as the quiet end. It's a great thing to live in a community over 60 years and be doing for the community all that time. This John Moser did. As a pioneer he helped develop the county, all the time living as befits a good citizen. Mr. Moser reared children who are honored and respected as their father was before

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them. And his children's children are gradually assuming the same sort of position in this community and elsewhere. That's a splendid family record. The good works being done in this community every day by members of the Moser family are but the natural results of the good training given and the example set by Mr. and Mrs. John Moser. Mr. and Mrs. Moser did their full share for Brown county and reared eight children to extend the habits of every day right living. Altho John Moser has passed on his descendants will every day honor his memory in Brown county by following the splendid examples set by the pioneer father. The funeral of Mr. Moser will be held at the Salem Evangelical church in Hiawatha Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. S. D. Hower will conduct the service. Burial will be in the Hiawatha cemetery.

**Date of death: 17 Sep 1893**

**Subject: John Moser**

**Source: *The Hiawatha [KS] Journal*, 21 Sep 1893, Thursday, p. 3**

John Moser, jr. left home only a few days ago in good health, going to Chicago to see the World's fair, and returned home a corpse on last night's midnight train. He was run over by a cable car on Sunday afternoon and only lived three hours. A telegram carrying this intelligence was received here Monday morning and sent out to his wife on the farm near [sic] Robinson, and no other particulars are at present obtainable. The funeral will be held from the Evangelical church to day.

John Moser, jr., was the oldest son of John Moser, an old resident and esteemed citizen of this county. He was born in Switzerland and came with his parents to this country. He was a thrifty honorable citizen, respected among all who knew him. He leaves a wife and two children, a father and mother, four brothers and three sisters all residents of this county. The circumstances are sad in the extreme-- the death news being swift and startling [sic] as the electricity that transmitted it. We trust to be able to give further particulars next week.

**Same**

**Source: *The [Hiawatha KS] Democrat*, 21 Sep 1893, Thursday, p. 1**

Our people were very sorry to hear of the fatal accident to John Moser at Chicago Sunday. While attempting to board a cable car he missed his footing and was thrown to the street and received fatal injury to his spine. His remains are looked for on every train.

**Same**

**Source: *Brown County [KS] World*, 22 Sep 1893, Friday, p. 1**

John Moser, jr., oldest son of Uncle Johnny Moser, a nephew of Eli Moser and a brother of Fred Moser, went to the World's Fair about a week ago. Sunday, while attempting to board a Madison street cable car he fell so as to injure his spine. He was removed to the county hospital and died there soon after he was hurt.

His wife was telegraphed for as soon as possible, but before she could start, a second telegram informed her of his death. The Rev. Mr. Keiser, formerly of Fairview, had been his roommate at Chicago and looked him up and cared for him, accompanying the body to Hiawatha Wednesday.

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Mr. Moser's death is greatly deplored. He was very highly esteemed by our people. A wife and two children and bereft by the sad accident.

The funeral took place at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Evangelical church, the Rev. Mr. Peek preaching the sermon. A great throng of his neighbors and friends were present.

**Date of death: 13 Sep 1900**

**Subject: John Franklin Moser**

**Source: *The [Salem OR] Capital Journal*, 14 Sep 1900, Friday, p. 1**

Silverton, Sept. 14.—Dr. J. F. Moser, who lived on his father's farm about five miles east of Silverton, was killed last evening by a falling tree, which crushed his skull.

It seems that a fire in the timber threatened a fence on the farm and the unfortunate man went out about 8 o'clock last evening to see about it. He did not return, and the story is told only by the position of his charred remains, found this morning.

A large tree, burned down and in falling crushed Mr. Moser, probably killing him instantly. The tree then burned, and the body was roasted, the clothing and even the shoes being burned off.

The deceased was about 40 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children. He was a son of John Moser, a well-to-do farmer, whose place is about 5 miles east of Silverton. He had three brothers, Stonewall, Lem and Joseph, the Silverton liveryman, and two sisters one being Mrs. Belle Hartley of Scotts Mills.

John Moser cross the plains in 1852 with his wife now deceased, and settled on the farm, where the son just killed was born.

He was a graduate of the Portland Medical college, but had not practiced his profession for several [sic] years.

Coroner Lane at Salem was notified and has gone to the scene of the accident.

**Same**

**Source: *[Salem OR] Statesman Journal*, 28 Oct 1900, Sunday, p. 7**

County Judge John H. Scott yesterday admitted to probate the will of the late John F. Moser, whose demise occurred September 13th, at Silverton. The estate is valued at \$3800, consisting of realty, and personal property. The heirs of the estate are:

Ada Moser, widow, residing in Silverton, aged 32 years.

Donnie Moser, daughter, Silverton, 7.

Alvin Moser, son, Silverton, 2.

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The will leaves the property to the family, and John Moser is named as the executor, to serve without bonds and Judge Scott appointed the said John Moser to serve as executor.

**Date of death: 27 Nov 1883**

**Subject: Sophia Elizabeth Moser**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 28 Nov 1883, p. 4**

Died, At 4:30 yesterday morning, of diphtheria, Sophia Elizabeth Moser, daughter of Frederick and Anna Moser, aged 11 years, 9 months and 24 days.

Funeral will take place from family residence, corner Levee and Franklin streets, to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

**Date of death: 7 Aug 1881**

**Subject: Edward M. Moss**

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

Ed Moss, a prominent citizen of Tecumseh, and a banker [sic] of that place, died on Sunday last, after a short illness. Mr. Moss was formerly a resident of Maryville, from which place he removed to Tecumseh some four months ago. He owned considerable property in Nodaway county at the time of his death. He leaves a wife and one [sic] child to mourn the loss of a very kind and devoted husband and father. Mr. Moss was well known in this city, where his death will be deeply regretted.

**Date of death: 14 Jul 1895**

**Subject: Emma C. (Moss) Anderson**

**Source: *Clarinda [IA] Herald*, 16 Jul 1895, Tuesday**

Mrs. Chas. Anderson, living east of Clarinda, died Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, aged about thirty-one years. She has been for years a sufferer from consumption, which was the cause of her death. The funeral occurred yesterday at two o'clock, the remains being interred in Memory cemetery. Mrs. Anderson had been married about twelve years and her death will be a severe blow to her husband and four surviving children.

same

**Source: *Clarinda [IA] Journal*, 26 Jul 1895, Friday**

Died. – Mrs. Emma Anderson, nee Moss, wife of Charley Anderson, died at her home in Nebraska township, Page county, Ia., Sunday, July 14, 1895, age 30 years. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn their loss. Loving hands and sympathizing hearts did everything to alleviate her suffering and restore her to health, but their efforts were in vain. She was the life and joy of her home, loved by all, and has left many tokens of love for us. Her memory shall ever linger fresh in our minds, but the Lord's will be done. The Lord giveth and taketh away and blessed is the name of the Lord. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. Campbell. Her remains were laid to rest in the Memory cemetery.

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**Date of death: 9 Apr 1900**

**Subject: Tena Ann (Mossholder) Deppen**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 10 Apr 1900, Tuesday, p. 2**

Mrs. Tena Ann Deppen, eighty-one years old, died yesterday at her home, 2002 Clay street. The deceased had lived in this state since 1840. She was the widow of George Deppen, who was killed in 1863, being shot one night as he sat by the window in his home. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Emma Beardsley of this city.

**Date of death: 4 Aug 1917**

**Subject: George Dallas Mowry**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 11 Aug 1917, Saturday, p. 2**

Graham, Mo., Aug. 8.—George D. Mowry was born April 23rd, 1845, at Boonsborough, Maryland. Died at his home in Graham, Mo., August 4, 1917, aged 72 years, 3 months and 11 days.

When a boy of 10 years of age he moved with his parents to Mercer County, Illinois, where he grew to manhood. December 21, 1865, he was united in marriage with Rachel Long, who had lived with him and been his faithful helpmate and companion to the day of his death. In 1870 Mr. and Mrs. Mowry moved to Nodaway county and arriving [sic] here in the month of September.

To them ten children were born, five boys and five girls. Two of the children, a boy and a girl, died in infancy, the rest still survive. They are: Mrs. Eva Amber of Lovilla, Iowa, Mrs. Lena Dicken of Graham, Mo., Mrs. Maud Lipton of Orion, Ill., Dan N. Mowry of Graham, Mo., Fred D. Mowry of Yuma, Colo., Mrs. Fant Bryant of Moberly, Mo., and Wood Mowry of Graham, Mo. This is a family which reflects credit upon the father and mother who reared them. Their virtues are many, their influences are for good.

G. D. Mowry was a man of sterling qualities. He had a will of iron, a tender heart, and a splendid intellect. Words are but frail vehicles when we attempt to bespeak our admiration for the good qualities that existed in this man. He had his faults, even as you and I. He had his prejudices, but who is free from prejudice?

If he was your friend, no matter how dark the clouds or appalling the thunder; no matter if all deserted; if he was your friend you could rest assured that no matter where he was, whether you were present or absent, he would not listen to any disparaging remark spoken of you, regardless of how many your detractors might be.

Word for word, blow for blow, idea for idea, he was ready to stand for his friends and in such a forceful manner that for a time at least your foes were willing to keep silent and give you a breathing spell.

The words of encouragement, of wisdom, and of advice that he has given to young men, some of whom have at this time reached middle life, are innumerable. Many times he was misunderstood, many times the minds that were too small to grasp the width and beauty of his philosophy of life have heard him advocate ideas that grated on their frail intellects, and when they would attempt to quote and criticise [sic] these ideas they in their weakness would so color and misrepresent what he meant, that the beautiful bud instead of bursting into full

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bloom and giving off its sweet perfume of truth and beauty, withered and died, the petals dropped away and left only a thorn to rankle in the hearts of man.

But this was the exception rather than the rule. In this town, township and county are many men, women and children who did know, and did understand G. D. Mowry and appreciated him for his goodness and true worth and these men and women will live better, truer, worthier lives for having known him. It was no trouble to find out where he stood on a public proposition—he was always on the right side and a booster through thick and thin. He was in business in Graham for over forty years and for twenty-seven years he has been our druggist, but he has laid down his burden.

Although he had been a sufferer for many years, he was in full control of his business until a few months ago when on account of failing health he remained at home, but on August 4th, 1917, the silver cord was loosened, the golden bowl was broken, and the husband, the father, the friend was gone, but his memory and his kindness still remains.

*"Ye may break, ye may shatter the vase if you will,  
Yet the scent of the roses will cling round it still."*

**Date of death: Dec 1913**

**Subject: Jane (Mozingo) Conklin**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 27 Dec 1913, p. 8**

Mrs. Jane Conklin, one of Nodaway county's oldest settlers, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Holloway, two miles southwest of Maryville, Saturday. She had been a resident of Nodaway county since 1840 when her father, John Mozingo, and two brothers, Allen and Silas, emigrated from Culpepper county, Tenn., and took a claim four miles southeast of Maryville. Thomas Adams was the first settler in Polk township and located in what is now the north part of Maryville. Indians were plentiful in those days.

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**Date of death: 22 Mar 1896**

**Subject: Miles Elliot Mulanax**

**Source: *The Kansas Sunflower*, 16 Apr 1896**

Miles E. Mulanax was born in Clark Co., Ohio Sept. 16, 1820, died at his home in Jackson Co., Kan., Mar. 22, 1896 - aged 75 years, 6 months and 4 days. The immediate cause of his death was heart trouble. He resided in Ohio till the age of sixteen, when he moved to Indiana; here he resided about ten years, when he moved to Missouri. At the age of 27 he was married to Rachel Miller. In 1856 he came to Jackson county, Kansas where he has since lived ... He was the father of five children, four sons and one daughter. Three sons have already crossed to the other shore. He leaves a wife, one son, one daughter, thirteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren About twenty-two years ago he was converted and joined the United Brethren Church.

**Date of death: 10 May 1901**

**Subject: William Roy Mulanax**

**Source: *The [Holton KS] Tribune*, 17 May 1901, p. 4**

Mr. W. R. Mulanax met with a sad accident the 3rd of May. The team ran away, and in jumping from the wagon he broke his leg. Dr. Reed from Soldier was called and set the leg, but it did not do well, and he was called again to amputate it on Tuesday the 7th. Blood poisoning set in and the patient died the 10th.

It was a sad loss to his family who have the sympathy of the community. The funeral was held at the residence of J. W. Hagar, his son-in-law, Rev. J. Wykert officiating, and was buried at Oak Hill [sic] cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *The [Holton KS] Tribune*, 24 May 1901, p. 2**

Wm. R. Mulanax was born Oct. 10, 1831 and departed this life May 10, 1901, aged 69 years and 7 months. He was married Dec. 13, 1856 [sic] to Miss Mary A. Kincade, who still survives him. To them was born ten children, three sons and seven daughters. One of the latter proceeded [sic] her father to the other world, and all the rest remain with their mother to mourn his departure.

Father Mulanax embraced the faith of Christ thirty years ago and has endeavored [sic] to fight the good fight of faith until he was called to the other world.

The subject came to his death through accident. He was on a load of hay when his team took fright and ran away, [and] he jumped off the wagon and broke his leg. Just one week afterward he died from the effect of the injury.

The funeral took place from the house May 11th where a large gathering of neighbors and friends manifested their respect for the dead and their sympathy for the family. His remains were taken to the Olive Hill cemetery and laid away to await the call of resurrection.

J. Wykert

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**Date of death: 13 Jan 1921**

**Subject: Harry Knappenberger Mulnix**

**Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 21 Jan 1921, Friday, p. 1**

Word came last Thursday to the relatives, that Harry Mulnix had passed away at his home in Colorado Springs. His health failed some time ago and he went west, to Colorado, hoping to be benefitted by the climate, but he gained no relief. It is sad indeed to be cut down in the prime of life, but the Master doeth all things well. Harry was raised here at the Springs and had a host of friends who are saddened by his death. To the wife and two children, the aged parents, relatives and friends, we extend our sympathy. May the Lord in His mercy comfort them.

**Date of death: 13 Jul 1898**

**Subject: Mrs. Matilda Munger**

**Source: *The Red Cloud [NE] Chief*, 15 Jul 1898**

Mrs. Charles Munger one of the old residents of the county died at her home south of the river in Garfield precinct Wednesday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Blackwell Thursday afternoon.

**Date of death: 8 Feb 1908**

**Subject: John N. Munkres**

**Source: *Holt County [MO] Sentinel*, 21 Feb 1908**

John Munkers [sic] of Summit district, died at the home of John Nixon, February 8, 1908, aged 46 years. He was a bachelor and leaves three brothers and a sister. Interment was in the Baldwin cemetery.

**Date of death: 21 Feb 1922**

**Subject: Rufus Munkres**

**Source: *The Rexford [KS] News*, 2 Mar 1922, Thursday, p. 1**

Rufus Munkres was born at Rosendale, Andrew county, Missouri, on September 1, 1853, and departed this life at the home of his sister, Mrs. S. Dorrel, in Colby, Kansas, February 21, 1922: age 68 years, 5 months and 21 days. His boyhood days were spent in Missouri and it was there that he grew to manhood. When he was thirty-three years of age, in the year 1876 [sic], he came to Thomas county, Kansas, and filed homestead papers on a quarter section just a few miles northwest of Rexford. He made his home there all the time since that date. For a number of years his sister made her home with him and they both seemed to be contented and happy. About two years ago this sister passed away to the great beyond and since that time the deceased lived alone until sickness overtook him some few weeks ago and he then went to the home of another sister in Colby, where he was given kind and loving care until death came to relieve him of his suffering. Mr. Munkres was one of the pioneers of Thomas county. He had watched and aided in the developement [sic] of this section and was ever found with those who were working for the betterment of the community. He was unassuming always with a bright look at the present condition and future outlook for the country of his choice. He had a benevolent spirit and seemed to enjoy doing some kind act for some neighbor or friend. He leaves to mourn for his absence, five sisters, Mrs.



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George Kinkel, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Dorrel, all of Colby, Kansas, Mrs. Sarah Brown of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. Cunningham of Maysville, Missouri, two half-sisters, Mrs. Homer Shaver of Colorado Springs, and Miss Rachel Munkres of Bolckow, Missouri, one brother, Melvin Munkres, of Forest Grove, Oregon and one half-brother, Alfred Munkres, of Bolckow, Missouri. The remains were brought to Rexford last Thursday and funeral services were held at the Methodist church, which were conducted by Rev. J. W. Newsom. Six of his old time neighbors and friends acted as pall bearers and lowered the remains to their last resting place in the Rexford cemetery beside those of other relatives who had gone on before. Our community will miss the kindly greetings of this worth citizen who had given of the best of his life to promote the interests of the country. Those who are left to mourn for his departure have the sympathy of all in the community.

**Date of death: 14 Jan 1908**

**Subject: Catharine Ann (Munshower) Hall**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 15 Jan 1908, Wednesday, p. 7**

After a residence of fifteen years in St. Joseph, Mrs. Catherine [sic] Hall, aged 77 years, died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of her son-in-law, W. S. Smith, 1520 North Fifteenth street.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 15 Jan 1908, Wednesday, p. 8**

Catherine [sic] Hall, aged 77 years, widow of the late Thomas Hall, died January 14. Funeral services will be held at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. William S. Smith, No. 1520 N. Fifteenth st., tomorrow afternoon, January 16, at 2:30 o'clock. Interment at Ashland cemetery. Friends of the family invited to attend.

**Date of death: 28 Apr 1915**

**Subject: Alexander Murphy**

**Source: *The Emporia [KS] Gazette*, 28 Apr 1915, Wednesday**

Alexander Murphy died at 2 o'clock this morning at his home, seven miles southwest of Olpe, following a two weeks' sickness from grip. He was born March 22, 1848, at Port Kennedy, Pa. He moved to Illinois with his parents, Daniel and Mary Murphy, in 1859, and later to Missouri, and came to Kansas in 1889. He was accompanied to Kansas by his mother and two sisters. He was married December 24, 1874, to Louise McKnight. To them were born six children, four of whom died in early childhood. Mrs. Murphy, with two sons, Earl M. and Bert J. Murphy, survives. There are two sisters, Mrs. Mary Jane Runyan, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Rosanna Bird, of Quitman, Mo., and six grandchildren.

Mr. Murphy was a member of the Methodist Church, and also of the K. of L. of S. No. 40, at Olpe. The funeral will be held from the Ebenezer Evangelical Church, three miles southwest of Olpe, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, the procession to leave the home at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Steinmetz.

**Date of death: 30 Dec 1917**

**Subject: Margaret Ellen (Murphy) Cunningham**

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

Margaret Ellen Murphy was born April 35, 1836, in Fairfield County, Ohio, and departed this life December 30, 1917, aged 81 years, 8 months and 5 days. She was united in marriage to John M. Cunningham, December 1, 1858, and in 1868 moved to Missouri. To this union were born seven children, all of whom are living except D. A. Cunningham who departed this life about one year ago. The living children are Mrs. M. C. Noland of Guilford, Mo.; C. V. Cunningham of Nodaway, Mo.; T. H. Cunningham of King City, Mo.; Mrs. M. A. Miller of Bolckow, Mo.; Mrs. M. O. Hazelwood of St. Joseph, and Samuel Cunningham of Savannah, Mo. She also leaves one sister, Mary Ann McKillip, of Oregon, and one brother, H. C. Murphy, of Lancaster, Ohio; also thirty-five grandchildren and five great grand-children.

At the time of her death she resided with her son, T. H. Cunningham, of King City, with whom she had lived the past six year. She was converted and joined the United Brethren church when just a child. She bore her suffering with great patience and trusted in Him to the end. She told all her friends and relatives that she was going home.

The funeral was held at Gravelwall [sic] church, January 1, 1918, and the interment in the church cemetery, by the side of her husband. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Chapman of Rosendale.

**Date of death:** May 1887

**Subject:** Mary Murphy

**Source:** *St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Herald*, 26 May 1887, Thursday, p. 1

Leavenworth, May 24.—The body of a young woman was discovered floating in the Missouri river to-day, a short distance below the city. Though horribly bloated and discolored it is fully identified by relatives as that of Mary Murphy who mysteriously disappeared from her home last Thursday night. Tied around her waist was a rope, to which was attached a large stone or brick, It is generally believed to be a case of suicide, though murder is suspected by some. The coroner's jury has not returned a verdict at this writing.

**Same**

**Source:** *The Douglas County [MO] Herald*, 2 Jun 1887, Thursday, p. 2

Leavenworth, Kan., May 24.—The body of Mary Murphy, the young and pretty servant girl who had until last Wednesday been employed in the family of City Attorney William C. Cook, but on that day mysteriously disappeared and whose whereabouts have occasioned much anxious inquiry, was found this evening at 7 o'clock floating in the Missouri river just opposite the glucose works. It was first seen by the watchman on the ferry boat, who put out a skiff and towed it to shore.

As soon as it was dragged out of the water the features of Mary Murphy were plainly discerned, as the body was not decomposed, and aside from the swelling consequent upon having been in the water almost a week, looked natural. The clothes were somewhat torn, but there was no evidence of personal violence. About the waist was a small rope, tied to which were brick and a big boulder.

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This is believed to be a plain case of suicide but no cause can be given. A short time before she was missed from the house where she was employed, while handling a gilded brick used as a parlor ornament, she asked if it were heavy enough to keep a person down in the water, and when she had gone it was noticed that the brick could nowhere be found.

**Date of death: 26 Oct 1897**

**Subject: P. W. Murphy**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 27 Oct 1897, Wednesday, p. 5**

Albany, Mo., Oct. 26.—Elder P. W. Murphy, aged 78 years, was killed this afternoon near Gara, Mo., by High Van Hoosier, over a frivolous affair. For nearly fifty years Murphy was a minister of the Baptist church. They were close neighbors. The deed was committed with a fence stake. Both men are widely known.

**Same**

**Source: *The Cape Girardeau [MO] Democrat*, 30 Oct 1897, Saturday, p. 2**

Hugh Van Hooser, of Gara, Gentry county, killed Rev. P. W. Murphy, of the same place, over a family trouble that had been carried on all summer. The parties got into a quarrel, and Murphy struck Van Hooser with his fist. Van Hooser hit Murphy with a club, and the latter died in a few minutes. Murphy was 81. Van Hooser went to Albany and surrendered to the sheriff.

**Date of death: 12 Jun 1914**

**Subject: Anderson Murray**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 20 Jun 1914, Saturday, p. 1**

The death of Andrew [sic] Murray near Lake Contrary several days ago removes another of the few remaining slaves of early days. It is pathetic to note that in but a few fleeting years the last of the old black-skinned but faithful human chattles [sic] of Dixie Land to remind the younger generation of Lincoln's emancipation, will be gone forever. "Old massa and missus will be sleeping side by side" with the white-haired patriots who served them well in the days long passed. "Swanee River," when sung by future generations will not have the same significance or touching pathos as when the familiar old song, accompanied by the banjo, was chanted in the evening twilight 'way back yonder in the long ago.

Andrew Murray, 90 years old, was brought from Virginia by his master, John Calhoun, before the war. He later bought a little farm near Lake Contrary and lived on the place until his death. "Uncle Andy's" physical needs were kindly looked after by Mrs. Mary K. Johnson, a daughter of Calhoun.

He was buried from the negro Baptist church in South St. Joseph. Two sisters and a brother reside here. Murray was known for his politeness and he clung to old customs of slavery days.

**Date of death: 22 Jan 1900**

**Subject: Winfield S. Murray**

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

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Savannah, Mo., Jan. 23.—W. S. Murray died Monday morning at his home, one mile and a half west of town. He has been seriously ill for two months, and his death was not a surprise to his friends. He leaves two children, a son and a daughter. The funeral takes place from the Sixth Street Methodist church Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Reverend Wiles officiating.

**Date of death: May 1880**

**Subject: Mrs. Rebecca Murrey**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 21 May 1880, p. 4**

Yesterday the remains of Mrs. Rebecca Murrey, an old and well-known colored woman, were laid to rest in the silent city of the dead, following by a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The deceased was born in Bloomfield, Ky., and was about 87 years of age. She was the mother of ten children, seven of whom are living.

**Date of death: 1 Jan 1897**

**Subject: Abraham Muster**

**Source: *The St. Joseph [MO] Weekly Gazette*, 8 Jan 1897, Friday, p. 4**

St. George Sayings...

Mr. Abraham Muster of Wayne township died January 1, and was buried at Ashland cemetery.

**Date of death: 25 Jul 1914**

**Subject: Henry Edward Myers**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 8 Aug 1914, Saturday, p. 5**

Maryville. Funeral services for Henry E., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Myers, were held in St. Francis Church, Friday afternoon of last week, Rev. Father Willibroid, O.S.B., officiating.

**Date of death: 18 Jul 1907**

**Subject: Mrs. Lydia Myers**

**Source: *The Elmo [MO] Register*, 8 Aug 1907, p. 1**

Mrs. Lydia Myers, formerly of Blanchard and Elmo, is dead at Witts Springs, Ark., of cancer. She was born in Rhode Island, Oct. 27, 1819, and died July 18, 1907, aged 87 years, 8 months and 21 days. Her sufferings were intense, and for four weeks she was unable to eat any food. She at one time owned a millinery store at Blanchard, Ia. She leaves four children to mourn her loss: Mrs. J. E. Kreider, Mrs. R. M. Baker, Mrs. Lydia Johnson and Mrs. Mary Outhier. She was a devoted Christian was always interested in welfare of friends and was loved by all who knew her.

*Years doth swiftly pass away,*

*Flowers bloom and fall*

*One loved one has passed away*

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*At the Master's call.  
Another star has ceased to shine,  
Another soul has found its rest;  
With angels it sings God's praise  
Loved ones and the blest.*

E. J. K.

**Date of death: 20 Dec 1873**

**Subject: Sarah Adeline (Myers) Phillips**

**Source: *Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 16 Jan 1874, Friday, p. 3**

Doings About Bolckow. There is considerable sickness in this neighborhood at present, principally typhoid fever. Samuel Phillips' family, living about three miles northwest of here, have all been down with it at one time, Mrs. Phillips having died with it.

**Date of death: 1 Jun 1921**

**Subject: Sarah J. (Myles) Gay Ashlock**

**Source: *Albany [MO] Ledger*, 9 Jun 1921, Thursday, p. 1**

Mrs. Sarah J. Ashlock died at the home of her son, Sherman, at Gentryville, last Wednesday, June 1st, aged 76 years, 9 months and 7 days. Funeral services were held at the Gentryville church Saturday, conducted by Elder H. W. B. Myrick, and burial was in the Gentryville cemetery.

Sarah J. Myles was born at Rochester, Mo., August 25, 1845, and died at the home of her son, Sherman, near Gentryville, Mo., June 1st, 1921, at the age of 76 years, 9 months and 7 days.

In 1860 she was united in marriage to Jesse Gay, who was killed during the civil war. To this union was born one child, Mrs. Vian Robison.

In 1865 she was married to James Ashlock, who died in May, 1897. To this union were born eleven children, five of whom preceded her to the better world. Those who survive her are: Frank and Sam, of St. Joseph, Mrs. A. R. Brown, of College View, Neb.; Sherman, of Gentryville, Mo.; Mrs. Ray Langdon and Mrs. Elsie Van Valkenburg, of Kansas City. She also leaves to mourn her death, 22 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren, besides a host or [sic] other relatives and friends.

She united with the Christian church at Gentryville in an early day, under the preaching of Rev. Jasper Coffey, and never moved her membership from that congregation.