

## Obituaries – “O” Surnames

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**Date of death: 25 May 1919**

**Subject: Thomas H. O'Beirn**

**Source: *Lenox [IA] Time Table*, 12 Jun 1919, Thursday**

Thomas F. O'Biern [sic] died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at his home on West Halsey street, as the result of an 18 months illness. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, conducted by Rev. Father Henry F. Niemann. The body was taken to Lenox, Iowa, on the noon train to Lenox, Iowa, and buried by the side of Mrs. O'Biern whose death occurred three weeks, ago yesterday. Mr. O'Biern requested that no flowers be sent to his funeral.

Mr. O'Biern was 81 years old. He was born in Ireland and when a small child came to the United States with his parents. He grew to manhood at Vicksburg, Miss. Following a short residence in Will county, Ill., he moved to Taylor county, Ia. Seventeen years ago he moved to Maryville. On December 25, 1918, he and Mrs. O'Biern celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary, but owing to ill health observed it quietly.

Mr. O'Biern is survived by seven children, Charles of Gravity, Ia., Mrs. George Robinson, Kansas City; Thos. O'Biern, Kansas City; Mrs. B. Luton, St. Joseph, and Mrs. Thos. Reimer, of Maryville.—*Democrat-Forum* June 3

**Date of death: 17 Sep 1869**

**Subject: Michael O'Beirne**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 19 Sep 1869, Sunday, p. 2**

Deaths. O'Beirne—At his residence, in Amazonia, Andrew county, Mo., on Friday morning, September 17th, 1866 [sic], Michael O'Beirne, aged 71 years.

The funeral will take place this (Sunday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the Catholic Church corner of Fifth and Felix streets. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

**Date of death: 28 Jun 1883**

**Subject: Martin O'Brien**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 24 Jun 1883, p. 8**

Martin O'Brien, an inmate of the city hospital, is very low. He is not expected to last many days. He has consumption. He has a son in fair circumstances in Andrew county.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Gazette*, 30 Jun 1883, p. 4**

Mr. Martin O'Brien, an old resident of Andrew county, died at the hospital in this city Thursday. His sons came yesterday morning and took charge of the remains, which were interred in Mt. Mora cemetery yesterday.

**Date of death: 2 Apr 1918**

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**Subject: W. M. O'Brien**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 2 Apr 1918, Tuesday, p. 10**

W. M. O'Brien, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. V. F. O'Brien, died at the family residence, 209 N. 5th st., April 2, at 7:15 o'clock. Besides the parents, one brother and sister survive. Funeral from the home Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. J. E. Baker in charge. Interment at Bennett Lane, Savannah, Mo.

**Date of death: 19 Aug 1898**

**Subject: Mary A. (O'Connor) Donahue**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune*, 3 Sep 1898, Saturday, p. 5**

Died, on Friday evening, August 19th Mrs. Mary Donahue, wife of Michael Donahue, who resides four miles northwest of Clyde.

Mrs. Donahue before her marriage was Miss Mary O'Connor. She was born in Limerick, Ireland, 57 years ago, and came to this country when but 16 years of age. Some years after coming to America, she was married in Troy, Ohio, to Mr. Michael Donahue. They union was blessed by twelve children, eleven of whom survive her.

The deceased had been a sufferer for six years. About two weeks ago, thinking she could receive better medical attention, the family had her taken to St. Joseph's Hospital at Maryville, but notwithstanding the tender care of the devoted Sisters and the medical attention she received, Mrs. Donahue did not improve, and on Friday evening, surrounded by the Sisters and Clergy, she peacefully breathed her last.

Deceased was a woman of noble character, genial and kind to all, and beloved by a host of friends.

The funeral occurred from the Abbey Church of Conception, Monday, August 22d. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Dooling of Clinton, Ill., a relative of the deceased. The interment took place in St. Columba's Cemetery.

The grief-stricken family have the sympathy of many friends.

**Date of death: [22] Sep 1906**

**Subject: Patrick O'Connor**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 29 Sep 1906, Saturday, p. 6**

Patrick O'Connor, ninety-six years of age, died at the Nodaway County farm Saturday and was buried the same day in St. Patrick's Cemetery, south of Maryville. The dead man had lived at the farm thirteen years.

**Date of death: 23 Oct 1881**

**Subject: Frank O'Dell**

**Source: *The [Holt] County [MO] Sentinel*, 28 Oct 1881, Friday, p. 8**

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Craig. Frank O'Dell fell from his wagon, while returning home from town, on last Saturday, and received injuries, from which he died on the following day.

**Date of death: 20 Aug 1910**

**Subject: James O'Donnell**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune, 27 Aug 1910, Saturday, p. 5***

Maryville Democrat-Forum 26th inst.:

"James O'Donnell, one of the best known men in Nodaway county, died Friday evening about 5 o'clock at the home of his son, C. T. O'Donnell, on East Fifth street. Mr. O'Donnell's death was due to old age, he being 85 years old. About three months ago he came to Maryville, hoping to regain his strength and failing health, and since that time made his home with his son.

"Funeral services will be held Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at St. Patrick's Church, after which the remains will be laid to rest in the cemetery at Conception Abbey.["]

**Date of death: 16 Feb 1914**

**Subject: Emma (Offutt) Braden**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 17 Feb 1914, p. 5***

Mrs. Emma Braden, 36 years old, 2817 Mary street, died yesterday. She is survived by her husband, Carl Braden, and her father, Charles Offut.

**Date of death: 22 Apr 1918**

**Subject: Edmonia (O'Howell) Blagg**

**Source: *Nodaway [County MO] Democrat, 25 Apr 1918***

Edmonia O'Howell Blagg was born in Cooper County, Mo., February 13, 1843 and died at her home in Barnard<sup>1</sup>, April 22, 1918. In 1860 she married Geo. W. Blagg and they had 10 children, seven having preceded their mother in death. Burial was in the Barnard Cemetery.

**Date of death: 17 Oct 1918**

**Subject: Robert U. O'Howell**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press, 7 Dec 1918, Saturday, p. 13***

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 7.—Word has been received by his parents of the death in France of Robert O'Howell of Barnard. Death was due to pneumonia. Howell [sic] was the son of Mrs. Jennie Howell [sic] of Barnard, and was with the Rainbow division, and attached to the tank corps. Besides his mother he is survived by two brothers, Lloyd and Lorin and a sister, Opal O'Howell. A memorial service will be held at Barnard next Monday.

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<sup>1</sup> Despite what this says, I couldn't locate her death record in Missouri. MSE

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**Date of death: 7 Jan 1900**

**Subject: Russell O'Neal**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune, 13 Jan 1900, Saturday, p. 8***

Russell O'Neal, well known in the city as a printer, died on Sunday morning last, after a short illness, at his room, Second and Felix streets. At one time deceased published a paper in Maryville, Mo., but of late years had worked as a compositor, and at other business in this city. He was a genial, good-hearted man. Being an ex-Confederate Soldier, he was buried by that organization here. He leaves a wife and three children.

**Date of death: 5 Feb 1899**

**Subject: Mathew O'Reilly**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune, 18 Feb 1899, Saturday, p. 5***

Conception. Mathew O'Reilley [sic] died Sunday, Feb. 5th and was buried in St. Columba's cemetery Feb. 7th. The deceased was born on the plains of county Mea... Ireland seventy-two years ago and came to Conception with the Rev. Fr. Powers thirty-seven years ago. He was one of the most striking figures of that pilgrim band that laid amid so many toils and adversities the foundation of one of the most propereus [sic] and promising settlements in the West. The persevering strokes of his vigorous arms helped subdue the wilderness and made virgin prairies bear the fruits and grains.

Alas, another of those has been laid to rest! He helped build here three churches, each grander and more beautiful than its predecessor. He outlived the first two and as the sweet-tongued chimes of the third rang out the angelus from their place in the lofty towers his soul ascended to join his Savior and those who shared his toll. He was landmark among men and all regret his loss. Yet how sweet was his death! Across the fields came the sound of the church-bells and borne on the clear wintry air fell lightly on the dying man's ear as if to waft him home on the wings of prayer. He heard them ringing where once spread the lonely wilds and strengthened by the sacraments of his beloved church he closed his eyes on this world. A wife and five children mourn his loss, yet they should be comforted by the remembrance of such a father and the thought of his peaceful death.

**Date of death: 20 Feb 1904**

**Subject: Martin O'Rourke**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 21 Feb 1904, p. 2***

Martin O'Rourke, formerly a well known Nodaway county business man, died yesterday at his home, 1805 Dewey avenue. He was 64 years old and death was due to paralysis.

Mr. O'Rourke was a native of Ireland but came to America as a boy. He lived in many parts of the United States, but settled in Nodaway county twenty-five years ago. He had lived in St. Joseph for several years.

He is survived by a widow and nine children. John O'Rourke of San Francisco, James O'Rourke of Canada, Mary, Nellie, Frank, Katherine, Delia, Rosa and Grace of this city.

**Date of death: 13 Mar 1898**

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**Subject: Sophia Alicia (O'Rourke) Schaaf**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Catholic Tribune, 19 Mar 1898, Saturday, p. 5***

"Thou hast stolen a Jewel, O Death!" Death has been among us, and as usual, selected the brightest flower. This time his sickle was sharp.

Mrs. Sophia Schaaf had been ill but two weeks and seemed to be improving, but Sunday, March 13th, she grew rapidly weaker and died that evening. As the sunset that she had loved and admired so much during life, lit up the earth, her pure spirit left this sad and gloomy world. There was no struggle; soul and body had been friends during life, and so parted.

She had always cherished a remarkable devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and about her last words were: "I have always prayed to the Blessed Virgin, and I know she will be a good Mother to me now. Such a death had none of the anguish that usually accompanies death. Her life was pure, and her death a happy one.

Sophia Alicia O'Rourke was born March 18th, 1872 in St. Patrick's parish, Ford City, Mo. she had a most singularly sweet disposition and few are so much beloved by all their acquaintances as she was. She was the brightest star in every circle in which she was found.

A little less than one year ago, she married Mr. Chris. Schaaf of St. Benedict's parish. Her remains were laid to rest in the Conception cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Father Berthold and were attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and sympathizing acquaintances.

Mourn not, sweet friends, that Sophia is gone. She is happier far than were she yet with us poor mortals in this valley of tears. 'Tis consoling to think she is now with the angels, raising her sweet voice in unison with theirs in praise of the Saviour she so well loved and served here, and with whom she now speaks face to face. Think you she would leave mild Mary's side and come again to this vile earth where all is trial? Never! 'Tis we who are to be pitied and she who pities.

She hovers near you still, and sees you as distinctly as she did when her mild eyes shone upon you. Requiescat in Pace.

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**Date of death: 12 Mar 1922**

**Subject: Aline (Offray or Offrey) Pfander**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press, 13 Mar 1922, p. 6***

Mrs. Aline O. Pfander, thirty-six years old, wife of Charles Pfander of Avenue City, died at 9:30 o'clock last night at a St. Joseph hospital. Mrs. Pfander was born in France and came to this country twelve years ago.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette, 13 Mar 1922, Monday, p. 6***

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Mrs. Aline O. Pssander [sic], 36 years old, of Avenue City, Mo., died at a local hospital at 9:30 o'clock Sunday night. She is survived by her husband, Charles W. Pssander of Avenue City, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Offrey, a brother, Aubrey Offrey, and a sister, Jean Offrey, all of whom live in France. The body is at Fleeman-McNeill's undertaking establishment.

**Date of death: 21 Jul 1888**

**Subject: James Cochran Ogden**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Daily Herald*, 22 Jul 1888, p. 8**

A special dispatch received at The Herald office last night stated that Mr. J. C. Ogden had died at his home in Union Star Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Ogden was a merchant in St. Joseph thirty years ago, but moved to Union Star before the war. He had an extensive acquaintance and was universally esteemed. He is no relation to the Ogdens now living [in] the city.

**Date of death: 13 Mar 1906**

**Subject: Christian Ogi**

**Source: [Colorado Springs] *Gazette Telegraph*, 14 Mar 1906**

Funeral-- The funeral services for Christopher [sic] Ogie, 21 years old, who died at Manitou Tuesday, will be held from the undertaking rooms of Hallett & Baker this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery.

**Date of death: 28 Apr 1914**

**Subject: Elisha Benton Ogle**

**Source: *Boynton [OK] Index*, 8 May 1914, Friday, p. 1**

Elisha Benton Ogle was born in Foulton county, Illinois, March 8th, 1845. Died at Orlando, Oklahoma, April 23rd, 1914, aged 68 years, 1 month and 15 days.

In the year 1864 Jehu Ogle, his father, moved his family to DeKalb county, Mo., settling on a tract of land six miles west of Maysville. Here the combined forces of the family soon brought the verdant soil into cultivation. Here with his father and family, Mr. Ogle took his first lesson in pioneering, which did much toward qualifying him for his future.

In the civil war he served his country as a soldier enlisting in the volunteer service September 11th, 1862. Was discharged May 13th, 1865. At the close of the war he returned to the home of his parents in DeKalb county, Missouri.

He was united in marriage September 10th, 1865 to Miss Mary Chinoweth [sic], with whom he lived more than forty-eight years. To this union was born seven children, five of whom together with the faithful wife and their mother survive him.

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In 1868 he was converted and honored God as an earnest worker in the Baptist church for several years.

In 1875 he moved with his family to Oregon, returning the same year to his old home in DeKalb county, Missouri.

In 1877 he was elected sheriff of DeKalb county, Missouri, and in 1879 was re-elected. He continued to reside in Maysville, the county seat, for several years serving the county in various capacities until the fall of 1889 he moved with his family to Oklahoma, settling on a homestead adjoining the townsite of Orlando, where he resided until his death, April 23, 1914.

Some years after locating here he united with the Methodist Episcopal church and became an active member and remained true to the faith to the end often expressing a desire during his affliction to be relieved from pain and to be at home with Christ.

During the years of his life at Orlando he made many warm and lasting friends who will remember his pioneer labors in this state.

The Clipper along with his numerous friends extends sympathy to the relatives of the deceased in this their hour of grief.—Orlando Clipper.

The editor of the Index has no knowledge of the time he did not know Elisha Benton Ogle. As a citizen of DeKalb county, Missouri, he was without a peer. As an official his record was spotless. He was a man loved, respected, honored by all who knew him, and he was known to every man in the county, and in his moving away the county lost a most valued citizen. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and children.

**Date of death: 19 Dec 1917**

**Subject: George Crow Ogle**

**Source: *Los Angeles [CA] Herald*, 20 Dec 1917**

G. C. Ogle, believed to be a Long Beach man, was struck and killed by a street car in Seattle early today. No one in the northern city seemed to know the man, but a tax receipt made out to Mr. Ogle of Long Beach was found in the dead man's coat pocket establishing his identity.

**Date of death: 14 Apr 1906**

**Subject: Henry Clinton Ogle**

**Source: *The [Kingman KS] Leader Courier*, 19 Apr 1906, Thursday, p. 6**

Clinton Henry Ogle was born near Savannah, Mo., Jan. 1, 1853. Died April 14, 1906. By the death of Mr. Ogle this neighborhood loses one of its most respected residents. To know him was to like him and it can truly be said he had no enemies. As every one knows, he was nearly blind, but went about his work uncomplainingly and was always cheerful and hopeful. He was a king, indulgent father and many hearts ache for the children who will never know his kindness and care again; for his relatives who can never again touch his hand or hear

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his voice. This world of pain and sorrow where he suffered so much; looking on his face, peaceful in death, no trace of sorrow or suffering on the quiet face, we could say, "There is rest for the wearied spirit with the God who gave it; rest for the tired frame in the bosom of Mother Earth."

Mr. Ogle's health had been failing for some months, but he would not give up to go to bed until two weeks before death. He suffered untold agony for a week, with water filling his lungs. After physicians removed that his only complaint was "I am so tired." All kind friends and relatives could do was of no avail. His life ebbed away like a candle burning out. An infant child and two brothers precede him to the better land. A wife, four daughters, two sons, an aged father and mother, five sisters and one brother are left to mourn.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lewis Shankle from the home at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and the remains laid by his infant child in Lerado cemetery. His mother and sister—loving thought—covered his casket with floral gifts. Their many friends tender sympathy to the bereaved family. "Though he cannot come to them yet they may all go to him."—A Friend.

**Date of death: 10 Apr 1913**

**Subject: John Wesley Ogle**

**Source: *The Penalosa [KS] News*, 24 Apr 1913, Thursday, p. 1**

John Wesley Ogle was born August 26, 1832, in Highland county, Ohio, and moved with his parents to Andrew county, Mo., in 1847. He was married to Matilda Miller at Savannah, Mo., January 25, 1852. To this union was born four sons and five daughters. His aged companion of 60 years preceded him to the better land scarcely ten months. Three sons and one daughter also preceded him to that long rest. In 1882 he moved to Kingman county, Kansas, and settled on a farm just one-half mile west of town, where he resided until September 25, 1912, when he went to Long Beach, California, to spend the winter. The Grim Reaper overtook him on Thursday, April 10, aged 80 years, 7 months and 15 days.

Some days before his death he repented his past life, accepted Jesus Christ and his sins were washed away, and he passed away happy in his Savior's love to join his angel companion. He leaves to mourn, one son, G. C. Ogle, of Long Beach, Cal., four daughters, Mrs. Clara Heaton, of Coats, Kas., Mrs. Ida Dunn of Kimberly, Idaho, Mrs. Mayme Woodson, of Kingman, Kas., and Mrs. Lona Lynch, of Penalosa, Kas.; one sister, Mrs. Amanda Yoder, of Rosendale, Mo., and one brother, Al Ogle, of Bellville, Kas.; thirty-eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors.

The remains arrived in Turon Friday evening, April 18, accompanied by his son George and two daughters, Mrs. Mayme Woodson and Mrs. Clara Heaton, and was brought to the A. L. Lynch residence in the west part of town. The funeral was held from the U.B. church Sunday at 1 p.m., conducted by Rev. J. B. Carbaugh, and was largely attended by his old and young friends and neighbors, who assembled to pay their last respects to one of the pioneers of this part of the country. The remains were buried in the Lerado cemetery beside his companion to await the resurrection morn.

The following letter explains the circumstances surrounding his death which will be a source of comfort to all his old friends, and especially his dear family:



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Long Beach, California,  
April 12, 1913.

To the Rev. Carbaugh.

Dear Sir: The late John Ogle was a next door neighbor to me, and just about a week before he died he wished me to let all of his family know of the change that had taken place in his heart. He had been very ill and suffering for many months, so restless and unhappy, and one day I took him the Bible and gave him the 11th and 14th chapters of St. John to read. He read them and we talked them over. He said that it was not for him. I told him it was as much for him as for us all. I had his permission to send for a minister of the gospel. He was willing for him to talk and pray for him, but he said he did not know how to pray for himself. He said God had no confidence in him. I told him it was he who had no confidence or faith. Then we sent for the chaplain of the grand army and he came and had a heart to heart talk, read the same chapters I read to him, also prayed a soul felt prayer unto God for His mercy upon the dear penitent son. To him he unburdened his heart and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his dear Savior. And from that hour he was a new man. His was an entirely changed heart. Oh, his beautiful, sweet, happy smile that was daily seen upon his dear face. I have read and heard of such great transformation but never before have I had the pleasure of witnessing it for myself. I have been serving the Lord for years myself, but this has indeed been an inspiration to me to draw nearer to my Savior, and I pray God will help me and all of His dear ones to try and realize that their dear father and friend wants them to come to Jesus while they have time, before sickness or death perhaps may claim them. He prayed many times for several days for his family and asked me to do so and I do and shall continue to. He has left a glorious testimony behind him. After he was unable to speak a word, he would point upward and smile. Many times he spoke of his dear wife and also his mother. We all, as neighbors, shall long remember this dear friend.

Yours very respectfully,  
Mrs. W. L. Shovel

**Date of death: 26 Apr 1877**

**Subject: Joseph Ogle**

**Source: *The Eugene [OR] City Guard*, 5 May 1877, Saturday, p. 3**

Died.-- Mr. Joseph Ogle, an old resident of this county, died at Halsey on Friday night of last week in the 73d year of his age. Mr. Ogle had been in poor health for several months, and left here about four weeks ago intending to travel about and try to regain his failing strength. The remains were buried at Halsey.

**Date of death: 1918**

**Subject: Carl R. Oglesby**

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

Ravenwood, Mo., Dec. 2.—Corp. Carl R. Oglesby, reported in today's casualties among those who died of disease, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Oglesby of this place. He was twenty-eight years old, was born in Illinois and came here with his parents when he was six years old. He had been in army service about six

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months and his death was due to bronchial pneumonia. He graduated from the local high school in 1906, took course in pharmacy and for eight years was in the drug business with his father here. He has one brother, Obed, in service in France, and besides him and his parents he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ralph Kessler of this place.

**Date of death: 26 Jun 1882**

**Subject: infant son of John D. Oglesby**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 27 Jun 1882, p. 4**

The little son of J. D. Oglesby (colored), aged one year, lacking ten days, died of summer complaint yesterday at 6:30 p.m. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. to-day.

**Date of death: 24 Jul 1882**

**Subject: John D. Oglesby**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 26 Jul 1882, p. 4**

Died. On Monday night at 11 o'clock, of dysentery, John D., son of John D. and Susan Oglesby, aged three years, seven months and twelve days. The funeral will take place to-day at 2 o'clock from the residence, corner of Levee and Jule streets. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

**Date of death: unknown**

**Subject: John D. Oglesby**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette-Herald*, 24 Apr 1889, Wednesday, p. 1- not an obituary**

Kansas City, April 23—John D. Oglesby, a colored barber, was fatally cut about the neck at 10 o'clock to-night by his mistress, Annie Hill. About three weeks ago Oglesby deserted his wife and children in St. Joseph, and ran away with the Hill woman. In a fit of jealousy at the attention of another man, Oglesby struck the woman, when she attacked him with a razor inflicting wounds on the face and neck which will result fatally.

**Date of death: 9 Dec 1910**

**Subject: Richard A. Oliphant**

**Source: *The [St. Joseph MO] Eye*, 9 Dec 1910, p. 3**

Rev. J. S. Jones, of St. Joseph was in an auto accident at Ravenwood, Mo., Saturday afternoon, in which three persons were injured and the Rev. R. A. Oliphant was killed.

**Date of death: 18 Jul 1916**

**Subject: Oscar Oliver**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 19 Jul 1916, Wednesday, p. 5**

Savannah, Mo., July 19.—Oscar Oliver, seventeen years old, son of John Oliver, living three miles south of Savannah, accidentally shot himself in the back last evening while hunting on the farm of T. A. Jenkins with

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Oscar Miller and John Breit, two boy companions. Miller and Breit obtained an automobile from a nearby farmhouse to remove Oliver to his home, but he died on the way.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the Crown Hill Church, the Rev. H. Stewart, the pastor, officiating. Besides his parents, Oliver is survived by three brothers and three sisters.

The accident occurred while the three boys were on the way home from their hunting trip. Young Oliver attempted to leap across a ditch and it is supposed that the trigger of the shotgun he was carrying caught in a bush and was discharged.

Oliver was a freshman in the Savannah High School last year.

**Date of death: 6 Sep 1900**

**Subject: Bertha Irene Olmsted**

**Source: Hopkins [MO] Journal, 6 Sep 1900, Thursday**

Died. In Hopkins, Mo., Sept. 6, 1900, Bertha Irene, infant daughter of Frank and Maggie Olmsted [sic], aged 9 months and 4 days. A father and mother and two sisters are left to mourn the loss of this lovely little bud of promise, which the All-Wise Father has plucked from earth to bloom in heaven.

**Date of death: 8 Dec 1915**

**Subject: Ulrich Oppliger**

**Source: Ness County [KS] News, 11 Dec 1915, Saturday, p. 5**

Just before going to press, we learned of the death of one of Ness county's oldest citizens, Ulrich Oppliger, who died at his home near Ransom, Wednesday, December 8, aged about eighty years, after an illness dating from September, 1914. Mr. Oppliger is survived by his wife, a son, Oscar, of near Ransom, and three daughters, who are non-residents. Funeral arrangements had not been completed, pending the arrival of his daughter, from Chicago, but were expected to be held from Ransom Friday. He had resided near Ransom for the past 22 years.

**Same**

**Source: Ness County [KS] News, 18 Dec 1915, Saturday, p. 5**

Ulrich Oppliger was born in Berne, Switzerland, February 21, 1836, and died at his home in Ransom, Kansas, December 8, 1915, at the age of 79 years, 9 months, and 17 days. He had long been prepared for this even, and was looking forward to it.

He came to America in 1870, was three years in Ohio, then moved to Andrew county, Missouri, where he resided until 1895, when he came to Ransom. He lived on a farm two miles south of Ransom, until November 6, 1913, when he moved to town where he resided until his death.

He joined the German Reformed church when about 16 years old, of which he was a faithful member until he came to Ness county; he then attended the Mennonite church until his death.

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He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, four children, one sister, and a host of relatives and friends.

*One by one they pass away,  
Joining loved ones who have gone;  
And it leaves us here to-day,  
Weary, mournful, sad and lone.*

**Date of death: 2 Aug 1915**

**Subject: Winnie Brock Orr**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 2 Aug 1915, Monday, p. 8**

Winnie B. Orr, age twenty-two years, died at 9:30 o'clock this morning at the residence of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Conley at Stp [sic] No. 3 on the Savannah Interurban, of heart failure. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Samantha Orr; three sisters, Nina Orr, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Mary and Phrenia Orr, and a brother, Joseph. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. The body will be brought to Meierhoffer's undertaking parlors and taken from there to her home at 1123 Church street, where the funeral will be conducted.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 3 Aug 1915, Tuesday, p. 10**

Miss Winnie B. Orr, 22 years old, died at 9:30 Monday morning, Aug. 2. Funeral services will be conducted from the home, 1123 Church st., at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. LeClere of the United Presbyterian Church will officiate. Interment at Ashland. Friends invited.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 5 Aug 1915, Thursday, p. 10**

We hereby extend our sincere thanks for our many friends and neighbors, as especially to the pastor and young people of the United Presbyterian Church, for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the death of our beloved daughter and sister, Winnie; also for the beautiful floral offerings. (Signed) Mrs. Samantha, Miss Mary, Phronie and Joseph Orr, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Higgins.

**Date of death: 20 Nov 1916**

**Subject: Hannah (Orton) Kier**

**Source: *The Albany [MO] Capital*, 23 Nov 1916, Thursday, p. 1**

After a lingering sickness, Mrs. Hannah Kier died at the home on South Polk street last Monday evening, aged 82 years, 6 months and 5 days.

Hannah Orton, daughter of Miles and Lucy (Gamble) Orton, was born in Richland county, Ohio, May 25, 1834. In 1838 her father came with his family to Missouri and entered land on which the south part of Albany has

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since been builded [sic]. At that time there was no town here; Gentry county was a wilderness in which the Indians were still hunting wild game, and there were few white men in all the populous territory which is now referred to as Northwest Missouri. Here Hannah Orton grew to womanhood, and here she continued to reside until her death, the home in which she passed away standing on lots platted from the land which her father had entered from the government. In point of continuous residence here, she was the oldest citizen of Albany, and had been known and esteemed by a number of generations who have grown up since her father came to the wilds of north Missouri.

On Christmas day, 1854, Hannah Orton was united in marriage to Isaac W. Kier, Judge Geo. W. Lewis officiating. To this union twelve children were born. Of these, three daughters and four sons are still living -- Mrs. Delina Slade, Mrs. D. F. Robertson and Mrs. D. D. Kingsborough of Albany; Miles and Homer Kier of near Glenwood, Iowa; John Kier of Rossland, British Columbia, and Richard Kier, who was in California the last time relatives heard from him. Three of her sons and two daughters preceded Mrs. Kier in death.

Mrs. Kier had spent her life in devoted service for her family, and was known as the true type of wife and mother, whose happiness consists in loving aid of her companion, as they work to add to the home comforts and social and educational advantages which they may be able to give to their children. She had united with the Presbyterian Church years ago, and lived true to the church vows assumed, being a quiet, unassuming, but devout Christian woman.

Funeral services, at the Albany Presbyterian Church, were held yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Mays, assisted by Rev. Delezene of the Christian Church. The remains of this pioneer Albany woman were then conveyed to the City cemetery and laid to rest by the grave of her husband, who was buried there in 1875, and to whose memory she had shown a beautiful devotion through the more than forty years intervening since his death.

**Date of death: 28 May 1912**

**Subject: Albert John Ott**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 30 May 1912, p. 5**

That John A. Ott, a merchant at Helena, Mo., came to his death by being crushed in an elevator in the Richardson Dry Goods company store was the verdict of a coroner's jury yesterday. No effort was made to place responsibility for the accident. The body was taken to Helena for burial.

**Date of death: 29 Dec 1918**

**Subject: Sarah E. (Ott) Douglas**

**Source: *Goodland [KS] Republic*, 26 Dec 1918, Thursday, p. 2- *not an obituary***

Mrs. Sarah E. Douglas is suffering from pneumonia.

**Same**

**Source: *The Western Kansas [Goodland] News*, 3 Jan 1919, Friday, p. 1**

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The community was saddened last Sunday afternoon by the report of the death of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Douglas, one of the oldest residents of Sherman county, who passed away at her home in this city after a brief illness with pneumonia. The deceased has lived in the county continuously for more than thirty years and was highly respected and esteemed by an unusually large number of friends and acquaintances of many years standing. The grief of the sorrowing relatives will be assuaged in a measure by the thought that their mother has completed a long life filled with useful endeavor and her work was well done.

Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of George and Mary Ott, was born, Feb. 7, 1845, in Perry township, Noble county, Indiana, and died of pneumonia at her home in Goodland, Kans., at 1:20 p.m. Dec. 29, 1918, age 73 years 10 months and 22 days.

She was united in marriage to James Douglas at Glenwood, Ia., April 3, 1868. To this union eight children were born, two dying in infancy. She leaves to mourn her departure, six children, Mrs. J. F. Ebnother of Nemaha, Nebr., Mrs. I. C. Spencer of Cody, Wyo., Mrs. Rose M. Hall, James L., Clyde C. and Corinne Douglas, all but Mrs. Spencer were with her when she passed away. She also leaves 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. J. L. Gandy of Humboldt, Nebr., and one brother, J. L. Ott of Sellwood, Ore.

Her husband passed away July 4, 1887, leaving her with six children, some of them quite small. She bravely met the circumstances with a strong heart and fine courage, keeping the family together and proving up on her homestead to which the family came in the fall of 1885 and where she lived continuous until a few months ago when they moved to town.

At the age of 12 years she united with the United Brethren church at Goshen, Ind., later with the M. E. South and when the church was erected here she united with the First Methodist Episcopal church of which she was still a member, being a devoted Christian there was that peaceful Christian feeling in the home with her presence.

Mother Douglas will be greatly missed by her family and among her old neighborhood and friends. She was a dear, loving mother and her devotion to her children was something beautiful, always thinking of their welfare. In her last illness she spoke to each of them by name several times. She was in every sense a true friend and neighbor to all that she knew.

A male quartet and a mixed choir furnished the music. This was in accordance with the wish of the deceased, as she always enjoyed a male quartet and boys' singing.

The pall-bearers were: Messrs. E. F. Murphy, Thos. P. Leonard, C. M. Millisack, E. E. Donley, E. E. Hartwell, Frank Dawson, all of them being old friends of the family.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock conducted by her pastor, the Rev. O. B. Allen. He paid a high tribute to the fine Christian character of the deceased. In the scripture lessons, two of her favorite passages from the Bible were read. Upon request the remarks of the sermon were based on the first few verses of the fourteenth of John. After a few appropriate remarks in a way of the exposition of the text and how the life of the deceased seemed to build around her favorite passages of

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scripture in faith and trust the thought was brought out that the very fact that she was thinking of her heavenly Father's house and the home in that house, which her Savior had gone to prepare for her and her meditation on the twenty-third psalm, which she repeated in her dying moments was evidence of her faith in God and that she had lived a beautiful Christian life, for no one could think on such lofty themes without first producing a beautiful life. Her faith and trust in God was commended to her children and friends.

[*The 23rd Psalm*]

### Same

**Source:** *The Western Kansas [Goodland] News*, 17 Jan 1919, Friday, p. 4

With hearts full of gratitude we take this means to thank our many friends and neighbors who so kindly came to our assistance in our hours of need by the illness and passing away of our beloved mother. And especially do we thank Mrs. E. E. Hartwell and Dr. A. C. Gulick for their close attention to our suffering one.

To those who ordered flowers, we extend our sincere thanks. May God's rich blessings rest upon all who helped us in any way.—Mrs. J. F. Ebnother, Mrs. C. L. Spender, Mrs. Rose M. Hall, J. L. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Douglas, Miss Fanny C. Douglas.

**Date of death:** 24 Apr 1911

**Subject:** Catherine Josephine (Overbeck) Yocam

**Source:** *Attica [KS] Independent*, 27 Apr 1911, Thursday, p. 8

Catherine J. Overbeck was born in Pittsburg, Pa., April 13, 1843 and departed this life April 24, 1911. In 1857, with her parents she moved to Missouri, where in 1864 she was married to William Yocam. They made their home in that state until 1882, when they came to Harper county, Kansas, where they have succeeded in making a comfortable home.

Mrs. Yocam obeyed the Savior's call for a christian life some twenty years ago and united with the U. B. church. She was a woman always ready to do good whenever she could, but her failing health prevented her attending church services.

She was the mother of seven children, five sons and two daughters, two of whom, a son and a daughter, preceded [sic] her to the better world.

She leaves her husband, four sons, one daughter, eleven grandchildren, an aged mother, four brothers, two sisters and many friends to mourn the loss of a faithful wife, a loving mother, an indulgent grandmother, a dutiful daughter, a kind sister and a tried and true friend.

**Date of death:** 15 Jan 1919

**Subject:** Rufus B. Overlander

**Source:** *Hiawatha [KS] Daily World*, 11 Jan 1919, Saturday, p. 1

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R. B. Overlander is sinking and the end is not far off. Telegrams have been sent to his children notifying them to that effect. One of the sons, Jesse Overlander, arrived from Lincoln, Friday evening. There are three doctors and one lawyer in the Overlander family and all of them have attained more than ordinary reputations in their chosen professions. Dr. J. E. Overlander is in the medical corps, stationed at Rahway, New Jersey, and Prof. Howard Overlander holds a chair in Harvard university. He is one of the big men in that college.

### Same

**Source:** *Hiawatha [KS] Daily World*, 16 Jan 1919, Thursday, p. 1

Rufus B. Overlander died at his beautiful home at 407 Shawnee street, Hiawatha, of cardioneual [sic] disease, at 7:45 Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, 1919. He was born in Knox county, Ill., Oct. 7, 1844, and was therefore 74 years old last October. He was the 5th of 8 children of which two brothers survive, G. Washington Overlander, of Highland, and Jefferson Overlander, of Washington county. At the age of 19 he crossed the plains in a wagon and spent 4 years in Idaho, Oregon and California. Upon his return he engaged in farming in Doniphan county, retiring 15 years ago when he came to Hiawatha. He was married 3 times and leaves a widow and 5 sons: Melvin, who is practicing law in New York City; Leonard, a practicing physician in Boston, a teacher at Harvard University school of medicine and also a teacher in Tufts college of medicine; Jacob is engaged in the practice of law as assistant corporation council for the city of New York; Jesse is engaged in farming at Panama, Nebr.; John was a practicing physician in Springfield, Mass., until his appointment as captain in the medical corps, U.S.A., and now stationed at base hospital No. 3, Colonia, N.J. While suffering from grip in a coughing spell he fell on the street 4 years ago and received such injuries that he had been an invalid ever since. Part of this time he walked about with short and cautious steps but for the past year he had been moved about in a wheeled chair by his devoted nurse, R. H. McKinney, who served him the past 1 1/2 years. Mr. Overlander was proud of his five noble sons whom he raised, educated and saw doing so well. A fine strong man has gone to his reward. All his life he was of value. He was a good citizen, a kind father and loving husband. He was gifted with uncommon good sense and he had strong will power. He could not be shaken in his friendships or beliefs. He was steadfast and true. His children are a credit to him. His sons, Dr. Leonard and Jesse, have been with their father during his illness. Mr. and Mrs. John came Thursday noon. The other sons are on the way and no funeral arrangements will be made until they arrive. Burial will be made in the cemetery near Leona.

**Date of death:** 18 Apr 1897

**Subject:** George W. Overman

**Source:** *Villisca [IA] Review*, 22 Apr 1897, Thursday, p. 7

Died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Isaac Overman in this city, April 18, 1897, George W. Overman, aged 29 years. He was born in Villisca, February 22, 1868. For sometime past he has been afflicted with consumption and when he came from St. Joseph a few weeks ago it was seen that his final illness was upon him. The funeral services were conducted from the house by Rev. Hohansbelt, Monday afternoon.

**Date of death:** 27 Feb 1897

**Subject:** Isaac Overman

**Source:** *Villisca [IA] Review*, 4 Mar 1897, Thursday, p. 2



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Isaac Overman, aged 61 years, died at Clarinda, Saturday, Feb. 27, 1897. He and his wife went to Clarinda about two weeks ago to visit with his son-in-law, John Spargur and was taken down while there with his last illness. He suffered from a complication of ailments which had troubled him for several years. He was a member of the Christian Church and the funeral which occurred in this place, Monday afternoon was held at the church of that denomination. Rev. Adair preached the sermon. A large congregation of friends were [sic] present and many accompanied the remains to their last resting place in Villisca Cemetery. Deceased was born in Highland Co., O., Jan. 26, 1836. He was next to the oldest son of Elijah Overman, one of the early pioneers of this county who died at his home adjoining Villisca in 1875.

**Date of death: 28 Mar 1881**

**Subject: Carrie T. Owens**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Herald*, 30 Mar 1881, p. 4**

A sad and fatal accident occurred at the village of Skidmore on Monday night. Carrie Owens, daughter of John Owens, a leading farmer of Nodaway county, received injuries from burning which caused her death.

It seems that all the Owens family had retired earlier than usual, and that Carrie, who was only nine years of age, took a candle and went into another room to put some clothes away. Her clothing in some way took fire from the candle which she carried, and although she was accompanied by another young girl, aged 14, all efforts to extinguish the fire proved unavailing. Her companion endeavored to tear off her clothes and to blow out the flames but with little effect. The child's father was soon awakened by the noise and cries of the girls, but he appeared too late to render much service. He put out the flames which were encompassing the child, but she had been so seriously burned that she died on Tuesday morning, after twelve hours of terrible suffering. She was conscious up to the time of her death. It was at first thought by the medical man in attendance that the burns were only superficial, but the sad result proves how deep were her injuries. Mr. Owens and family have the heartfelt sympathy of their neighbors in the hour of their terrible bereavement.

**Date of death: 27 Mar 1905**

**Subject: John C. Owens**

**Source: *The Skidmore [MO] New Era*, 30 Mar 1905, p. 1**

John Owens died at his home in Omaha, Nebraska, last Monday. The body was brought to Skidmore Tuesday evening, and taken to the residence of James Shull, where the funeral was held Wednesday after noon. Interment in Groves Cemetery. Mr. Owens leaves a widow and one child.

**Same**

**Source: *The Skidmore [MO] New Era*, 6 Apr 1905, p. 5**

John C. Owens was born June 5, 1869 near Skidmore, Mo., and spent his boyhood here. He was married at the age of 29 to Miss Sue Sullivan, February 13, 1898. He later went to Omaha where he spent the remainder of his life. The cause of death was pneumonia. He was ill but nine days, was a patient sufferer. Death came as a peaceful relief from suffering. His wife, one child, a little boy six years of age and a host of other relatives survive him.

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**Date of death: 19 Sep 1906**

**Subject: Henry Burr Owsley**

**Source: *Dearborn [MO] Democrat*, 28 Sep 1906**

Henry Owsley, Sr., died at his home in Agency, Wednesday, Sept. 19, after a short illness. Mr. Owsley formerly lived in Dearborn, where he had many friends. He was born in Kentucky in 1830, coming to Missouri at an early age and living more of his life in Platte county. He was a man of high moral character, a consistent Christian, and has passed to the reward that is waiting for those who live the life that Mr. Owsley lived. He was a cousin of Gov. Owsley of Kentucky. Deceased leaves a widow, two sons, Prof. J. R. Owsley of Oklahoma City, Ok., and Henry who lives with his mother at Agency, and one daughter who lives in Colorado. Elder J. P. Jesse conducted the funeral service at the Christian church in Agency Thursday morning and the remains were taken to Camden Point for burial.

**Date of death: 22 Sep 1879**

**Subject: William Anthony Owsley**

**Source: *Sentinel on the [KS] Border*, 26 Sep 1879, p. 1**

Died

At his residence in Cherokee Co., Kansas, ten miles southeast of Cherokee, Monday, September 22nd, 1879 of chronic inflammation of the bowels, W. A. Owsley, in his 69th year of his age.

Mr. Owsley was a native of Lincoln Co., Ky. He removed to Howard Co., Mo., in early life, and thence to Cherokee county, Kansas, about ten years since. He was a member of the distinguished Kentucky family whose name he bore. Mr. Owsley was a graduate of Center College at Danville, Ky., and although exceedingly modest and unassuming, he was a man of rare scholarly attainments.

He had been a consistent member of the Presbyterian church for more than forty years, and died in the triumphs of the Christian's faith. He bequests to his surviving wife, and a large family of sons and daughters, the priceless heritage of a spotless Christian character, and the blessing of a covenant keeping God. The large concourse of friends and neighbors who gathered at his residence to pay the last sad office of duty and respect to his remains, and attend them to the quiet resting place in the retired cemetery, had scarcely finished their task, when the funeral procession of a tender infant of a few days, reached the same spot, and deposited their precious burden near his side. What a commentary on the frailty of human life.

**Date of death: 6 Jun 1908**

**Subject: William Thomas Owsley**

**Source: *Wathena [KS] Republican*, 26 Jun 1908, Friday, p. 7**

William Thomas Owsley, father of Mrs. John Erb, of Wathena, was born March 2, 1828, in Thomas co., Kentucky, and died June 6, 1908, aged 80 years, 8 months and 4 days. He was married to Catherine Bazzell, February 15, 1855. To this union nine children were born: T. F. Owsley, Mrs. Alice Buis, Mrs. Maggie Cole, Mrs. Maud Thorburn, Mrs. May Thorburn, Miss Lizzie Owsley, all of Fillmore, Mo., and Mrs. Emma Erb, of

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Wathena. He had lived at the old home where he died, for 41 years. He united with the Christian church when a young man, was a faithful member and ready to die. He was a good husband, a loving father, and a kind neighbor, liked by all who knew him.

**Date of death: 11 Sep 1910**

**Subject: Sophia M. (Ozenberger) Haynes**

**Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 12 Sep 1910, Monday, p. 10**

Mrs. Sophia M. Haynes, wife of William H. Haynes, the attorney, died at 9:45 o'clock Sunday morning at a local hospital. Mrs. Haynes had been in declining health for a year and her death was not unexpected. She was born on a farm in DeKalb County, this state, September 10, 1849, and when a small child her parents removed to Stewartsville, where she lived until her marriage. In 1881 Mr. and Mrs. Haynes removed to St. Joseph.

Mrs. Haynes had been a member of the Presbyterian church at Stewartsville seventeen years and upon her removal to St. Joseph she united with the Cumberland church here. When that church was merged with the Westminster church, several years ago she followed the union. Mrs. Haynes was always a consistent Christian worker. Besides her husband she is survived by a son and daughter, A. F. Haynes and Mrs. E. M. Birkes, both of St. Joseph.

The funeral service will be at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the residence, 1716 Faraon street, the Rev. Henry Bullard officiating. Interment will be at Mount Mora Cemetery.

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