

Obituaries of Cooper Countians 1840-1849

21 Apr 1842
Jacob Wyan

From THE BOONVILLE REGISTER
April 28, 1842

DEATH OF MR. WYAN

An unwelcome task is thrown on our hand this week. We have to announce the death of Jacob Wyan, one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of this City, whose remains were followed to the grave on the 21st instant, by a large concourse of mourning friends. He died on the 20th, after a long and painful illness, which ended his days, and which he bore with Christian meekness and fortitude. Mr. Wyan was in his 70th year - was born and raised in Hagerstown, Maryland, where he was left an orphan when young. From Maryland he moved to Rockingham, Virginia. There he remained several years, embracing religion and attaching himself to the Methodist Church. From Virginia he removed to Kentucky - and remained there until 1819, then he moved to Missouri and settled in Boonville, the place of his death. It may well be said of him that he was the architect of his own fortune. He was enterprising and, frugal in his habits, correct in his business, and best beloved by those who knew him. May the large and respected family who are here to lament his loss to them, revere his example and emulate his virtues. His remains were accompanied to the tomb by the Masonic fraternity of this City, who assisted by the Grand Lecturer of the States, performed the last office of humanity at the grave in a most impressive and solemn manner.

23 Sep 1848
Jael nee' Kavanaugh Woods

Copied from the TIPTON TIMES, issued 29 June 1923:

By request the TIMES reproduced the obituary of Mrs. Jael (nee KAVANAUGH) WOODS, whose death occurred 23 Sept. 1848. She was the Great Grandmother of Mrs. W. H. Yontz of Tipton, Missouri. Submitted by Barbara Doty, it reads as follows:

DIED - At Frances Smith's, in Cooper County, near Palestine, on Saturday morning 23 September 1848 at 7:00 O'clock, of a chronic disease, something like consumption. Mrs. Jael (KAVANAUGH) WOODS, the consort of the late Rev. Peter WOODS who died in 1825. She was born A.D. 1765, aged 83 years, 5 months and 25 days. She was the mother of 16 children, and according to her own calculation, as made out in November 1845, she was the grandmother of 104 children, and the great grandmother of 91 children. She has been a professor of the religion of Jesus Christ from early life, and a large circle of acquaintances in Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri will bear testimony to her zeal in the cause of religion. She had lived to a good old age, had completed on earth all that was for her to do, and when the summons came she had nothing remaining to do but ask her children to rejoice at her departure, and then die. It was once said upon the announcement of the death of a wise and respected man that on the occasion it is honorable to weep: Then on this occasion it is equally honorable to rejoice since death is to her, the opening door to Eternal felicity in the Paradise of God. In her younger days she employed a portion of her time in composing spiritual songs on various subjects and have been greatly used in congregations and with great effects. They are now in the hands of some of her children. We cannot close this notice without making a tender, of due thanks, to the neighbors and friends of the deceased for their kind attentions and assistance during her last illness. And to Mrs. Corum, in particular, who after she had done the last office of kindness for the deceased, in a spontaneous burst of affection, exclaimed that: "I have been taught from my infancy to reverence the name of "Old Aunt Jael Woods."

Obituaries of Cooper Countians 1870-1879

18 Oct 1872

**Issue of The Boonville Advertiser
For Drury Oliver Davis
Submitted by Dorothy Oliver**

Another Old Pioneer Gone

Died on the 10th inst., at the residence of his son, Mr. U. E. Davis, in Cooper County, Mo., after a painful illness of near three weeks. MAJ. DRURY DAVIS, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. He emigrated from Kentucky and settled in Howard County, Mo., near where Fayette now is, in the fall of 1817, and remained a citizen of the State until his death, filling from time to time, offices of trust and honor. He raised 16 children, 12 sons and 4 daughters, eight of the sons and one daughter survive him while the others have passed away. He was greatly devoted to his country and to his family.

He was never a member of any church, yet he was strictly honest and truthful in all his dealings with his fellow-man, believing that that course would take him safely through this world and qualify him for life to come. He died firmly in the faith in which he lived, leaving 9 children, a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren, together with many warm friends to mourn his death.

19 Jul 1878

**Issue of The Boonville Weekly Advertiser
For Frank Stretz
Submitted by Julie Spencer**

Death From Sunstroke

Mr. Frank Stratz (sic), aged 56 years, was found in an insensible condition on Saturday last about 7 o'clock in the evening. He had been at a neighbor's about 4 in the afternoon, and was heard to complain of pain in his limbs and feeling badly generally. It is not known how long he had been there but as soon as he was found, Dr. W. E. Evans, of this place was sent for and applied all the known remedies for sun-stroke, but to no avail, as he died Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Mr. Stratz (sic) was a highly respected citizen and will be much missed. The family have the sincere sympathy of the Advertiser.

(Franz/Frank Stretz was the s/o Martin Stretz & Rosina Baukaut, h/o Magdalena Reiter)

Obituaries of Cooper Countians 1880-1889

17 Mar 1882

**Issue of Boonville newspaper
For Henry W. W. McDearmon
Submitted by Elizabeth Werner**

DEATH OF HENRY E. W. McDEARMON

Week after week we are called upon to note the passing away of one or more of our oldest citizens, and today we chronicle another visitation of the grim reaper, death, top our community –his victim, this time, being Henry E. W. McDearmon, who died on last Wednesday, March 8th. He was born in Goochland County, Virginia, about 1808, and came to Old Franklin, in this State, nearly forty-five years ago. After a residence in that town for a few years, he came to Boonville, which was his home till he died.

Mr. McDearmon was a man of much more than ordinary intellect and a conscientious and respected citizen. He used to be one of the best known politicians of the State and was a firm political and personal friend of Senator Thomas H. Benton, who held him in high estimation. He was well acquainted with the political history of the country, always took great interest in such things, and however widely men may have differed from him, none ever doubted the honesty of his purposes for the sincerity of his convictions. For eight successive terms he was mayor of Boonville, his first election being in 1857 and his last in 1864, and we never had a better officer in that position.

At the beginning of the war he received a pistol shot in his right arm and from that time it hung useless by his side. This and other bodily infirmities, in the last years of his life, frequently confined him to his room as an invalid, and though he retained his intellect unimpaired to the last, his decease at any time might have been expected.

He leaves many relatives to mourn his loss, among them some of the most prominent and popular professional men in the State. He has been called upon to endure many sorrows which he felt most keenly and which bore heavily upon him, and he was doubtless willing to lay down the burden of his life. Those who knew him will revere his memory as a good citizen and an honest man. After more than three score years and ten, life's fitful fever is over with him. Honor to his memory and peace to his remains.

10 Nov 1882

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser
For Joseph Madison Stephens
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

DEATH OF MR. J. M. STEPHENS

We are called upon again this week to chronicle the passing away of another old landmark of this county, in the death of Mr. J. M. Stephens, better known as "Uncle Matt Stephens", as he was familiarly and affectionately called by all who had the good fortune to be one of his acquaintances. Mr. Stephens died, after a lingering illness at his home at Bunceton, in this county, on last Friday, November 5th, and was in his 74th year.

He came to this county in 1818, with his father, Mr. Josiah Stephens, and has lived at his late home most of the time since then. He was an uncle of the late Hon. Joseph L. Stephens, of this city, whose death we were called upon to chronicle a little over a year ago. He leaves a large family of grown sons and daughters in this county, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss. His burial took place last Saturday from their family residence and was one of the largest funerals seen in that section of the county for years. The services were performed by Rev. J. A. T. Henderson. Mr. Stephens was one of Cooper's staunchest and most devoted sons and his life suggests a bright example for those he leaves behind them.

03 Apr 1885

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser
For George Stretz
Submitted by Julie Spencer**

Died, on Thursday evening of last week, Mr. George Stretz, aged sixty-two years and for thirty years past a resident of Boonville. He was a well-known and respected citizen.

Friday, September 18, 1885
Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser
For Joseph Madison Stephens
Submitted by Kathleen Ellis

Death of Mrs. Nancy Draffen

Mrs. Nancy R. Draffen, for 50 years a resident of Missouri, and one of the oldest inhabitants of Cooper County, died at the residence of her son, J.W. Draffen, Esq., near Boonville, last Thursday night, September 10, 1885. For years she had been in feeble health and to her death came as a welcome relief, almost her last rational utterance being: "If it please God, I wish he would take me." Mrs. Nancy R. Draffen was the daughter of James and Mary Douglass, and was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, on the 11th of October, 1789; she was therefore in her 97th year at the time of her death. She was the only daughter in a family of eight children and was the only survivor of that family. She married Thomas Draffen in 1814 and was the mother of 8 children. Of these, only 2 are living: James W. and William, both of this county. She joined the Christian Church in 1856 under the ministry of Elder George Langdon, now of Warrensburg. Deceased was a woman of remarkable energy and the strictest integrity. During her long and active life she did many acts of kindness, long to be remembered. Her funeral took place from the residence of Mr. J.W. Draffen last Saturday morning, to Walnut Grove Cemetery.

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Obituaries of Cooper Countians 1890-1899

01 Apr 1890

Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

For Anna Otten

Submitted by Julie Spencer

MRS ANNA OTTEN'S DEATH

Mrs. Anna Otten died at the residence of her son, John Otten, in this city, April 1, 1890, in her eighty-eighth year. She was born in Hanover, August, 1806, and came with her husband and family to the United States nearly a half-century ago. The family resided in Morgan and Benton counties for a number of years. Mrs. Otten came to Boonville after the death of her husband, about eighteen years ago, and was a member of her son's household, in this city, to the time of her death. She leaves to mourn her loss, two sons, Claus H., and John, and a number of grand and great-grandchildren. The deceased had been remarkably healthy and well-preserved for one of her age, but was stricken down with typhoid fever last Saturday, and on Tuesday morning she died. She was respected by all who knew her, and the many friends of her surviving relatives will sympathize with them in their loss.

After funeral services at the German Methodist church, on Thursday morning, she was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, a large number of relatives and friends attending the funeral services.

04 Jul 1890

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

For Frank Stretz

Submitted by Julie Spencer

SUDDEN DEATH OF POLICEMAN STRETZ

Frank Stretz, for six years on the police force of Boonville, died on the morning of the 4th of July, at his residence on Morgan Street. He was in his usual health the day before and was on duty until just before midnight when he went home. A short time after arrival at home he was seized with violent cramps and notwithstanding the efforts of his physician to relieve him, he died in the early hours of the morning. He was a faithful officer and a good citizen, and had many friends. He was thirty-five years of age, and seemingly yet far removed from the borders of the land of the dead. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his untimely death. His funeral was largely attended, Rev. Mr. Tubman conducting the funeral service at the house. He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, with impressive ceremonies of the A.C.U.W., Vine Clad Lodge, of which he was a member, attended the funeral in a body. He was born in Baden, Germany in 1854 but had been living in Boonville since childhood. His wife, to whom he was married in 1883, is a daughter of George Rentschler, of this vicinity.

19 Sep 1890

Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

For Adolph Hilden

Submitted by Neil Smith

AFFAIRS OF CURRENT INTEREST

Adolph Hilden died last Tuesday, September 16, 1890, at the home of his son Eberhard Hilden, near Billingsville, Cooper county, Mo. He was a native of Prussia, born in 1811, and in 1854 became a resident of this country. Funeral services were held Thursday in the Catholic church, this city, after which the remains were buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Three sons and seventeen grandchildren survive him.

20 Jun 1891

Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

For Johannah née Westerman Otten

Submitted by Julie Spencer

DEATH OF MRS JOHN OTTEN

Died, at her home in Boonville, Mo., June 20, 1891, after a brief illness, Mrs. (complete next line blacked out by crease in newspaper) the esteemed citizens of our town. Up to a few hours before her death, she appeared to be in her usual good health, but after retiring, Friday night, was taken ill and was unconscious when the physician, who was hastily summoned, arrived at her bedside, and she died at eleven o'clock the next day. Her death resulted from paralysis of the brain.

She was born in Baden, Germany, April 12, 1830, and was married, in 1849, to the husband who survives her. She became the mother of eight children, four of whom preceded her to the grave. Her surviving children are Mrs. C. H. Brokmeyer, Mrs. A. Schnedler, Mrs. E. W. Pfaffenberger and Frank Otten, all of this city.

Funeral services were held at the German Methodist church, she being a member of that denomination. Rev. Mr. Hausam, of Sedalia, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. T. M. S. Kenney, of the Baptist church, and Rev. Henry Leesman, of the Evangelical church.

The esteem in which the deceased was held was evinced by the large number of persons who attended the services and followed the remains to their last resting place in Walnut Grove cemetery. Floral tributes, wrought into many beautiful forms, were laid upon her grave, some having been sent by friends in Sedalia, and St. Louis.

In her death the church has lost a faithful communicant, the community one whose example was worthy of emulation, and the sorrowing husband and children, an affectionate wife and mother. To them the sympathy of all who knew the worth of the deceased, is extended in the time of their bereavement.

Mar 1893

Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

For George Westerman

Submitted by Julie Spencer

George Westerman died last Sunday, at his home in the western suburbs of Boonville, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. His death was caused by typhoid-pneumonia, after an illness of about two weeks. The funeral took place at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning from the Catholic church to the Catholic cemetery. He leaves a wife and nine children - four daughters and five sons.

(George Westerman s/o John Westerman & Johannah Henhöfer, 1st wife was Genovefa 'Eva' Strickfaden, 2nd wife was Mary Stretz)

20 Feb 1895

Dr. William H. Trigg

**Obituary -From the Boonville, (Mo) Democrat, February 22, 1895
DEATH OF DR. WILLIAM H. TRIGG**

After an illness of several weeks, which commenced during a visit to his grandson, Walton Trigg, at Albuquerque, N. M., but from which he so far recovered as to be able to return home, Dr. William H. Trigg died in this city at 3:55 p.m. on Wednesday last, February 20th, 1895. For more than a week he had been gradually sinking, and finally became unconscious, and quietly and without apparent pain passed through the valley of death.

He was among the oldest, best-known and most wealthy citizens of this city, and to a large circle of friends in this locality and in the state he leaves a pleasant memory and an honored name.

He commenced life during his youth on his own account by such employment as he could obtain, and by assiduous study qualified himself to teach school; then he studied medicine and became a practicing physician; after a time he engaged largely in merchandising; banking was then shortly added to his other interests; and soon became one of the leading business, wealthy and prominent citizens of this county.

The deceased was born in Wilson county, Tenn., January 24, 1808. His father, Daniel Trigg, was a native of Bedford county, Va., and was born in March, 1776. When a young man Daniel Trigg went to Tennessee with his father's family, and there subsequently married a daughter of Rev. William Hodge, of North Carolina. Of this union seven children were reared, of whom William H. Trigg was the second. The father died April 28, 1830, and Mrs. Trigg, September 22, 1823. In youth William H. worked in various occupations and attended such schools as were convenient, and subsequently taught school himself. About this time he commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Hodge, of Sumner county, and afterwards continued it under Drs. Hodge & Blackmore, of Gallatin, Tenn. In 1830 he commenced the practice of his profession in Wilson county, where he was born and reared, and remained there a year. Thence he went to Kainesville, Tenn., and the following year located in Gallatin, of that state, where he practiced until 1834.

In February of that year he came to Boonville, where he at once entered upon the practice of medicine again, and followed it until his other business became so important as to require his whole attention. Here, during the first year of his residence, he began merchandising, and was a member of the firm of Boyers, Blythe & Trigg. This continued two years. He then became a partner in the firm of Wyan & Trigg, which lasted until the death of Mr. Wyan in 1842.

In 1846 Dr. Trigg engaged in the banking business, which he followed without a partner until 1858, when Messrs. James M. Nelson, Joseph L. Stephens and others became his associates, and the house was then known as W. H. Trigg & Co. This firm was

dissolved eight years afterwards, in 1866. In the meantime, however, in 1861, he and others organized a mercantile company under the name of W. H. Trigg & Co., which did business in Boonville until 1864, when they went to Courtland, N. Y., where they carried on business until the fall of 1865. Returning then to Boonville, they resumed business here, and also added banking as a branch of their business. Two years afterwards, however, the banking department was dispensed with, and until 1892 they confined themselves to their mercantile interest exclusively, at which time they retired from business.

This house was one of the largest retail establishments in Central Missouri, and had an extensive and profitable trade throughout the surrounding country for many miles.

On the 14th of April, 1835, Dr. Trigg married Miss Sarah G., daughter of Jacob Wyan, an old settler of Cooper county. She was born December 25, 1818, and died July 10, 1884. They have four children -- Josephine H., who is the wife of John T. Piggott; Julia A., wife of William M. Johnson; and Anna M., wife of William Lionberger; and an only son, William W. Trigg, all residing in this city.

As a business man Dr. Trigg achieved a degree of success that stamped him a man of superior ability and enterprise. As a citizen he was always public-spirited and among the foremost to offer help, both material and otherwise, in all movements calculated to promote the general interest of the city and surrounding country.

His funeral will take place this (Friday) p.m. at 2:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church (of which he was a member,) and the burial immediately after at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

16 Mar 1895

Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

For John Otten

Submitted by Julie Spencer

JOHN OTTEN DIES SUDDENLY

John Otten, the well-known merchant tailor of Boonville, died very suddenly from apoplexy, Saturday night, March 16th, at about 10:30 o'clock, at his home on Main street, in this city, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. A few minutes before he expired he was feeling unusually well, and was conversing with members of his family. He had eaten a hearty supper that evening, and went from his home to the store, where he remained until after 9 o'clock. While at his store he talked with friends about the unusual good health he was enjoying. He retired about 10 o'clock, and shortly thereafter arose, complaining that it was with difficulty that he could get his breath. Dr. McClanahan was hastily summoned, and arrived in a few moments. The physician placed his ear to the patient's breast, but the heart had ceased to beat. Within ten minutes after the beginning of the attack, the spark of life had gone out. He never spoke after he made the request to send for his physician.

Mr. Otten had suffered from two previous attacks of apoplexy - the first about eighteen months ago, the second about six months thereafter. The second attack was a very severe one, and it was feared then that he would succumb before medical aid could afford him any relief. He was very fleshy, and during the last twelve months subjected himself to a system of dieting, by which his weight was reduced thirty or forty pounds. During the last few weeks, however, he has had a very hearty appetite, and steadily gained in weight.

John Otten was born in Germany, in 1828, and when eleven years old came with his parents to America, and settled on a farm near Florence, Mo. He came to Boonville in 1849 and learned the tailoring trade. For thirty-five years he was associated with William Johnson in the clothing and tailoring business, and became a partner with Mr. Johnson in 1886. In 1892 he purchased Mr. Johnson's interest, and conducted the business himself until the fall of 1894, when his son, Frank, and Antone Hain became partners with him.

He was a benevolent, good-hearted man; modest, unassuming and ever ready to help those in need. He was a consistent member of the German M. E. church of Boonville, in which he officiated as trustee, steward, and superintendent of the Sunday-school. The funeral services were held in that church, on Tuesday afternoon, and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. H. Wipperman, assisted by Rev. Dr. Leyburn, of Boonville, and Revs. H. Houser and L. Weber, Sedalia. The interment was in Walnut Grove cemetery.

Deceased was twice married, his second wife surviving him. Four children by his first wife also survive him. They are Mrs. C. H. Brokmeyer, Mrs. A. Schnedler, Mrs. E. W. Pfaffenberger and Frank Otten, all of this city.

09 Aug 1895

Issue of The Boonville Weekly Advertiser

For Mrs. Mary Edwards

Submitted by Neil Smith

Affairs of Local Interest

Mrs. Mary Edwards died Wednesday evening, August 7th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Rush, in Pilot Grove. She had been an invalid for about four years, part of which time she was a helpless paralytic. The funeral services and interment took place yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at Mt. Hermon Baptist church, near which place Mrs. Edwards was born and spent the most of

her life. She was married to Cornelius Edwards, now deceased, who for nearly fifty years was a resident of this county. She leaves two sons and three daughters -- John and Robert Edwards; Mrs. Clark Bowers and Mrs. Chas. Parker, of the Mt. Hermon neighborhood; and Mrs. Arthur Rush, of Pilot Grove. Deceased was a sister of Wm. C. and Adam Scott, of this city.

27 Aug 1897

Issue of The Boonville Weekly Advertiser

For Mr. Thomas W. Drinkwater

Submitted by Michele Matthews

Tragic Death of Tom Drinkwater

The remains of Thomas W. Drinkwater arrived in Boonville Thursday morning, and were taken from the M., K., & T. depot directly to Walnut Grove cemetery where they were laid to rest.

He was killed in an accident on the R. I. & P. railroad at Princeville, Ill., August 24, 1897. He married a daughter of the late James Harrison, of Boonville. His wife and twelve-year-old son survive him. They came with his remains to Boonville.

Deceased was a member of the order "Brothers of Railroad Trainmen," and Grand Master Griffen and Brothers Rutledge, Cook and Huff, of the order, came with the body to Boonville.

Mr. Drinkwater was born in Clarksburg, MO., was forty-three years of age at the time of his death, and is kindly remembered by friends in Boonville, where he once lived. THE ADVERTISER extends sincere sympathy to the stricken family.

27 Jan 1898

Issue of the Central Missouri Republican

For William P. Back

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Death has again invaded our community and this time chose for his mark a young man, who but a week or so before was the picture of health. William P. Back died at his home about seven miles from Boonville on Thursday, January 20, 1898, after a short illness of pneumonia. His condition was not thought to be serious until the day before he died and his sudden taking away was a great shock to his many friends. He was born in Boonville July 4, 1863, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Back. January 10, 1892,

23 Feb 1898

Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

For Mittie Armilda née Edwards Stretz

Submitted by Julie Spencer

Mrs. Henry Stretz died on Feb. 23, 1898 at her home in East Boonville, buried in the Catholic cemetery. She left eight children, youngest few weeks old, eldest 11 years.

(Mittie Armilda Edwards Stretz, b 1864 MO, d/o Joseph Arthur Edwards & Abbie Evaline Potts.)

05 Aug 1898

Henry Dick

INSTANTLY KILLED

Henry Dick Has His Life Crushed Out by an Engine Falling on Him.

Accident Occurred Two and a Half Miles East of Pisgah

Henry Dick, who lived about 3 miles east of Pisgah, met a horrible death Wednesday evening between one and two o'clock. He was assisting Frank Rau to take an engine and separator across a bridge, when the accident which cost him his life occurred. The front wheels of the engine had crossed the bridge when the rear wheels dropped down through the bridge, and caught him in such a manner as to almost instantly crush his life out. The weight of the engine was against his chest and he was caught in such a position that it required some time to extricate his body. One of his legs was caught between the engine and a log and almost severed from his body. The accident occurred about 2 1/2 miles east of Pisgah and half a mile south of the residence of 'Squire T.A. Harris. The engine belongs to Frank Rau and Mr. Dick was assisting him to get it across the bridge. The deceased was a man of family and probably about 40 years of age. The funeral services were held yesterday (August 4, 1898) evening at 2 o'clock at the German (Moniteau Evangelical) church 8 miles southeast of Pisgah.

From the Bunceton Eagle.

14 Dec 1898

Dr. Charles S. Boarman

An Eminent Physician Dies

About 8 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday March 15, 1898, at his residence in this city, after a short illness, Dr. Charles S. Boarman died of pneumonia. He was one of the oldest, and best known and most distinguished physicians and surgeons in Central Missouri, but who several years ago, was compelled by advancing age, to retire from active practice. Withal he was an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, a devout member of the Catholic Church and a gentleman of the old school.

Dr. Boarman was born in Baltimore, Maryland, August 24, 1816, and in March 1841 married Miss Eliza A. Smith of Warrenton, Farquar County, Va., who died in this city in 1858. To this union 8 children were born, 6 of whom survive him, namely: John R. Boarman, attorney-at-law, Anaconda, Montana; Rev. Marshall I. Boarman, Jesuit Missionary of St. Louis; Jerome S. Boarman, Springfield, Missouri; Frank B. Boarman, Seattle, Washington; Mrs. R. H. Keith, Kansas City and Mrs. Dr. Chas. Lyon, Montoursville, Penn.

Dr. Boarman located in Boonville in February 1848, but first for a short time in Old Franklin.

In May 1861, Dr. Boarman married Miss Pauline Sloan who survives him. To this marriage four children were born, two sons and two daughters -- Misses Adelaide and Lillie and Messrs. A. R. and Thomas T. Boarman, Texarkana, Ark.

His funeral services occurred at the Catholic Church at 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning. The following persons acting as pallbearers: Active--Thomas B. Steel, R. W. Whitlow, Thomas P. Lester, W. A. Smiley, W. W. Trigg, W. Speed Stephens. Honorary--Dr. J. D. Potts, Dr. R. S. Holman, Dr. F. R. Smiley, Dr. W. H. Cooper, Dr. P. L. Hurt, Dr. C. H. Van Ravensway, William Mittelbach and Col. W. F. Switzer.

After solemn and impressive services at the Catholic church conducted by Fathers Kussman, Boarman of St. Louis and Ambrose of Clear Creek (Father Boarman being a son of the deceased) the remains were followed by a large funeral cortege to Walnut Grove cemetery, where they were interred by the side of the remains of his first wife.

At the conclusion of the services at the church Father Kussman delivered a short appropriate and solemn discourse touching the life and character of Dr. Boarman. (Copied from the Boonville, MO. newspaper, the MISSOURI DEMOCRAT .

From MAJOR WILLIAM BOARMAN by Mary Louise Donnelly, p. 115 A portion of the Obituary as published on the front page of WEEKLY ADVERTISER on March 18, 1898.

"Dr. Boarman came to Boonville to live when a young man and being an intelligent gentleman, well schooled in his profession, was early engaged in a successful practice, which he maintained until a few years ago when he retired from active work. He was a skillful physician and his surgery was after the most scientific methods.

We are informed that he placed the first patient in the St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City. For a time he was surgeon for both the Union and Confederate hospitals in Boonville. He was not only a skilled physician and a good citizen but he was a gentleman of the old school and a pleasant companion.

Last Sunday morning he was suddenly stricken with a pain in his side and immediately announced that he was ill of pneumonia and that it would prove fatal. It was but a few days until he died. Dr. Boarman was one of the most faithful members of the Catholic Church and though growing feebler year by year, he always observed its requirements and attended its services."

"Rev. Kussman at the close of the Mass preached a beautiful and appropriate sermon in which he reviewed Dr. Boarman's life as an honorable citizen, a skillful surgeon, and a devout Christian."

14 Dec 1898

Nancy Potter

From a Boonville newspaper - Died at the Age of 96.

Mrs. Nancy Potter, one of the oldest residents of this county, died at her home Wednesday, December 14, 1898 after a tedious and patient suffering from a broken limb, which she received some time ago, aged 96 years and 14 days. Mrs. Potter was born in Wayne County, Ky., December 1, 1802. Deceased leaves two sons and two daughters and several other near relatives to mourn her death. The funeral services were held in the Hale Ridge school house at 2 o'clock p. m., Friday, Dec. 16, 1898, and interment was made in the Hale Ridge cemetery, followed by a large concourse of people. May she rest in peace, is the wish of us all.

27 Jan 1899

Joseph Potter

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

Joseph Potter, living at Overton, died of pneumonia Friday, January 27, 1899. He was buried at Hale Ridge cemetery Sunday January 29, 1899. Deceased was 68 years old. His wife preceded him several years ago. He leaves several children to mourn his departure, several of whom are residents of this city.

Mr. Potter was born and raised in Missouri and spent the largest part of his life in Cooper County.

Mr. Potter's mother died at Overton December 14, 1898 at the age of 96 years. A. K. Mills of this city had charge of both funerals.

Obituaries of Cooper Countians 1900-1909

09 Feb 1900

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser
For Andrew Quint
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

DEATH OF MRS. BACK

Mrs. Elizabeth Barbara Back died at her home on West Morgan Street, in this city, Sunday, February 4th. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place Tuesday afternoon from the Evangelical church to Walnut Grove cemetery, the Rev. Kamphausen officiating.

Deceased was born in Sachsen-Coburg, Germany, December 22, 1835. She came to Boonville in 1849, and had resided here continuously ever since. In 1853 she was married to Philip Back, who died in November 1874. The surviving children are E. A. and Miss Emma Back, of Boonville; Wm. J. of Red Wing, Minnesota; Lawrence J. of St. Louis; Mrs. Mary Schleusner of Ballwin, Mo. Surviving sisters, Mrs. Mary Reinhardt of St. Louis, and Mrs. Mary Martnick of Jefferson City; also one brother, Frank Stegner of Leadville, Colorado. All the above, except Mr. Stegner, were present at the funeral.

Mrs. Back was one of Boonville's best women and the memory of her simple and devoted life will remain a precious legacy to those who loved so.

03 Dec 1900

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser
For Leo Westerman
Submitted by Julie Spencer**

A VICTIM OF APOPLEXY

Liborius Westerman died suddenly of apoplexy at his residence on East Spring street early Monday morning. He had worked at his barbershop until nearly 12 o'clock Saturday night, when he began to feel ill and went home.

The funeral services were held at SS Peter's and Paul's church yesterday morning and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery. Many relatives and friends attended, and the floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Among the mourners were the widow, formerly Miss Lena Biechle; Frank Westerman and Mrs. Joseph Zschirpe, of Boonville; Mrs. J. Stegner, of New Palestine, Mrs. Henry Blum, of St. Joseph, brothers and sisters of deceased.

Mr. Westerman was born in Baden, Germany 56 years ago. He had been a barber in this city the past eighteen years. He was a member of the Catholic Knights of America, and carried \$1,000 life insurance with that organization. Deceased was ----- and a devoted husband. He had a kindly heart, and led a gentle and an ----- life. Death came to him in an ----- hour, but he had so ordered his ----- as to be able to answer the final ----- as a true Christian.

(Liborius, AKA Leo, Westerman s/o John Westerman & Johannah Henhöfer, h/o Mary Magdalene Biechele. The microfilm, or the newspaper, was not easy to read, thus the ----- where I could not read the words.)

02 May 1901

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser
For Gottfried Back
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

GOTTFRIED BACK

Gottfried Back, aged 74 years and 9 months, died Sunday afternoon, April 28, 1901 at his home on West Morgan street in this city. The funeral was held from the German Evangelical church to Walnut Grove cemetery Tuesday afternoon, Rev. E. L. Mueller officiating.

Deceased was born in Rettert, Nassau, Germany, August 26, 1826 and came to America in 1853, settling in Cooper county, where he has continuously resided. He has lived on a farm in this county until about six years ago when he moved to Boonville. Gottfried Back and Miss Katherine Saueressig were united in marriage in 1858. Five children were born to this union, three of whom are dead. The widow and two children, George Back and Mrs. Joseph Kessel, survive. He was the grandfather of 11 children. One sister, Mrs. Magdalena Huth, of Minneapolis, Minn., happened to be visiting in Boonville at the time of the demise of Mr. Back.

Deceased served at the beginning of the war in the Boonville Home Guard; he was a good man and a kind neighbor. May he rest in peace!

21 Mar 1902
Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle
For "Aunt Katie" Cole
Submitted by Bill Scroggin

"Aunt Katie" Cole

Died Last Friday - Born in Tennessee, Lived in Cooper County Since 1817

"Aunt Katie" Cole, one of Cooper County's oldest women, died last Friday, March 14, at her home west of Bunceton. She had been sick for some time, death resulting from the general debility incident to old age. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. I. B. Dotson, were held at Mt. Nebo Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, after which interment took place in the church cemetery. The historic old church was filled with friends and neighbors, most all of whom had known "Aunt Katie" from their childhood.

No other woman, living or dead, is or was as familiar with the history of Cooper County as was this kindly, sweet-faced, old-fashioned woman who had lived for more than four score years in this immediate community.

Her maiden name was Katherine Peters. She was born in Tennessee November 19, 1810, and when one year old, was brought by her parents to what was then the territory of Missouri. The family settled near the present site of Petersburg, from which the station many years later took its name. At that time the only permanent white settlement was at Boonville, where lived "Aunt Hannah" Cole, the first white woman to come to this county, and the mother of Samuel Cole, to whom the subject of this sketch was married some forty years later.

When twenty years of age, or in 1836, "Aunt Katie", then Miss Katherine Peters, was united in marriage with Thomas Patrick, who died in 1847. To this union, there were born seven children, all of whom are dead except "Uncle Walter"

Patrick of Bunceton and James M. Patrick of Houston, Texas. In 1856 she was again married, this time to Samuel Cole, who has been dead about fifteen years.

Mr. Cole was the father of two children. They are Mrs. Jennie Cash and Mrs.

R. S. Roe, both of whom live near Bell Air.

"Aunt Katie" had been a member of the Baptist Church for many years and was a good woman, loved and respected by all who knew her, but most by those who knew her best. Amid the varied scenes of life, she preserved unchanged the ways and manners, simplicity and sincerity, piety and honesty that characterized the people of her early childhood. Fortunate is the community that has been blessed by the presence of these gray-haired, God-fearing women with simple tastes and honest hearts.

05 Sep 1902

Andrew Quint

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

Andrew Quint died Friday, September 5th at his home two and one-half miles south of Pilot Grove. He was born in Prussia and came to America in 1852 with his parents. He was one of ten children, of whom there are living: Mrs. Paul Hofflander, Billingsville; Mrs. Jacob Haerle, Boonville; Mrs. Ernest Walji, Speed; and Mrs. Lizzie Willig, Kansas City.

The family settled in Clear Creek township, where Mr. Quint was married at the age of 22 to Miss Tabitha, a daughter of Jacob Ellis, a prominent citizen of Johnson county. Five children survive: Henry and Ernest, of Boonville; Edward and William of Pilot Grove, and Mrs. Fannie Wallace, of St. Louis. His first wife died in 1870 and he was married to Mrs. Martha Gordon, who survives.

Deceased had lived for 25 years on the farm where he died. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Pilot Grove, and the remains were interred in the cemetery there.

13 Jan 1903

For Oliver Perry Davis

Submitted by Dorothy Harlan

OBITUARY

Elder O. P. Davis, Pioneer Minister of Central Missouri, Gone

Elder O. P. Davis, one of Cooper county's oldest citizens and one of the oldest ministers in the state, died Tuesday evening January 13, 1903 at 7 o'clock at the home of his son, Joe A. Davis, northwest of Prairie Home.

Mr. Davis was one of the pioneers of Central Missouri, and the most of his useful life was spent in Cooper county where he was prominently identified with the Christian church for more than half a century. Mr. Davis was the oldest of a family of sixteen children. He was born in Wayne county, Ky., on the 16th day of September, 1816. In the following year his parents moved to

Howard county, Mo. The subject of this sketch was then only a year old and was carried in the arms of his mother on horseback the entire distance from Kentucky to the new home, which was then little more than a wilderness.

After four years residence in Howard county Mo. Davis' parents moved to Cole county, where they remained 11 years. In 1832 they moved to Cooper county, and in 1843 removed to Macon county, but returned to Cooper county in 1856. O. P. Davis became a member of the Pisgah Baptist church in 1837. He removed to Macon county in 1839. He was licensed to preach by the Baptist church in the spring of 1843. In the year 1848 he identified himself with the Christian church and was one of the church's most active ministers until his health and strength failed.

He took up his permanent residence in Cooper county in 1857. He was largely instrumental in building up the Christian church not only in Cooper county but in the counties of Morgan and Miller as well.

He was married on September 12, 1843, to Miss Sallie L. Robinson. To this union were born eight children, of whom seven survive. They are D. L. Davis; U. E. Davis; J. A. Davis; Mrs. D. J. Judy; Mrs. J. H. Zollinger; Mrs. Hugh Logan, Sr.; and Mrs. Hugh Logan, Jr.

He left four brothers: F. M. Davis; U. E. Davis; and Thos. J. Davis.

The funeral services were held yesterday morning at the Walnut Grove church, near Clark's Fork. Eld. J. Allen, of Bunceton, conducting the services. A very large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends were present to pay the last tributes of respect to a good and noble man.

In the death of Eld. O. P. Davis Cooper county loses an exemplary citizen, the community in which he lived an excellent neighbor, and the church an ever true and consecrated minister--one whose aim in life was to advance and build up the Christian religion as he believed God would have it done.

The reverable old gentleman had for years waited patiently for the final summons to call him up higher. His was a life of service and good works and although his earthly pilgrimage is ended his influence for good will go on and on.

20 Feb 1903

Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle

For Stephen Cole

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

PASSING OF A PIONEER

"Uncle Steve" Cole Died Tuesday Morning, February 17

Aged almost Eighty Years - Died Within Sight of His Birthplace

"Uncle Steve" Cole, one of Cooper County's oldest native-born citizens, and a direct descendant of the county's first white settlers, died of pneumonia Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock, at his home about five miles west of Bunceton. He was born within two miles of the spot where he died and would have been eighty years old in April. His wife died a number of years ago. Four sons and one daughter, all of Cooper County, survive.

"Uncle Steve" was a typical pioneer. In 1853, he crossed "the plains" and returned four years later, being seventy-three days astride a mule on the return trip.

While talking with the editor of the EAGLE some six years ago, "Uncle Steve" said:

"When I was a young I didn't fear man nor devil, but I was mighty badly scared once as we were coming home from California. The main party had gotten some distance ahead when we sighted about 300 Indians. We had been warned to look out for the devils, but had thought little about it until we saw them. They rode up around us, pointing their guns, drawing their bows, all the time yelling like wild men. We rode on at something better than a jog trot, too, and were not hurt. We found out afterwards that the red-skinned rascals were just trying to scare us, and they did it."

"Uncle Steve" was a great hunter, fisherman, and trapper, and always knew where game abounded and where fish would probably bite best. He loved nature and knew her secrets as do few of later generations. His stock of stories concerning incidents and adventures and early recollections was well nigh inexhaustible and made him a most entertaining companion. May the old pioneer, man of simple tastes and rugged honesty, rest in peace.

02 Mar 1903

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

Mrs. Wilhelmina nee' Geuer Back

Mrs. Anton Back died at her home on West Morgan Street Monday night, March 2, 1903 at 8 o'clock, aged 75 years and 19 days.

Wilhelmina Geuer was born in Germany on February 13, 1828; was married to Anton Back early in 1857, and in the fall of that year the young husband and wife became citizens of Boonville. Twenty seven years ago death entered the happy home and carried away the husband of 19 years, leaving to the care of the widowed mother the care of several small children. Guided and

directed by a mother's loving heart, inspired by the thought of their future usefulness and actuated by true Christian motives as a mother, she reared these children to splendid manhood and womanhood.

The children now living are: Philip and Joseph of Oklahoma Territory, Mrs. Louisa Potter, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Anton and William of Boonville. There are also 34 grandchildren and one sister, who is yet in her native country, living, to all of whom the public extends its heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Mrs. Back had lived in Boonville since the year 1857. Her life of almost half century among the people of this city was marked by that devotion to parental, church, and other duties as only a Christian mother and citizen can offer. Deceased was recognized as a Christian because she practiced by example as well as by precept those qualities that must be uppermost in the Christian mind and heart. She was a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and her everyday life was convincing proof of her devotion to the doctrine of her church.

The funeral service was held at the Catholic Church on Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock thence to Walnut Grove cemetery where the remains were interred under the direction of J. Ed Taliaferro.

14 May 1903

Issue of the Central Missouri Republican

For Adolph Knack

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Took His Own Life

Adolph Knack was born in Prussia, Germany, December 26, 1855, came to America in the early 70's, and about 1873 located in Boonville where he lived until his death on May 8, 1903.

On May 25, 1884, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Back, who died nine years thereafter - 1893. Four children were born to this union, three of who, Annie, Minnie, and Corinne, survive; the other died in infancy.

Just after eating his breakfast last Friday morning, Mr. Knack left his home on west High street to go to his place of business, the Phoenix saloon. There he remained a few minutes only, then went out on the street. He did not return as was his wont to do before noon, and one of his employees, having noticed for two or three days that he was acting in a peculiar manner, began to make inquiries in a quiet way. As nothing could be heard of him, a limited search was made in the immediate neighborhood during the afternoon, with no result, except to strengthen the suspicion that something serious had happened to him. Quite early Saturday morning, parties began again to look for the missing. Between seven and eight o'clock the lifeless body was found by C. R. Foster, the courthouse janitor, near the entrance to the old fairgrounds about a mile southwest of the city. The body was in a position that would indicate that death was without a struggle. The head was lying on the right arm as if the poison, carbolic acid, was swallowed and the victim had laid down and quietly awaited the end. A bottle, containing a small amount of carbolic acid, was found near the body. There was also evidence on the lips of the corpse that told plainly the cause of death.

The cause for the suicide can only be conjectured. Mr. Knack's business was flourishing, and it is barely possible that he was the least embarrassed in matters of finance. He was, however, of a disposition to worry over matters that would not affect others of a more genial nature.

Mr. Knack was a man of energy, thrift and honesty in business matters and was recognized as a citizen who possessed many qualities of merit. He was of a very charitable disposition and was ever ready to minister to the wants of any who merited charity in any way. His employees speak of him in the highest terms as an employer. Those who knew him best held him in high esteem as a man and friend. The surviving children will ever remember him as a kind, indulgent and considerate father. For these children, the REPUBLICAN has the deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Funeral services were held at the family home on High Street Sunday afternoon, Rev. E. L. Mueller, pastor of the German Evangelical church, officiating. Interment was made at Walnut Grove cemetery under auspices of the IOOF lodge of this city, of which the deceased had long been a very respected member. So passed away a citizen of Boonville who had been identified with the city's progress and advancement for about thirty years.

16 Jun 1905

Mary Zschirpe

Mrs. Mary Zschirpe died Friday, June 16, 1905, at the family residence on Sixth street, after a long illness. Her maiden name was Dohrmann, she having been born in St. Louis, September 18, 1842. When four years of age she was brought by her parents to Cooper county, where she had since resided. August 12, 1863, she was married to John Zschirpe, who met a tragic death by accident in 1884. Since that time Mrs. Zschirpe had lived in Boonville.

Five children survive - Mrs. Mathilda Blair, state of Nevada; Ed., of St. Louis, and Misses Antonia and Henrietta of Boonville. Mrs. Zschirpe was a member of the German Evangelical congregations at Billingsville and Boonville, and, until prevented by failing health, an active member of the Frauverein in Boonville. She was a pious and devoted Christian and a fond and indulgent mother. She will be mourned by a large circle of friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held at the residence at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon by Rev. E. L. Mueller, pastor of the Evangelical church. Interment was in Walnut Grove cemetery, under direction of Undertaker A. K. Mills
From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

18 Jun 1905

Albert L. Stone

Albert L. Stone died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home on South Main street after a lingering illness. He had been in failing health for the past year, but had been confined to his bed for only about six weeks. For some time he had been carrier on rural route No. 2 out of Boonville. During the severe weather of last winter he was unable to attend to the work, but resumed with the opening of spring. The open air exercise seemed for a time to benefit him, but the disease had gained too great of a hold and his decline was rapid after he quit the work.

Mr. Stone was born in Cooper county September 13, 1872, and had spent all his life here. He was a young man of fine character, whose untimely end is deeply deplored by a large circle of friends. Besides a number of brothers and sisters, he leaves a widow, who was Miss Eliza Hale, and a son, Dorsey.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, the pastor, Rev. S. P. Gott, officiating. The Boonville Tent, Knights of Maccabees of which deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body. Interment was in Walnut Grove cemetery under direction of Undertaker A. K. Mills. The Advertiser joins with many friends in extending condolence to the bereaved wife and son, and other relatives.

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

05 Jan 1906

From the Boonville Advertiser

For Margaret Stretz

In the death of Mrs. Margaret (Magdalena) Stretz Boonville loses (sic) another of her old citizens. The deceased was born in Germany on October 20, 1823, and removed to the United States in 1840, settling in Boonville soon after coming to America.

She was ill but a short while, dying at the residence of her son-in-law, Joseph Schuster, Friday morning, December 22.

The deceased was a very devoted member of the Catholic church, and her funeral was largely attended Sunday afternoon by the many friends who gathered to pay the last sad tribute.

She leaves a circle of relatives. She was the mother of eight children, 51 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and will be missed by a large circle of friends who loved her for her noble character and many acts of charity. The remains were buried in the Catholic cemetery.

(Magdalena the d/o Lorenz Reiter & Therese Brenneisen, w/o Frank Stretz. This obit states she was born on 20 Oct 1823, but Reiter information I got from Udo Strickfaden has her born 20 Sep 1823.)

27 Jun 1906

Joshua J. Mize

From the 06 July 1906 issue. The Sedalia evening Democrat of June 28th has the following: "Joshua J. Mize a young man who went to Kansas City from Boonville about ten months ago committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Frances Shriver in Kansas City, yesterday. Despondency was the cause.

Mize was 21 years old. He had been employed as a laborer by Flanagan Bros. Contractors. He was discharged Tuesday.

Yesterday morning he said good-bye to his cousin, walked out on the porch and drank two ounces of the acid. He then went back in the house and sat down.

Mrs. Shriver detected the odor of carbolic acid and learned he had drunk it. Dr. J. C. Boone was called, but in a half hour Mize was dead. His father who lives at Boonville was notified.

The young man never lived in Boonville, but at one time resided with his parents on a farm a few miles west of here. He left the county last winter and went to Kansas City, his parents leaving at the same time for Saline county where they now live, near Saline City

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

29 Jun 1906

Claude Zeigle

Last Friday evening about seven o'clock, 7 miles west of Boonville, Casper Langlotz an old and respected farmer shot and almost instantly killed his son-in-law Claude Zeigle a young man of about 23 years.

Zeigle's wife who is a daughter of Langlotz left her home on Friday and went to her father's leaving a note for her husband bearing the information that she had left him for good.

When Zeigle came home in the evening he found the note and at once proceeded to the home of his father-in-law.

What followed on his arrival there is given in the testimony of Langlotz, his wife and daughter, who testified before Coroner Russell's jury which was summoned to investigate the killing, and in substance is about as follows:

My daughter Mary, Zeigle's wife, came to my house yesterday morning about 8 o'clock saying she could stand his abuse no longer and had taken him at his word and left him. I told her that she and my younger children must go back and get her clothes, but leave the furniture. The two children went and she followed later, returning about 11 o'clock. She left a note on the table telling him she had taken him at his word and left him.

Last night about dusk I saw him coming across the field toward my place walking fast. When he got to the gate he said: "Is Mary here?" My wife said: "You have beaten her enough; don't come in the house." I went in the house and my wife ran in and closed the door and held it. As he came to the door and pushed it open my wife said several times: "Get the gun, get the gun."

By the time he had jerked the door open and had got into the hall I had the gun and was standing in the door leading from the hall to the sitting room. My wife was beside him. When I shot him was about three feet away from him. I shot but once.

I shot him because he told his wife that he had brought a six shooter and was going to kill her and all the family. I thought he was there for that purpose.

After he was shot he said "I am shot, I am gone, I want to see Mary." Those were his last words.

I once more told him to get out because I did not know if he was badly hurt or had anything to shoot with.

He walked outside, falling about six feet from the door and died in about two minutes. When I saw that he was passing away I sent for some water and whisky, but they were of no avail.

Mrs. Langlotz' testimony was similar to that of her husband.

Mrs. Zeigle, the wife of the man who was killed testified that he had abused and mistreated her, that he said he wanted to get rid of her and threatened to shoot her and the whole family.

The jury returned the following verdict:

We the jury, empaneled to investigate the death of Claude Zeigle, do declare that he came to his death by a .38 caliber bullet which entered his neck, the bullet fired by Casper Langlotz when he, Zeigle was forcing an entrance to Langlotz's house

William L. Brickner, Foreman, J. R. Miller, Charles Fray, G. A. Brownfield, William Johnmeyer, E. Brownfield

The deceased was a son of Henry Zeigle one of Cooper county's best citizens and he belonged to one of the best families in the state, though he himself had always been considered a little wild and reckless. He was unarmed when killed.

They have been married about four years and have one child about 3 years of age.

No information had been filed against Langlotz and he has not been arrested though he came to Boonville and offered to surrender himself to the authorities.

The funeral which was preached by Rev. W. A. McClanahan at the Methodist church in Boonville Monday at 11 a.m. was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. The remains were buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser.

29 Jun 1906

Ruth Westerman

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

Submitted by Julie Spencer

The death of Miss Ruth Westerman, which occurred at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westerman, in this city, Friday evening at 7 o'clock, of appendicitis, was a particularity sad one. Miss Ruth had been ill for several weeks, and though her illness was of a serious nature, her loved ones hoped and looked for her recovery, but it was not to be. The same Lord who gave took unto Himself, this beautiful flower just beginning to bloom, and transplanted it in His garden above. Beautiful both in personal appearance and in character, she enjoyed the very highest esteem of all who knew her. Of a modest, though agreeable and friendly nature, she made friends and held their friendship. At the age of eleven years, she became a Christian, and at the time of her death, was a true and devoted member of the Presbyterian church. She was an earnest worker both in the Sunday school and Christian Endeavor, and her place there, as in her home, will be hard to fill.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. F. Abbott, who paid a beautiful tribute to the dear girl.

The pupils of Room No. 8 of the public school, of which she was a member, attended in a body.

The pall bearers selected from the school and Sunday school were: John Ryan, Lawrence Geiger, Wilbur Larry, Leo Weyland, Cecil Adams and Perry Johnson. After the services at the church the remains were conducted to Walnut Grove cemetery, where amid a veritable bower of roses, emblematic of the purity and sweetness of her life, she was laid to rest.

12 Aug 1906

Ferdinand Stretz

From the Boonville Advertiser

Submitted by Julie Spencer

A Fifteen Year Old Lad Has Limb Torn From Body.

One of the most Heart rending accidents it has been the province of the Advertiser to chronicle for many months occurred Saturday morning at the Boonville Brick Company's plant near the M.K.&T. Depot.

Ferdinand, the little 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stretz, while working at the brick yard, was amusing himself by shoving the mud into the mixer by putting his foot on it and pushing it down into the revolving shaft. While engaged at this the leg of his overalls caught in the fangs of the revolving wheel and in an instant his leg was drawn into the hopper. The foot was taken off and all the skin and flesh was stripped from the leg to his hip, necessitating an immediate amputation of the hip joint. He rallied after the amputation and for a day he appeared to be doing all right. Sunday night, however, he began to grow worse and at 9 o'clock Monday morning he passed away.

The funeral took place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from the Catholic church. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.
(s/o J Henry Stretz & Mittie Edwards)

07 Sep 1907

**From The Bunceton Eagle
Daniel E. Davis**

DEATH OF DANIEL E. DAVIS

Daniel E. Davis, brother of T. J. Davis, of Bunceton, and for many years a citizen of Cooper county, his home being near Clark's Fork, died two weeks ago at the Confederate Home at Higginsville. Mr. Davis was born December 5, 1832, and is survived by his wife, three daughters and one son. "Uncle Dan," as he was familiarly called, saw active service during the Civil War, and never shrank from duty. His many friends will be sorry to learn of his death.

14 Oct 1907

William Trigg Lionberger

DEATH OF WM. TRIGG LIONBERGER

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Lionberger, will sympathize with them in the recent severe affliction which has befallen them in the death of their son, William Trigg Lionberger, which occurred at their home at 5:30 o'clock Monday morning, October 14.

Mr. Lionberger had an attack of nervous prostration some months ago and has since been confined to his room. His condition at times became very much improved and it was believed that he would recover, but on Monday morning he began sinking, and it was apparent to his physicians and the loved ones who hovered over him in the awful anguish of the coming parting, that he was dying. In vain was earthly help. He died, as stated, and all over the city there was sincere grief.

Those with him when the end came, were his father and mother, his sister, Mrs. Harlan and twin brother, Dr. John Lionberger.

The deceased was a native of Boonville, having been born here December 29, 1875, was reared to manhood here, was educated here in the Kemper Military School and pursued his studies in that noted institution with marked ability and success. After graduation he entered upon the study of law in the office of Judge W. M. Williams. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1898 and soon became known as one of the most promising young barristers in the state. Some three years ago he was elected city attorney, which office he held at the time of his death. He was a young man of exceptionally bright intelligence, sound judgement, extensive reading and uniformly jovial disposition, and had he lived would undoubtedly have taken high rank as a citizen and a man in the community and in his profession.

When death comes to the old, it is as a rest to the weary, a balm to the world's wounds, but to die in life's morning with promise and hope and all the gladness, which threads through youth like the beads upon a nun's rosary, seems a sorrow so profound, that to approach it, is like an intrusion upon things sacred.

A few months ago there walked the streets of Boonville, a man, young, sunny of temperament, friendly, kindly, big of heart, and to every man, woman and child he was known by his childhood cognomen, "Will"--Will Lionberger. It seems hard to speak of him as "dead" and yet with the pallor and majesty which only death brings, lying upon his face; with the voice forever silent; with the tender, loving heart no more pulsing with life; with the cerements of the grave wrapped about him, we know that he has passed into that mysterious silence which however soft, it may enfold our loved ones, yet permits of no return.

It is possible that no young man in Boonville was better liked than he. As a boy he held the love of his companions, and grown to manhood he held the hearts of his friends in grips of steel, and it is not to be wondered at that his death has brought such wide-spread grief, or that those who were of his own family should be broken-hearted.

Since his death, telegrams and letters of regret have been coming from all parts of the country, and from all over the city those who looked upon his calm, sweet face, wept for the young life thus taken away.

The funeral services were held at the family residence on Sixth street Tuesday afternoon at 1:30, conducted by Rev. E. F. Abbott, pastor of the Presbyterian church with Mrs. Annie Brant in charge of the choir. The songs were "*Just as I am*" and "*Jesus Lover of My Soul.*" The services were very beautiful and impressive and with the beautiful mingling of hope and prayers for the

repose of the soul, there came over the auditors a sense of comfort which was as if an angel had stood in the midst and proclaimed the life, which knows neither pain, sorrow or death.

The remains were interred in Walnut Grove cemetery and the interment was witnessed by sorrowing hearts, for lo! he, whom they loved can come no more with cheery words, with light and laughter in his eyes and with voice that was always attuned to gentle speech.

The following gentlemen, cousins of the deceased, acted as pall bearers: John C. Pigott, Frank Pigott, Fred Pigott, Wilbur Johnson, Morris Johnson and Frank T. Walz.

23 Nov 1907

**From the Sedalia Daily Capital
For Mrs. Hannah Potter
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

**FUNERAL IN COOPER COUNTY
Body of Mrs. Hannah Potter to be Buried at Old Home**

The body of Mrs. Hannah Potter, who died Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Phillips, Tenth and Mildred avenues, will be taken to Cooper County today for burial. Rev. R. C. Miller, of this city, will conduct the services which will be held at the Lamine Baptist Church at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. Potter was 81 years of age and had been ill for seven months. She was a member of the Baptist Church and is survived by nine children.

04 Dec 1908

**From the Sedalia Daily Capital
For Mrs. Hannah Potter
Submitted by Julie Spencer**

Death of Mrs. Westerman

Mrs. Mary Magdalena Westerman died at her home in Boonville, November 26, 1908, after a nine days illness of pneumonia. The funeral was held Saturday morning at nine o'clock at the Catholic church. Interment at the Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. Westerman was born in Clear Creek Township, Cooper county, November 15, 1858. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Biechel, both of whom have been dead a number of years.

Laborious Westerman and Miss Lena Biechel were united in marriage at the Catholic church, in Boonville about nineteen years ago. Mr. Westerman died in December 1900.

(Mary Magdalena Biechele, w/o Liborius Westerman, d/o Caspar Biechele & Catharine Meistrell. No children.)

15 April 1909

**From the Central Missouri Republican
For Mary Huth
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

Mrs. Mary Huth Dead

Mrs. Mary Huth died at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Saturday, April 10, 1909 at the age of 80 years. Mrs. Huth was the wife of the late Peter Huth, who died some 12 years ago and lived on a farm near Rankin's Mill in Clarks Fork township. After his death she moved to Minneapolis where she has since resided.

Mrs. Huth leaves five children; three sons and two daughters, Peter Huth, of Prairie Home, Mo., Lon and August of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Henry Malone of Minneapolis, and Mrs. P. P. Neef of Boonville.

The remains were brought to Boonville Tuesday evening and the funeral services were held from the Evangelical church at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday. Interment at Walnut Grove cemetery.

Obituaries of Cooper Countians 1910-1919

09 Feb 1911

Issue of the Kansas City Star

For Mary C. née Stretz Westerman

Submitted by Julie Spencer

Mrs. Mary Westerman Dies at 65.

Mrs. Mary C. Westerman, 65 years old, died at her home, 1020 West Twenty-first Street, yesterday afternoon. Burial will be in Boonville Mo. Mrs. Westerman is survived by seven children: John H. Westerman, Frank Westerman, William Westerman, Leo Westerman, Freda Westerman, Mrs. Mayme Bassley, all of this city, and Mrs. Sophia Preston of St. Joseph.

(Mary C Stretz Westerman, b 22 Dec 1846 in Elsenz, Heidelberg, Baden, Germany, d 23 Jul 1911 in KCMO, d/o Johann Georg "George" Stretz and Sophia Emmert, 2nd wife of George Westerman. Mayme Bassley was really Maria Magdalena 'Mayme' PASSLER, there was no Freda Westerman that was a CHILD of George and Mary Westerman. Freda was her GRAND-DAUGHTER, Freda PRILL. Freda's parents died when their children were young and the children went to live with different relatives. Freda lived with Mary Stretz Westerman in KCMO until the death of Mary.)

23 Jul 1911

Issue of the Central Missourian Republican

For Henry Baughman

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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AN OLD CITIZEN DEAD

Henry Baughman, an Aged Citizen, Near Bunceton, Passes Away

Another pioneer citizen of Cooper County, in the person of Henry Baughman, has passed from earth to the land beyond. He died at his home near Bunceton, Monday morning about ten o'clock at the advanced age of 76 years. Mr. Baughman was born in the community in which he lived his entire life. His health had been very poor for the past several years, and for some time prior to his death had failed rapidly. He was a citizen of high standing in the community in which he spent his life and will be greatly missed.

02 Feb 1913

Issue of the Sedalia Daily Capital

For Rev. William Phillips

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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DEATH OF A DIVINE

THE REV. W. N. PHILLIPS PASSED AWAY EARLY ON SATURDAY MORNING INTERMENT TO BE AT CLIFTON CITY

Furnished the Data for His Own Obituary, Putting it on Paper January 2 - Retired as Minister Eight Years Ago

Rev. W. N. Phillips, aged 67 years, died Saturday morning at 12:05 o'clock at his home, Fifteenth Street and Summit Avenue, death resulting from cancer of the jaw.

Rev. Phillips was a Baptist minister and had served faithfully and well the cause of the Master for many years. His health compelled him to give up his pastoral duties eight years ago.

He is survived by a widow, four sisters and two brothers, all of the sisters and brothers residing elsewhere. No children survive.

Rev. Phillips, realizing that his death was only a short time away, on January 2, 1913, wrote the following data as an obituary notice for himself to be used after his passing.

"I was born in Tennessee in the year 1846, Jan. 11, in Henderson County. My parents moved to Missouri in 1853, and I stayed with them until I was 18 years old. Then I joined the federal army and served two years. From St. Clair County I came to Pettis County and married Mary Potter April 28, 1867."

"I was converted when 18 years old and soon afterward was called to preach. I was ordained in the Baptist Church May 18, and preached twenty-five years. I began preaching at Otterville and then went to Pleasant Hill Church, then Saline, Hopewell,

Peninsula, Lamine, Camp Branch, Green Ridge, South Fork and Mount Zion. I witnessed 1,000 conversions, baptized 600 persons, and having fought the fight I am ready to be offered Farewell, comrades; meet me there. My address is Heaven - W. N. Phillips."

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Clifton City, and interment will be near that place. The members of the funeral party will leave Sedalia this morning on M. K. & T. passenger train No. 2, at 6 o'clock, with the remains. The pallbearers will be selected from among friends of the deceased at Clifton City.

Rev. Phillips was a well known divine and had a legion of friends in Pettis County who will sincerely mourn his passing.

27 March 1913

Issue of the Central Missouri Republican

For William S. Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

OLD CITIZEN DIES

W. S. Potter Passes Away in the Seventy-seventh Year of His Age

W. S. Potter was born in Cooper County September 16, 1836; died at his home in this city March 20, 1913 at the advanced age of 76 years, 6 months, and 4 days. After funeral services at residence Saturday afternoon, the remains were interred at Walnut Grove cemetery.

Deceased is survived by the wife and four children, three sons and one daughter. He resided in the county of his birth his entire life with the exception of three years which he spent in Johnson County. His illness was of short duration. On the morning of the day of his death, he remarked he felt better than he had felt for some time, and in the afternoon told his wife he felt like eating something. A few hours thereafter he began to cough heavily and within a short time expired. The surviving wife of many years and the children have the sympathy of all their friends in their bereavement.

William S. Potter was the son of William and Nancy Dillard Potter

03 Sep 1914

Issue of the Sedalia Daily Capital

For Mrs. Abe (Sarah Erwin) Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Mrs. Abe Potter, aged 67, who was stricken with paralysis at her home in Clifton City last Saturday night, died at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

The deceased has two sisters, Madams J. W. Neale and A. M. Harlan, and a brother, Granville Potter, living in Sedalia. She is survived by her husband, seven daughters, two sons, and three sisters.

The funeral of Mrs. Potter will be held at the Clifton City M. E. Church Friday morning at 10 o'clock, and interment will be made in Providence Cemetery.

09 Oct 1914

Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle

For Opal Frances Hurt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

OPAL FRANCES HURT

Fourteen-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hurt, of Near Pisgah, Victim of Typhoid Fever

After having been dangerously ill for the past several weeks, suffering from typhoid fever, Opal Frances, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hurt, of near Pisgah, passed away about seven o'clock Monday evening (05 Oct 1914).

Funeral services were conducted at the Pisgah Baptist church about noon Wednesday by the pastor, Rev. D. H. Howerton, and were very largely attended. Six boys acted as pallbearers and the casket was followed into the church building by the members of the Sunday school class, of which Opal had been a member. The floral offerings were unusually beautiful and profuse and indicated, to a certain extent, the high esteem and devotion in which the departed one was held.

At the time of her death, Opal was fourteen years, seven months, and twenty-eight days old. She was an unusually bright and sweet child, and greatly endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. She was a student in the Pisgah consolidated high school and was passionately fond of study, and was making an excellent record in her studies and, doubtless her close application to her studies was, to a certain degree, responsible for the attack of fever which caused her death. Opal gave her young life to Christ

more than a year before her death, being a consistent member of the Pisgah Baptist church. Truly, "Death loves a shining mark", was exemplified in the death of this fair young girl, who so early gave promise of blooming into beautiful young womanhood.

Besides her parents, Opal is survived by two little brothers, and to the grief-stricken family and other relatives and friends, the Eagle extends sincere sympathy.

06 Nov 1914

Issue of the Pilot Grove Weekly Record

For George Rothwell Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

GEORGE R. POTTER DIES

**Was Native of Cooper County, Died At Home In Blackwater.
Burial At Peninsula Church**

George Rothwell Potter was born near Blackwater, Cooper County, Mo., July 30, 1846 and died at his home in Blackwater Thursday night, October 29, 1914, being sixty-nine years, two months, and twenty-nine days old.

Mr. Potter was from a family of old settlers in his community and had always made the same neighborhood his home. On May 31, 1868, he was married to Miss Harriet Allison, a sister of Rev. Nat Allison, a Baptist minister once well-known in Pilot Grove, and to this union were born three sons and one daughter, two of the sons having died in infancy. William A. Potter, the eldest son, died in April 1899. The wife and daughter, Mrs. Mitt Heim, and six grandchildren survive.

The deceased was never affiliated with any church but had been very liberal in the building and support of the Peninsula Baptist church, of which his family were members, and it was from that place that his funeral was conducted by Rev. B. F. Reed, on Saturday morning, with many relatives and friends assembled to do honor to the memory of their deceased friend and neighbor.

13 Nov 1914

Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle

For T. Emmanuel Stephens

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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SUDDEN DEATH OF T. EMANUEL STEPHENS

Stricken With Apoplexy Sunday Morning – Died 14 Hours Later

HAD LIVED IN KANSAS CITY 7 YEARS

Body Brought to Old Home for Interment – Leaves Wife and Four Children

Back to the scenes of his childhood and to the many friends of yore, there was brought to Bunceton Tuesday afternoon the remains of Thomas Emanuel Stephens, to be laid to rest in the city cemetery and within near sight of the homestead where he was born and reared.

Mr. Stephens, who moved from Bunceton to Kansas City seven years ago, was stricken with apoplexy Sunday morning at 1:15, at his home, 110 North Lawn, in that city. He rallied and regained consciousness, but two hours later suffered another attack and at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon was stricken for the third time and died thirty minutes later.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Scrivner, pastor, of the Budd Park Christian church, of Kansas City, were held at the family home Monday afternoon at 2:30. The body, accompanied by all the members of the family, was brought to Bunceton Tuesday afternoon, and interment was in the family lot at the Bunceton cemetery, services at the grave conducted by Rev. J. W. Mitchell, pastor of the Bunceton Presbyterian church.

Mr. Stephens, who was a son of the late W. H. Stephens and wife, was born on the old Stephens homestead, one mile northwest of Bunceton, on September 11, 1855, being 59 years, 1 month and 27 days old at the time of his death. On April 5, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Dickson, of California, Mo. To this union were born four children, all of whom, with the wife and mother survive him. They are Mrs. Lee C. Wardell, of Lindsborg, Kans.; Mrs. W. Speed Mills, Hayden C. and W. M. Stephens, of Kansas City. He also leaves two brothers, W. L. Stephens, of Versailles, and R. A. Stephens, of Warsaw.

Mr. Stephens grew to manhood here and spent practically all his life in this community until moving to Kansas City seven years ago. At the time of his death, he was a city salesman for a cigar company. When a young man he learned the blacksmith trade

and for a while conducted a shop just east of where the livery stable now stands. He later engaged in the restaurant business for a short time, after which he bought a drug store here and was engaged in the drug business for 17 or 18 years.

He was converted when a young man and at the time of his death was a member of the Bunceton Christian church, where his membership had been for many years.

He was a big-hearted, generous and genial man – one who had many friends to whom the news of his sudden death brought real sorrow. Kindhearted and sympathetic, he was held in high esteem by those who knew him best. A good husband and a loving and indulgent father, his sudden passing is a crushing blow to his devoted wife and children, and to them we extend sincere sympathy.

17 Dec 1914

Issue of the Central Missourian Republican

For Benijah Hurt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Death of Benijah Hurt

Benijah Hurt was born in Cooper County, Missouri, May 15, 1848. He departed this life at his farm home eight miles southwest of Boonville, December 15, 1914.

Benijah Hurt and Miss Mary E. Edwards, daughter of Cornelius and Mary A. Edwards, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents November 18, 1873. To this union two daughters were born. They are living and are: Mrs. Leslie Rudolph, Boonville, Mo.' and Mrs. W. A. Salmon, widow, at the home of the departed one. Mrs. Benijah Hurt died September 29, 1880.

Other near relatives of deceased are: brothers, James Hurt and W. A. Hurt, one sister, Mrs. Mollie McFarland, all of Cooper County and residing on farms near Boonville.

Benijah Hurt was a member of Mount Herman Baptist Church, having united with the church in 1876. The funeral services were held at Mt. Herman at two o'clock afternoon of Tuesday, December 17, 1914. Services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Weldon, pastor of the Christian Church of Boonville. Interment at church cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Joe Gillman, R. S. Rankin, D. Robinson, Leonard Schmidt, Albert Adair, and B. D. Jewett.

Although Mr. Hurt was growing old in years, he was a man of strong endurance and a hard worker on his farm. About two weeks ago, Mr. Hurt had two teams at work on his farm hauling fodder from the field to the shed. He, in company with a neighbor, John Bornhauser, were on the rear wagon and, in crossing a branch, the whipple tree of the off horse became loosened and dropped, causing the horses to frighten. The two horses started to run and, with all due effort to control them on the part of the driver, they collided with the wagon in front. In the collision, Mr. Hurt was thrown underneath the horses and was trampled and kicked in the side. Four ribs were broken, two of them in two places. Mr. Bornhauser was thrown out into the field and sustained only slight bruises.

The Hurt family have been identified with Cooper County from the pioneer days of Missouri, and through three generations have borne a name worthy and unsullied. Col. Clayton Hurt, father of William, who was the father of the departed one and who came to Missouri, settling in Cooper County in 1815, now known as Boonville township, was an enterprising citizen. He became a prominent and wealthy farmer and reared a large family of children, eleven in all.

Benijah Hurt was a man of true worth, admired by all who knew him and, in his death, the county loses a most worthy citizen.

To the bereaved ones, the Republican offers sympathy.

18 Feb 1916

Evan Alexander Rex

**HE WAS 86 YEARS OLD
Mr. E. A. Rex, Answered Final
Summons Sunday Morning
WAS BORN IN NORTH CAROLINA 1830**

**Leaves 5 Children, 40 Grand. children and 60
Great-grandchildren-Member of Church 59 Years**

Just one hour after having passed his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary Evan Alexander Rex died at the home of his son-in-law, R. P. Edwards, of near Pisgah, Sunday morning, death resulting from an attack of lagriappe and the infirmities of old age.

Evan Alexander Rex

Rev. D. H. Howerton, of this place, conducted funeral services at the Pisgah Baptist church Monday afternoon which were largely attended despite the bad roads and rather inclement weather. The pallbearers were Messrs. Henry Carpenter, John Locan

Thatcher Jones, Wm. Baker, Edgar Carpenter and D. D. Hurt, Mr. Rex had been a member of the Baptist church almost 59 years and had his membership with the Pisgah church 43 years.

In the Eagle of May 9, 1913, The following sketch of "Daddie" Rex as he was lovingly known to his many relatives and acquaintances was published:

"I was born in Rowan County, North Carolina, February 12, 1830. My parents came through Tennessee into Kentucky, and into Indiana, where in 1849 I was United in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Campbell. We moved to Illinois in 1850, thence to Maries County, Mo., in 1853, from there to Jasper county in 1860, and came to Cooper county in 1862. I then enlisted in the rebel army with old Pap Price and served until the surrender at Shreveport, La., and came home in June 1865. I bought a farm in the Moniteau creek bottom in 1865, and cleared up the bottom and cultivated it. I had a black-smith shop of my own and made my own Plows. I cut lumber from the stump and made four wagons ready to hitch to. I lived over 17 years on this place and then bought what was known as the Gill farm and lived on it -for over 17 years. I then bought property in Clarksburg and lived there about five months. My wife died in 1902 and I moved to R. P. Edwards', where I now make my home, spending some of the time with the Nelsons at Clarksburg, my other children living too far away for me to visit".

Mr. Rex is survived by five children who are: Mrs. M. M. Harvey, Glendora, Calif.; W. H. Rex. Owassa, Okla; G. A. Rex, Clarksburg and Mrs. M. T. Nelson, of Glendora, Calif. Another daughter, Mrs. W. P. Whitlow, of Eaton, Colo. died January 9, 1916; and another daughter died in infancy. Mr. Rex is also survived by forty grandchildren and sixty great-grandchildren, also a half-brother, W. Y. Hommel, of Glendora Calif.

Mr. Rex was in good health almost up to the time of his death and was of an industrious nature that kept him active all his life. He was a great reader and was well versed in the scriptures. He lived an exemplary Christian life and his influence was always for good and his life was not only a long one but was one well spent. Several years ago Mr. Rex fell heir to a large estate of a half-brother in the state of California, amounting to between \$75,000 and \$100,000, and left all his children well fixed financially. The Eagle joins the many friends of this grand old pioneer Christian in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives

From The Bunceton (Mo.) Weekly Eagle Feb, 18, 1916.

30 Mar 1916

Issue of

For Drury Logan Davis

Submitted by Dorothy Harlan

DRURY L. DAVIS DIED IN SEDALIA TUESDAY

Was Assistant Superintendent of Training School For Many Years

BORN IN MACON CO. IN 1849

Widow, Two Daughters, Two Sisters and Two Brothers Survive Him.

Drury Logan Davis, for a period of eighteen years, assistant superintendent of the Missouri Training School For Boys, died at 3:15 o'clock Tuesday morning at the home of his son-in-law, Prof. W. H. Hert, 1001 South Mo. Ave., Sedalia, aged 66 years. Death was due to complications following an illness of twelve days with grip. Mr. Davis was in the best of health a few days ago.

Mr. Davis, accompanied by his wife, went to Sedalia for a visit with their daughter and her family. Mr. Davis was taken ill with grip, which later developed complications causing his death.

He was born near La Plata, Macon county, Mo. April 29, 1849, and was the son of Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Davis, his father being the first preacher of the Boonville Christian Church. He established a boarding school at Prairie Home when a young man. He was married at that place on August 1, 1878 to Miss Florence Franklin. Later removing to Boonville, he was made assistant superintendent at the Training School, and held that place up to six years ago, when he engaged in the hardware business at Boonville. He remained in that business five years, retiring a year ago. Mr. Davis had been an elder in the Boonville Christian Church for the last twenty-five years.

Mr. Davis was a member of the masonic lodge and was also a Knight Templar.

Besides a widow, two daughters survive him. Mrs. W. B. Hert of Sedalia, and Mrs. Edward Elliott of Kansas City. Two sisters and two brothers, Urban Davis of Chicago and Joseph A. Davis of Prairie Home; Mrs Hugh Logan and Mrs. Nannie Logan of Prairie Home.

A short funeral service was held at the Hert home, Wednesday, the Rev. A. W. Kokendoffer, pastor of the First Christian Church, having charge, and the remains accompanied by relatives was brought here, where the funeral was held at 2 o'clock, Thursday afternoon at the Christian Church. The church pastor, the Rev. J. B. Weldon, having charge and interment in Walnut Grove cemetery.

28 Jul 1916

Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

**For Frank Westerman
Submitted by Julie Spencer**

Frank Westerman Dead

Frank Westerman died at his home on Walnut Street Wednesday night after an affliction of several months of partial paralysis of the body. He was born in Germany 75 years ago. He is survived by a wife and four children. Funeral services will be held at the Boonville Catholic church Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, and interment at Walnut Grove cemetery. Members of the W.O.W. camp and the I.O.O.F. lodge are requested to meet at their respective hall at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning, prompt.

**14 Jan 1917
From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser
Mrs. Fred C. Klug**

Lydia Wing was born in Cooper county, Mo., October 20, 1871, and grew to womanhood on a farm several miles south of Boonville. On September 21, 1892 when twenty-one years of age, she was married to F. C. Klug, who survives, together with three children, namely Mrs. Ruth Birge, Miss Freda Klug, and Fred Klug, jr., all of Boonville. Her father, A. T. Wing, of Kansas City also survives.

Mrs. Klug died at the family home on Seventh street in this city Sunday morning, January 14, 1917, in the forty-sixth year of her age, after an illness of two weeks, though her health had been poor for some time previous. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. T. F. Harvey, the pastor, and interment at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

One brother Frank Wing, of Kansas City, and a sister, Mrs. Emily Mayo of Denver, Colorado, also survive, as do four aunts, Mrs. Lydia Humphreyville and Mrs. Kirchner, both of Cooper County, and Mrs. Bleachey and Mrs. Bowers, both residing in Kansas City, and an uncle Frank Runkle, of Boonville.

**15 Jan 1917
From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser
Mrs. Mary Zimmerman**

A long and useful life was ended on Monday, January 15, 1917, when Mrs. Mary Zimmerman died at the age of eighty-three years, at her home a few miles south of Boonville. The remains were interred at Walnut Grove cemetery Wednesday morning, January 17, after funeral services held in the Evangelical church at 10:30 o'clock, attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

Deceased, Mary Hoflander, was born in Saxony, Germany, May 16, 1834; she and a sister came to America in 1852 direct to this country and resided with relatives near Billingsville. Early in the year 1861 she was married to John Krohn who met with a tragic death from the hands of one of the marauding bands of desperadoes in Central Missouri in 1863. Her second marriage was with Henry Robien in 1865. Mr. Robien died about ten years later, and a few years thereafter she was married to Henry Zimmerman who died about three years ago. One child was born to the first marriage, John Krohn, who is a prominent farmer a few miles south of the city; to the second marriage were born three children, William; Henry and Lena Robien, all of whom survive the mother. No children were born to the third marriage.

Mrs. Zimmerman had one of her legs broken several years ago and never fully recovered from its effects. Her daughter; Miss Lena, and the other children, tenderly cared for her throughout the years of her affliction. She was the last member of the old Hoflander family which for many years lived in the vicinity of Billingsville.

**23 Mar 1917
Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle
For John R. Richey
Submitted by Bill Scroggin
From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri**

A PIONEER CITIZEN DEAD

**John R. Richey of Near Vermont, Aged 83, Died Tuesday -
Was a Native of Kentucky**

John R. Richey, who made his home with his son, James Richey, near Vermont, and who had been in failing health for the past eight years, died Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted at the Hopewell Baptist church yesterday afternoon by Rev. F. M. Rice and interment took place in the church cemetery.

Mr. Richey was a native of Kentucky and was born in the bluegrass state August 12, 1833. He came with his parents to Missouri when a little boy and spent the greater part of his life in Cooper County. In 1851 he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Keyton and to this union were born six sons and two daughters. Mrs. Richey died January 8, 1910, and Mr. Richey is now survived by six sons and one daughter. They are: James, John, Josh, and Wesley Richey of Cooper County; Andrew Richey of near Tipton; and Robert Richey of Lemon Grove, Calif.; and Mrs. Jeff Potts of Glendora, Calif.

Fifty-one grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren also survive. Mr. Richey was a Confederate veteran having worn a gray uniform for three years. He was a member of the Christian Church and was typical of the early pioneers who transformed this country from a wilderness into a land of happy homes. To those who mourn the passing of this sturdy old settler, the Eagle extends sincere sympathy.

04 May 1917

Bunceton Weekly Eagle

Mary Jane née Hickox Cole

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Mary Jane Cole

Passed Away at Her Home Near Pisgah Sunday - Was Born April 13, 1842

Mrs. Mary J. Cole, widow of the late Andrew B. Cole, died at her home near Pisgah Sunday morning. Although Mrs. Cole had been in failing health for some time, her death came rather unexpected, as she had been sick only a few days.

Funeral services were conducted at the Pisgah Baptist church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. Hedrick, of Prairie Home, and interment took place in the church cemetery.

Mary J. Hickox was born in Cooper County April 13, 1842. She was educated in the Young Ladies' Seminary at Boonville and, on December 25, 1865, she became the wife of Andrew B. Cole. To this union three sons were born, Charles Edward, James Warren, and George Truman. James Warren died in childhood, while the other sons are farmers near Pisgah. She also leaves two stepchildren, Mrs.

J. O. Morris and W. H. Cole, of the Pisgah community. Mrs. Cole was one of a family of three sisters and three brothers, all of whom have passed away save one brother, George Hickox, who made his home with his sister. Eleven grandchildren also survive.

"Aunt Mary", as she was lovingly called by her many friends, endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact by her many lovable traits of character.

She was a member of the Prairie Home Baptist Church and will be greatly missed in the community where she lived so long.

08 Jun 1918

Central Missouri Republican

John Henry Potter, Jr.

John Henry Potter

Passed Away in St. Louis and is Brought Here for Burial

John Henry Potter, Jr. was born in Boonville February 3, 1897, and died at the Missouri Pacific Hospital in St. Louis Saturday, June 8 at 10:15 p.m. where he was being treated for a severe injury, which he sustained while at work at the Missouri Pacific Depot. When it became known that he was critically hurt, his father and mother joined his wife and brother at his bedside, where they nursed him for five weeks. He passed from this life, fully conscious to the end, bidding his wife and little, year-old babe farewell before sinking into that quiet sleep that knows no awakening, safe in Him who doeth all things for the best.

The deceased was a promising young businessman of Boonville, having established a grocery store and restaurant near the M. K. & T. Depot during the past year. He was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Simms, of Marshall, Mo., on May 7, 1916, and shortly thereafter went to the Mexican border with the Boonville contingent of soldiers, but was exempted under the married men's ruling, and returned to Boonville. A daughter was born to the happy couple June 17, 1917. Those who mourn his untimely end are his wife, Mabel Simms Potter, and the infant daughter, Ernestine Mabel; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Potter; three sisters, Mrs. C. McCartney, of Springfield, Mo., Miss Bessie, of Boonville, and Mrs. Jesse Burt, of Pratt, Kansas; six brothers, William and Herman, of Pacific, Walter, George, and Edward, of Boonville, and J. W. Stillwell, of Higginsville, Mo.

The funeral took place from the Evangelical church, of which he was a faithful member, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock; Rev. Schlinkmann officiating, and he was laid to rest in the Walnut Grove cemetery under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World lodge, who read the ritual of the order at the grave, followed by a closing prayer by the Evangelical minister.

John Henry Potter attended the age of 21 years, four months and five days, and was highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance as an exemplary young man. The Republican joins the host of friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

28 Jun 1918

Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle

For Mrs. Annie Briscoe Cole Baughman

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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DEATH OF MRS. BAUGHMAN

Aged Bunceton Lady Passed Away Tuesday Afternoon – Funeral Yesterday – 71 Years Old

After having been in failing health for the past several years, Mrs. Henry Baughman died at her home in the southeast part of Bunceton Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, aged 71 years, three months and five days. Short funeral services were held at the family residence yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. T. M. Macdonnell, after which services were held at the Pisgah Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock. Interment took place in the Pisgah Baptist Cemetery. The services were largely attended and the floral offerings were beautiful and profuse.

Mrs. Baughman's maiden name was Miss Annie Briscoe Cole, she being a daughter of Samuel and Sallie Cole, pioneers of Cooper county. She was born on a farm near Bell Air, March 20, 1847, and spent her entire life in this county. In December, 1863, she was united in marriage with Henry Baughman and the couple lived for many years on a farm near Lee schoolhouse. There were seven children born to the union, one son and six daughters, all of whom survive. They are C. A. Baughman and Mesdames B. L. Morris, J. L. Morris, C. L. Edwards and G. A. Gilbert, all of this county; Mrs. Maggie Underwood, of Webb City, and Mrs. R. E. Hadley, of Glendora, Calif. Mr. Baughman died Feb. 6, 1911. Mrs. Baughman is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Sallie Kauffman, of Collins, Mo., and two half-sisters, Mrs. R. S. Roe, of near Bell Air, and Mrs. Jennie Cash, of Warrensburg.

Mrs. Baughman was one of nineteen children, all of whom are well known in their respective communities. Following the death of her husband Mrs. Baughman bought residence property in Bunceton and moved here, and has made her home here for the past seven years. Mrs. Baughman professed religion many years ago and united with the Baptist Church. She was a most estimable woman, kind, helpful and home-loving, and was a faithful wife and a most devoted mother. To those who are bereaved by her death the Eagle extends sympathy.

29 Jun 1918

William M. Johnson

WILLIAM M. JOHNSON CALLED TO HIS REWARD

The Angel of Death Beckoned and He Obeyed the Summons

HE WALKED WITH GOD

Was a Man of Distinguished Personality and Character.

There are in every community certain personalities which stand out clearly from the common mass of mankind because of the possession of some marked traits of character. For more than half a century the community has been familiar with such an one in the person of William M. Johnson, who needs no eulogy, for his life is its own best eulogy. For the inspiration of others it is well to note some of the outstanding traits in the character of this man, who was so universally esteemed and respected.

William M. Johnson was born July 12, 1827, at Harrisburg, Va., and died at his home on Sixth street in this city, Saturday evening, June 29, 1918. His father was Isaac Johnson and his mother's maiden name was Mary Cootes, who was related to some of the early settlers of Virginia. He came to Boonville in the year 1855, and held a position with the George T. Hardcastle mercantile company for several years and later entered the employ of Wm. H. Trigg, who at that time was operating a bank in Boonville. During his employment there the bank was compelled to take over a large assignment of dry goods from St. Louis, in payment of a debt. This led to the organization of the Wm. H. Trigg Dry Goods Company of Boonville, with which Mr. Johnson was identified until the firm retired from business in 1892. Later Mr. Johnson retired, after a continuous service of over 50 years in business in Boonville. Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Julia A. Trigg in 1859, to which union four children were born, three of whom are still living, they being, W. Morris and Wilburt T., Of Boonville, and Mrs. J. Lawson Price, of Jefferson City; one daughter died in infancy.

His funeral was held from the residence on Sixth street, Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, and the services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. M. Green, of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a long and faithful member, and the services were beautiful and impressive. A large concourse of citizens were present and the acting pall bearers were Col. T. A. Johnston, H. G. Windsor, Starke Koontz, E. H. Rodgers, H. W. Jenkins, Lawrence Geiger.

The hour of the funeral seemed to be a fitting one, and as the orb of day was slowly sinking beyond the western horizon the earthly remains of Wm. M. Johnson were laid to rest in beautiful Walnut Grove cemetery, to sleep the sleep of the just, until the trumpet of the archangel shall sound his awakening.

Mr. Johnson was preeminently a man of faith. Trust in God and belief in his fellow man were the predominating features of his life, and this fact gave tone to the whole life and actions, making his influence both worthy and effective. It produced in him that broad charity to all and sweetened the life by the presence of a tender sympathy and kindly interest in the welfare of others. His was the life possessed of the rare virtue of humility. There was no desire for idle show, nor place for insincere acts found in him. Never

seeking any special prominence, but ever wielding an influence, his personality was felt like the fragrance of the loveliest violet hidden amid the more conspicuous forms of life unseen but filling all the air with its sweet perfume. No grace of life is more to be desired and none to be more commended than a true humility for it is an element of character which wins the approval of God and the admiration of the world.

His was a life of sterling integrity and honor. Never a suspicion of injustice or dishonor rested upon him, and like Enoch he verily "walked with God." Fairer than any touch of painter, stronger than any stroke of sculptor, is that power and grace with which sincerity and honor brightened and strengthened his whole life because of the inner beauty of the soul. In his presence men were true and strong as they came under the silent power of his true and pure character.

The reward of such a life is in the esteem and confidence of men, and that abiding influence which is eternal. Its peace and triumph is little short of translation for it grows constantly into the heavenly life. In the passing of such a character it may be truly said that "earth is poorer and heaven richer."

Those who were associated with him in the church knew his worth and will miss him greatly, his place will be hard to fill. As an officer in the church for fifty-nine years he was fully imbued with the work which the Master gave him to do, always cheerfully and courageously bearing all burdens and contributing liberally of his means to its support. As a citizen he was thoroughly interested in every enterprise for the upbuilding of the community and the blessing of society. His memory should be an inspiration to every one who knew and respected him. Would that there were more like him, the age needs such characters and few men measure up to him in the stature of a full-grown Christian manhood. The benediction of such a life is a richer heritage than all the wealth of the material world, for "No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife, and all life not be purer and stronger thereby." His task is done. His course is run; But on the lasting page, Of many a mortal life, There lies a mark that age And length of time cannot efface.

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Charles Force

In Memoriam - In loving memory of Charlie Force who passed away one year ago today, November 28 1919: In a graveyard quietly sleeping, Where the flowers gently wave, Lies the one we love so dearly, In his lonely silent grave. The flowers we laid upon you, May wither and decay, But the love we have for you, Will never fade away. Sadly missed by your wife, Augusta Force and your father Frank Force.

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Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Julia Hurt Shannon

WAS ALMOST 90 YEARS OLD

Mrs. Julia Hurt Shannon, of Clark's Fork Township, Was Born in Cooper Co. October 1, 1830

Mrs. Julia Hurt Shannon, who was born in Cooper County on October 1, 1830, passed away last Friday at the home of her son, E. B. Shannon, of Clark's Fork Township, with whom she had lived for sixteen years.

Funeral services were held at the residence Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. Melvin, of Columbia, and interment took place in Walnut Grove Cemetery at Boonville.

Mrs. Shannon was a daughter of the late Clayton and Mary A. Hurt, pioneer citizens of the county, and was one of the oldest native-born women of the county. She was united in marriage with Alexander Shannon November 14, 1849, and to this union were born five children, namely: G. W. and F. H. Shannon, of Cabool, Mo.; Mrs. J. W. Draffen, of Los Angeles, Calif.; J. B. Shannon, deceased; and E. B. Shannon, of Clark's Fork Township. Mrs. Shannon also leaves 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Shannon united with the Walnut Grove Christian church in early womanhood and lived a consistent and useful Christian life. She was a woman of many good traits of character and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

**Obituaries of Cooper Countians
1920-1929**

23 Jan 1920

Issue of the Pilot Grove Weekly Record

**For Mrs Susan nee' Ramspear (Stewart) (Mann) Keck
George Allman**

Mrs. Susan Keck Dies

Was Born in Cooper County in 1845
Died at the Home of Her Sister Mrs. Mary Brownfield

Susan Keck died suddenly Wednesday morning, January 21, 1920 in Pilot Grove at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary Brownfield, with whom she had been since early last fall, when she came to make a visit to her sister. Thanksgiving morning, Mrs. Keck slipped on the ice and received injuries from which she has since been confined to her room and to the house the past few weeks being able to walk about the home without being aided. Except for a very bad cough Mrs. Keck seemed much better than usual Tuesday and after a hearty supper retired feeling well. About one o'clock in the morning she became suddenly very ill and complained of a severe pain on the left side. Although suffering severely at times she was active and directing ministrations for her relief and death came when she had dropped into an apparent natural sleep, those with her not knowing when she passed away. Mrs. Keck, who was Miss Susan Ramspear, was born 74 years ago and reared near Pilot Grove. She was first married to J. W. Stewart and to that union one child was born, Mrs. Clara Schupp, of Union, Mo. After the death of the first husband she became the wife of Mr. John Mann, and for the first time left Pilot Grove, making her home at New Lebanon during the life of Mr. Mann. Later she was married to C. Keck of Clinton, Mo., and for many years that place has been her home, her husband having died two years ago. Mrs. Keck had her plans made for returning to her Clinton home and was anxiously awaiting the time when she might make the trip in safety. In her early girlhood she became a Christian and united with the Mount Vernon church and her life has been of quiet submission and unflinching faith. Besides the one daughter she leaves one surviving member of her family, Mrs. Brownfield, at whose home she died. The funeral was preached at the Pilot Grove Presbyterian church Friday afternoon (today) at two o'clock by the Rev. G. L. Coffman, pastor of the Methodist church at this place, after which the body was taken to the Mount Vernon cemetery, one mile south of town, and laid to rest by the side of her first husband and near the last resting place of many members of her family.

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For Andrew C. Hurt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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DEATH OF ANDREW C. HURT

Aged Farmer, West of Prairie Home, Died Monday Night –
A Civil War Veteran

Andrew C. Hurt, who lived about four miles west of Prairie Home, died Monday night, after having been in failing health for some time. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. M. MacDonnell at the Pisgah Baptist Church Wednesday morning, followed by interment in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hurt was born September 14, 1842 in Clark's Fork township, where he spent his entire life, having lived on the farm where he died for about forty years.

He was married to Miss Celeste Holstein November 7, 1867, and five sons were born to the union, all of whom survive with the wife and mother. They are: B. F., J. A., W. A., D. D., and O. F. Hurt, all of this county. Fifteen grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Hurt joined the Christian Church at Pisgah about thirty-five years ago and was an upright and honorable man, esteemed by all who knew him. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served under Gen. Joe Shelby in the Confederate Army.

27 Jan 1922

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For Jesse A. Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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Jesse A. Potter, of the Potter Hotel, High Street, Boonville, died early Thursday morning, January 19, at the home of the family, following a long illness of sciatic rheumatism, aged 54. He was born in this county near Prairie Home and had lived here all his life, since early manhood in Boonville, and had a wide acquaintance in the community. He is survived by the widow, who before their marriage was Miss Rosa Gantner of Boonville, and by their son, Muril Potter; his aged mother, Mrs. Martha (George) Potter, all of Boonville; his brother, Lon Potter, of Houston, Texas, and a sister living in California. Funeral services, largely attended by the relatives and friends of the family, were held at the home Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. H. Sando, of the Christian Church, followed by burial in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

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For Lon V. Stephens

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FUNERAL SERVICES OF LON V. STEPHENS HELD LAST FRIDAY

The funeral of former Governor Lon V. Stephens, whose death occurred suddenly January 10 of heart disease at his home in St. Louis, as briefly told in the Eagle of last week, took place Friday afternoon at Cabanne M. E. church, St. Louis, largely attended by those prominent in the church, business and civic affairs of the city and state in addition to relatives and friends of the family. Following the funeral ceremonies, which were impressive, the body was placed in a receiving vault at Valhalla cemetery, St. Louis, until arrangements for burial are made later when, it is said, burial may be in Walnut Grove cemetery at Boonville, where his parents and the other deceased members of the Stephens family are buried.

Lon V. Stephens, third son of Col. Joseph L. Stephens, deceased, for many years a prominent citizen, lawyer and banker of Boonville, was born December 21, 1858, at Boonville, and grew to manhood here, attending the public schools, Kemper School and later Washington and Lee University at Virginia. Entered business upon his return from college as assistant cashier of the Central National Bank, Boonville, later becoming vice president. He was appointed State Treasurer by Governor Francis in place of the then defaulting treasurer and elected to that office by a large majority. Then nominated and elected as Governor for the four years term, ending in 1901, an administration marked by fine executive ability and success. His administration, as Receiver of the defunct Fifth National Bank, St. Louis, resulted in the saving of 98 percent to the stockholders and met with much commendation. Failing health and badly impaired eyesight forced his retirement from active public and business life during his latter years. He was married October 5, 1880, to Miss Maggie Nelson, daughter of James M. Nelson, for many years a prominent citizen, bank president and capitalist of Boonville, now deceased. Governor Stephens is survived by his wife, his sisters, Mrs. Wilbur T. Johnson of Boonville and Mrs. Paul B. Moore, of Charleston, Mo., his brothers, W. Speed Stephens of St. Louis and Alex Stephens, of Boonville.

31 Jan 1923

Issue of the Sedalia Capital

For Joseph L. Hazell

Submitted by Frances Smith

JOSEPH L. HAZELL

Joseph L. Hazell Died Following a several weeks' illness with dropsy, Joseph I. Hazell died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at the family home, 1801 South Park Avenue. He was 45 years old.

Mr. Hazell had resided in this city for three years, coming here from Speed, Missouri. He was born March 7, 1848. Surviving him are his widow and four sons: Judson Hazell of this city, Leslie Hazell, Atchison, Kansas, and Dade, and Aubrey Hazell of Speed.

The funeral will be held at 11:00 o'clock this morning from the Pleasant Hill church near Pilot Grove, in Saline county. Rev. Red, the pastor, will officiate at the services.
(Comments: If he was born 1848 and died in 1923, he would be 74 years old, not 45.)

24 Oct 1923
Issue of The Sedalia Democrat
For Linus W. Deuel
Submitted by Dorothy Harlan

Linus W. Deuel

Linus W. Deuel, aged 86 years, for many years a resident of this city, died at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the family home, 1110 East Eleventh Street.

Mr. Deuel was born in New York state, but came to Sedalia when a young man. He was employed for many years as a machinist at the Missouri Pacific shops, but since the strike, in July 1922 he had not been employed.

Surviving are his widow, five sons, Frank of Cooper county, Charles and Oscar of Kansas City, Dean and George of Sedalia, two daughters, Mrs. J. A. Hearle of Boonville and Mrs. O. L. Heckert, of Sedalia. He also leaves one brother, A. M. Deuel, of Nowata, Okla, one sister, Mrs. Ida Gray, of Evansville, Ill, thirty grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 10 o'clock Monday morning, Rev. W. B. McGraw of the East Sedalia Baptist church to officiate.

Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

23 Dec 1923
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Anton Daniel Back
Submitted by Bill Scroggin
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Anton Back Stricken With Heart Attack

Well-Known Baggage Man Dies While at Work Sunday Afternoon - Fifty-Seven Years Old
Five Children Survive Him
Funeral Services Wednesday Afternoon From Home in Charge of Odd Fellows

Anton Daniel Back, well known to Boonville people as "Tony Back", died suddenly at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, while engaged in his work at the Missouri Pacific station, where he was baggage agent. His death was unexpected, apparently due to an acute attack of heart trouble, and the members of his family were waiting for him to come home to dinner at the time it occurred.

Mr. Back was born in Boonville March 31, 1865 and had lived here all his life. He was married November 17, 1885 in Boonville to Miss Louise Sophia Fessler, who died seven years ago, January 4, 1917. Six children were born to the union, one of them, John Robert, having died when a child.

The surviving children are: Terrence and Rosalie of Kansas City, Kan., Thelma and Henry and Mrs. Oscar Kline of Boonville. Two grandchildren, Bernard Anton Kline and Henry Frank Back, Jr. of Boonville, also survive.

Mr. Back was a member of four orders, the Odd Fellows, the Maccabees, the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Woodmen of America.

"Tony" Back was a familiar figure in Boonville, having for many years served as a baggage man and conducted a transfer business. He was outstanding in his reliability and in the service which he performed was of value to all of Boonville.

Funeral services for Mr. Back were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the family home, 204 East High street, conducted by the Odd Fellows

07 Jan 1924
William J. Vaughan

WM. J. VAUGHAN DEAD
CIVIL WAR VETERAN
William J. Vaughan Died Jan. 7, 1924
Was The Father of Thirteen Children

William J. Vaughan was born Nov. 2, 1843 and died Jan. 7 1924 being at the time of his death, 80 years, 2 months and 5 days old. His death marks the passing of another Civil War veteran. He was married March 4 1863 to Nancy Day who died July 14, 1863. He was married the second time Feb. 7, 1863 to Pernecia Elizabeth Vaughan who survives him. To this union 13 children were born. The eight living children are Mrs. Hugh Scott of Linn Creek, J. C. Vaughan of Boonville, Mrs. James of Versailles, Mrs. C. E. Jobe, Russeville, Mrs. Robert Swinehart, South of California, William Franklin, at home, Mrs. W. W. Jobe, High Point, Mrs. Leonard Jobe, of this city, all of whom were present except Mrs. Scott and J.C. Vaughan. He also leaves one brother, Frank Vaughan southwest of California and one sister, Mrs. Will Rex of Adair, Oklahoma. He leaves 38 grand children, eighteen great grand children, and one great grand child. He was born and raised in Cooper County and joined the old Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at the age of 22. Years and lived a faithful Christian since. He was at the time of his death a member of the Brush Creek Church. He told one of his daughters that he knew he had a better home awaiting him and went to meet his heavenly Father with a prayer on his lips. The funeral was conducted by his pastor R. L. Hood and the body was laid to rest in Crown Hill cemetery.

02 May 1924
Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle
For Joseph Shelby Cole
Submitted by Bill Scroggin
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JOSEPH COLE OF NEAR MT. NEBO PASSED AWAY

Death was Result of Pneumonia –
Funeral Was Held at Mt. Nebo Church Monday, April 28th

Joseph Shelby Cole passed away at his home in the Mt. Nebo community Saturday night, April 26th, following a severe illness of pneumonia.

Joseph Shelby Cole was born on December 20, 1863 on the farm where he died, having spent his entire life in the same community, passing away at the place that had been his home for more than sixty years.

At the age of 17 years his father died and the duties of filling his father's place at the head of the large family of eight children revolved on Joseph. To this task, he bound himself and aided his widowed mother in every way. In May, 1889, he was married to Miss Mollie D. Ewing. To this union were born three children who, with the wife survive. They are Celeste, Inez, and Horace. The only one left of this large family of brothers and sisters, is his sister Emma.

Mr. Cole was held in the highest esteem in the community in which he had made his home for so many years, and his friends were many. He was a citizen of splendid character and was accorded such among all who knew him.

Funeral services were conducted at the Mt. Nebo Church on Monday morning, by the Rev. Clyde Hampton of Tipton and interment was made in the Bunceton Masonic Cemetery.

We extend to the relatives of the deceased our sincere sympathy in this sad hour.

02 Aug 1924
William M. Lionberger

W. M. LIONBERGER DIED SATURDAY AT HIS HOME HERE

Was Laid To Rest This Morning At Eleven O'clock --A Noble Man!

Mr. William M. Lionberger died, just as the sun was sinking in the west last Saturday evening, a soul was called to rest--a kindly soul that was ready to go to his home eternal.

Mr. William M. Lionberger who had been a resident of Boonville all his life, fell asleep at 7:20 o'clock August 2. Mr. Lionberger was the son of Isiac H. Lionberger and Mary Ann Tutt, who were married in Luray, Virginia, later coming to this city to make their home. This son was born in Boonville, May 3, 1840. On January 14, 1869 he married Miss Anna Trigg. The surviving children are: Dr. John Lionberger of St. Louis and Mrs. H. L. Harlan of this city. There are three grandchildren.

Mr. Lionberger was well-known in this town and neighboring community and was honored and respected by all who knew him.

For the past four years he has been confined to his home, where he has been tenderly cared for by a devoted daughter. His was of a noble character and he has been a brave and patient soldier in the battle of ill health and discomfort.

The funeral was held from the family residence Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The pallbearers were his nephews: Nelson Leonard, John Pitott, Frank Pigott, Fred Pigott, Ewing Trigg, Frank Waltz. The honorary pallbearers being, Colonel John Cosgrove, Carter Sappington, D. S. Koontz.

The Daily Republican joins the many friends of the family in extending the deepest sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

26 Nov 1924

Issue of the Sedalia Daily Democrat

For Abe Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Abe Potter

Abe Potter, aged 99 years, well-known pioneer, residing 3 miles west of Clifton City, died at his home at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, following a brief illness.

Mr. Potter, surrounded by a large circle of relatives, celebrated his ninety-ninth birthday on November 12. The day before he had walked as usual to Clifton City for his mail. He was taken seriously ill about a week ago.

He was born on the thousand-acre estate on which he died, November 12, 1826, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Potter. He engaged in grain and stock farming on reaching manhood. Joining the gold rush to California in 1849, he lived in that state about one year, returning to his home afterwards. He had resided on his home place practically all his life. Mr. Potter was well known throughout central Missouri as a gentleman farmer of the old school. When he was forty-two years of age he was married to Miss Sarah Erwin, who died ten years ago. Of this union nine children survive, Mrs. J. W. Neal of 1603 South Moniteau Avenue, Miss Alice Potter of Clifton City, Granville Potter of 2201 South Ohio Avenue, John Potter of Clifton City, Mrs. A. M. Harlan of 902 West Broadway, Mrs. Frank Richards of Florida, Mrs. Frank Griffin of Smithton, Miss Hettie Potter of Clifton City, and Mrs. Tom Huffine of Oak Grove, Mo.

The funeral was held at his home at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, the Rev. J. W. Owens, pastor of the Longwood Methodist Episcopal Church officiating. A large concourse of friends and relatives of the deceased were in attendance. Profuse floral tributes of rare beauty testified to the position of esteem, and respect in which Mr. Potter was held by his large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Pallbearers were M. M. McCarty, J. E. Shy, Ollie Bringes, Q. Higdon, J. W. Neal and William Bidstrup.

Interment was in the Providence Church Cemetery near Clifton City.

25 Jun 1925

William T. Eubank

A Builder of the West Rests After Long, Useful Life

William T. Eubank dies at the advanced age of eighty-nine years

Was a Pioneer of the West and Life Has Been Filled With Adventures and Hardships

William T. Eubank died at the home of his son, W.G. Eubank, in this city, on Sunday afternoon, June 25, 1922, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. The elderly gentleman had lived with his son for about two years last past, and had been practically helpless for a year or more. He received every loving attention from his son and family during his stay here and died from the effects of old age, quietly and without pain of any kind.

A history of the life of William T. Eubank would read like a tale of border days, replete with adventure and hardship, for he was among the earliest builders of this part of the west. He was born in the state of Virginia in 1833, and located at Leavenworth, Kansas in early manhood. He crossed the plains from Leavenworth, Kansas to Sacramento, California in 1850, being engaged in the business of freighting supplies to the gold miners of the coast. He pursued this

business a number of years, and made a number of trips to and from California, each trip requiring a years time, and each journey being filled with danger of hostile Indians and accidents of flood and field.

Mr. Eubank also helped establish the first pony express from Leavenworth to Sacramento, he being the one who laid out the route as best traveled, and placed the men and riders at their first stations. He was a very strong and aggressive man, of the kind that was so much in demand in those strenuous days, and his services were recognized to be of great value in establishing the routes of travel across the American desert, as it was called. In 1878 he took up his headquarters at Sidney, from where he delivered beef to the Indians on the Pine Ridge agency for two years. In 1880 he started a freight line from Sidney to Ft. Robinson, near Crawford, Nebraska, and to the Black Hills, first using mule teams and later the typical "bull" teams in hauling his wagons. In 1885 he was elected sheriff of old Cheyenne County, when he sold his freighting outfit and gave his entire attentions to his office. His term as sheriff extended until December 31, 1890, and during this term he was continually busy in the fight against lawlessness that was then being waged by county officials everywhere in the middle west. While serving as sheriff Mr. Eubank had occasion to execute a murderer who killed two persons and buried their remains in a sand draw about half a mile east of where Redington now stands. In 1891 Mr. Eubank took up his home in Denver where he resided until about two years ago when he was brought by his son to end his days here.

Funeral services were read over the remains of the aged pioneer, at the Eubank home Sunday afternoon, by Rev. Henry Steele, pastor of the Episcopal church of Bridgeport, after which burial was made in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Many friends of the family extended sympathetic attention and followed the body to its last resting place.

Bridgeport News-Blade
Bridgeport, Nebraska
June 1922

Note: In a biographical sketch printed in the Sidney, Nebraska newspaper when Mr. Eubank was running for sheriff, he listed his birthplace as Owenville, Cooper County, Missouri.

William T. Eubank married Alice Sarah Taggart in Sidney, Nebraska on June 6, 1886. He had three children from an earlier marriage and he and Alice had three children.

04 Aug 1925

Central Missouri Republican 06 Aug 1925

William Herman Back

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William Back Killed By Train Here Tuesday

Funeral Services Were Held at Walter Potter Home On Walnut Street Thursday

William Back, lifelong resident of Boonville, died at St. Joseph's hospital here at 8 o'clock Tuesday night from injuries received when he was struck by a Missouri Pacific Railroad train about 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Back had apparently fallen asleep on the railroad track near the Missouri Reform School, and failed to hear the train approaching. Both legs were severed in the accident and he sustained other injuries. He was taken to the hospital immediately following the accident.

Mr. Back was born on June 18, 1869, and was married on January 14, 1891 to Miss Mackie F. Hurt, who died here on September 10, 1921.

He was a member of the Woodmen of the World lodge for many years.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Elmer Cartner of eight miles south of Boonville, two sisters, Mrs. J. Potter and Mrs. Dom Barnert of Boonville, and one brother, Joe Back of Billings, Okla.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of a nephew, Walter Potter, on Walnut street. They were in charge of the Rev. J. E. Bomar, pastor of the Baptist church of Tipton. Burial was made in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

01 Jan 1926

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For William J. McFarland

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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W. J. McFARLAND OF CLARKS FORK DEAD

Was One of County's Most Widely Known Farmers and Stockmen

William J. McFarland, one of Cooper County's best known farmers and stockman, passed away at his home near Clark's Fork early Friday morning following a critical illness of several months duration.

Mr. McFarland was born in Clarks Fork township September 9, 1863, the son of A. W. and Mary Catherine McFarland. He spent his boyhood days on the home farm and received his education in the public schools of the county. He had been a farmer and stockman all his life and his farm in Clark's Fork township is one of the best and most modern farms in that section of the county.

The deceased was married to Miss Mollie Eller, a daughter of Davis and Martha Eller, of Boonville township November 2, 1884, who survives him. Four children also survive the father: Wilbur J., Mrs. William Mersey, Mrs. Wilbur Farris, and Mrs. Gordon Mitchell.

Mr. McFarland was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Boonville and was an active and worthy member of the Presbyterian Church at Bethel. He was a public-spirited citizen and took an active interest in all matters pertaining to the public welfare and the advancement of the community.

Funeral services, attended by a large crowd from all parts of the county, were held from the Bethel Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Services were conducted by the Rev. Rewster of King City, Mo. Burial was made in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

28 May 1926

Boonville Advertiser

For Mrs. Mary Ann Monks

Submitted by Mae Bruce

COUNTY'S OLDEST WOMAN DIES AT AGE 94

Mrs. Wm. Monks, of near Tipton, was native of England

She came to America when eighteen years old and settled in New York

Mrs. Mary Ann Monks, Cooper county's oldest woman, died at the home of her son, William Monks, of near Tipton, May 20, being 94 years and two months at the time of her death.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at Clarksburg followed by burial in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Pall bearers were six of her grandsons, Harry and John Monks, of Tipton; Roy and Edgar Monks, of near Bunceton, and Truman and Stanley Hirst, of Sedalia.

Mrs. Monks' maiden name was Miss Mary Ann Barwood and she was born in Yarmouth, England, March 16, 1832. She came to America when eighteen years old and on July 5, 1853, she became the wife of William Monks. To this union nine children were born. The husband and four children preceded her in death, and she is survived by one daughter Mrs. Lydia Hirst, of Sedalia, and four sons, Tom Monks, of Welsh, La.; Alex, of Sedalia; Sam, of Syracuse, and William, of Tipton, with whom the venerable old lady had make her home for the past 12 years. Mrs. Monks also had twenty-seven grandchildren, forty-three great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren, making her seventy-seven living descendants.

Mrs. Monk's husband was a seaman and for some time following their marriage they lived in New York. Following this Mr. and Mrs. Monks moved to St. Louis and Mrs. Monks conducted a millinery store until a few years after the Civil War after which they moved to Cooper county.

Until two years ago Mrs. Monks led an active life and was an industrious housewife. She was always a great lover of needlework and took many premiums at various fairs.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church and was a woman of unusual attainments.

07 Aug 1926
Issue of the Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa
For Robert T. Roedell
Submitted by Kristen Watts

Robert T. Roedell, 73, died at Finley hospital Friday morning at 3 o'clock.

The body has been taken to the home of his son, R. P. Roedell, 264 Hill Street. Funeral services are to be conducted at the Walton and Schroeder chapels Sunday afternoon at an hour to be announced later. Burial be made in the Linnwood Cemetery.

Mr. Roedell was born in Quincy, Illinois October 15, 1852 and has been a resident of Dubuque for the past forty years. He was a painter by trade. He is survived by four sons, F. G., R. C., R. P. and A. T. Roedell all of Dubuque, and one daughter, Mrs. Alex Duccunu, Dubuque.

03 Jun 1927
Issue of the Boonville Advertiser
For Judson Hazel
Submitted by Frances Smith

Judson Hazel, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hazel, was born in Cooper County, near Billingsville, August 27, 1874, and died at his home in Nevada, May 26, 1927. He spent the most of his life in the county where he was born and has many friends of his old home. On April 16, 1921, he was married to Mrs. Fronie D. Wright, of Nevada, who with the mother and three brothers, Leslie, Dade, and Aubrey, all of this county, survive. Funeral services were held from the Hay's Undertaking Parlor, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with burial in Nevada.

13 Dec 1927
Boonville Weekly Advertiser
Friday, December 17, 1926
Front Page
Submitted by Nancy LaGore

Born Near Clifton City, but Lived for Past Thirty Years at Pleasant Green

James Nathaniel Blyth, a native of Cooper County, passed away Monday at Pleasant Green at 6 o'clock in the evening having attained the age of 68 years. He was the fourth member of his family to die within thirteen months, three of his sisters having died within that time.

Mr. Blythe was born one mile north of Clifton City on the old Blythe homestead, Marcy 20, 1848 and grew to manhood there. His first marriage was to Miss Margaret Campbell of Clifton City, who died many years ago. On December 8, 1891, he was married to Miss Sallie Woolery, and is survived by her.

Mr. Blythe was a member of the Pleasant Green Methodist church, and funeral services were held from that church at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon by his pastor, the Rev. Powel Cane. Pallbearers were: W.C. Cordry, E.L. Graves, Dr. J.S. Parrish, J.W. Coe, J.T. Rueker and J.H. Schlotzhauer. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The many friends Mr. Blythe had made during a long and useful lifetime will learn with sorrow the passing of this Christian citizen for he was always a man who took pleasure in aiding those who called upon him for help.

12 Jun 1928
Ralph Tuckley

Ralph Tuckley, son of William Tuckley formerly of Versailles but for several years a citizen of Bunceton, died at the home of his father Tuesday, June 12, about noon. The young man was around 28 years old. He served in the World War where he contracted tuberculosis and from which he suffered several years, spending most of his time in government hospitals. A government nurse was with him at the time of his death. The body was brought to Versailles today for burial in the Tuckley burial lot in the city cemetery.

12 Jun 1928

Margaret Rymal Kickasher

The following is a transcription of the **Obituary of Margaret Rymal Kickashear 1835-1928**, as found in the Boonville Daily News, Boonville, MO December 17, 1928 Page 1.

Transcribed by Judith Ambrose King on January 2, 2002

93 Yr Old Woman Dies Yesterday

**“Grandma” Kickashear, Near Overton
Was Ill With Influenza Only Few Days.**

Funeral To Be Tuesday

**She Was Born in Cooper County in 1835
and Spent Almost Entire Life in County.**

Mrs. Margaret Kickashear, lovingly known as “Grandma” Kickashear, by hundreds of relatives and friends, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emma Groom, near Overton, yesterday morning between eleven and twelve o’clock. The immediate cause of the aged woman’s death, who was past 93 years old, was influenza. She was ill only a few days.

In spite of her age Mrs. Kickashear was active physically and mentally almost up to the time of her death. She was probably the oldest person in the country to vote at the last election, going to the polls to cast her vote for her grandson, Clay Groom, who was elected sheriff.

Funeral services will be held at the Highland Cumberland Presbyterian church Tuesday ;morning at 10 o’clock, by Rev. Russell of Sedalia, and burial will be in the Clayton cemetery, near Wooldridge.

The following interesting account of this remarkable old lady was written for publication two years ago by Mrs. George S. Stemmons, of Prairie Home:

Was Born In Cooper In 1835

Mrs. Kickashear, whose maiden name was Margaret Rymal, was born in 1835, eight miles east of Boonville. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rymal, first lived in Tennessee, but hearing the call of the west as did many of their neighbors at that time, and seeking to better their fortunes, came with their children, their household goods and chattels, to Missouri in 1835. They came in “covered wagons,” traveling slowly and painfully westward, ever westward, helping to blaze the way for the countless thousands that followed, enduring the hardships of the trail, facing the menace of the hostile Indians that they might build the better for their children.

Soon after reaching Missouri, little Margaret the eleventh child of the family was born. One was born afterward, but only seven of these children survived the hardships of pioneer life. Mrs. Kickashear talks feelingly of the father and mother who toiled early and late that their family of little ones might be properly clothed and fed. The mother raised the flax, the wool and even the cotton, all of which she took through the many primitive processes preparatory to the spinning and the weaving and dyed the cloth and fashioned it into garments.

Attended "Subscription School"

In the winters Margaret, with her brothers and sisters, attended subscription school, which usually lasted three months and for which the father paid one dollar per capita per month. Considering the preparation of the average teacher of the time, it was "high at the price." The school they attended is now known as the Woodlawn, but was then called the O'Brien. It was built of logs and contained long backless benches for the pupils. A long desk where all the youngsters stood to "do their sums" and their writing exercises was made of a log sawed in two through the middle and set up on wooden pins. Blackboards were unknown. The children had to "toe" a long mark, when they stood up to recite, and woe to the mischievous lad who waxed too festive during a recitation, for down on his luckless pate came the ferule with which the master was always armed.

In talking of the farm and its activities in those days, Mrs. Kickashear tells of the threshing of the wheat on the barn floor by the horses who tramped it over and over, driving in the primitive way, the grain from the stalk. This was followed by the separating of the chaff from the wheat by the old fashioned wheat fan, a far cry from the improved methods of today. No wonder wheat flour was a delicacy and to be used only on special occasions such as when the preacher came to dine or some one in the family married.

Future Husband Comes to America

While Margaret was growing in body and spirit, blooming into attractive womanhood, there was in far off Italy, a young silk weaver, an expert at his trade, one who had a touch so delicate, a hand so true, that one-fourth yard per day was his limit. His fame as a weaver had gone abroad in the land and he was commissioned to weave a velvet tapestry to adorn the palace of the king. While this young weaver was working at his trade, he was weaving dreams of his own into the fine fabric of his loom, dreams of a far away country where he could live a free life in the great outdoors that he loved - --dreams that were rudely awakened by the military commandant whose heavy hand was laid upon his shoulder, and he was pressed into military service.

For eight long years he served his country as a soldier, but the dreams of the weaver lad became too strong; they developed into a driving ambition, and with the assistance of an older brother, himself a weaver and a merchant, the young man was slipped out of the country and smuggled aboard a merchant ship bound for America, whose jolly tar of a captain agreed to deliver him on American shores for the sum of one hundred dollars, a vast amount in those days and in that country. But why not? It was the price of freedom. After many days at sea, Joseph Kickashear was landed at New Orleans. He had no friends, no acquaintances, no one in whom he could confide, for a price was on his head, so what could he do? Silk weaving, the only trade he knew beside soldering, was not in demand, and he had he not promised himself a life in the open, once he reached the land of his dreams?

Young Couple Wedded

So, as was the usual custom of the Italian immigrants of that day, he took the little money he had and bought a monkey and a handorgan and proceeded northward, making enough to pay his expenses as he went. With the hand of fate guiding him, one night he and a partner whom he had annexed in his travels, advertised a show in the neighborhood of the young Margaret Rymal. Can we not see the happy faced young girl, accompanied by a school friend, (who, by the way, was the late Samuel L. Jewett), as she goes to the little show in a neighboring schoolhouse, clad in her best "linsy" frock and eyes bright with expectancy? Shows were few and far between in that time and the day that brought one, was a real event in the lives of the young people.

It was truly a "red letter" day for the young Guiseppe (so his name would be spelled in his native language) for it was a case of love at first sight with him. But Margaret would have none of him at first; she had no such thought in her bright young head. However, Joseph's ardent southern nature saw no obstacles and he pursued his suit with such vehemence that the lady finally consented to be his bride. So, eleven months afterward, on Dec 3, 1854, they were married at the residence of the late Robert Miller, a neighbor. Mr. Miller had faith in the young man who confided to him his ambition to become a farmer, and so he rented to Joseph some land that he owned in Bates county.

They Move To Bates County

The following March, 1855 the young married couple took what Mrs. Kickashear fondly calls their wedding trip, in an oxcart, with all their worldly possessions piled in the "tonneau". It took six days to cover the distance of some 126 miles. The first night out they made camp in what now is the heart of Sedalia, though no buildings stood there at that time. After a period of one and one-half years in Bates they decided that Cooper was the place they wished to make their permanent home, so they harnessed up their oxcart and returned. In a few years by dint of hard work and careful

management they were able to own a farm of their own and bought one near Overton and that is the place where Mrs. Kickashear makes her home with a daughter whose husband purchased the place soon after Mr. Kickashear's death some thirty years ago.

Mrs. Kickashear is the mother of family of seven. Mrs. Mary Johnson, Portland. Ore.; Mrs. Emma Grooms, Overton; Andrew, Sedalia; Mrs. F. L. Schilb, Prairie Home. She also has twenty grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren.

Active and Energetic

Mrs. Kickashear is remarkably active and energetic, wants to keep busy all the time; can cook, sew, and do housework, is able to walk as far as one-fourth mile and frequently does it. She can thread a needle with 60 thread with ease, has pieced ten quilts since her ninetieth birthday and has started work on the eleventh. She possesses a remarkable memory and two years ago at the Prairie Home M.E. Children's Day exercise, repeated a poem that she had learned and given at a school entertainment seventy-five years before. The poem was "God Made the Stars," and it was in the second reader she used in her youth. Last year she gave it at some exercises held at the Highland Presbyterian church and it was commented on by the "Cumberland Presbyterian," the state paper of that organization. Her partner in this little dialogue when she repeated it first in 1849 was James Tucker, long since dead, the grandfather of Harold Mills, of Boonville.

Had "Old Fashioned Religion"

It is a privilege to know and love a woman like "Grandma" Kickashear, who has the old fashioned kind of religion that makes her love everybody. Her face becomes actually illuminated as with a light from above when she tells of her joy when her husband became a Christian. In looking back over the long road she has traveled with its days of hopes and joys, its moments of sorrow and sadness, that time of the conversion of the husband and father is her "supreme moment," standing out as a shining beacon in her life of Christian service which began at the age of fourteen, the time of her own conversion. She is a Cumberland Presbyterian by faith, and while she loves all brother and sister Christians, her heart is naturally a bit more tender to those of her own denomination. Old age would hold no terrors of us if we could grow old as sweetly and beautifully as she has done, with her courageous Christian faith, her daily walk with the Master and her childlike, prayerful trust in God. "Hers an old age serene and bright and lovely as a Lapland night."

23 Jul 1927

Issue of the Central Missourian

For Mrs. A. W. (Catherine) nee' Hurt McFarland

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Mrs. A. W. McFarland died at her home in Clark's Fork township Friday July 22, after an illness of six weeks. Mary Catherine (Hurt) McFarland was born in Clark's Fork township September 2, 1838, and was a daughter of William and Catherine Robertson Hurt.

She was married to A. W. McFarland of Boonville township, December 10, 1857. To this union were born five children. Two daughters died in childhood. William J. McFarland died in December, 1925. Two daughters, Mrs. Robert Johnson and Mrs. J. Terrell Mills, both of Cooper County, survive. Two brothers, W. A. Hurt and James Hurt, of Boonville, with a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. McFarland was a widow of A. W. McFarland, who died January 3, 1910. Both Mr. and Mrs. McFarland were natives of Cooper County. They lived in Henry County for three years, then moved back to Cooper County, where they made their home on the old McFarland homestead in Clark's Fork township. The Hurt and McFarland families are prominent in the history of Cooper County.

Early in life she became a member of the Bethel Presbyterian church. Funeral services will be held in the Boonville Presbyterian church at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mitchell of Independence. Interment will be made in the family lot in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

02 Aug 1928

Issue of the Sedalia Daily Democrat

For George W. Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

George W. Potter

George W. Potter, 84, died at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home five miles north of Clifton City. Death was caused by general debility.

He is survived by his widow, three sons, Grant, John, and Samuel, and four daughters, Mrs. Little Wood, Mrs. Nellie Durley, Mrs. Jane Fair, and Ruth Wallace. All are of the Clifton City neighborhood, with the exception of Mrs. Wood, who lives at Exeter, Calif. He is also survived by thirty-three grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren, and three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at the Lamine church at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. The Rev. Zeb Thomas will be in charge of the services.

Mr. Potter had lived in the Clifton City neighborhood since some time prior to the Civil War and has many relatives and friends there.

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**Obituaries of Cooper Countians
1930-1939**

**Thursday, September 25, 1930
Issue of The Mulvane News
For Nancy J. Woolery
Submitted by Nancy LaGore**

AGED RESIDENT PASSES TUESDAY
Mrs. Nancy J. Woolery dies at Home of Son, M.M. Woolery-----Was Invalid Many Years
FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Mrs. Nancy J. Woolery, mother of M.M. Woolery of southeast Mulvane, died at the home of her son there, Tuesday afternoon, September 23. Mrs. Woolery, who had been an invalid and a patient sufferer for many years had made her home with her son and family here from Newkirk, Oklahoma, in 1918.

Mrs. Woolery was born in Illinois June 28, 1847. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ballard Huddleston. In 1865 she came with her family to Kansas and was married to N.J. Woolery on June 27, 1872. Her family was one of the pioneer families of Franklin County. Later Mrs. Woolery and her husband again followed the pioneer movement to a newer country and went to Oklahoma. Her husband died January 19, 1882.

Mrs. Woolery became a member of the Church of Christ at the age of 20 years, and remained a faithful member of the church for 63 years. She is survived by two sons, M.M. of Mulvane and H.B. of Wichita; one daughter, Mrs. W.W. Headlee, of Uneas, Oklahoma and by six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Mulvane Church of Christ this afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. H.A. Utley. Interment was made in Mulvane Cemetery. Gordon Mortuary in charge.

**17 Nov 1930
Issue of the Sedalia Democrat
For Daniel L. Farley
Submitted by Bill Scroggin
From newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri**

D. L. Farley

D. L. Farley, aged 75 years, four months and 26 days, died at 8:45 o'clock this morning at the Bothwell Memorial Hospital while being operated on.

Mr. Farley was one of Pettis County's best-known farmers, who resided one-half mile south of Green Ridge, where he had made his home since 1905. Previous to that time he resided in the La Monte vicinity.

Mr. Farley was a good man with a legion of friends and was a member of the Baptist Church at Green Ridge.

He was born in Warrensburg, Johnson County, June 21, 1855 and spent his entire life in Missouri. August 6, 1876, he was married to Miss Arizona Akins, who preceded him in death on February 26, 1883. To that union three children survive, they being W. B. Farley, Sedalia; J. A. Farley of Parshall, Col. and Mrs. Q. H. Glenn of Peoria, Ill.

In 1886 he was again married, his bride then being Miss Mary L. Lee of Beaman, Mo., who preceded him in death also. He was again married in December, 1900, his third wife being Miss Minerva Ross and to them four children were born as follows: E. H. Farley, Bayfield, Col.; Col. D. D. Farley, Slater, Mo.; Mrs. J. C. Wood, Eldon, Mo. and E. M. Farley of the home address, and five grandchildren. Three brothers also survive, they being J. N. Farley, Basin, Wyo.; G. W. Farley, Henrietta, Mo. and J. H. Farley, Sedalia, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at Green Ridge at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Michaelowsky, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Warsaw, officiating.

Burial will be in Potter's cemetery north of Clifton City.

**05 May 1932
Issue of the Boonville Daily News
For Betty Robertson
Submitted by Bill Scroggin
From newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri**

Mrs. Betty Robertson of Cooper Co. Dies
Was Born in This County Almost 94 Years Ago; Funeral Friday

Mrs. Betty Robertson, aged Cooper County resident, died Wednesday morning at the home of her nephew, Warner Robertson, four miles southwest of Boonville at the age of 93. She would have been 94 years old June 2. Funeral services will be held at the Warner Robertson home this (Friday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. I. D. Borders, pastor of the Boonville Presbyterian church. Burial will be made in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Mrs. Robertson was born June 2, 1838 in Cooper County, the daughter of William and Nancy Potter Dillard. She spent practically all of her life in Cooper County. She is survived by three nephews and two nieces, T. B., Charles E., and Warner Robertson, Mrs. B. Miller, and Mrs. Joe Gilman, all of and near Boonville.

22 Jul 1932
Issue of the Boonville Advertiser
For Thomas Franklin Woolery
Submitted by Frances Smith

Thomas Franklin Woolery is Dead
Funeral Service for Civil War Veteran were Held at Bunceton

Wednesday Thomas Franklin Woolery was born Jan. 18, 1843, near Nebo Church in Cooper County and died at his home in Bunceton July 18, being 89 years and six months of age. Funeral services were held at the Christian Church at 2:30 pm, Wednesday, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. H. C. Clark, of Boonville, assisted by the Rev. C. E. Nickerson, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Woolery was married to Miss Lizzie Wilkes on Oct. 2, 1870. To this union seven children were born, four are living. They are Allen D. Woolery of Kansas City, Downing Woolery of Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. Charles Lauer of Boonville, and Mrs. Finas Reed of Pilot Grove. Mrs. Woolery died Nov. 5, 1891.

On Jan. 9, 1907, Mr. Woolery was married to Miss Lillie Doyle who survives with the following children by that union: Mrs. F. A. Case of Kansas City, and Miss Emma Mae and Thomas Taylor Woolery of the home.

Mr. Woolery joined the Baptist church at Nebo when a young man, and moved his membership to the Christian Church at Bunceton about 25 years ago. Mr.

Woolery was a farmer until about 18 years ago, when he and his family moved to Bunceton.

Mr. Woolery enlisted in the Confederate army in 1862, serving four years in Henry Titsworth company, Company A., Gordon Regeman Shelby's brigade. He fought in more than 40 battles and was never wounded. Mr. Woolery loved to tell about his early days and his war experiences.

Pallbearers were E. K. Ford, Rolla Hickerson, Ivan Robinson, Herbert Harris, E. P. Harned, and C. W. Culley. Burial was in Bunceton Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Woolery was the last of thirteen children.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Case, Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel L. Eaton, Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolery, Kansas City; Mrs. T. Carr, Kansas City; D. O. Woolery, Pueblo, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lauer, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Burton and daughter, Florence Mayfield, Boonville; Mr. and Mrs. Finas Reed and son, Pilot Grove; Mr. and Mrs. George Foster, Boonville; and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Doyle and daughter, Thelma of Pilot Grove.

20 Jan 1933
Issue of the Pilot Grove Weekly Record
For Sarah Isabel Pulley Hazel
Submitted by Frances Smith

MRS. SARAH I. HAZEL DIES
Native Cooper Countian Dies At Age of Eighty Years
Was Born Near Speed 1853

Sarah Isabel Pulley Hazel died Thursday, morning, January 12 about 9 o'clock at the home of her son, Aubrey Hazel, just north of Pilot Grove, after a long illness. For seven years she had been failing in health, in that time having suffered several strokes of paralysis. For more than a year she had been confined to her bed, unable to speak, and entirely helpless. Last week she was again stricken and quietly and quickly passed on.

Mrs. Hazel was born near Speed, September 26, 1853, all her life having been spent in one community. On Nov. 23, 1872, she was married to J. J. Hazel of near Speed, Mo., and to that union four sons were born, three surviving: David Hazel, Boonville; Aubrey Hazel of Pilot Grove and Lester Hazel of Atchison, Kansas, the husband dying many years ago.

Mrs. Hazel united with the Pleasant Hill Baptist church when young and lived a consistent Christian life, although for many years of her life deprived of the privilege of worship in her church.

Funeral services were conducted in the Hays-Stoecklein funeral parlor, Saturday afternoon by Rev. H. H. S. DuBois of the Pilot Grove Methodist church, with music furnished by Mrs. John Shackelford, Miss Ruth Hays, P. E. Hays, and S. L. Stites.

Pallbearers were: I. M. Doyle, Robert Moore, Ross More, Joseph Turner, Harry Turner, and Lewis Turner. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery five miles east of Pilot Grove.

13 Nov 1934

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Philip Peter Neef

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

PHILIP NEEF DIES AT HOME

Prominent Farmer Is Survived By Wife And 2 Sons

Philip Peter Neef, prominent Cooper County farmer, died at his home eight miles west of Boonville about 5 o'clock this morning. He had been in failing health for some time but had been very ill since Sunday.

No funeral arrangements have been made.

Mr. Neef is survived by his wife and two sons: Carl A., who lives about three miles west of Boonville, and John H. of the home.

Philip Peter Neef lived in Boonville township all his life. He was born May 13, 1857, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Neef, natives of Germany.

He was but seven years old when his father was killed at the battle of Boonville. Early facing responsibilities and labors unusual for the average boy, he stuck to the farm. In 1882 he bought 85 acres, a part of the farm on which he died, and there established his home in a log cabin, clearing the ground of stumps. He added to his land holding throughout the years.

On December 28, 1879, he was married to Julia C. Huth, who also was born in Boonville township.

At "Riverside Farms" Mr. Neef gained a reputation as a farmer and stockman.

14 Nov 1934

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Philip Peter Neef

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Neef Services At Evangelical Church

Funeral services for Philip P. Neef, prominent Cooper County farmer who died at his home west of Boonville yesterday morning, will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Boonville Evangelical church.

The Rev. George Kreuzenstein, pastor of the West Boonville Evangelical church, six miles west of Boonville, will have charge of the services. Burial will be in Walnut Grove cemetery.

Mr. Neef was confirmed as a boy as a member of the Boonville Evangelical church, but when the West Boonville church was started, he transferred his membership there.

07 Dec 1934

Issue of the Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa

For Florence A. Roedell

Submitted by Kristen Watts

Funeral of Florence Ada Roedell was held from the Huebsch-ris funeral home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A large circle of friends and relatives attended the impressive services conducted by the Rev. H. D. Atchison, of St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by the Rev. E. J. Starr, of the Center Grove Methodist Episcopal Church.

The male quartet of the University of Dubuque, composed of Robert Roedell, Robert Stirratt, Raymond Avery, and Ben Swede, sang several selections. Mrs. Charles Landgraf also sang a selection accompanied by Mrs. Ada Herrmann.

Pallbearers were Roy Bradley, Fred Bradley, Melvin Bradley, Henry Bradley, Clifford Bradley and Elmer Bradley.

Burial was made in the Linwood Cemetery.

Those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Lindsey, Billings MT; George Cousin, Chicago; and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Roedell of Syracuse NY.

15 Apr 1935

Issue of the Sedalia Democrat

For Jasper M. DeWitt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Jasper M. DeWitt, 80 years old, passed away at the home of Mrs. Douglas Price near Beaman early Sunday morning. He had been ill for some time.

Surviving him is one son, Bert M. DeWitt of St. Louis, who arrived late Sunday. His wife passed away many years ago, as did a son, Carl, and a daughter, Gertrude.

The body is at the McLaughlin Funeral Chapel and will remain there until 12:30 o'clock Tuesday when it will be taken to the Lamine Baptist Church, where services are to be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Burial will be in Potter Cemetery. Complete arrangements have not been made.

05 Nov 1936

Issue of the Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa

For Charles W. Landgraf

Submitted by Kristen Watts

Funeral services for Charles W. Landgraf were held Tuesday afternoon at the Haudenshield funeral home. They were connected by R. P. Roedell. Miss Myra Bock presided at the organ. Graveside services in Linwood cemetery were conducted by Pastor Master E. A. Millius of the Masonic Lodge # 125, Dubuque; far Ashlar lodge # 111 of Fort Dodge, of which the deceased was a member. Pallbearers were David Malvaney, Frank Duffy, Harry Linderman, Sam Johnson, W. E. Peterson and Herman Schnack.

Out of Town relatives in attendance were Mrs. Charlotte Richmond, Mrs. Louise Young, Stanley Young and Mrs. William Landgraf all of Elgin, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Leetch, Bloomington, Illinois Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Clemmons, Clinton Illinois; Mrs. Charles Deremo, Spencer, Iowa

Illinois Central Railroad officials and employees in attendance from out of the city were C. R. Knowles, W. B. Bryant and Mrs. Bryant, John Hanley, Miss Adeline Keefe, Miss Olga Wanninger and Harry Linderman all of Chicago, Illinois R. C. Parlett of Mattoon, IL Ralph Larkin and Mrs. Larkin, E. S. Chaphand, H. E. Bishop and David Mulvaney all of Waterloo.

Other friends present where Sam Johnson and E. E. Miller, Chicago and Don Bodishbaugh of Mattoon.

21 May 1937

Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle

For George W. Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

GEORGE W. POTTER PASSES AWAY FRIDAY

Otterville Man Succumbs to Lingering Illness; Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon

George W. Potter, life-long Cooper Countian, died at his home in Otterville Friday following a lingering illness.

Mr. Potter, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jabe Potter, pioneer Cooper Countians, was born October 4, 1853. He was married to Miss Phoebe Dillard and to this union two children were born: Mrs. Bob Smith and Lobe Potter, both deceased. He was married September 10, 1921 to Miss Margaret Steele, who survives him as do 15 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; and one brother, Jabe Potter, south of Otterville.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Otterville M. E. Church, of which he was a faithful member, with the Rev. C. K. Sullins of LaMonte, former pastor, officiating. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons of Mr. Potter.

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Dominicus Barnert

**Barnert Funeral Rites To Be Held Saturday
Very Reverend Monsignor Schilling to Conduct Services at SS. Peter and Paul's Church**

Funeral services for Dominicus Barnert, who died at his home on South Third Street Tuesday evening, scheduled for tomorrow morning, have been changed to allow a son, Merle, of Toronto, Canada, to come here for the rites.

Services will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at the SS. Peter and Paul's church, conducted by the Very Reverend Monsignor Schilling, in charge of Stegner-Koenig. The body will lie in state at the Stegner-Koenig Funeral Home until tomorrow evening at 4 o'clock when it will be taken to the home until time for the funeral Saturday morning. The Rosary will be said at the home tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

20 Jul 1937

Boonville Daily News – 24 Jul 1937

Barnert Funeral Rites Are Held This Morning

Funeral services for Dominicus Barnert, 74, were conducted at 9 o'clock this morning at the SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church here by the Very Reverend Monsignor Schilling. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery. The Rosary was said last night at the home at 8 o'clock.

Pallbearers were: Arthur Bradley, Oscar Kline, Clarence McCartney, William Pieper, William Potter, and Otto Schmalfeldt. Honorary pallbearers were: James Tucker, Gus Meyer, John Potter, Fred Bleckman, James Berry, and Jacob Deck, Sr.

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FINIS READ, 76 NEW LEBANON, DIES

Finis Read, 76, died at his home near New Lebanon Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock following a lingering illness.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Norwood Read, of Marshall and Chathan Read of the home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Pleasant Green.

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Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Elza B. Shannon Rites Held Saturday

Cooper County Farmer Dies At His Home Near Boonville Thursday Afternoon

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in Boonville for Elza B. Shannon, who died at his farm home near Boonville Thursday afternoon, after an illness of about a month. Rites were held in the Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. David F. Murphy, assisted by Rev. H. C. Clark. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Shannon was born October 31, 1853, on the farm where he lived at the time of his death and where he spent his entire life.

He was united in marriage to Mary Catherine Miller in 1876, and to this union three children were born, Minnie Gray died at the age of two, Robert Alexander died in 1936, and Elza M., of Benton, Kansas. Mrs. Shannon died July 26, 1884.

On March 6, 1889, he married Jennie L. Johnston of Prairie Home. To this union five children were born.

Mr. Shannon is survived by his widow; two sons, Elza M. of Benton, Kansas, and Louis J. of near Boonville; three daughters, Mrs. B. H. Mills of Clark's Fork, Mrs. William Toellner of near Bunceton, and Miss Georgia Shannon; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

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For A. C. Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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**A. C. Potter Funeral Rites are Held at Sedalia
Former Cooper County Farmer And School Teacher Buried Saturday at Pettis County Seat**

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Gillespie Funeral home at Sedalia for A. C. Potter, former prominent Cooper County farmer of near Clifton City. The services were conducted by the Rev. Summers, pastor of the Calvary Church. Burial was in Crown Hill cemetery, Sedalia.

Potter was the son of the late William and Hannah Potter and was born April 7, 1849 in Johnson County. When but a child he moved with his parents to a farm near Clifton City, where he resided until 18 years ago. Since then he has resided at 519 East Fifth Street, Sedalia.

He taught school for a number of years and is well-known in Cooper and Pettis counties. He was married January 1, 1902, to Miss Julia Frank of Clear Creek, who survived with two children; Orson Potter and Mrs. Clarence Bates, both of Sedalia. He is also survived by the following brothers: Joe, of Sedalia; William, of Windsor; Nelson, J. L., and the Rev. Thomas Potter, all of St. Louis.

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Louise B. Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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Mrs. Louise B. Potter, 79, Dies at Home Here

Funeral Services Will Be Held at Evangelical Church Monday Afternoon at 2:30 - Lived in Boonville Her Entire Life

Mrs. Louise Barbara Potter, 79, died last night shortly before midnight at her home at 220 First Street. She had been in failing health for the past year.

Born in Boonville on March 1, 1859, she spent her entire life in this community. She was a lifelong member of the Evangelical church and served as clerk of the Woodmen's Circle here for the past 38 years: she was also a charter member of the Rebekahs and Maccabee lodges here.

Funeral services will be held at the Evangelical church Monday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by the Rev. E. F. Abele, pastor of the church, under direction of Stegner-Koenig. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove cemetery. The body will lie in state at the home after 1 o'clock today until time for the services Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Potter was the daughter of Anton and Wilhelmina Guyer Back. On February 13, 1876, she was married to George B. Stillwell to which union four children were born: Mrs. Savannah Burt, Pratt, Kas., and Joseph Stillwell, Higginsville, Mo., and George and Mary, who died in infancy.

On September 6, 1882, she was married to John H. Potter, Boonville. To this union, the following children were born: William J. Potter and Walter A. Potter, both of Boonville; Herman E. Potter, St. Louis; Mrs. Louise McCartney and Mrs. Bessie Kyle, both of Springfield, Mo.; George O. Potter, Lordsburg, N. M.; and Edward Potter, St. James, Mo. Another son, John H. Potter, preceded his mother in death in 1918.

Mrs. Potter is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Boonville; 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

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For Mrs. Alice Potter
Submitted by Bill Scroggin

rites for Mrs. Alice Potter to be tomorrow

Services To Be Conducted At Foursquare Gospel Church Sunday Morning At 10 O'Clock - Burial In Hail Ridge Cemetery

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Potter, 201 Second Street, who died yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock at St. Joseph's Hospital after a lengthy illness, will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Foursquare Gospel Church here.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. Geraldine Grebe and the Rev. Evelyn Taylor. Burial will be in the Hail Ridge Cemetery.

Mrs. Potter was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Potter, two years ago. She was born November 28, 1874, at Versailles, Mo

She is survived by three children, Mrs. Robert Stillwell, Mrs. Bessie Brightwell, and John Potter, Boonville, and a brother, Burt O'Bryan, Independence, Mo.

The body will lie in state at the Stegner-Koenig Funeral Home until time for the services tomorrow morning.

10 Feb 1939

From Issue of Bunceton Eagle

For John W. Richey

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LAST RITES FOR JOHN W. RICHEY

Passed Away At Home of Son In Howard Co.; Funeral Here Monday Afternoon

Funeral services were held for John W. Richey, 87, former Bunceton resident, at the Christian church here Monday afternoon with Rev. H. C. Clark, of Boonville, officiating. Burial was in the Masonic cemetery here. Six grandsons served as pall bearers.

Honorary pallbearers were O. L. Groves, N. A. George, Jim Daniel, C. R. Friday, Herbert Harris and Dr. J. B. Rand.

Mr. Richey passed away Saturday night at the home of his son, Wallace Richey, west of Franklin, after an illness of several days.

He was born in St. Clair county, Mo., December 22, 1851 and came to this county when a young man. He engaged in farming south of Bunceton until 1919 when he moved to Bunceton where he lived until about a year ago. Since then he had made his home with his son, Wallace and a daughter, Mrs. Belle Marcum, of near Fayette.

Mrs. Richey preceded him in death December 19, 1927. Surviving him are three sons, Lon, Jefferson City, Jack, of Moberly, and Wallace, of Howard County; one daughter, Mrs. Belle Marcum, Fayette; three brothers, James, of Bunceton, Josh, of Cooper county, and Wesley of New Mexico; eighteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

05 May 1939

From Issue of Bunceton Eagle

Matilda Hurt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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Mrs. Matilda Hurt Passes Thursday

Funeral Services Were Held at the Home Saturday Afternoon; Burial in Local Cemetery

Mrs. Matilda M. Hurt passed away at her home in Bunceton Thursday afternoon, April 27, following an illness of several years. Until two months ago, she spent the past year at the state sanatorium in Mt. Vernon, returning to her home here February 27.

She was born in the Clark's Fork community May 16, 1884. On August 30, 1916, she was married to Benija F. Hurt, who preceded her in death January 11 this year. To this union were born four children, Leona Lois, Clothilda, and Ben Jr., and Christine June, who died January 20, 1929.

She was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church of Bunceton.

Mrs. Hurt was a lovable Christian woman, being devoted to her church, her family, her children, and her home. Ill health the past few years had deprived her of being active in those things she enjoyed the most.

Surviving are her three children of the home; two brothers, Leonard Langkop, of near Bunceton, and Martin Langkop, of California, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Theiss, of near Prairie Home, and Mrs. Herman Kopp, of Bunceton; one half-sister, Mrs. Paul MacDonnell of Brookfield, Ill.; and her aged step-mother, Mrs. Mary Langkop, also of Brookfield, Ill.

Funeral services, largely attended, were held at the home at two o'clock Saturday afternoon under the direction of the Parker Funeral Service. Rev. Herbert Pragman, Lutheran minister, officiated.

Burial was in the Bunceton cemetery.

The Eagle joins the many friends in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved children and relatives.

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John Henry Neef

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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JOHN H. NEEF IS FOUND DEAD

16 Gauge Shotgun Used To Inflict Fatal Wound - Funeral to Be Friday Afternoon At 2:30

John H. Neef, 55, was found dead at his farm home several miles west of Boonville about 7 o'clock this morning by Ray Pollard who had gone to the farm to cull Neef's flock of chickens. Neef had taken his life by shooting himself in the head with a 16-gauge shotgun.

Coroner J. C. Tincher, called about 8 o'clock to view the body, declared there would be no inquest.

Neef shot himself in the right temple with the shotgun, the Coroner said. The shooting is believed to have occurred early Monday evening or Monday night.

County officials who investigated the case this morning believed financial worries were responsible for the tragedy. A pocketbook containing \$30 in cash was found in his pocket.

A will was made by Mr. Neef on Tuesday, Dec. 5, this year, was found in his home. The will appointed Kenneth Hirlinger, Boonville, as administrator of his estate in case of death, bequeathed \$10 to his brother, Carl, and made arrangements for funeral expenses and a monument. The remainder of his estate was bequeathed to the German Protestant Home of St. Louis County, Mo.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the Evangelical church here. The Rev. Firdel Paul, pastor of the Evangelical church at Billingsville, will conduct the service. Burial will be in Walnut Grove cemetery.

Mr. Neef was born June 21, 1884. He is survived by one brother, Carl, of Boonville.

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For Mrs. Jennie Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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MRS. JENNIE POTTER DIES IN CLIFTON CITY Funeral Rites To Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon - Had Been Ill For Several Months

CLIFTON CITY - Mrs. Jennie Potter, 64, died at her home here Wednesday afternoon about 5:15 o'clock. She had been ill for several months.

The funeral services will be held at the Clifton City Methodist Church at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The Rev. O. A. Winscott of Bunceton is to conduct the services. Burial will be in the Pilot Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Potter is survived by her husband, J. J. Potter of Clifton City, and her mother, Mrs. W. R. Phillips of Pilot Grove.

She was born near Marshall Dec. 15, 1875. She was married to J. J. Potter in 1915.

Hayes and Painter of Pilot Grove have charge of funeral arrangements.

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Edwin Miles Paul

Ethel Cassel

TWO RESIDENTS OF COUNTY HOME KILLED BY CAR

A.J. Huss Driver, Apparently Saw Miles Paul And Ethel Cassel Too Late

Two residents of the Cooper County Home, Edwin Miles Paul, 69 and Ethel Cassel, 45 were struck by and automobile and killed about 7:00 o'clock Sunday (10 March 1940) night as they left the institution grounds to attend church services in Boonville.

A.J.[Buddy] Huss, driver of the car apparently saw them too late to avoid a crash. They were believed to have stepped from the South driveway of the County Home into the path of the automobile.

Dr. J.C. Tinchler, County Corner, and Sheriff, Clay Groom, called to the scene, said no inquest would be held and no charges were filed.

Huss, works at Miller's Drug Store, was on his way to Prairie Home.

A third resident of the home, Mrs. Mary Korte, was with Mr. Paul and Miss Cassel, but was not injured.

The man's chest was crushed, his head injured and both legs were broken, according to Dr. Tinchler. His body was found several yards in front of the point where the car skidded to stop.

The woman's neck was broken. Dr. Tinchler said. Her body was found at the side of the road opposite the automobile. The Coroner said he believed both died instantly.

Mr. Paul, formerly lived in Prairie Home Community and later in Boonville. He is survived by a son, Horace Paul, Alexis, IL; a daughter Mrs. Minnie McNulty, Pacific Grove, CA.

Miss Cassel had been transferred to the county home from the State School at Marshall and has no immediate relatives.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete today pending word from Mr. Paul's survivors. It was said at the Goodman & Boller funeral parlor.

Funeral service were held at the Goodman & Boller Chapel, Tuesday afternoon for Miss Cassel, conducted by Rev. Geraldine Grebe former pastor of the Four Square Church here. Burial was in the city cemetery.

The body of Miles Paul, the other victim of the accident, was taken to Holden for funeral services.

29 Aug 1941

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For J. Henry Stretz

Submitted by Julie Spencer

J. Henry Stretz, 79, died at his home in Boonville Saturday night at 11:30 o'clock. Although he had been in ill health for three years his death was unexpected. Funeral services were conducted at SS Peter and Paul's Catholic church, with burial in the Catholic cemetery.

Mr. Stretz is survived by his widow and 10 children; Mrs. John Walje of Sedalia, Mrs. Rose Taylor of the home, Lawrence Stretz of Boonville, Norbert and Ernest of Compton, Calif., Mrs. Mary Sonnen of Kansas City, Virgil Stretz and Mrs. Ernest Barbano of Compton, Calif., Mrs. Harold Brummel of Lee's Summit, and Leonard Stretz of Boonville; by four step-children, Mrs. Joe Sinclair, Mrs. Leo B. Schmidt and Urban Gantner of Boonville, and Earl Gantner of Jacksonville, Fla., by 33 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Stretz was born June 23, 1862, in Boonville, the son of Frank and Magdalena Rider Stretz. He attended the Catholic school in Boonville. For more than 50 years he was a bricklayer, contractor and a manufacturer of brick. In 1905 he and Louis Gantner formed a partnership and established a brick manufacturing plant here. The firm also did a general contracting business.

He was married in 1886 to Miss Mittie Edwards. She died Feb. 21, 1898. On Nov. 30, 1899, he was married to Mrs. Mary Gantner. Mr. Stretz is a member of the Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Two children, Henry and Ferdinand preceded him in death.

11 Sep 1941

Issue of the Cooper County Record

For Mrs. Martha L. Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Funeral services were held at the Goodman and Boller Chapel Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Martha Louise Potter, 96. The Rev. Perry P. Taylor, Methodist pastor, officiated and burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were William J. Hurt, Leroy Wallenmeyer, Charles Knorp, Eugene Hall, Roy Brown, and Mr. Dishion. Mrs. Potter died Saturday morning at the home of a niece, Mrs. Smith, at Prairie Home.

She was born in Cooper County, January 20, 1845, a daughter of Jesse and Rachel McFarland George, and spent her entire life in this community. Her husband preceded her in death. Two sons and two daughters were born of the union.

Among those she leaves are two grandsons, Muril S. Potter, El Paso, Texas, and William Eakin, Kansas City; and several nieces and nephews.

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For Gilla Cole Roe

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MRS. R. S. ROE DIES SUNDAY MORNING
Funeral Services Were Held Tuesday Afternoon at the Presbyterian Church –
Burial at Mt. Nebo

Mrs. Gilla Cole Roe, 83, died Sunday morning at 10:40 at the home of her son, Sam Roe, of near Syracuse, following a month's serious illness.

Gilla Corum Cole was born near Bell Air Jan. 25, 1859, and was the youngest daughter of Samuel and Katie Cole. She was a granddaughter of Hannah Cole.

At the age of 18 she was married to Hogan Tillman Solomon, and to this union three children were born, two of whom survive: Mrs. Cordelia Painter of Bell Air; and E. E. Solomon of New Franklin.

Following of Mr. Solomon, she later married to Robert S. Roe, March 6, 1892 and to this union six children were born, five of whom survive. They are: Mrs. Grace Putnam and Samuel C. Roe of near Syracuse; Mrs. Adda Gander and Joe Roe of Topeka, Kans.; and Truman T. Roe of Kansas City.

Also surviving are two step-children: Mrs. Lena Doyle of Boonville and Lovell Roe of Grand Rapids, Iowa, and a large number of grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Since the death of Mr. Roe in Dec. 1922, Mrs. Roe had made her home in Bunceton until last fall when, because of failing health, she gave up housekeeping and went to live with her children.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 conducted by the Rev. C. S. Young, pastor of the Methodist church. Burial was in the Mt. Nebo cemetery.

Pallbearers were six grandsons: Robert Painter of Great Lakes, Ill., Edgar Painter of Boonville, Maurice Solomon of Columbia, T. J. Putnam of Syracuse, Ed Roe Oswald and Harold Oswald, both of Chicago.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Roe and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gander and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodell, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Sneden, and M. M. Small, all of Topeka, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roe

Oswald and Harold and Tillman Oswald of Chicago; Virgil Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Solomon and Mrs. Julius Stegner and daughter of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ilmes, Misses Margaret and Ellen Ilmes, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cash, all of Warrensburg; Porter Cash, Earl Holliday and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Painter of Boonville; Dee Roe, Mrs. Bowhon, L. O. Neal, Jim Cole and Mrs. Fay Leiter of Sedalia; Verne Lee Oswald of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Woolery of Glenstead; Robert Painter of Great Lakes, Ill.; Miss Marie Painter of St. Louis; Truman Roe of Kansas City; J. E. Solomon of Malta Bend and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Solomon of New Franklin; and Mrs. C. F. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Groves and Oli Groves of Tipton.

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For Hibber C. Stephens

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HIBBER C. STEPHENS FUNERAL SERVICE

Bunceton Resident Died at Home on Saturday – Rites Were Held at Parker Funeral Home Sun.

Funeral services for Hibber C. Stephens, who died at his home in Bunceton Saturday April 11, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Parker Funeral Home. The Rev. C. S. Young, pastor of the local Methodist Church, conducted the rites. Burial was in the Bunceton Masonic cemetery.

Pallbearers were: William Doran, Earl Ford, Julius Kopp, Herman Kopp, J. S. Daniel and Frank Harris.

Hibber Corum Stephens, son of Joseph Lawrence and Lydia Corum Stephens, was born near Bunceton Dec. 29, 1859. He was one of seven children. On Feb. 20, 1910, he was married to Miss Cora Palmberg, who preceded him in death July 25, 1929.

Mr. Stephens lived most of his life in Cooper County and for a number of years conducted a meat market in Bunceton. In early manhood, he became a member of the Presbyterian Church and continued in that faith through life.

He is survived by one brother, John A. Stephens of Bunceton, and six nephews and six nieces.

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For Mrs. Molly Cole

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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MRS. MOLLIE COLE DIES SATURDAY

Funeral Services Were Held at the Mt. Nebo Church Saturday at 2:30 P.M.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mollie Cole Ewing Cole, 81, who died at her home in the Mt. Nebo community Thursday, April 9, were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the Mt. Nebo Baptist church. The Rev. Roy Williams of Kansas City conducted the rites. Burial was in the Bunceton Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Cole was the widow of Joseph S. Cole, whose death occurred about eighteen years ago. She was born at New Lebanon, Mo., and had spent most of her life in the same community. She was a member of the New Lebanon Presbyterian church.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Celeste Cole and Miss Inez Cole of the home; a son, Horace Cole of Pilot Grove; two grandchildren, Jean and Joseph Cole; and two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Brownfield of Otterville, and Mrs. Charles Edmonston of Bunceton.

30 Jul 1942

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For Mrs. Harriett Ann nee' Allison Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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MRS. H. A. POTTER SERVICES HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Blackwater Woman Died Tuesday Morning at Home of Daughter, Mrs. Eva Helm, Near Blackwater

NELSON - Mrs. Harriett Ann Potter died Tuesday morning, July 28, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eva Helm, near Blackwater. Had she lived until October 18, she would have been 94 years of age.

A daughter of Nathaniel T. and Ruth Goodrich Allison, she was born in Cooper County in the community where she lived her entire life. She was married to George Rothwell Potter, who died October 29, 1914.

To this union were born three sons and a daughter. Two sons died in infancy. The eldest, William Allison Potter, lived to be 30 and was married October 5, 1890, to Miss Mary Ann Jones. He died the winter of 1899.

Miss Eva Leona Potter was married July 7, 1901 to Mr. Helm, who died in September 1934.

Surviving Mrs. Potter are her daughter, six grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. She was a charter member of the Peninsula Baptist Church where her funeral was held this afternoon at 2:30.

Mrs. Potter had a history of the Allison family which dates back to the Allisons of Scotland, who were in possession of Yardley Hall, county of Cambridge, for five generations. Her grandson, Rupert Helm, had procured for her a reproduction of the Allison coat of arms, with the motto "Vincit Veritas" meaning "truth prevails."

31 Jul 1942

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Lon C. Force

Lon Force, 87 died Wednesday evening at his home here.

He had been in failing health for several years.

Mr. Force lived in Bunceton practically all his life coming here from Boonville when a boy. He was a carpenter, working at his trade as long as his health permitted.

Alonzo L. Force, son of Christian C. and Harriett nee' McCarthey Force was born Feb. 27, 1855 in Boonville, Mo. Aug 16, 1881 he married Miss Emma E. Hepler and to this union one daughter was born.

He is survived by his widow, the daughter, Mrs. Grace M. Tuckley and three grandsons: Joseph Tuckley of the home, Edgar Tuckley of Springfield, Mo. And Hillard Tuckley of the U. S. Army and stationed at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo.

Funeral services will be held today.

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12 Apr 1943

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Mrs. Robert Moore

Submitted by Mrs. Neil Smith

Mrs. Robert More Dies Near Pilot Grove

Funeral Services Will Be at 2:00 o'clock Tomorrow Afternoon at Methodist Church, Pilot Grove

Mrs. Robert Moore of near Pilot Grove, died April 9 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Aubrey Hazel, following a long illness.

Mrs. Moore, the former Mary Elizabeth Baugh, was born near Pilot Grove, October 12, 1869, and lived in this community nearly all her life. She was married to Robert Moore on December 23, 1889. Mr. Moore preceded her in death on December, 1942.

She is survived by three children, Mrs. Aubrey Hazel, of Pilot Grove, Mrs. Harry Turner of American Falls, Idaho, and Henry Moore of Boise, Idaho. One child died in infancy. Also surviving are a brother and sister, Dr. H. G. Baugh of ShoShone, Idaho, and Mrs. Sally Edwards of Boonville.

The body was brought to the Hays-Painter funeral home in Pilot Grove and then moved to the home of Mrs. Aubrey Hazel yesterday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Pilot Grove Methodist church, the Rev. Wm. Rapy officiating.

03 Jan 1944

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Holbert Cole

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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Holbert Cole Dies Near Otterville

OTTERVILLE - Holbert Cole, a retired farmer, died December 31 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Sprinkle, near Otterville.

He was born near Bunceton September 18, 1860. On January 4, 1882, he married Miss Sallie Anne Solomon who preceded him in death on October 3, 1922. Two sons also preceded him in death, Aubrey Cole, March 1922, and Arthur Cole, December, 1933.

He is survived by the following children: Ernest Cole, Prairie Home; Charles Cole, Herlong, Calif.; F. L. Cole, Otterville; Porter Cole, Smithton; Mrs. John Sprinkle, Otterville; Mrs. Roy Ross and Mrs. Don Keefer, Rochester, Mich.; also 29 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. There are six grandsons serving in the armed forces: Marcum, Kenneth, Wallace, Elmo, Farrie Jr., and Frank Cole.

Cole was a great grandson of Hannah Cole, first pioneer resident of Cooper County. He had spent most of his life in Cooper County.

For many years he had been a member of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church where funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon with the Rev. William Tatom of Otterville officiating.

26 Apr 1944

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For William Andrew Hurt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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Pioneer Herford Breeder Is Dead

William Andrew Hurt, a son of the first white child born in Cooper County, passed away at his home a mile east of Boonville last night at 11:45. Mr. Hurt was a prominent Cooper Countian, and was the oldest breeder of Hereford cattle in this county.

Mr. Hurt will lie in state at the Goodman and Boller Funeral Chapel until tomorrow morning, when he will be removed to his home where he will lie in state until time for the services. At this time, funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of a son from Texas.

Surviving along with his widow is one son, Sydney Hurt, of Waco, Tex., and two daughters, Miss Margaret Hurt of the home and Mrs. James Farris, of Boonville.

He would have been 94 years old on May 16. He had been in failing health for twelve years. When he was 82 years old, he broke his ankle. He had been seriously ill for the past two years and recently suffered a heart attack and took a turn for the worse last Wednesday.

Mr. Hurt farmed with his father until 1876 when he bought a farm of his own. He married Miss Nancy Elizabeth Johnston in 1878. She is a sister of the late Col. T. A. Johnston, superintendent of Kemper Military school.

16 Jul 1945

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Herman M. Stretz

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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Lifelong Resident of Boonville Dies

Herman M. Stretz passed away at the St. Joseph hospital yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Stretz had been ill for four weeks, but was only admitted to the hospital Saturday.

He was born Sept. 9, 1884 in Boonville, the son of Frank and Margaret Whitman Stretz. He attended and graduated from the parochial school and was a lifelong member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic church.

On Nov. 21, 1905 he was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Knack and to this union four children were born, two of whom died in infancy. He is survived by his wife and two children, Rosemary of the home and Harold of St. Louis, Mo., and by three grandchildren, Richard, Karen, and John Stretz, all of St. Louis. He also leaves four sisters, Mrs. John Schiebrle of Joplin, Mrs. J. J. Burke, Danville, Ill., and Misses Ida and Mayme Stretz of Boonville.

Stretz was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at SS Peter and Paul Catholic church in charge of the Rev. Fr. John Baskett and the Rev. J. J. Hans of St. Anthony, Mo. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. He will lie in state at the Stegner & Koenig Funeral Home until time for the services. Rosary will be said at the Funeral Home tonight at 9 o'clock.

16 Apr 1946

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For John H. Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

John H. Potter's Life Spans Period of Many Changes

Mr. John H. Potter, 217 Elm St., who is observing his 88th birthday today at the home of a stepson, Joe Stillwell, in Marshall, has lived his entire life near or in Boonville. For 33 years, he sold fuel oils here, driving his wagon daily up and down the streets of the town. During the 33 years he was never absent from his route more than a day or two at a time except for a period of three weeks when a son was very ill. The coal oil wagon was typical of its day. The body of the wagon was a cylindrical tank with faucets to facilitate the filling of the housewife's can. It had a clanging bell to announce its arrival in the neighborhood, and Mr. Potter sat up front on a raised seat with a huge brown umbrella shielding him from summer rains and suns and winter storms, his foot rising and

falling on the lever that set the bell into rhythmic sounds. The streets were dirt and sometimes in bad weather even the horse-drawn vehicle became mired down in mud holes over town. Coal oil sold for 15 cents a gallon, then later for 20 cents or five gallons for 90 cents. Mr. Potter remembers one time when, for a period of three days, he sold it for five cents a gallon. He was indulging in a price war with a competitor. The competitor went out of business about six months later. Mr. Potter, one of ten children, was born near Hail Ridge schoolhouse east of town. His father, Joe Potter, was an Englishman by birth, as was his grandfather. (My comment - Joseph was born in Cooper County, Missouri and William Potter (John Henry Potter's grandfather), was born in Kentucky). Mr. Potter remembers hauling cordwood in from the country in his youth with an ox team. They were named Tom and Jerry. Sometimes, after a hot day in town, the oxen would smell water on their way home and make a break for the creek. It was impossible to turn them. Mr. Potter's grandfather, Joe Potter (my comment - actually William Potter), ran the first ferry across the Missouri River here, Mr. Potter relates. The ferry was a horsepower ferry, that is, a team of horses on a specially built ramp kept the wheel churning through the water by the treading of their feet. The ferry tied up at the old landing called Potter's landing. When Potter was about 20 years old, he moved to Boonville to live with a sister (my comment - from the 1880 census, this was his sister, Emma Potter, who married James Dunnivant. John Henry Potter's father, Joseph Potter, was also living in the same household. This must have been shortly after Mary Jane Kenrick Potter, John Henry Potter's mother, died.), and the hazards and opportunities of the Missouri River drew him like a magnet. He became a fisherman, and for 15 years fished the waters of the Big Muddy and sold his catch in wheelbarrows on the streets. Most of the fishing was done with nets, and one night he and Jim Donavant (my comment - his brother-in-law James Dunnivant) brought in a record haul of 1100 pounds of catfish. One fish weighed 200 pounds. The men sold all of the catch on the street from their barrows. Men who follow nature's trails for many years accumulate rich experiences. Mr. Potter, who trailed his nets in the river and poled walnut logs down its current from Lexington, collected his share of unusual adventures. He recalls the time when he was dressing a catfish for True Bowman, who was looking on, and he cut into the fish's stomach to reveal a three-foot blacksnake. He lost a sale right there. Another time, injured as he was to the unexpected, he was considerably startled cutting into a fish to find inside it a woman's finger wearing a gold ring. He believes the finger was from the body of a woman who had been drowned and that the fish, attracted by the bright ring, had nibbled off her finger. A furniture manufacturing company located on Water Street in those days used to send men up to Lexington, Mo. in wagons so that they might pole rafts of walnut logs down the river to the factory. It was only done when the river was high in the spring or summer and the trip was fraught with plenty of danger. One time in particular a group of ten men, of which John Potter was a member, were poling the logs down the current when they came to a great lot of drift that had surged out from a stream. The 300 logs went under the drift and sank, but not one of the men lost his life. In the winter time when fishing was difficult, Mr. Potter helped Jack Long with the cutting of river ice for commercial sale the next summer. The ice cutting season usually lasted about four weeks, and sometimes as many as 75 men were employed in the work. One time when large chunks of ice had been hauled upon the bank by mules and Mr. Potter was helping chop the ice into smaller blocks with an axe, he made a slanting lick and severed the middle toe of his brother-in-law, Tony Back, who was standing near him. He still wonders how he managed to cut off only one toe. For many years, Mr. Potter and his wife, the former Miss Louise Back, lived on First Street between Morgan and Water Streets. The night that his son "Curley" was born was a very dark and rainy night. Mr. Potter himself was sick and he decided to ask a neighbor to go for a doctor for Mrs. Potter. On the way to the neighbor's in the pitch dark and driving rain, he lost his bearings and walked off the culvert over the stream near his home. He went plunging down into the water and, though it was not deep, he was so confused by the dark, the rain, his fall, and his weakness, he was unable to find his way out of the stream until morning. In his struggles in the water he lost his hat bearing a band with 12 rattlesnake rattles on it. The next morning, a Negro in East Boonville found the hat floating down the river, recognized it, and at once set up the alarm over town that John Potter had drowned. Bringing sand down from the sandbars up the river was another of the jobs that attracted Mr. Potter in his early manhood. He sank a flat boat with too much sand one time. The sand was wheeled from the bar and loaded onto the boat. For a day of this pastime, he received a dollar and a half! After he quit the river and went into the business of peddling coal oil, his life was less eventful. But there were incidents that enlivened the days. Like the time he telephoned his home to find out if any orders had been left there. His wife informed him rather excitedly that the cow, named Smitty in honor of the man from whom they had bought her, had just given birth to twins. About an hour later, he called back home to check on orders again, and learned to his amazement that Smitty now had triplets. He said that two or three hundred people came to see the cow and her calves, some of them from a distance. And if any one doubts the fact of Smitty's triplets, Mr. Potter has a picture of the bovine family to prove it. About seven years ago Mrs. Potter died. Several years before that the Potters had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the same day that Mrs. Potter's sister, Mrs. Dom Barnert, and Mr. Barnert celebrated theirs. All of the Potter children who were living were present. There had been ten of them counting the two stepchildren. Two are now dead, James William and John. Two sons live in Boonville, Herman and W. A. (Curley). One son, George, lives in Paradise, Ariz., and one son, Ed, in St. Louis. Two daughters, Louise McCartney and Mrs. Bessie Bennett, live in Springfield. The stepchildren are Joe Stillwell, Marshall, and Mrs. Jess Burt, Pratt, Kan. Mr. Potter is not so frail as he appears. He is still working, he says. He tends a two-acre garden every year, and keeps it in thriving condition. His son, Herman, and his family with whom he lives have all the vegetables they want, and Mr. Potter often sells a surplus. His health is good, his mind clear, his sense of humor as lively as in the heyday of his youth. He can sit in his easy chair and reflect upon a rich and fruitful life. He is surrounded by his children and cherished by their affection. He has lived the allotted three score years and ten, and 18 years more. What more can a man ask?

18 Aug 1946

Issue of the Sedalia Democrat

For William R. Potter
Submitted by Bill Scroggin
From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

William R. Potter

William R. Potter died at the home of his son, Robert Potter, in Sedalia, at 1 o'clock Saturday morning.

Mr. Potter was born near Clifton City on May 17, 1853 and was married to Maggie Steelman in 1878. She preceded him in death in 1909. To this union were born seven children.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Potter of Sedalia and Jewel Potter of Los Angeles, one daughter, Mrs. Gertie Tavener, of Otterville, two brothers, Dr. Jim Potter Of Los Angeles, Calif., and the Rev. Tom Potter of St. Louis, nineteen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

Four children, Mrs. Olivia Renfro, Mrs. Carrie Jenkins, Mrs. Laura Holmes and Truex Potter preceded him in death.

Mr. Potter was a charter member of the Lamine Baptist Church and later moved his membership to the Green Ridge Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock August 18 at the Baptist Church in Green Ridge, with the Rev. Woolery and the Rev. Gentry to officiate.

Six grandsons will serve as pallbearers. They are the Rev. Morris Potter, the Rev. Robert Potter, Emmett Potter, Richard Jenkins, Donald McFarland and Harry Wimer.

Burial will be in the Green Ridge cemetery.

30 Jan 1947

From the Boonville Daily News
Henry Thomas Gibson
Submitted by Jackie Finley - Brown

H.T. Gibson Dies After Long Illness

Henry Thomas Gibson died at his home at 821 Sixth Street at 4:35 a.m. today following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at the Baptist Church Saturday at 2:30 p.m. with Dr Glenn L. Farr in charge. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

The body will be taken from the Goodman and Bolleer Funeral Parlors to the Gibson home at 10 a.m. tomorrow. It will remain there until time for the rites.

Mr. Gibson is survived by his widow, the former Miss Octavia Shumate to whom he was married July 10, 1904; a son, Harold Gibson, Kansas City; a daughter, Mrs. Clarence Felten, Fayette; two brothers, Ed Gibson, Joplin, and Elba Gibson, Nevada; three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Heimbaugh, Mrs. E.R. Mosier, both of Camdenton, and Mrs. Arch Chadwell, Okmulgee, Okla.; and nine grandchildren.

One son, Wayne died Jan 11, 1937.

He was born at Louisville, Ky., Jan 11, 1869, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Gibson. When he was three years old the family moved to Illinois and then to Missouri. He lived in the Speed Community until 1942 when he moved to Boonville. He was a member of the Bunceton Baptist Church.

Gibson Services Held This Afternoon

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church this afternoon for H.T. Gibson. Dr. Glenn Farr conducted the rites and burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were George Chamberlain, Les Carey, Thurman Carey, Ed Hasenbach, Clifford Shumate and Dan Roberts.

26 Jun 1947

Issue of the Cooper County Record
For Jennie Shannon
Submitted by Bill Scroggin
From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Mrs. Jennie Shannon

Mrs. Jennie Shannon, Prairie Home, died Sunday. Services were held Tuesday at the Boonville Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Virgil Vaughan of Prairie Home. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Shannon leaves three daughters, Mrs. Vivian Mills, Clark's Fork, Miss Georgia Shannon of the home, and Mrs. William Toellner; one son, Lewis J. Shannon; one grandson; one great granddaughter; one stepson, E. M. Shannon of Newton, Kansas; and seven step grandchildren.

26 Jun 1947

Issue of the Cooper County Record

For T. C. Crosswhite

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

T. C. Crosswhite

T. C. Crosswhite died at his home here Sunday. Funeral services were held by the Rev. G. S. Birkhead at the Christian Church Tuesday and burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Pauline Alpers, Eldon, Mo., and one granddaughter.

04 Nov 1947

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Tyre T. Tucker

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Tyre T. Tucker, 66 Dies Suddenly

Tyre T. Tucker died suddenly at his home at 204 McRoberts St., at 2 a.m. today. Returning home from a meeting of the Oddfellows lodge, he became ill shortly after midnight.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. N. C. Schultz of New Franklin at the Evangelical Church here at 2 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Tucker is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Fred Wassman, Chillicothe; three sisters, Mrs. George Fluke, New Franklin, Mrs. I. M. Verts, Nelson, and Mrs. H. L. Drennen of Boonville; and by two grandsons.

He was born in Cooper County July 27, 1881, the son of Robert and Sarah Parker Tucker and spent all of his life in this community. Mr. Tucker served for a number of years as a Boonville policeman and for the past few years he has been connected with the Jentry Taxi company.

The body will remain at the Goodman and Boller Funeral Parlors until time for the rites. & Koenig Funeral Home until time for the services. Rosary will be said at the Funeral Home tonight at 9 o'clock.

14 Nov 1947

From the Boonville Daily News

Henry Thomas Gibson

Submitted by Julie Spencer

Mrs. J. Henry Stretz died suddenly at her home Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Stretz, the former Mary Louise Edwards was born in Boonville September 19, 1879 and had lived here her entire life.

She was first married to Andrew M. Gantner, September 11, 1889. To this union four children were born, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Joseph Sinclair, Mrs. Leo Schmidt and Urban Gantner, all of Boonville, and Earl Gantner of Jacksonville, Fl. Mr. Gantner died June 4, 1896.

In 1899 Mrs. Stretz was married to J. Henry Stretz who died in August 1941. By this marriage she had four children; Virgil Stretz and Mrs. Ernest Barbano of Compton, Calif., Mrs. Harold Brummel of Lee's Summit and Leonard Stretz of Kansas City. Also surviving are six step-children; two step-children, Henry Leo and Ferdinand Stretz having preceded her in death.

(Mary Louise Edwards was the sister of Mittie Edwards Stretz.)

18 Jan 1948

Issue of the Sedalia Democrat

For Minerva Jane Ross Farley

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Mrs. D. L. Farley (Minerva Jane Ross)

Mrs. D. L. Farley, of Green Ridge, died at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning, at the home of her son, E. M. Farley, in Kansas City.

Funeral services will be held at Green Ridge at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Surviving are three sons, Homer Farley, of St. Joseph; D. D. Farley and E. M. Farley, both of Kansas City and one daughter, Mrs. Nancy Wood, of Chesterton, Ind.

30 Sep 1948

Issue of the Sedalia Democrat

For Mrs. Sallie Allen Edwards

Submitted by Mrs. Neil Smith

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Rites Tomorrow For Mrs. Sallie Edwards

Mrs. Sallie Allen Edwards died at her home in the Mt. Herman neighborhood Wednesday [9/29] afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Funeral services will be held at the Goodman & Boller Chapel tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted by the Rev. O. B. Holloman, with burial in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. The body will remain at the Goodman & Boller funeral parlors until time of the rites.

Mrs. Edwards was born in Cooper County Aug. 22, 1866, the daughter of Henry C. and Elizabeth Steger Baugh, and spent all of her life in this community. She was married to John G. Edwards June 17, 1891, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded death by three brothers and one sister.

Surviving are one brother, H. G. Baugh, of Shoshone, Idaho, two sons Harry and John Edwards, of Boonville, a number of nephews and nieces, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was a life long member of the Mr. Herman Church.

14 Oct 1948

Issue of the Sedalia Democrat

For Mrs. Mary P. Thomas

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Mrs. Logan P. Thomas Service

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary P. Thomas, widow of the late Logan P. Thomas, who died at her home, 1419 South Osage Avenue, at 12:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at Gillespie's Funeral Home, Rev. T. W. Croxton officiating.

Mrs. Thomas was 80 years of age and had been in failing health for several years, having only recently returned from the Wetzel hospital in Clinton.

She was born near Clifton City, Mo., May 23, 1868, the daughter of Thomas Potter and Lucy M. Ware. She was married to Logan P. Thomas on May 30, 1894 at the Potter home near Clifton City.

For many years the Thomases jointly owned and operated the Thomas Book & Printing Co., formerly located at 111 East Second Street. After the death of her husband September 27, 1922, Mrs. Thomas moved to Bolivar, Mo., the first time she had lived outside Pettis County. At Bolivar, she was the house mother of the Thomas home, a boarding home for students at Southwest Baptist College and was noted for her interest and aid given to boys and girls under her care.

The Thomas Home was built as a memorial to her husband and Mrs. Thomas became known on the campus as "Mother Thomas." Mrs. Thomas remained at Bolivar until 1939 when she was forced to retire because of age and failing health, which continued until the time of her death. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were active members of the First Baptist Church and Mrs. Thomas was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving Mrs. Thomas are the two brothers, A. A. Potter of 1616 East Ninth Street and J. A. Potter of Fort Worth, Texas; two nephews, Richard Potter of Sedalia and Carl K. Potter of Fort Worth, and five nieces, Marguerite Potter of Fort Worth, Mrs. Grace Potter Tippett of Sweetwater, Texas; Ona Ruth Potter and Mary Francis Potter of New Orleans and Mrs. Lois Potter Dillard of Warrensburg.

Mrs. Miles Rhodes and Mrs. Charles Farley, accompanied by Mrs. Clyde Williams, will sing "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" and "Rock of Ages."

Honorary pallbearers will be deacons of the First Baptist Church.

Active pallbearers will be C. N. Farley, Charley Farley, Ed Winchell, O. R. Catron, J. C. Dillard, and Richard Potter.

Interment will be made in the Crown Hill Cemetery beside the grave of her husband.

27 Jan 1949

Issue of the Cooper County Record

For Mrs. J. A. Hurt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Mrs. J. A. Hurt, 72, Bunceton, died at St. Joseph's Hospital Tuesday morning after a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted today at Pisgah Church with burial in the Pisgah Cemetery.

Mrs. Hurt leaves her husband; three sons, Porter and Paul Hurt of Bunceton, and Emil Hurt, St. Joseph; two daughters; and two brothers, both of Pisgah. She was preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

She was the former Miss Martha Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Morris. She and her husband made their home in Pisgah until several years ago when they moved to Bunceton.

27 Feb 1949

Issue of the Cooper County Record

For William John Hurt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

William John Hurt died suddenly at his home, 510 Third Street, Sunday morning at 3 o'clock. Funeral services were at the Goodman and Boller Chapel Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Guthrie S. Birkhead. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Hurt was born in Cooper County, September 28, 1879, a son of James Madison and Adaline Rogers Hurt, and spent all of his life in this community. He married Miss Myra Smith December 26, 1906, who survives with one daughter, Wilma. One son died in infancy in 1909. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Speed Hickam, of Boonville.

He was a member of Walnut Grove Christian Church, and Far West Lodge No. 4, IOOF.

05 Mar 1949

Mrs. A. C. Potter

From the March 8, 1949 issue of the Boonville Daily News: CLIFTON CITY - Funeral rites were conducted at the Gillespie Funeral Home in Sedalia Monday afternoon at 3:30 for Mrs. A. C. Potter who died Saturday morning at 9:20 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Ball, Sedalia.

The Rev. William Bessimer, Evangelical minister, conducted the services and burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Clarence, Robert, and Samp Potter, John Frank, Leonard Fall, and Milton Parker.

Mrs. Potter, the former Miss Julia Frank, was born at Pilot Grove, Mar 24, 1867. She was married to A. C. Potter and they moved to the community north of Clifton City where they resided until about 35 years ago when they moved to Sedalia.

Mrs. Potter was preceded in death by her husband in 1938. She was a member of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, Pilot Grove.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Orpha Bail, one son, O. A. Potter, Sedalia; and one brother, Fred Frank of Pilot Grove; and five grandchildren. Bey, Evelyn, and Donald Potter and Darrell and Elaine Bail all of Sedalia.

07 Mar 1949

Mrs. Emma Force

From the March 8, 1949 issue of the Boonville Daily News: BUNCETON - Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Force died yesterday morning at 6.30 at the family home. Death was due to old age and complications.

Emma Elizabeth Force was born Sept. 12, 1864 in Pittsburg, Pa. She was one of 12 children born to Oscella and Joseph Hepler. All have preceded her in death. Three died in infancy.

She was united in marriage to Alonzo L. Force, Aug 16, 1881. To this union was born one child, a daughter, Mrs. Grace Tuckley of the home.

She is survived by the daughter and three grandsons, Joseph and Hillard Tuckley of the home and Edgar of Springfield. Two great grandchildren also survive, Cheryl Sue and Milena Leah Tuckley of Springfield. Mr. Force preceded her in death July 29, 1942.

When a young woman Mrs. Force united with the Methodist Church and was an active member.

She was a nurse for years.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. The Rev. H. A. Wood of Otterville will officiate. Burial will be in the Bunceton Masonic Cemetery.

08 Mar 1949

Mrs. Frank Yeager

From the March 8, 1949 issue of the Boonville Daily News: Funeral services for Mrs. Frank Yeager, who died Friday, were conducted from SS. Peter and Paul Church. Monday morning at 9 o'clock by Father M. F. X. Jennings, assisted by the Rev. Father Conrad. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Yeager was the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. George Kline, and was a native of Boonville, having been born here Oct. 21, 1840, making here 86 years old at the time of her death. She was united in marriage to Frank Yeager 68 years ago, Mr. Yeager preceding her in death 11 years ago.

Six sons and three daughters survive Mrs. Yeager. The daughters are as follows: Mrs. E. J. Reynolds of St. Louis; Mrs. A. W. Frost, of Boonville of Boonville; and Mrs. F. H. Smith, of Boonville; George Yeager, of St. Louis; Mrs. Yeager also is survived by eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, as well as two sisters who live in St. Louis, Mrs. Pauline Blanquet and Mrs. Chaterine O'Conner.

08 Mar 1949

Judge John Clark Cordry

From the March 8, 1949 issue of the Boonville Daily News: John Clark Cordry, judge of the eastern district of the county court from 1931 to 1933, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Dreyer, Weslaco, Tex., this morning.

Judge and Mrs. Cordry had been visiting their daughter this Winter.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the return here of the body.

He was born in Cooper County Nov. 30, 1874. He was a farmer

05 Apr 1949

John Henry Potter, Sr.

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

They have his mother wrong, but other than that, it is accurate.

From Boonville Newspaper

John H. Potter, Native of County, Dies at Age of 91

John H. Potter, 91, one of Cooper County's oldest native-born citizens, died at the home of a son, W. A. Potter, 407 Walnut St., at 12:15 p. m. Saturday. He had been in failing health for some time and seriously ill for several days.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Evangelical Church at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow. The Rev. E. P. Abele, pastor of the church, will conduct the rites. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery. The body will remain at the Stegner Funeral Home until time for the rites.

Mr. Potter is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Jesse Burt, Pratt, Kans., and Mrs. Louise McCartney and Mrs. Bessie Bennett, Springfield; by five sons, Joseph W. Stillwell, Marshall, Herman E. Potter and W. A. Potter, Boonville, George Potter, Paradise, Ariz., and Edward Potter, St. Louis; by 20 grand children, 31 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

A retired oil dealer, he was born in the Hail Ridge community April 16, 1858, the son of Joseph and Nancy Potter.

His grandfather operated the first ferry across the Missouri River here.

During his early life Mr. Potter engaged in work on the Missouri River and later became an oil dealer. His "coal oil wagon" was long a familiar on Boonville streets.

Mr. Potter was married to Louise Barbara Back Sept. 6, 1882. She died several years ago. He was also preceded in death by two sons.

He was a charter member of the local organizations of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Woodman of the World and the Woodman Circle.

06 Nov 1949

Alva Arnold

Mrs. W. Everett Arnold, Bunceton, passed away in a Kansas City hospital, Sunday November 6, 1949, following an operation.

Funeral rights were held from the Bunceton Presbyterian Church at 2:30, Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. J. L. Hibdon officiating. Burial was in the Bunceton Masonic cemetery with pallbearers David Layne, Ferris Floyd, George Langrope, Peter Harned, Roy Blank and Cliff Schumate.

She was 64 years old, born in Camden county, Missouri November 10, 1884, her maiden name was Alva Lawrence, a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lawrence.

Her marriage to Mr. Arnold occurred March 21, 1909 and to this union 4 children were born: Mrs. Edith Thorpe of Sedalia, Mo., Mrs. Erma Custer & John Arnold of Bunceton and Eugene Arnold of the home. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 2 sisters, Mrs. Sydney Rogers of state of California and Mrs. Nellie Cox of Richland, Mo.

Mrs. Arnold has been a resident of Bunceton since 1921. Since girlhood she's been a member of the Christian Church. She was a faithful wife, devoted mother and a good neighbor.

The Richards funeral home service in Tipton and Bunceton had charge of arrangements. Mr. Arnold is a cousin of Orville & Everett Arnold and Mrs. Cecil Larimore of Tipton.

10 Nov 1949

Issue of the Sedalia Democrat

Benjamin F. DeWitt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Benjamin F. DeWitt

Benjamin F. DeWitt, 86 years old, died at the home of his son, Newton DeWitt, 119 East Walnut Street, at 12:30 o'clock this morning. He had been bedfast for the past year.

Mr. DeWitt was born near Beaman, Mo., October 4, 1863, the son of the late Benjamin and Permelia Potter DeWitt. He has live all his life in Pettis County, residing on a farm until 1919, when he came to Sedalia to make his home.

Mr. DeWitt was married in August 1899, to Miss Delia Fay Ross. Five children were born to this union, two of whom, Frank DeWitt and Jon DeWitt, died in infancy.

Mrs. DeWitt preceded him in death in March 1912.

Surviving are two sons, Newton DeWitt and Lee DeWitt, Sedalia; one daughter, Mrs. Paul W. Bennett, Vandalia, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Cevia McMullin, Beaman, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at the Lamine Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Rev. Walter P. Arnold, pastor of the East Sedalia Baptist church, will officiate.

Interment will be in the DeWitt family lot in Potter cemetery, near Clifton City.

The body is at the Ewing Funeral Home.

**Obituaries of Cooper Countians
1950-1959**

13 Dec 1950
Issue of the Sedalia Democrat
For John J. Potter
Submitted by Bill Scroggin

John J. Potter Services

Funeral services for John J. Potter, 75 years old, who died at the Bothwell Hospital Tuesday morning, will be held at the East Sedalia Baptist Church at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Walter P. Arnold, pastor, will officiate.

Members of the Brotherhood of the East Sedalia Baptist Church will serve as pallbearers: A. P. Beazley, J. A. Carver, R. A. Martin, W. E. Hudson, H. L. Ryekman, and L. A. Duff.

Mr. Potter was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and Post 16 of the American Legion will be in charge of the military services at the grave.

Interment will be the Potter family lot in the Lamine Baptist Church cemetery.

The body is at the Ewing Funeral Home.

03 Dec 1951
Issue of the Boonville Daily News
Maimie nee' Knack Stretz
Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Mrs. Herman Stretz Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Herman Stretz died at her home, 808 East Morgan Street at 6:50 a.m. today. While she had not been well, death was unexpected.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m. Wednesday at SS Peter and Paul Catholic. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The rosary will be recited at the Goodman and Boller Funeral Home at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

She is survived by one son, Harold Stretz, Boonville, a daughter, Miss Rosemary Stretz of the home, and five grandchildren.

She was born in Boonville May 24, 1886, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Knack and spent her entire life here. She was married to Herman Stretz Nov. 21, 1905. Mr. Stretz died July 15, 1945.

13 Dec 1951
Issue of the The Higbee News
J. W. Winn
Submitted by Charles A. Leach

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR DR. J. W. WINN TODAY IN BOONVILLE

Funeral services for D. J. W. Winn, former Higbee and Yates physician, will be held at two o'clock this afternoon from the Goodman and Boller Funeral Home, in Boonville, rev. J. M. Wilcoxin, of Fayette, will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery, in Boonville.

Dr. Winn, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Winn, was born in Howard County August 10, 1871. He was married to Miss Ida Mae Cabbage, who preceded him in death.

Dr. Winn was widely known, having practiced his profession for over 50 years in the Yates and Higbee community.

He is survived by a son, Dr. G. W. Winn, of Boonville, and a brother, John B. Winn, of Duncan, Oklahoma. Three grandchildren, also nieces and nephews survive."

13 Jan 1953

Boonville Daily News –14 Jan 1953

Anna Marie nee' Back Barnert

Mrs. Mary Barnert Dies Unexpectedly

Mrs. Mary Anna Back Barnert, aged 85, died unexpectedly at her home at 1122 South Third St., yesterday at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Barnert was born in Boonville, July 20, 1867, the daughter of Anton and Wilhelmina Back. She was married to Dominicus Barnert, Sept. 6, 1882, at Boonville. Mr. Barnert preceded her in death July 20, 1937. She is survived by two daughters; Mrs. John Brustman of the home, Mrs. Anna McGuire of Phoenix, Ariz.; four sons, Carl and Edgar of Boonville, Merle of Kansas City, and Jerome of Tacoma, Wash. Five grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews also survive. She lived in Boonville all of her life and was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic church. She was a member of the Altar society, Royal Neighbors and Woodmen.

Services, in charge of the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home, will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, at SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery here. The rosary will be recited at the funeral home at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

08 Jun 1954

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Mrs. Mary Sue nee' Connolly Woolery

Submitted by Frances Smith

Woolery Funeral Rites Tomorrow

PILOT GROVE—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Sue Woolery will be conducted at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, of which she was a member, at 2 pm tomorrow. The Rev. Carl Opp, pastor of the church, will conduct the rites. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be A. G. Olson, George Richardson, Francis Bock, Roy Schlotzhauer, Stanley Schlotzhauer and Oscar Stegner.

Mrs. Woolery is survived by her husband, Joe Woolery, of the home; a son, Joe Woolery, Jr., also of the home; three grandchildren, Mrs. Betty Jo Mollett, Jack Woolery and Joyce Faye Woolery, all of Cody, Wyo; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Woolery died suddenly at the home here Sunday.

Mrs. Woolery was born in Pilot Grove Dec. 21, 1874, the daughter of Jasper and Margaret Connolly, and was married in Pilot Grove to Joseph Woolery, Oct. 6, 1901. Hays and Painter have charge of funeral arrangements.

10 Jun 1954

Issue of the Cooper County Record

For William Crosswhite

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

William Crosswhite

William Crosswhite, 80, died at his home at Prairie Home Monday morning. Services were conducted by the Rev. J. L. Eighmy of Prairie Home yesterday afternoon at Pisgah Baptist Church. Burial was in Pisgah Christian cemetery.

Mr. Crosswhite leaves his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Lon Vaughn of Wooldridge; a son, Paul Crosswhite of Prairie Home; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Crosswhite was born on November 19, 1873, near Bunceton, a son of John and Jemima Hurt Crosswhite. He farmed south of Prairie until about eight years ago when he moved to Prairie Home. He was a member of the Pisgah Christian Church.

01 Jul 1955

Boonville Daily News –02 Jul 1955

Henry Frank Back

H. F. (Petey) Back Dies Unexpectedly

Henry Frank (Petey) Back, formerly of Boonville, but who has been living in Leavenworth, Kans., died at Wadsworth Veterans Hospital at 7 p.m. yesterday. He had been a patient there suffering from a heart condition for about a month, but death was unexpected. Funeral services will be conducted at the Goodman and Boller Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Monday. The Rev. E. F. Abele, pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, will conduct the rites. There will be military services at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

The body will lie in state at Wadsworth Hospital this afternoon. Mr. Back was employed there for a number of years. He was a veteran of World War I. He is survived by his widow; one son, H. F. Back, Jr., Leavenworth; two step-children, John Marvin Potter and Mrs. Errett Estes, Kansas City; three sisters, Mrs. O. B. Kline, Mrs. M. L. Cauthon, sr., and Mrs. Otto Schmalfeldt, all of Boonville; and two nephews. Mr. Back was born in Boonville Nov. 7, 1897, the son of Anton and Louise Back. He was married to Mrs. Mabel Simms Potter May 4, 1922.

07 Mar 1956

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For John J. Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

John J. Potter Dies At Clifton City

John J. Potter, 84, Clifton City, died at his home yesterday after an illness of ten years.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Clifton City Methodist Church with the Rev. E. W. Bartley, Sedalia, officiating.

The body will be moved from the Hays-Painter chapel, Pilot Grove, to the family home in Clifton City this afternoon.

Pallbearers will be Ollie Harlan, Sam Harlan, Floyd Potter, Higdon Potter, Oliver Bridges, and Lee Caton. Burial will be in the Pilot Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Potter was born at Clifton City, November 28, 1872. His parents were Abraham and Sara Potter.

He was married to Jenny Phillips in 1915 and she died April 10, 1940. He was married to Ola Boyd at Leaton, Mo. October 15, 1947.

Mr. Potter was a member of the Clifton City Methodist Church.

He is survived by his widow of the home; a brother, Granville Potter, Sedalia; four sisters, Mrs. Flora Harlan, Sedalia, Mrs. Eva Richards, Pensacola, Fla., Mrs. Ethel Griffin, Sedalia, and Mrs. Brooksie Huffine, Sedalia.

07 May 1957

Boonville Daily News –08 May 1957

Wilhelmina Josephine nee' Barnet Brustman

Mrs. Brustman Dies At Age 72

Mrs. John J. Brustman, 72, died at 9 p.m. yesterday at the Boonville Nursing home following a long illness.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the B. W. Thacher Funeral home with the Rev. Glenn A. Irons officiating. Cremation will follow the services. Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 a.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Brustman was born in Boonville, May 29, 1894, the daughter of Dominicus and Mary Anna Back Barnert. She was married to John J. Brustman in 1918 in Waukegan, Ill. The couple lived in Chicago for a number of years, returning to Boonville 18 years ago. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Barnert is

survived by four brothers: Carl Barnert of Boonville; Edgar of Chandler, Ariz.; Merle of Kansas City, and Jerome of Tacoma, Wash; one sister, Mrs. H. S. McGuire of Phoenix, Ariz.; two nephews and two nieces. Mrs. Brustman was a member of the Rosicrucian fellowship. Mrs. Brustman had asked that donations in her memory be made to the polio foundation.

29 Jun 1957

Boonville Weekly Advertiser – 05 Jul 1957

Obituary of Lilly Doyle Woolery

Submitted by Francis Smith

Mrs. Woolery, 80, Dies Saturday

Bunceton-- Mrs. Lilly Doyle Woolery, 80, formerly of Bunceton, died Saturday at the General hospital in Kansas City after having been in ill health for sometime.

Mrs. Woolery made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Schmidt, Kansas City, after leaving Bunceton several years ago.

She is survived by two daughters Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. F. A. Case, Independence, Mo., one son, Thomas Woolery, Kansas City, one sister, Mrs. Lou Barton, Vandalia, Mo., eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 pm Tuesday at the Bunceton Baptist church, of which Mrs. Woolery was a member. The Rev. M. A. Salsler, Bunceton, will officiate.

Burial will be at the Bunceton Masonic cemetery. Pallbearers will be Snode Morris, Clyde Nelson, Ed Langkop, Truman Nelson, Will Shirley, and Riley Edwards.

06 Jun 1958

Anna Josephine nee' Schuster Potter

Mrs. Potter Dies, Rites Saturday

Mrs. W. A. Potter, 70, a lifelong Boonville resident, died at 4 p.m. Thursday after an illness of six weeks. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at SS Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. The rosary will be recited at 8 tonight at the B. W. Thacher Funeral home.

Mrs. Potter was born in Boonville, Jan. 12, 1888, the daughter of Joseph and Sophia Stretz Schuster. She was married to W. A. Potter, Nov. 17, 1917 at SS Peter and Paul's church.

Survivors include her husband; one son, W. J. Potter of Boonville; three sisters, Mrs. Charles Sena, Mrs. Albert Hoff and Miss Minnie Schuster, all of Boonville; three brothers, Leo Schuster of Tipton, Wilber and Francis Schuster, both of Boonville; and three grandchildren. Two sisters preceded her in death. Mrs. Potter was a lifelong member of SS Peter and Paul's church and was a graduate of the church school. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, the Altar society and the St. Joseph hospital auxiliary.

Burial will be at Walnut Grove cemetery.

14 Nov 1958

Issue of the Sedalia Democrat

For Zeke F. Ross

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Zeke F. Ross

Zeke F. Ross, 81, lifelong resident of the Beaman community, died at the Bothwell Hospital at 7:25 a.m. Thursday. He had been a patient at the hospital for the past 16 days.

Mr. Ross was born Feb. 12, 1877, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Ross.

He lived all of his life in Pettis County in the Beaman community, engaging in farming.

He was married in 1900 to Miss Mollie Wadley. They were parents of nine children. One son, Oliver Ross, died in 1918 and Mrs. Ross died September 4, 1940.

Mr. Ross was married at Sedalia December 25, 1942, to Miss Mamie Necessary, Smithton, who survives. Also surviving are five daughters and three sons by his first marriage, Mrs. R. S. Shull, Mrs. Brancie Hummer, Mrs. Homer Amos, all of LaPorte, Ind.; Mrs. Mary Hopkins, Ridgeville, Ind.; Mrs. Earl Lash, Harrisonville, Mo.; Zeke Ross, Cold Water, Ohio; John Ross, of La Monte, and George Ross, 109 Dundee, Sedalia; one sister, Mrs. Ellie Harper, Kirksville. Thirty-eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be at the Ewing Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Saturday. The Rev. Harry Hansen, pastor of the East Boonville Street Mission, will officiate. The body is at the Ewing Funeral Home.

18 Mar 1959

Boonville Daily News –19 Mar 1959

Carl Aloysus Barnert

Death Wednesday to Carl Barnert

Carl A. Barnert, age 70, died at St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock following a brief illness. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at S. S. Peter and Paul's church. The Rosary will be recited Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the B. W. Thacher Funeral home

Mr. Barnert was born in Boonville, December 8, 1888, the son of Dominicus and Mary Back Barnert. On November 3, 1910 he was united in marriage to Louise Koenig at Slater, Mo. In addition to his wife of the home, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Anna McGuire, of Tucson, Ariz.; three brothers, Edgar of Phoenix, Ariz., Jerome of Tacoma, Wash., and Merle of Kansas City, Mo. One sister, Minnie Brustman, preceded him in death. He also leaves several nieces and nephews. Except for the years from 1915 to 1937, when he resided in St. Louis and Kansas City, his entire life was spent in Boonville. He was employed by the Peters Shoe Company for approximately 53 years acting as their sales representative in the south half of Missouri. For about 10 years he was owner of the Boonville Shoe Store.

Mr. Barnert was a member of SS Peter & Paul's Catholic church, the Knights of Columbus, Lions club and PTA.

Interment will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the Thacher Funeral Home until time for services.

23 Aug 1959

Boonville Weekly Advertiser

Friday, August 28, 1959

Front Page

Bessie née Woolery Read

MRS READ DIES, RITES TUESDAY

Pilot Grove - Mrs. Bessie Woolery Read, of Mt. Nebo died Sunday in Fulton.

Mrs. Read was born November 10, 1881, near Mt. Nebo, the daughter of Thomas F. and Elizabeth Wilks Woolery. She was married to Finis C. Read, Nov. 29, 1905. He preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Christian Church.

Surviving her are one son, Chatham Read, of Pilot Grove, one brother, Downing O. Woolery of Littleton, Colo.; two half sisters, Mrs. Ferrell Case, Independence; and Mrs. R.C. Schmidt of Kansas City; one half-brother, Thomas Taylor Woolery, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Mt Nebo Church, with burial in the Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Noel Cole, Harry Eichelberger, Jim Phillips, Horace Cole, Edgar Quint and Russell Rapp.

25 Sep 1959
Boonville Daily News
Friday, September 25, 1959
Front Page
Malinda née Woolery Tavenner

MRS. TAVENNER DIES AT CLINTON

Pleasant Green - Mrs. Malinda Tavenner, 81, of Pleasant Green died Thursday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Meryl Kruse at Clinton following a lingering illness.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Pleasant Green Methodist Church, which she was a member. The Rev. E.L. Rathert will officiate with burial in the Pleasant Green Cemetery.

Mrs. Tavenner, a long time resident of Pleasant Grove, was born here June 10, 1878, a daughter of Taylor and Eliza Berry Woolery. She was married in Sedalia May 23, 1906 to James G. Tavenner, who survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Kruse; two sons, John Tavenner of Independence and Taylor Tavenner of Houston, Tex., two brothers, W.B. Woolery and James Woolery, both of Pleasant Green, Miss Belle Woolery of Sedalia and Mrs. Emma Mitzel of Kansas City, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Pallbearers at the rites will be Virgil Wolfe, Woodrow Wylde, Earl Bergman, Lee Decker, Wes Stephens and Louis Kempf.

The body will be in state at the Hays and Painter Funeral Home, Pilot Grove, until time for services.

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**Obituaries of Cooper Countians
1960-1969**

23 Feb 1960

**Issue of the Sedalia Democrat
Joseph Walker Woolery
Submitted by Frances Smith**

Joseph Walker Woolery

Joseph Walker Woolery Joseph Walker Woolery, 82, died Monday afternoon at his home in Pilot Grove. He was born May 26, 1877 in Pilot Grove, and was married Sept. 4, 1955 to Edna Ricey in Otterville. He was a member of the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church.

Survivors are: His wife, Mrs. Edna Woolery, of the home; one son, Joseph Woolery, Jr., Pilot Grove; one sister, Mrs. Phillips; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 2:00 pm Thursday at the Wesley Chapel church, with the Rev. E. R. Pheiffer officiating.

The body will be at the Hayes-Painter Funeral Chapel until one hour before the service. Burial will be in Wesley Chapel Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Syl Muellor, Jake Brownfield, Stanley Schlotzhauer, George Richerson, Walter Stegner and John Heinrich, Jr.

04 Mar 1960

**Issue of the Sedalia Democrat
For Fannie Potter
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

Mrs. Fannie Potter, wife of Granville E. Potter, 702 South Kentucky, died at the Bothwell Hospital at 4 a.m. Friday.

Mrs. Potter was born near Clifton City, the daughter of the late Jesse and America Siller Higdon and grew up in that community. On April 25, 1894, she was married to Granville Potter. After residing on a farm until 1904, they moved to Sedalia. Mrs. Potter was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband of the family home; two sons, Higdon Potter, Sedalia, Route 5, and Floyd Potter of Otterville; Higdon Potter, Route 5; one granddaughter, Mrs. Valta Sue Johnson, 2201 South Ohio; one great-granddaughter; and a sister, Mrs. Hettie Smiley, of Kindersley, Saskatchewan, Canada. Three brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

The body is at the McLaughlin Funeral Home, where funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. J. R. Wallace, pastor of the First Baptist Church, at 2 p.m. Monday.

Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

06 Mar 1960

**Issue of the Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa
For Charity May Roedell
Submitted by Kristen Watts**

Mrs. Charity May Roedell, widow of R. P. Roedell, 78 of 100 South Grandview, died at 6:40 PM Friday at Mercy hospital Dubuque. Friends may call after 4 PM Sunday at Haudensheidl funeral home, 1258 Main, Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Monday at the funeral home. David B. Hersey of Jehovah's Witness will officiate. Burial will be in the Linwood cemetery.

She was born at Oelwein, Iowa on May 23, 1881, daughter Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wilson Scothorn and lived 57 years in Dubuque.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Louise R. Landgraf, Dubuque; one son, Richard P. Roedell Dubuque; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Molly Rood of Molalla, OR and Mrs. Grace Deremo, Melrose Park, Illinois and three brothers, Jarges W. Scothorn, Storm Lake, of Iowa Robert Scothorn, Sutherland, Iowa and George Scothorn, Nemaha, Iowa.

13 Jun 1961

Walter Albert "Curley" Potter

W. A. Potter Dies: A Lifelong Resident

W. A. "Curley" Potter, 72, a lifelong resident of Boonville died at St. Joseph's hospital at 4:45 a.m. today following a brief illness.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at SS Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home.

Mr. Potter was born in Boonville, Aug. 11, 1888, the son of John and Louise Back Potter. He was married to Anna Schuster on Nov. 17, 1917 at SS Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Boonville. Mrs. Potter preceded him in death on June 5, 1958.

He is survived by one son, W. J. "Skeetz" Potter of the home; three grandchildren; two brothers, George Potter of Lordsburg, N. M., and Edward Potter of St. Louis, Mo.; and two sisters, Mrs. Louise McCartney and Mrs. Bessie Bennett, both of Springfield, Mo. He also leaves a half-brother, Joseph Stillwell of Marshall, Mo. Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Potter was a lifelong member of SS Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and, while at present not active, had been a charter member of the Boonville Lions Club. Mr. Potter for many years operated Curley's Flower Shop and prior to that had been engaged in the transfer business.

Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home this evening and until time for services.

28 Sep 1961

Boonville Daily News

Louise Cloae Koenig Barnert

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Mrs. Carl Barnert Dies in Kansas City

Mrs. Carl A. Barnert, 70, died at a hospital in Kansas City Wednesday morning following an illness of several years. Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m. Saturday morning at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. John Dreisoerner and the Rev. Sean Smith officiating. The parish rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Friday evening at the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home. A rosary, by the Daughters of Isabella, will be recited at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning at the funeral home.

Louise Cloae Barnert was born March 23, 1891 in Nelson, Mo., the daughter of Peter and Emolia Rentschler Koenig. She was married to Carl A. Barnert on Nov. 3, 1910 at Slater, Mo. Mr. Barnert preceded her in death on March 19, 1959. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hillen, of Arrow Rock; and one brother, John W. Koenig of Mission, Kan. Since leaving Boonville in 1959, she has made her home with her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Barnert of Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Barnert was a member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church and had been a past regent of Lillis Circle No. 250 of the Daughters of Isabella. She was also a member of the Altar Society. Mrs. Barnert lived in Boonville from 1938 until 1959. Burial will be in SS Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Friends may call at the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home until time for services.

11 December 1961

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Mrs. Mollie Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Rites Held Sunday for Mollie Potter

Mrs. Mollie Potter, one of the oldest residents in mid-Missouri, died Friday morning at the age of 106 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Cox, of Route 1, Smithton.

She was born Nov. 23, 1855 on a farm northwest of Clifton City, the daughter of the late John and Nancy Sheffer. She lived all her life in that community.

Married to John Potter, who preceded her in death in 1920, she had celebrated her birthdays since she was 98 years old as a community affair inviting friends and relatives in for basket dinners and sometimes having them at the Providence Baptist Church, near Clifton City. Quite often musical numbers were presented and a message by the minister was given. The last two years she celebrated quietly with just her immediate family.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Daisy Higdon of Sedalia and Mrs. Grace Cox of the home; two sons, Ben Potter of Sedalia and Lewis Potter of Clifton City; ten grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Gillespie Funeral Home in Sedalia. Burial was in the Providence Baptist Church Cemetery.

10 Jan 1962

**Issue of the Boonville Daily News
For Mr. John Wilson Stewart
Submitted by Debbie Slaven**

J. W. Stewart Dies; Longtime Resident

J. W. Stewart, 92, retired roadmaster of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and a long-time resident of Boonville, died at St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday evening after a short illness.

Funeral Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Goodman and Boller Funeral Chapel with The Rev. George Barger officiating. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery.

He was married to Miss Whitenack, who died March 1, 1961.

He is survived by seven children, Ralph of Montrose, Mo., Earl of Kansas City, Raymond of California, Mo., John of Brookfield, Mo., Mrs. Hazel Park of Pasadena, Tex., Mrs. Roy Hull of Montgomery City, Mo., and Mrs. Shelby Hickman, of Kansas City, Missouri. He also leaves 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

John Wilson Stewart was born 15 Nov 1869 in Lancaster, Missouri and died 10 Jan 1962 in Boonville, Missouri. He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery. He was the son of James and Elizabeth nee' Prince Stewart.

06 Jan 1963

**Issue of the Sedalia Democrat
For Granville E. Potter
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

Granville E. Potter, 92, 702 South Kentucky, died at the Bothwell Hospital at 9:25 a.m. Saturday after a two-week illness.

He was born in Cooper County, Dec. 2, 1870, son of the late Abraham and Sarah Erwin Potter. He spent his early life on a farm near Clifton City. He was married April 25, 1894, to Miss Fanny Higdon, who preceded him in death in March, 1960. They moved to Sedalia in 1904.

He was a stock buyer and farmer most of his life, and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Floyd Potter, Otterville; Higdon Potter, Route 5; three sisters, Mrs. A. M. Harlan, 902 West Broadway; Mrs. Frank Griffin, 234 South Quincy; Mrs. T. A. Huffine, 513 West Fifth; a granddaughter; and a great-granddaughter.

Preceding him in death were his wife, two brothers, and four sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the McLaughlin Chapel with the Rev. J. R. Wallace officiating.

Mrs. C. C. DeLozier will accompany Mrs. Lola Farley, who will sing "Going Down the Valley" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Pallbearers will be W. B. Hurt, C. A. Higdon, A. J. Harlan, Sam Harlan, James H. Green, and Leonard Griffin.

Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

The body is at the McLaughlin Funeral Home.

24 Jan 1963

Mrs. Josephine nee' Rossen Schnuck

Services Saturday For Mrs. Schnuck

Mrs. Josephine Schnuck, lifelong resident of Cooper county, died at St. Joseph Hospital Thursday morning, after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services will be held at the Goodman and Boller chapel Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with the Rev. Mark Horn officiating. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Schnuck was born two miles east of Boonville July 29, 1883, the daughter of S. C. and Elizabeth Robertson Rossen. She was married to John H. Schnuck September 28, 1911. Mr. Schnuck died February 19, 1946. One son

Joseph Rossen Schnuck, was born to this union. He died in September 1918 at the age of six years. She also had five step-children three of whom survive, Mrs. Roy Johnson of Kansas City, Mrs. Beatrice Hoffgard of Boonville and Virgil (Buck) Schnuck of Howard county. John O. and Norbert Schnuck preceded her in death. She also leaves one brother, Fred Rossen, of St. Louis.

Mrs. Schnuck also raised one step-great-granddaughter, Dorothy Ann Shaw, now Mrs. W. L. Harlan, Jr. of Kirksville.

Mrs. Schnuck was a member of the Methodist church.

Rites Held Today For Mrs. Schnuck

Funeral services for Mrs. Josephine Schnuck, who died at St. Joseph hospital Thursday morning, were held at the Goodman and Boller chapel this afternoon, with the Rev. Mark S. Horn officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Grove cemetery.

Pallbearers were George Martin, Wm. Eagon, Harry J. Miller, J. E. Newbauer, Emil Derendinger and Tom Nelson.

13 Oct 1963

**From the Sedalia Democrat
For Eva Hansbrough (LaMonte)
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

Eva McBride Hansbrough, 83, LaMonte, died Saturday at Bothwell Hospital.

She was born in Cooper County, near Clifton City, Dec. 7, 1879, daughter of the late James G. and Martha Potter McBride. She was married to James W. Hansbrough Oct. 21, 1896. He preceded her in death.

She was a member of the County Line Baptist Church

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Howe, 654 East 14th; and Mrs. Opal Scott and Mrs. Fred Potter, both of Raytown; a sister, Mrs. Frank Ellis, Denver, Colo.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She raised two grandchildren, Betty Sandifer, Raytown, and Darrell Calhoun, LaMonte, who survive.

She was preceded in death by two daughters and four sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Moore Funeral Home, LaMonte, with the Rev. Orville Woolery officiating.

Music will be "Old Rugged Cross" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

Pallbearers will be Higgins Warren, Glenn Reynolds, Egbert Means, Danny Wolf, Ray Hudson, and Bob Burke.

Burial will be in the LaMonte Cemetery.

21 Oct 1963

**For Mrs. Lottie nee' Waller Bittner
Submitted by Renee Kloechner**

Taught School Many Years

Mrs. Lottie W. Bittner, 81, lifelong resident of the Bunceton area passed away at her home near Bunceton at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 21, 1963 following an illness of four months.

Mrs. Bittner was born in Cooper County near Speed, May 12, 1882, the eldest child of W.P. and Nannie Waller. She was married to Oscar Bittner.

Surviving are one son, W. E. Bittner, of Columbia and one brother, Truman Waller of the home. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, her parents and two brothers, Clyde and Elliott Waller.

Mrs. Bittner was a school teacher for 40 years. She was a life member of the Christian Church and the Writers Guild.

The body was held at the Richards Funeral Home in Tipton until the services at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the Bunceton Federated Church with the Rev. George R. Igo, pastor of The Tipton First Christian Church, officiating. Interment was in the Bunceton Masonic Cemetery.

24 Sep 1964

From the Cooper County Record

**For Mrs. Anna Norris
Submitted by Nancy LaGore**

Pleasant Green --Funeral and burial services were conducted here Saturday for Mrs. Anna Wallace Norris, 81, who died at her home here Thursday. She was a daughter of Joshua and Sarah Berry Woolery and a member of the Methodist Church.

She leaves two sons, Homer E. Norris of Kansas City and William Leonard Norris of Hartsburg; a daughter, Miss Mary Norris of the home, two brothers, Jim Woolery of Pleasant Green and W. B. Woolery of Smithton and four grandchildren.

**24 Jan 1965
Boonville Daily News – 25 Jan 1965
John J. Brustman**

John J. Brustman, Former Policeman, Dies Sunday

John J. Brustman, 81, a former member of the Boonville police department, died at 3 a.m. Sunday at the Boonville Nursing Home, following a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 4, 1883, in Chicago, the son of Simon Brustman and Teresa Idstadt Brustman. He married the former Minnie Barnert in December, 1917, at Waukegan, Ill. She died May 7, 1957. Mr. Brustman served for many years on the Chicago Police force, and after he left the department there, moved to Boonville in 1940. He was employed on the Boonville police department and by the Kemper Military School until March, 1950.

He was a member of SS. Peter & Paul Catholic church.

The Rosary will be recited at 7:30 tonight at the B. W. Thacher Funeral home. Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic church, with the Very Rev. Msgr. John Dreisoerner officiating. Burial will be in SS. Peter & Paul Church cemetery. Survivors include one sister-in-law, Mrs. H. S. McGuire of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two brothers-in-law, Merle J. Barnert of Kansas City, and Edgar Barnert of Chandler, Ariz. Two brothers died earlier.

**30 Jan 1966
Boonville Daily News – 01 Feb 1966
Edgar L. Barnert**

E. L. Barnert Services Scheduled for Thursday

Edgar L. Barnert, 74, a resident of Chandler, Ariz., formerly of Boonville, died Monday morning at the Veterans Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the William Wood Funeral Chapel with the Rev. W. DeFay Jackson officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Masonic rites will be held immediately following the funeral services at the funeral home. Friends may call at the William Wood Funeral Home Wednesday until time of service.

Mr. Barnert was born Sept. 22, 1891, in Boonville, the son of Dominicus Barnert and Mary Anna Back Barnert. He was married to Marian Bradley, who survives, Feb. 27, 1913, and they had celebrated their golden wedding in 1963. They made their home in Boonville until about twelve years ago, and Mr. Barnert was employed in construction work with the Davis Construction Co. They moved to Chandler, Ariz., where Mr. Barnert was an accountant for the Hickey Plumbing and Construction Co. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of Cooper Lodge A. F. & A. M.

Surviving are his wife of the home; one daughter, Mrs. T. W. Smith, of Chandler, Ariz.; one son, E. B. Barnert, of Chillicothe; one brother, M. J. Barnert, of Kansas City; one sister, Mrs. Howard McGuire, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

**16 Feb 1968
Boonville Daily News – 16 Feb 1968
Aubrey Hazell
Submitted by Frances Smith**

Aubrey Hazell Dies; Services Incomplete

Pilot Grove—Aubrey Hazell, 78, a resident of the Pilot Grove community, died early today at St. Joseph Hospital in Boonville, where he was admitted yesterday. His death resulted from pneumonia.

Mr. Hazell had worked at the Pilot Grove Grain Elevator for many years, then at the MFA Elevator, and recently at Danner Milling and Supply Co. in Pilot Grove.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but will be announced by the Hays-Painter Funeral Home in Pilot Grove. He was a member of the former Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, which was north of Pilot Grove.

Mr. Hazell was born July 29, 1888, in Billingsville, a son of Joseph I. Hazell and Mrs. Isabell Pulley Hazell. On April 26, 1911, he married Miss Ethel Moore, at Boonville.

Survivors include his wife and one brother-in-law, Henry R. Moore, both of the home in Pilot Grove. Three brothers died earlier.

Boonville Daily News, Boonville, Missouri, 20 February 1968 Mr. Hazell's Services PILOT GROVE—Funeral services for Aubrey Hazell, 78, of Pilot Grove, were held Monday at the Hays-Painter Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Troy Payne officiating. Burial was in the Pilot Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Hazell died Friday at St. Joseph Hospital.

Escorts were: Wayne Roach, Paul Repper, Robert Kraus, Harry Dietrich, Estil Eichelberger and Milton Schlotzhauer Sr.

02 Sep 1969

William Everett Arnold

William Everett Arnold, 84, a retired farmer of the Bunceton area, passed away at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1969 at the Woods Boarding Home in Independence following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Laclede county May 1, 1885 a son of the late John and Mary Purvis Arnold. Following the death of his first wife, Alva Lawrence he was married to Miss Porter Coffman.

Surviving are his wife of the boarding home in Independence, one daughter, Mrs. Edith Thorpe of Kansas City, two sons, John Arnold of Independence and Eugene Arnold of Moberly, two sisters, Mrs. Ellie Weaks of Lincoln and Mrs. Ethel Martin of Independence, one brother, Walter Arnold, Independence, 15 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

One daughter, Mrs. Erma Custer and one sister, Mrs. Bertha Bagwell also preceded him in death.

The body is being held at the Conn Funeral Home until time for services at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the Bunceton Federated Church with the Rev. Robert Streeter, Cedar City, officiating.

Herbert Warmbrodt Jr., soloist, will sing In the Garden and The Old Rugged Cross accompanied by Miss Lana Lowe at the organ.

Interment will be in the Bunceton Masonic cemetery and serving as pallbearers will be Roy Blank, Lacy Odneal, Charles Dilthey, Joe Elliott, Everett Arnold and John A. Arnold.

05 Nov 1968

Porter nee' Coffman Arnold

Mrs. Porter Arnold, 79 of Bunceton, passed away at 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1969 at the Woods Boarding Home in Independence after a lengthy illness.

She was born June 19, 1890 in Cooper county a daughter of the late Andrew J. and Elizabeth Doyel Coffman. She was married to William Everett Arnold in Boonville in 1950. He passed away Sept. 2, 1969.

Surviving are three stepchildren, John Arnold, Independence, Eugene Arnold, Moberly and Mrs. Edith Thorpe, Kansas City. 15 step great grandchildren and 22 step grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Bunceton Federated Church. The pastor Rev. Robert Streeter officiated. Miss Lana Lowe was in charge of music. Interment was in the Bunceton Masonic cemetery. Pallbearers were Roy Blank, Farris Floyd, Burt McCoy, Lacy Odneal, Joe Elliott and Charles Dilthey.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Conn funeral home.

03 Nov 1967

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Mrs. Nicholas Wiemholt

Submitted by Neil Smith

Mrs. N. Wiemholt Dies; Services Monday Morning

Mrs. Nicholas Wiemholt, 83, a lifelong resident of Cooper County and Boonville, died at 5 a.m. today at St. Joseph Hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday at SS. Peter And Paul Catholic Church with the Very Rev. Msgr. John Dreisoerner and the Rev. Edwin Schmidt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery.

A Rosary service will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday at the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home.

Louise Martin Wiemhold was born at Martinsville on March 6, 1884, the daughter of Daniel Martin and Louise Crush Martin. She was married to Nicholas Wiemholt on June 1, 1909, at Martinsville. Mr. Wiemholt's death occurred in 1935.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Eugene (Catherine Whitehurse of Boonville, Mrs. Grovenor (Bernadine) Windsor of Fayette and Mrs. Clarence (Mildred) Gramlich of Kansas City; two sons, Martin Wiemholt and Ed Wiemholt, both of Boonville; 27 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Fred Martin and Julius Martin, both of Boonville. Two sons and one daughter also died earlier.

Mrs. Wiemholt was a member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Friends may call from Saturday morning until time of services at the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home.

10 Nov 1969

Boonville Daily News

Marion Clark nee' Bradley Barnert

MRS. BARNERT'S SERVICES

Funeral services for Mrs. Marian Clark Barnert, age 76, of Chandler, Ariz., formerly of Boonville, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Christ Episcopal Church. The Rev. Dan Brigham will officiate, and burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the William Wood Funeral Home Sunday until time of the services.

Mrs. Barnert was born March 20, 1893, in Bunceton. She was married to E. L. Barnert and most of her life was spent in Boonville until moving to Chandler some 16 years ago. Mr. Barnert preceded her in death.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Tony (Mary Catherine) Smith of Chandler, Ariz.; one son, Brad Barnert of Chillicothe; one brother, Thomas G. Bradley of Chandler, Ariz.; one sister, Mrs. T. O. Shank of South Pasadena, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

**Obituaries of Cooper Countians
1970-1979**

01 Dec 1970

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Miss Margaret Hurt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

MISS MARGARET HURT

Miss Margaret Hurt, 86, a lifelong resident of Boonville, passed away at 5 a.m. today at Harris Nursing Home following a long illness.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home with Dr. W. Bryant Hall officiating.

Margaret Catherine Hurt was born in Boonville May 27, 1884, the daughter of William and Nancy Johnson Hurt. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. J. W. Farris, of Boonville. Two brothers, Ben and Sydney Hurt, had preceded her in death.

Miss Hurt was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was a graduate of Cottey College and the Chicago Art Institute. Following her graduation, she taught one year at Cottey College.

Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday and until time for the services at the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home.

11 Oct 1972

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Raymond Huth

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

RAYMOND HUTH

Raymond Peter Leonard Huth, 79, of Route 1, Boonville, died at his home Tuesday afternoon following an extended illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Clark's Fork Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. David Fechner officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the William Wood Funeral Home until noon Thursday, and from 1 p.m. until service time at the church.

Mr. Huth was born in Cooper County Aug. 2, 1893, the son of Peter and Minnie Rethemeyer Huth. He married the former Clara Margaret Lohse Dec. 30, 1925, at the Clark's Fork Trinity Church, and they made their home in the community, where he farmed.

He was a veteran of World War I, and a member of the American Legion. He was confirmed at Clark's Fork Trinity Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Lashley (Marcella) Martin of Boonville; a son, Kenneth Huth of Boonville; a brother, Wilbur Huth of Prairie Home; four grandchildren, Kristie Martin, Jeffrey and Steven Huth, and Linda Brokamp, and a great-granddaughter, Beth Brokamp.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Alvena Williamson, and a brother, Hubert Huth.

22 Apr 1973

Issue of the Sedalia Democrat

For Nellie J. nee' Woolery Hood

Submitted by Frances Smith

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Mrs. Nellie J. Hood

Mrs. Nellie J. Hood, 92, formerly of 500 West Seventh, died at Rest Haven Nursing Home at 8:15 am Saturday. She had been a patient at the Nursing Home for the past year.

She was born in Cooper County, near Pleasant Green, Aug. 21, 1880, the daughter of the late John and Melinda Berry Woolery. Her early life was spent in Cooper County. She lived most of her life in Sedalia.

She was married at Pleasant Green, Dec. 26, 1899, to William C. Hood who preceded her in death in 1910.

Mrs. Hood was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Helen Hood, Arkansas City, Kan., and three grandsons. Funeral services will be held at 1 pm Monday at the Ewing Funeral Home with Dr. Thomas D. Hall officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Green Cemetery. The body is at the funeral home.

13 Jan 1974

Issue of the Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa

For Richard P. Roedell

Submitted by Kristen Watts

Richard P. Roedell, 60, of 100 S. Grandview Avenue died Friday afternoon at the Finley hospital.

Services will be at 11 AM Monday at the Strueber funeral home, with burial in the Linwood Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Mr. Roedell was born in Dubuque.

He was graduated from the Northwestern University law school, and was a attorney associated with the law firm of Reynolds, Klein, Roedell, Breitbach and McCarthy.

He was a member of the Dubuque and Iowa Bar Association, the Dubuque County Historical Society, the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce and the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Stephan D. Elizabeth Colon, Dubuque; a son, Richard Jr. of Dubuque; three grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Louise Landgraf of St. Catherine's.

Memorials to be given to the heart association.

13 Feb 1974

Issue of the Sedalia (Missouri) Democrat

For Phila nee' Berkstresser Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Phila Potter

Mrs. Phila Potter, 94, formerly of Sedalia, died in San Diego, Calif., at 12:05 a.m. Tuesday. Mrs. Potter was born in Versailles, May 14, 1880, daughter of the late Daniel S. and Eliza Long Berkstresser. She was married to James W. Potter, Nov. 30, 1899, and he preceded her in death Aug. 7, 1911. On Feb. 14, 1924, she was married to Grant Potter and he preceded her in death in 1962.

Mrs. Potter lived in Sedalia until 1968, when she moved to California. She was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in San Diego.

Mrs. Potter is survived by one son, Dean Potter, 401 East Walnut; two daughters, Mrs. Susan Masterson, San Diego; Mrs. Rosa Lee Ousley, Rocky Mount, Mo.; two stepsons, Clarence Potter, 403 East 19th and George Potter, Orlando, Fla.; four stepdaughters, Mrs. Julia Kell, Lancaster, Calif.; Mrs. Tom (May) Dugan, 519 West Third; Mrs. Henry (Mable) Holman, 616 Wilkerson; Mrs. Fidelia DeCarpo, Inglewood, Calif.; two grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; three step grandchildren, seven step great-grandchildren, and five step great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Heckart-Gillespie Funeral Home with the Rev. Gordon Carpenter officiating.

Pallbearers will be Larry Burnett, Albert Johnson, Frank Royce, Cecil Swift, Clay Thomas, and Earl Wood.

Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery, Otterville.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

19 Feb 1974

Issue of the Sedalia Democrat

For Louis James Potter
Submitted by Bill Scroggin
From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Louis James Potter

Louis James Potter, 85, 308 East Saline, died at Bothwell Hospital at 9:56 a.m. Monday.

He was born Oct. 18, 1888, son of the late John and Mollie Sheffer Potter at Clifton City. He was married to Gertrude Gehringer, who preceded him in death Jan. 1, 1958.

Mr. Potter lived most of his life in the Clifton City, Otterville area, moving to Sedalia three years ago. He was a retired railroad employee, having worked for MoPac and MKT. He was a member of the Providence Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Cue Potter, Route 5; L. J. Potter, Omaha, Neb.; one sister, Mrs. Hebert "Grace" Cox, Smithton; one brother, Ben Potter, 904 South Marshall; nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Heckart-Gillespie Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Morgan officiating.

Pallbearers will be Roger Findley, Glenn McMullin, C. J. McNulty, John D. Petree, John N. Petree, and Sirel Todd.

Burial will be in Providence Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

21 Aug 1975

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Farrie L. Cole, Sr.

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

FARRIE COLE SR.

Farrie L. Cole Sr., 83, died in Charles Still Hospital at Jefferson City, Wednesday morning (Aug. 20, 1975).

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Otterville. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Ewing Funeral Home, Sedalia.

Mr. Cole was born near Bunceton April 7, 1892, the son of Holbert and Sallie Ann Solomon Cole. He was a great-great-grandson of Boonslick pioneer woman Hannah Cole, who settled near present-day Boonville in 1810. Mr. Cole lived in Cooper County most of his life and was a rural mail carrier for 40 years, retiring in 1957.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mattie L. Cole of the home; a son Rev. Farrie Cole Jr. of Otterville; three sisters and three brothers.

17 Sep 1975

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Norma Lea Chain

Thursday, September 18, 1975

Mrs. Norma Lea Chain, 46, of Blackwater, died at Cooper County Memorial Hospital Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 17, 1975, following an extended illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the William Wood Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Vernon Quint will officiate, with burial in Ridge Park Cemetery at Marshall. Visitation will be from noon Friday until time of service, with family visitation from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Chain was born in Jefferson City, Sept. 27, 1928, the daughter of Argus Francis and Lana Elvia Buckner Shackelford. She married John A. Chain April 15, 1950, in Clinton. They had made their home in Blackwater since 1967.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Joyce Ann and Janice Lea Chain, both of the home; her mother, Mrs. Lana Register of Blackwater; two sisters, Mrs. Paul (Ruby) Root of Blackwater and Mrs. John

(Bessie) Dubovick of Boonville; and two brothers, Roy Shackelford of Sand Springs, Okla. and Herbert Shackelford of Blackwater.

04 Mar 1976

**March 5th and 8th Issues of the Boonville Daily News
For John Chain**

John Chain, Blackwater (Cooper County), died suddenly yesterday, (March 4, 1976) at his home in Blackwater. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time but will be announced by the Painter-Woodard Funeral Home in Pilot Grove.

Services were held yesterday at the Painter-Woodard Funeral Chapel in Pilot Grove for John P. Chain, who died Friday (March 5, 1976) at his Blackwater home. He was 75.

Burial was at Peninsula Cemetery at Blackwater.

Mr. Chain was born July 28, 1900, in Lancaster, Kan., the son of Guy P. and Maude Manson Chain. He was married to Eva Cross in Atchinson, Kan., April 15, 1920.

He was a member of the Methodist Church in Lancaster, a member of the Blackwater Lions Club and was Blackwater city marshall for a number of years. Mr. Chain also drove a school bus for 28 years.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; one son, John A. Chain, of Marshall; a daughter, Mrs. Homer (Doris) Wagoner, of Clinton; and Mrs. Guy (Virginia) Wilson, of Blackwater; two brothers, Alfred Chain, of Stockton, Calif.; and Lawrence Chain, of Lancaster, Kan.; a sister, Ruth Webb, of Kansas City, Mo.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Warner Whitlow, Dora Hime, Jr., Frank Oswald, Norbert Imhoff and R. D. Landon.

19 Aug 1976

**Issues of the Boonville Daily News
For Ethel M. nee' Moore Hazel
Submitted by Frances Smith**

Mrs. Ethel M. Hazell (Mrs. Aubrey Hazell) Mrs. Ethel M. Hazell, 84, of American Falls, Idaho, formerly of the Pilot Grove died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1976, at a rest home in American Falls, Idaho.

Mrs. Hazell was a longtime resident of Pilot Grove, moving to American Falls in recent years.

She was born Jan. 30, 1892 in Pilot Grove. She was the daughter of Robert W. and Mary E. Baugh Moore. She was married April 26, 1911 in Boonville in Aubrey Hazell.

During her lifetime she was known for handiwork and flower gardening.

Her husband died in February 1968. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 pm Saturday, Aug. 21 at 2 pm at the Painter-Woodard Funeral Chapel, Pilot Grove. Burial will be in the Pilot Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be after 10 am Saturday at Painter-Woodard Funeral Chapel.

20 Jul 1977

**Issue of the Sedalia Democrat
For Logan M. Phillips**

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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Logan M. Phillips

Funeral services for Logan M. Phillips, 64, 1516 West Main, who died Tuesday, will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Ewing Funeral Home, with his brother, the Rev. William A. Phillips, and brothers-in-law, the Rev. Billy Potter, the Rev. Morris Potter, and the Rev. Bob Potter, officiating.

Active pallbearers will be nephews, the Rev. Norman Dale Potter, Terry Potter, David Potter, the Rev. John Potter, Mark Phillips, and Kevin Phillips.

Honorary pallbearers will be Donald McFarland, Harry Wimer, Chester Losee, Hugh Stevens, Bud McCown, and Morris McCown.

Burial will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

08 Dec 1977

Issue of the Sedalia Democrat

For George Ernest Cole

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

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George Ernest Cole

TIPTON – George Ernest Cole, 89, died Wednesday at the Statewide Nursing Home in Jefferson City.

He was born in Cooper County, Dec. 6, 1888, son of the late Holbert and Sally Salmon Cole. In 1908, he married Ruth Smith at Pilot Grove, and she died in 1933. He then married Laura Parker in 1936 at Pilot Grove, and she died in 1972.

Mr. Cole was the great-great-grandson of Hannah Cole, one of Missouri's pioneers. He was a farmer and owned and operated a grocery store in Prairie Home until his retirement in 1971. He was a member of the Mount Nebo Baptist Church in Cooper County.

Survivors include three sons, George Jr., Elmo and Richard Cole, all of the state of California; two daughters, Mrs. Auline Farris, High Point, Mo.; Mrs. Lorine Copeland, Tipton; two brothers, Porter Cole, Smithton; Charles Cole, Sutter, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Frances Brumble, Houstonia; Miss Vera Cole, Smithton; Mrs. Nina Ross, state of Florida; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Conn Funeral Chapel here with the Rev. Lee Schaffer officiating.

Burial will be in the Mount Vernon Cemetery at Pilot Grove.

Friends may call after 9 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

15 Dec 1977

Issue of the Tipton Times

For George Ernest Cole

Submitted by Muriel Brewer

George Ernest Cole

George Ernest Cole, 89, of Tipton died Wednesday, Dec 7, 1977 at the Statewide Nursing Home in Jefferson City.

He was born Dec. 6, 1888 in Cooper County; a son of Holbert and Sallie Solomon Cole. He was a great-great-grandson of Hannah Cole, the pioneer woman of Missouri. In 1908 he was married at Pilot Grove to Ruth Smith. She died in 1933. In 1936 he married Laura Parker in Pilot Grove. She died in 1972.

Mr. Cole was a farmer and owner and operator of a grocery store in Prairie Home until he retired at age 82. He moved to Tipton in 1971. He was a member of Mr. Nebo Baptist Church in Cooper County.

Surviving are three sons, George Cole, Jr., Elmo Cole, and Richard Cole, all of the state of California; two daughters, Mrs. Auline Farris of High Point; Mrs. Lorine Copeland, Tipton; two brothers, Porter Cole, Smithton; Charles Cole, Sutter, Calif; three sisters, Mrs. Frances Brumble, Houstonia; Miss Vera Cole, Smithton; Mrs. Nina Ross of the state of Florida; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Conn Funeral Home with the Rev. Lee Schaffter officiating.

Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer and the Rev. Ferrie Cole, Jr., were in charge of the music.

Burial was in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Pilot Grove.

15 Dec 1977

Issue of the Kansas City (Missouri) Times

For Mrs. Clara C. Sanders

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Mrs. Clara C. Sanders, 67, of 3217 Garner, died Wednesday at the Osteopathic Center. She was born in Sedalia, Mo., and had lived in this area most of her life. Mrs. Sanders was a member of the Stony Point Christian Church. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Marie Blanchard, 5640 Roswell, and Mrs. Helen Fullington, 240 Elmwood, both of Kansas City, Kansas; two brother, Frank Potter and Fogel Potter of Kansas City, Kansas; two sisters, Mrs. Alta McMullin, Sedalia, and Mrs. Minnie Skaggs, Cabool, Mo.; and six grandchildren. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Fulton-Nickel Chapel; burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the chapel.

12 Jan 1978

Issue of the Sedalia (Missouri) Democrat

For Benjamin H. Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Benjamin H. Potter, 86, 904 South Marshall, died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at his home. He was born May 8, 1891, near Clifton City, son of the late John and Mollie Sheffer Potter. He married Mrs. Bessie Steidel Lee May 22, 1955. She died in 1967. He was also married to Ora Ellis, who died in 1953.

Mr. Potter spent much of his life farming in Pettis County. He also was employed as a carman with the Missouri Pacific Railroad from 1943 to 1958. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 142 in Otterville, and a member of the Railway Carmen of America.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Bill (Hazel) Richardson, 2913 East Ninth; one son, Ernest Greer, Knob Noster; one sister, Mrs. Grace Cox, Smithton; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at the Ewing Funeral Home, with the Rev. Raymond Knox of the Broadway Baptist Mission officiating.

Pallbearers will be William Hammond, James Green, Frank Mahalovich, Kenneth Glenn, Ellis Glenn and Stanley Gieschen.

Burial will be in the Providence Cemetery.

Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Ewing Funeral Home.

30 Jan 1978

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Paul G. Crosswhite

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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PAUL G. CROSSWHITE, 69

Mr. Paul Crosswhite, age 69, a lifelong resident of Cooper County, passed away unexpectedly at his home Saturday morning. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home with the Rev. Troy Gardner officiating. Friends may call at the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home from Monday morning until time for the services. The family would appreciate memorials to the Prairie Home Methodist Church.

Paul Guyer Crosswhite was born near Prairie Home on March 3, 1908, the son of William and Mary Guyer Crosswhite. He was married to Ida Elizabeth Cole in November, 1954 at Holly, Miss.

Besides his wife, he leaves one step daughter and three step sons: Bonnie Hill of Marshall; Fred Schilb and Joe Schilb of Prairie Home; and Ed Schilb of LaRue, Tex. He also leaves 14 step grandchildren; three step great-grandchildren; one sister, Audrie L. Vaughn of Boonville; three nephews; and two nieces

Mr. Crosswhite was a member of the Prairie Home Methodist Church. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the VFW and the American Legion. Interment will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

28 May 1978

Issue of the Sedalia (Missouri) Democrat

For Clarence S Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Clarence S. Potter, 83, 403 East 19th, died at 7:50 a.m. Thursday at the Brooking Park Geriatrics Center.

He was born March 5, 1895, in Cooper County, son of the late Grant and Katherine Frank Potter. He was married to Bertha A. Schroeder in 1952, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 31, 1977.

Mr. Potter was a lifelong resident of the Sedalia community. He was a farmer and a blacksmith helper for the Missouri Pacific Shops. He was a member of the Olive Branch Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Clarence Potter, Lancaster, Calif.; four sisters, Mrs. Mable Holman, 923 Olsen Drive; Mrs. Mae Dugan, 519 West Third; Mrs. Julia Kell, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Dee Dee Decoro, Englewood, Calif.; a brother, George Potter, Del Ray Beach, Fla.; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Heckart-Gillespie Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Orval Woolery officiating.

Pallbearers will be Eugene Grace, Robert Holman, Ed McMullin, O. A. Potter, Herbert Richards and Clay Thomas.

Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

04 Dec 1978

Issues of The New Iberian

For Theodore Junior Woolery

Submitted by Nancy LaGore

Theodore Junior Woolery, a son of Elda and Susie Thoss Woolery, was born April 22, 1924, at Iberia (Missouri) and passed away December 7, 1978, at his home near Iberia. At the time of his death he was 54 years, 7 months and 15 days of age. On August 28, 1948, at Iberia, he was united in marriage to Ruby Alice McCubbin who survives.

Other surviving include: his father, Elda Woolery of Iberia, three sons, Steve Woolery of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; James Woolery of Sedalia, Mo; and William Woolery of Anchorage, Alaska; two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Horne of Eldon and Mrs. Judy Malmberg of Iberia; one brother, Kenneth Woolery of El Paso, Texas. (Also two sisters, Mrs. Phyllis Hatfield of Iberia and Barbara Cummins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Susie Woolery, and two sisters, Thelma Goodman and Dorothy Hudson.)

30 Jun 1979

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For Snode Morris

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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SNODE MORRIS

Mr. Snode Morris, age 91, died Thursday morning, June 28, 1979 in Independence. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 1, 1979 at the Bunceton Baptist Church with the Rev. Guy Etter officiating. Friends may call at the Thacher-Wood Chapel in Bunceton from 3 p.m. Saturday until noon Sunday and then at the church. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Interment will be in the Pisgah Baptist Cemetery.

George Snode Morris was born Nov. 24, 1887, near Pisgah, the son of J. O. and Mary E. Cole Morris. He was married to Jane Alberta Hughes June 22, 1909 at Fulton. Mrs. Morris preceded him in death on Jan. 30, 1974.

Mr. Morris was a member of the Bunceton Baptist Church. He had spent most of his life on the Bunceton community where he had farmed until his retirement.

Mr. Morris leaves one son and four daughters: Claude Morris of Blackwater; Mrs. Joe (Anna Belle) Elliott of Bunceton; Mrs. Earl (Alice) Wilkes of Independence; Mrs. Frank (Margaret) Cook of Kansas City, and Miss Elizabeth Morris of Independence. He also leaves 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Mr. Morris was the last surviving member of a family of 10 brothers and sisters.

18 Jul 1979

Issue of the Boonville Daily News

For William Brengarth

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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WILLIAM BRENGARTH

William Brengarth, age 72, a well-known stockman and beekeeper of the Boonville community, died Tuesday, July 17, 1979 at the Boone County Hospital in Columbia following a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 20, 1979 at the SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church. The Rev. William Flanagan and the Rev. Tom McGrath will officiate, with burial in the church cemetery. The rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Thursday at the William Wood Funeral Home. Friends may call at the funeral home from noon Thursday until service time, with family visitation from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. Brengarth was born Aug. 11, 1906, in Saline County, the son of Joseph and Rose Brown Brengarth. He married the former Catherine J. Neef in Boonville, Nov. 10, 1930, and she survives. He had lived in Boonville since 1933, and was a farmer, stockman and beekeeper. He was a member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters, Mrs. George (Dorothy) Jones of Greely, Colo., Mrs. Ronald (Wilma) Bledsoe of Kansas City, and Mrs. Balwant (Joyce) Singh of Pittsburgh, Pa.; six grandchildren, one great grandchild, and two sisters, Mrs. Ben (Dora) Kappeler of Slater and Mrs. Robert (Florence) McLacklan of Salisbury.

The family suggests memorials to the building fund of SS Peter and Paul Church.

Obituaries of Cooper Countians 1980-1989

03 Dec 1981 From Cooper County Record Joel F. Byler

Mr. Joel F. Byler, age 90, of St. Charles and formerly of Boonville, died Sunday evening, Nov. 22, 1981, at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Charles after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the William Wood Funeral Chapel in Boonville with the Rev. Ardell Polk officiating. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Byler was born in Cooper County on March 14, 1891, the son of Robert T. and Leonora Hurt Byler. He was married to the former Addie Douglas in February, 1916 in Boonville. She preceded him in death on Jan. 15, 1968. Mr. Byler had lived in the Boonville community until moving to St. Charles to make his home with his son in 1972. He was a member of the Woodsmen of the World.

Mr. Byler is survived by a son, Robert Douglas Byler, St. Charles; three sisters, Mrs. Stella Hoerl, Raytown, Mrs. Jessie Richards, Marshall, and Mrs. Virginia Edwards, Boonville; seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A daughter preceded him in death.

09 Aug 1982 From the Boonville Daily News William Blythe Woolery

Funeral services were held this morning for William Blythe Woolery, who died Friday at the Buena Vista Nursing Home in Sedalia, where he had lived for the past seven years. He was 92 years old.

Mr. Woolery was born December 10, 1889, near Pleasant Green, the son of Joshua Taylor and Eliza Berry Woolery. On February 10, 1916, he married Maude Mae Pollard, who preceded him in death in May 1970. Mr. Woolery spent most of his life in the Pleasant Green community before moving to Smithton in 1963 and to Buena Vista 12 years later.

He was a retired farmer and merchant, an employee of the KATY Railroad, and a member of the Wallace Lodge No. 456, A.F. & A.M., in Bunceton and the First Baptist Church in Smithton.

He leaves behind several nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were held at Mount Nebo Baptist Church, with the Rev. Orval Woolery officiating. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville. Masonic services followed the funeral services. Pallbearers were John Earl McMullin, Richard Griffith, Jim Phillips, Clarence Bergman, Virgil Wolfe and Robert Betteridge. Funeral arrangements were by the Meisenbeimer Funeral Home in Pilot Grove.

11 Dec 1984 Eva Mabel Chain From the Boonville Daily News Wednesday, December 12, 1984

Eva Mabel Chain, 83, of Blackwater (Cooper County), died at her home Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1984.

She was born Aug. 2, 1901 in McLouth, Kan., the daughter of Jim and Maude Bowman Cross. She married John Chain on April 15, 1920 at Atchison, Kan. He precedes her in death.

She is survived by two daughters, Doris Wagoner of Clinton and Virginia Wilson of Blackwater; two sons, Jim Mahieu of Atchison, Kan., and John Chain of Marshall; three sisters, Pauline Hartley of Clinton, Mary Stewart of Clinton and Alpha Ronau of St. Petersburg, Fla.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Meisenheimer Funeral Home with Stephen Healea officiating. Burial will be in the Peninsula Cemetery. Visitation will be at 1 p.m. Thursday. The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday.

She was a member of the Christian Church and the Blackwater Senior Citizens.

18 Jul 1985 Rosie Woolery From the Windsor Review

Rosie Woolery, 87, Windsor, died Saturday morning at Resthaven Nursing Home, Windsor.

She was born June 11, 1898, in Benton County, daughter of Lafayette and Nancy Jane Thomas. In 1913, in Knobby, she was married to Oscar Woolery who survives.

Mrs. Woolery and her husband lived on a farm in Climax Springs until 1974, when they moved to Windsor. She was a member of Wiseman Methodist Church, Edwards.

Other survivors include a son, James Harvey Woolery, Windsor; a daughter, Gladys Bybee, Warsaw; four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Reser Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with the Rev. Herman Bowers officiating.

Burial was in Climax Springs Cemetery.

The family received friends from 7 to 8:30 Sunday at the funeral home.

24 Oct 1985

Oscar Woolery

From The Windsor Review

Oscar Woolery, age 91, passed away Monday afternoon, October 14, 1985, at the Resthaven Nursing Home in Windsor, Missouri. He was born in Benton County, Missouri on June 12, 1894, the son of Harve and Euphemia Brown Woolery.

He grew up in Benton County and in 1913 he was united in marriage to Rosie Belle Thomas at Knobby, Missouri. Following their marriage, they made their home on a farm in the Climax Springs community and unto this union 2 children were born.

In 1974, he moved from Climax Springs to his home in Windsor.

His devoted wife of 72 years, Rosie, preceded him in death on July 13th of this year.

He was a member of the Wiseman United Methodist Church near Edwards, Missouri.

He is survived by one son, James Harvey Woolery of Windsor, Missouri and one daughter, Mrs. Bybee of Warsaw; 4 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren, also surviving is one brother, Louis Woolery, of Warsaw; other relatives and friends.

He was a loving dad and granddad and will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Last rites for Oscar Woolery were held at the Reser Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 1985 the Rev. Herman Bowers officiation.

Pallbearers were Raymond Buckley, Stanley Woolery, Edwin Bybee, Eddie Quick, Roger Gross and William Hockman. Burial was in the Climax Springs Cemetery.

**Obituaries of Cooper Countians
1990-1999**

**30 Aug 1990
Issue of the Boonville Daily News
For Clara Louise nee' Lohse Huth
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

Clara Huth, 88

Clara Huth, 88, died Wednesday afternoon, August 29, 1990, at Regional Hospital in Columbia. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Clark's Fork, with Rev. Edgar Priess officiating. Interment will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call at the Thacher Funeral Home from noon Thursday until 8 a.m. Friday and then at the church. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Thacher Funeral Home.

Clara Margaret Huth was born March 28, 1902, at Clark's Fork, the daughter of Martin and Kathryn Kaiser Lohse. She was married to Raymond P. L. Huth at Clark's Fork on December 30, 1925. Mr. Huth preceded her in death on October 10, 1972.

Mrs. Huth was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the Trinity Ladies Aid and the Jefferson Extension Club. She is survived by one daughter and one son, Marcella Martin of Boonville and Kenneth Huth of Boonville. She also leaves four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a half-sister, Edna Heisler of Boonville. She was preceded in death by a half brother.

Memorials are suggested to the Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Submitted by Nancy LaGore**

CHATHAM EWING READ, 77

Chatham Ewing Read, 77, of Boonville, died Saturday, July 20, 1991 at Cooper County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Zamkus officiating. Burial will be Walnut Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the William Wood Funeral Home after 3 p.m. Monday and until noon Tuesday and then at the church. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Chatham Ewing Read was born January 4, 1914 near Pilot Grove, the son of Finish Chatham and Bessie Franklin Woolery Read. He married Frances Mary Ettleman on May 15, 1942 in Boonville. She survives. Mr. Read was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was a retired farmer from the Mt. Nebo area and a former member of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife is one son, Kenneth Read of Brookings, South Dakota, four daughters, Linda Schneider of Washington, MO, Carol Knight of Salisbury, MO; Jane Fay of El Cerrito, CA and Joan Peterson of Columbia, MO, and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a half-brother, Norwood F. Read.

Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church.

**Boonville Daily News
December 31, 1993
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Submitted by Nancy LaGore**

FRANCES MARY READ, 77

Frances Mary Read, 77, of Boonville, died Friday, December 31, 1993 at her home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Zamkus officiating. Friends may call at the William Wood

Funeral Home after noon on Tuesday and until noon Wednesday and ten at the church. The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Read was born April 23, 1916 at Sidney, Iowa to Wallace and Eva Margaret Bobbitt Ettleman. She married Chatham Read on May 15, 1942 in Boonville, and he preceded her in death on July 20, 1991. She lived most of her life in Cooper County, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Boonville.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth of Brookings, S.D.; four daughters, Linda Schneider of Washington, MO; Carol Knight of Keytesville, MO, Jane Fay of Corvallis, Ore., and Joan Peterson of Columbia, MO; one brother, Howard Ettleman of Percival, Iowa; one sister, Virginia Smith of Omaha, Neb.; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church of Boonville.

The Versailles Leaders-Stateman

Thursday, January 11, 1996

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Submitted by Nancy LaGore

CLAUD W. WOOLERY

Claud W. Woolery, 82, Fortuna, died Wednesday morning, January 3, 1996 at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Versailles. He was born October 27, 1913 near Fortuna, son of the late James Franklin and Emma Fannie Thorman Woolery.

On September 8, 1940 he married Georgie Isabell Sanders who survives of the home.

Mr. Woolery was a retired farmer and U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the Fortuna United Methodist Church and the Versailles Masonic Lodge #320 A.F. & A.M.

In addition to his wife, he survived by three sons, Marvin Woolery, Phillip Woolery and Walter Woolery, all of Fortuna; four daughters, JoAnn Borts and Jean Jackson of Fortuna, Betty Wineland, CA; and Caroline Woolery of Fortuna; one sister, Marie Dilks of Holden; 15 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, John Woolery.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, January 5, at the Fortuna United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dan Adkison officiating. Pat Adkison sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "Shall We Gather At The River" accompanied at the organ by Elaine Ernst. Grandsons served as casketbearers with interment in the Glendsted Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

18 Dec 1996

Boonville Daily News

Jerry Marr Hix

Boonville Daily Newspaper: Jerry Marr Hix, formerly of Pilot Grove, MO died Wednesday, December 18, 1996 at Colmery-O'Neal Veteran's Hospital, Topeka, KS. He was born March 9, 1921, in rural Macks Creek, MO the son of Oscar and Manervia Green Hix. On October 8, 1956, in Trenton, MO he married Beverly L. Lawson, who survives.

Mr. Hix was a veteran of WWII. He attended high school in Climax Springs, MO and graduated from Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO. He taught social studies for 18 years at the Missouri Training School for Boys, Boonville, retiring in 1980.

Other survivors include a daughter, Shandy Hix Vollrath, Scranton, KS; a son, Garry M. Hix, Leasburg, MO; a brother, Alvy Hix, Bourbon, MO; 2 sisters, Alta Graham, Union, MO; Florence Hoehn, Mokane, MO; 3 grandchildren and a one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Meisenheimer Funeral Home, Pilot Grove, MO with the Rev. Ted Bleil officiating. Pallbearers will be Kevin Vollrath, Lloyd Lawson, Garry Hix Sr., Chris Lawson, Ed Lawson and Garry Hix Jr. Burial will be in Pilot Grove Cemetery. The family will receive from 1:00 pm until service time Saturday at the Meisenheimer Funeral Home.

22 Dec 1996

Boonville Daily News – 24 Dec 1996

Ernestine Mabel nee' Potter Estes

Ernestine M. Estes, 79, of Blackwater, Missouri died Sunday, December 22, 1996 at Cooper County Memorial Hospital in Boonville. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 29, William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville with the Rev. Charles Pardee officiating. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Friends may call the William Wood Funeral Home after 1 p.m. on Thursday and until time of the service. The family will receive friends from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born June 17, 1917 in Boonville, the daughter of John and Mabel Smith Potter. She married Everett Estes on Feb. 13, 1937 at Sedalia. He survives. He had lived in the Blackwater community for 20 years. She was a member of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Richard Estes of Kansas City, Kan.; two daughters, Barbara Cheney of Asheville, North Carolina, and Kathryn Ballew of Columbia, Mo.; one brother, Henry Bock of Bonner Springs, Kansas; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother. Memorials are suggested to SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

15 Jul 1998

Boonville Daily News – 16 Jul 1998

Errett L. Estes

Errett L. Estes, 81, of Blackwater, died Wednesday, July 15, 1998, at Cooper County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville with the Rev. Charles Pardee officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 1 p.m. Friday until the time of service. The family will receive friends from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Prayer services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Errett L. Estes was born June 7, 1917, in Sedalia, the son of Lester and Bertha Pursley Estes. He married Ernestine Potter on Feb. 13, 1937, in Sedalia. She preceded him in death on Dec. 22, 1996. Mr. Estes had lived in the Blackwater community for over 20 years. He was a member of Ss. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Cheney of Asheville, N. C., and Kathryn Ballew of Columbia; one son, Richard Estes of Kansas City, Kan.; one sister, Catherine Wright of Sedalia; one brother, Wilbur Estes of Fredericktown; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters.

24 May 1999

Sedalia Democrat

For Lenore Yancey

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Lenore Yancey, 78, of Sedalia, died Sunday, May 23, 1999, in Sedalia.

She was born Dec. 28, 1920, in Smithton, a daughter of Frank B. and Ethel Potter Griffin.

Ms. Yancey was raised and educated in Smithton. She graduated from Smithton High School and Sedalia Business College. She spent 31 years of civil service in the office of the wing commander of Whiteman Air Force Base. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Wesley United Methodist Women, and Wesley Fellowship Sunday School Class. She was a 40-year member of the Chancel Choir at Wesley. She was a member of Helen G. Steele Music Club, N.A. R.F.E., and Bothwell Hospital Auxiliary.

Surviving are two sisters, Irma Keyes of Sedalia and Genelle Streit Neumeyer of Lee's Summit; three grandsons, Brian Helms, Mark Helms, and Steven Helms; two granddaughters, Amy Leary and Emily Yancey; two great-grandchildren; a daughter, Nancy Helms of Lee's Summit; and a son, Gary Yancey of Sedalia.

She was preceded in death by a twin brother, Leonard Griffin, and a sister, Millicent Rowland.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Frederick Zahn officiating. Pallbearers will be Joe Helms, Mark Helms, Brian Helms, Steven Helms, Griffin Streit, and Frank Griffin. Burial will be in Smithton Cemetery. Friends may call after 1 p.m. Monday at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Kidney Foundation.

07 Dec 1999

David Van Gent

This was published in the December 16, 1999 edition of the Wapello Republican. I am not related to Mr. Van Gent and have no further info.

David Van Gent, age 60, of Boonville, Mo., passed away Tuesday, December 7, 1999, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo. Funeral services were conducted at 2 pm Friday at the Thacher Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Richards officiating. Interment was in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Visitation was at the Thacher Funeral Home Thursday where the family met with friends in the evening.

David Srthur Van Gent was born March 26, 1939, at Mahaska County, Ia., the son of Srthur and Amey Reinier Van Gent. He was married to Lynda Oswandel at Oskaloosa, Ia on December 27, 1960.

Survivors include his wife, Lynda Van Gent of Boonville; one daughter, Sherri Beard of Moberly, Mo.; one son, David D. Van Gent of Boonville; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Van Gent was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was a salesman at RB Ford in Boonville.

Donations are suggested to a Memorial Tree Fund which will be planted in memory of Mr. Van Gent.

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**Obituaries of Cooper Countians
2000-2009**

07 Sep 2000

**From the Sedalia Democrat
Submitted by Bill Scroggin
Sula Mae Brown**

Sula Mae Brown, 92, of Green Ridge, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000, at Rest Haven Convalescent and Retirement Home in Sedalia.

She was born Sept. 14, 1907 in Clifton City, a daughter of Joseph Austin and Sarah Rebekah DeWitt Potter. On Nov. 28, 1928, she was married to Everett Lloyd Brown, who died in February 1974. Mrs. Brown moved to Green Ridge when she was young. She attended the old Mountain View Elementary School and was a 1925 graduate of Green Ridge High School. She was the youngest of nine children. She was a longtime member of Green Ridge Baptist Church and was an active member of the Rebekah Lodge. Surviving are two sons, LeRoy Brown of Independence and Dale Brown of Green Ridge; two daughters, Louise Hayworth of Craig and Elaine Bryson of Sedalia; 17 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, three sisters, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Green Ridge Baptist Church. Pallbearers will be grandsons David Brown, Doug Brown, Daryl Hayworth, Mike Bryson, Jeff Brown, Terry Hayworth, Scott Bryson, and Bobby Brown. Burial will be in Green Ridge Cemetery. Friends may call after 1 p.m. Thursday at Ewing Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the church

September 26, 2000

**Jefferson City News-Tribune
Georgie Isabell Woolery
Submitted by Nancy LaGore**

Georgie Isabell Woolery, 83, Fortuna, died Sept. 24, 2000, at St. Marys Health Center.

She was born April 18, 1917, in Florence, a daughter of Marvin L. and Dora Ann Stemberger Sanders. She was married Sept. 8, 1940, to Claud W. Woolery, who died Jan. 3, 1996.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include: three sons, Marvin Woolery, Phillip Woolery and Walter Woolery, all of Fortuna; four daughters, JoAnn Borts, Jean Jackson and Caroline Woolery, all of Fortuna, and Betty Wineland, California; one brother, Marvin Sanders, Fortuna; one sister, LeeAnna Homan, Syracuse; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home, Versailles. Burial will be in Glensted Cemetery, near Versailles.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today.

Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice.

30 Dec 2000

**From the Newton Kansan, Newton, KS
Submitted by David Van Gent
Alfred Patrick Lammers**

BOONVILLE, Mo. -- Alfred Patrick Lammers, 91, owner of Lammers Barber Shop in Boonville, Mo., died Saturday (Dec. 30, 2000) at Cooper County Memorial Hospital in Boonville.

He was born June 23, 1909, to Frederick and Wilhelmina (Wittman) Lammers in Pilot Grove, Mo. He married Annette Margaret Widel May 30, 1932, in Pilot Grove. She preceded him in death April 26, 1995.

He was a member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include: three sons, Jerome A. Lammers of Fenton, Mo., James W. Lammers of Leawood and Dennis R. Lammers of Newton; a daughter, Kathleen A. Maschek of Crestwood, Mo., 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to service time today with family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thacher Funeral Home in Boonville.

Prayer service will be 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Boonville with the Rev. Patrick Dolan officiating. Burial will be in SS Peter and Paul Church Cemetery.

Memorials have been established with the SS Peter and Paul Education Fund in care of the funeral home, 629 E. Morgan, Boonville, MO 65233.

08 Jan 2001

**Issue of the Boonville Daily News
For Catherine J. nee' Neef Brengarth
Submitted by Bill Scroggin
Catherine J. Brengarth, 90**

Catherine Julie Neef Brengarth, 90, of Boonville, Mo., died Saturday, January 6, 2001 at Lakeview Care and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services for Mrs. Brengarth will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Boonville with the Rev. Patrick Dolan officiating. Burial will be in the Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at the William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville after 2 p.m. Tuesday and until time of the service. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Prayer services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Brengarth was born on April 11, 1910, the daughter of Carl August Neef and Flora Gantner Neef in Boonville, Mo. She married William Brengarth on Nov. 10, 1931 and he preceded her in death. Mrs. Brengarth was a life-long resident of Cooper County. She and her husband farmed for more than 50 years. She was a member of the Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Boonville and was very active in community life as a 4-H leader, extension club member and West Boonville Community Club member. She was well known for her 42-year tradition of showing honey at the state fair.

She is survived by three daughters, Dorothy J. Jones of Tempe, Ariz., Wilma K. Bledsoe of Boonville and Joyce A. Singh of Pittsburgh, Pa.; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, one sister, and one great-grandchild.

21 Nov 2001

Dorothy Garthoffner Rodgers

Mrs. Rodgers had been a resident of Candlelight Lodge since June 1999, and quickly made her presence agreeable to those around her.

"She showed us she was a very caring person within a few months of her arrival," said Ashley Heibel, assistant director of nurses at Candlelight Lodge. "Usually, it takes people a while to open up."

"In recent years, she was suffering from a moderately severe form of Alzheimer's but retained her warm and outgoing personality," Stephen Rodgers said.

Mrs. Rodgers was born on Dec. 23, 1912, in Boonville to Edward and Mary Darby Garthoffner. She married Leland Rodgers on Dec. 27, 1941, in Boonville. He died earlier.

"She was a Missourian to the core," said Stephen Rodgers. "That's who she was. Irish-German Catholic Missouri. Her parents were also lifelong Missourians."

After she graduated from Boonville Catholic High School, she attended Mary Mount College in Salina, Kan., for two years, before returning to Missouri because of the Depression.

Mrs. Rodgers moved to Columbia after World War II. Her husband taught at Stephens College, and she was active for 31 years with the Stephens College Faculty Wives.

After her sons left home, Mrs. Rodgers worked 15 years at the MU Registrar's Office. "She was very well known in her day," Stephen Rodgers said.

She was also an avid bridge player in a number of clubs. "It was like social bridge. She wasn't competing or anything like that," he said.

Mrs. Rodgers was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish and was active in activities outside of her church.

"She helped with many years with Meals on Wheels," Stephen Rodgers said. "She did that for a very, very long time."

Mrs. Rodgers is survived by two sons, Stephen Rodgers of New York, N.Y., and Alan Rodgers of St. Paul, Minn.; and one sister, Frances Gould of Boonville.

Memorials may be sent to Catholic Charity, c/o Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 903 Bernadette Drive, Columbia, Mo., 65202.

24 Nov 2001

Boonville Daily News – 26 Nov 2001

Walter Joseph "Skeetz" Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

W. J. "Skeetz" Potter, 76, of Boonville, Mo. died November 24, 2001 in Boonville, Mo. A memorial mass will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 27, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Boonville, Mo. Father Patrick Dolan will officiate the service. Friends may call after 3 p.m. Monday, November 26 at Thacher Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. A wake service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Potter was born October 26, 1925, the son of Walter A. and Anna Josephine Schuster Potter. They preceded him in death. Mr. Potter married Martha Johnson August 30, 1948, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. She survives. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a past member of the Jaycees, Lions Club, and the Knights of Columbus. He was a previous owner of the Boonville School Buses, a flower shop, and the City Transfer and Moving Company. He retired from Toastmaster in 1995. Mr. Potter lived in the Boonville area his entire life. He is survived by his wife, Martha Potter, of Boonville; three sons, Stephen J. Potter of Kansas City, Mo., Michael E. Potter and C. Cole Potter, both of Boonville; two daughters, Theresa Lee Persinger of Jefferson City, Mo., and Ann D. Johnson of San Antonio, Tex.; and 11 grandchildren. Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Peter and Paul education fund.

Kent Randolph Hessing II, 50

Kent Randolph Hessing II, 50, of Boonville died Wednesday January 3, 2006 at the Cooper County Memorial Hospital. There are no services planned, a private burial will follow cremation in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hannibal, Mo.

Mr. Hessing was born May 31, 1955 in Hannibal, Mo. the son of Kent Randolph and Berneice Johnson Hessing.

Mr. Hessing worked 16 years for the Burlington Northern Railroad

He was preceded in death by his father, two brothers, George Everette Hessing, Tracey Allen Hessing and one granddaughter.

He is survived by three children, Roseanna Coral of California, Kent R. Hessing III of Wisconsin and Chelsea Bowen Missouri. Also surviving are three grandchildren, his mother Berneice Hessing of Boonville, two brothers, Jeffery Hessing and Andrew Hessing of Missouri. Three sisters Tera Spears of Arizona, Roxanne Decena of Missouri and Regina Hessing of Missouri.

Memorials can be made to the Huntington Disease Society of America 466 Fox Trail Dr. St. Louis, Mo. 63367

Arrangements are under the direction of Thacher Funeral Home Boonville, Mo.

Dorothy Lee Henderson, 71

Dorothy Lee Henderson, 71, died December 21, 2005 at Bangor hospital in Maine after a long illness.

A memorial service will be announced in the spring by Brookings-Smith, Labeau Chapel in Orono, Maine. Spring interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Orono.

She was born Nov. 23, 1934 in Boonville, Mo., the daughter of Loretta Long.

Survivors include her loving husband of 45 years, William Henderson of Orono; four children, Charles Henderson of Etters, Pa., Denise Henderson and Karen Henderson of Orono, David Henderson Portland; two grandchildren; one brother George (Bud) Long of Boonville; two nieces; and two nephews.

Those who wish to remember Dorothy in a special way may make gifts to the American Diabetes Association, Main Affiliate, 343 Gorham Rd., South Portland, ME 04101.

Schrildia Idell Smith, 32

Schrildia Idell Smith, 32, of Boonville passed away at Cooper County Memorial Hospital on Monday morning, Jan 2, 2006.

A memorial service will be held at Davis Funeral Chapel at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, Jan. 5 with Jon Thoma officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 10 - 11 a.m. Burial will be in the Pleasant Green Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jeff Doyle, Jon Dolly, Adam Dolly, Josh Tift, Carl Long and Daniel and Derek Smith.

Mrs. Smith was born in Columbia, Mo. Oct. 15, 1973, the daughter of Betty Sue Doyle and Grant Nelson. She married David Smith, May 10, 2003 in Pilot Grove, Mo. They have two children, Justin Wayne Breshears and James Ray Smith of Boonville. She was a member of the Sante Fe Trail Baptist Church in Boonville.

She is survived by her husband, David and infant son James Ray of the home and her son Justin Wayne Breshears of Boonville. Also survived by her mother of Boonville and her sister Melanie of Killen, Ala.

Memorials suggested to the children, Justin and James Ray in care of Davis Funeral Chapel.

Henry C. Harvey, 71

Henry C. Harvey, 71, of Boonville, Mo. died Friday, March 17, 2006 at Katy Manor in Pilot Grove, Mo.

Services will be held Monday, March 20 at 11 a.m. at Markland-Gardner Funeral Home in New Franklin, Mo. with burial following at St. Johns UCC Cemetery in Billingsville, Mo. Visitation will be Sunday, March 19 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

Mr. Harvey was born July 18, 1934 in Franklin, Mo. to Alvin and May Della (Craycraft) Harvey. On June 29, 1957 he married Charlotte Verts in Boonville.

He was involved in the rental business from 1965 to the present, owner of Golden Hour Nursing Home in New Franklin from 1971 to 1998, engaged in farming from 1995 to the present, on Boonville Police Board from June 1991 to December 2002, member of Gideons International and helped start the Missouri Residential Care Association. Mr. Harvey was a member of the Lighthouse Bible Church in Rocheport, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother Herbert T. Harvey; and two sisters Hazel V. Burton and Hilda Trexler.

Survivors include his wife Charlotte of Boonville; one son Steven C. Harvey of Dallas, Texas; one daughter Cynthia Lynn Brown of Boonville; four brothers Houston Harvey of Arkansas City, Kan., Homer Harvey of Boonville, and Harrell Harvey and Herschel Harvey both of New Franklin; two sisters Helen Shaw of New Franklin and Hestor Miracle of San Antonio, Texas. Also surviving are three grandchildren; one step-grandchild, and one step-great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions can be left at the funeral home for St. Johns UCC Cemetery, Gideons International or Coyote Hill Orphanage.

Ronald L. Brownfield, 61

Ronald L. Brownfield, 61 of Pilot Grove, Mo. passed away Thursday, May 4, 2006 at Audrain Medical Center in Mexico, Mo.

Visitation will be Sunday, May 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Davis Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be Monday May 8 at 10 a.m. at Davis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Roger Metscher officiating. Burial will be at Peninsula Cemetery in Blackwater.

Mr. Brownfield was born January 16, 1945 in Lansing, Mich., the son of Harlan Brownfield and Vinita Ruth Hayes Niece. He married Phyllis Korte on July 14, 1966 in Marshall. Mr. Brownfield was a grain dealer and owner/operator of Brownfield Grain in Pilot Grove. He spent many years in the dozing business. He served six years as a paratrooper in the Army Airborne Division. He was an avid antique tractor puller. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He truly lived life to the fullest!

Mr. Brownfield was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis of the home; two sons, Ken Brownfield and his wife Mona of Boonville and Kevin Brownfield and his wife Jessica of Boonville; a daughter, Rhonda Kusgen and her husband Darrell of Nelson, Mo.; a brother, James Brownfield of Grain Valley, Mo.; a sister, Jeanette Barnes of Blue Springs, Mo.; his mother of Stanley, Idaho; four grandsons; and one granddaughter.

Memorials are suggested to Peninsula Cemetery Association.

Juanita Mae Beltz, 63

Juanita Mae Beltz, 63, of Boonville died Sunday, May 6, 2006 at Boone Hospital Center.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 10 from 6-8 p.m. at Davis Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 11 at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Boonville, with Pastor Jerry Riggert, Pastor Kenneth Frerking and Pastor Randy Asburry officiating. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Lone Elm, Mo.

Mrs. Beltz was born October 10, 1942 in Boonville, the daughter of Arthur Frieling and Dorsey Rasmussen Frieling. She married Glen Beltz on March 24, 1963 at Zion Lutheran Church in Lone Elm. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Boonville and a member of Beta Sigma Phi.

She is survived by her parents; her husband Glen of the home; two daughters, Tonya Alliger of Fort Wayne, Ind. and Nedra Tanksley of Ballwin, Mo.; a brother, Glenn Frieling of Bunceton, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Grandchildren's Trust Fund.

Margaret E. Lang, 98

Margaret E. Lang of Boonville was baptized into the hope of Christ's resurrection on May 9, 2006, at the age of 98.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 11 at Meisenheimer Funeral Home. A prayer service will be held at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Pilot Grove, followed by visitation.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church with Father Tom Seifner and Father Vince Aggeler officiating. Burial will be in St. Martin's Cemetery. Casketbearers will be grandchildren.

Mrs. Lang was the loving daughter of Frank Aggeler and Anna Elizabeth Stanfield Aggeler; beloved wife of the late William Balthasar Lang; devoted mother of Bill (Theresa Martin), Isabel (Roy Stoecklein), Kenny (Audrey Sommer), Betty (Robert Zeller), Jeanette Koechner (William Thomas), Donald (Janice Loesing), and Michael (Kathy Knedgen); cherished grandmother of 24 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren; dear sister of Loretta Schuster of Pilot Grove and the late Hubert "Buddy" Aggeler, the late Rev. Philip Aggeler, the late Gertrude Schuster; and dear friend.

Mrs. Lang was born June 30, 1907 in Cooper County. On October 2, 1929, in a double wedding ceremony, which she shared with her sister Gertrude, she married William Lang and was blessed with 73 years of marriage.

As a homemaker, she enjoyed cooking - especially making those wonderful pies and cakes. She canned jellies of all kinds and could make the best ice cream from fresh fallen snow. She also enjoyed making beautiful quilts and had continued to do so until very recently. She also loved spending time in the garden with her flowers and vegetables.

Outside of her home she worked as a cook for St. Martin's grade school, for a short time at Bell Orchard, and at the shoe factory. Her last employer, which was her absolute favorite, was Cooper County Hospital where she was able to make use of her exceptional talent in the dessert department. Mrs. Lang was a member of St. Martin's Church, St. Joseph's Church, St Joseph's Altar Society, Pilot Grove Senior Center and the Daughters of Isabella.

She was a resident of Katy Manor Nursing Home in Pilot Grove.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions be made to St. Martin's Cemetery, St Joseph's Church or the Katy Manor Activity Fund.

Hilda A. Coffman, 90

Hilda A. Coffman, 90, of Wooldridge, Mo. died Monday May 8, 2006 at the Cooper County Memorial Hospital in Boonville.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday May 11 at the Immanuel Pleasant Grove Lutheran Church at Wooldridge. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday at the church. Friends may call Wednesday from 1 until 5 at the Thacher Funeral Home in Boonville. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

She was born September 13, 1915 near Wooldridge the daughter of Martin and Emma A. Michalski Stock. On September 24, 1960 she was united in marriage to Harold Thomas Coffman at Wooldridge. She was a life long member of the Immanuel Pleasant Grove Church where she was confirmed and married.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Louis S. Stock and Herman Stock.

She is survived by her husband Harold Thomas Coffman, one niece Judi Kaltenstadler, four nephews, Ted Stock, Richard Stock, Stephen Stock, David Stock and many friends.

Memorials can be made to the Immanuel Pleasant Grove Lutheran Church.

Arrangements under the direction of the Thacher Funeral Home in Boonville.

Lance Corporal Leon Bertrand Deraps, U.S.M.C., 19

Lance Corporal Leon Bertrand Deraps, U.S.M.C, age 19, of Jamestown, Mo. was killed Saturday, May 6, 2006 in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 17 at Cedron Catholic Church in Cedron, Mo. Officiating will be Father Henry Reichert, with burial in the church cemetery with full military honors. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 16 at Jamestown C-I school with prayer services by Father Greg Higley at 3:30 p.m.

Leon was born at home near Jamestown on Nov. 13, 1986. He grew up running in the soft hills and creek bottoms of the Missouri River Valley. Always obedient, he was a good student, anyone's friend, loved by all and answered to Buddy, Bud, Bert and Bird Man.

Leon went thru Cub Scouts, Webelos, and his achievements include 35 merit badges, the Order of the Arrow, a Rocky Mountain High Adventure Trek, National Boy Scout Jamboree 2001, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, a Philmont Scout Ranch Expedition 2002, Cimarron, New Mexico, many service projects and Camporees. Under guidance from veteran scouter Richard Schroeder, Leon's Eagle Project was the recovery of the abandoned Hardiman-Beatty AME Cemetery, just north of Jamestown. He was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on March 13, 2005.

Leon participated in many sports at Moniteau C-1 School in Jamestown including baseball, basketball, track and field. He was a member of FFA, was voted prom king his senior year and graduated high school in May 2005. Leon enjoyed many outdoor activities including hunting, fishing and off roading. He was an active member of Annunciation Catholic Church in California, Mo. Leon was employed at Advanced Chimney Techniques of Jamestown and Cal's Thriftway of California before graduating frp, high school.

He pre-enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in the fall of 2004, while a senior in high school. He left for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego in June 2005. Because of his Eagle Scout achievement, Leon entered the Marine Corps as a Private, First Class. In September 2005, he graduated from Basic Training and went on to complete Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. and Engineers School at Camp Le Jeune, N.C. With his training completed in February 2006, he was deployed with members of his engineering unit to Iraq.

Leon is survived by his parents, Sandy and Dale Deraps of Jamestown; three sisters, Dawn Cassil and husband Terry, with their children; Bethany Pethan, with her husband Kurt, and son, Clayton of Prairie Home, Mo.; Kaylan Cassil and Hallie Cassil, both of Jamestown; Omie Johnson and husband Jeff, with their children, Garrett and Baylee, all of Jamestown; Regina Baepler and husband Mike, with their children, William and Abraham, of Thedford, Neb.; two brothers, Cedar Deraps of Jamestown and David Deraps with his wife Naomi, with their children Benjamin and Moriah, of Jamestown; paternal grandfather, Leon B. Deraps, of St. Louis, Mo.; many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and community.

Memorial contributions can be made to: Boy Scout Troop 120, c/o Julie Medlin, Cashier; Commerce Bank; 209 East Main Street; California, Mo. 65018.

The family is being cared for by Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Services of California, Mo.

Arthur A. Twillman, 92

Arthur A. Twillman, 92, of Boonville, Mo. died Sunday morning at Katy Manor in Pilot Grove, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 3 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Boonville with Rev. Jerry Riggert officiating. Pallbearers will be William Dale Hilden, Johnnie Lee Wells, Rick Silvey, Rob Myers, Mike Gifford and Jeff Houston. Visitation will be Wednesday from 10 - 11 a.m. at the church. Friends may call Tuesday afternoon from 1 - 5 p.m. at Thacher Funeral Home in Boonville. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

Mr. Twillman was born May 4, 1913 at Lone Elm, Mo., the son of Arthur Albert and Matilda Fricke Twillman. On December 24, 1937 he was united in marriage to Majorie Helen Brommer in Boonville.

He went to work for the Katy Railroad as a locomotive fireman in April, 1942 and was promoted to engineer in September 1943. After graduating from diesel school he was named Diesel Instructor in June 1947. He was later named assistant superintendent for the Eastern Division, which included the railroad from St. Louis to Parsons, Kan. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Boonville.

Mr. Twillman was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Patricia Kay Twillman in 1967, one brother and one sister.

He is survived by his wife Helen and two daughters, Phyllis Hilden of Boonville and Donna Thompson of Blue Springs, Mo. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Katy Manor in care of the Thacher Funeral Home in Boonville.

Wilma Ruth Schnuck, 89

Wilma Ruth Schnuck, 89, of Columbia, Mo. and formerly of Boonville, passed away at Boone Hospital in Columbia Friday afternoon, April 28, 2006.

There will be a private graveside service at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville on Monday, May 1. Pallbearers will be Steve Callis, Charles Robb, Dillon Smith, Dustin Zaugg, Jerry Murphy and Nathan Smith. Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday evening at Davis Funeral Chapel in Boonville.

Mrs. Schnuck was born December 19, 1916 in rural Saline County, the daughter of Rupert Pierson Renison and Mary Jane Smith Renison. She grew up an only child and spent her early years in Saline County, Mo., Miami, Kansas and Kansas City, Mo. She moved with her family to Boonville where she graduated from Boonville High School in 1934. She married Frank M. Robinson at Sedalia, Mo. on April 7, 1934 and then lived in Benton County until moving back to Boonville in 1937. They were the parents of three daughters: Betty Ann Callis, who preceded her in death on June 22, 1974, Marilyn Jane Robb Siebert of Benton County and Carol May Meyer of Columbia. She married Virgil "Buck" Schnuck Oct. 14, 1965 in Boonville. He preceded her in death in 1991.

She was in the restaurant business in Boonville for several years, and managed the Fredrick Hotel Dining Room for many years. She was an avid bridge player who became the first American Contract Bridge League "Life Master" in mid-Missouri. She moved to Columbia to live with her daughter and her husband, Randall Meyer in 1993.

She is survived by her daughters, Marilyn and her husband Bill Siebert of Benton County and Carol and her husband, Randall Meyer of Columbia. She is also survived by six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials to the Missouri End-of-Life Coalition, 2420 Hyde Park-Suite 'A', Jefferson City, Mo. 65109 or to the Yeager Union Church in care of Davis Funeral Chapel, 1397 Ashley Rd., Boonville, Mo. 65233.

William Albert Shane, 93

William Albert Shane, 93, of Tipton, Mo. died Sunday, May 14, 2006 at Villa Marie Nursing Facility in Jefferson City, Mo.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 16 at Meisenheimer Funeral Home in Tipton at 11 a.m. with Rev. Gary Palmer officiating. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Chris Schmidt, Shane Mundy, Jim Hudson, Ray Shane, Brian Jacob and Bobby Shane. Friends may call from 6 - 8 p.m. Monday, May 15 at the funeral home.

Mr. Shane was born December 17, 1912 in Blackwater, Mo. to John Riley Shane and Rosie Cornine Shane. He was married to Georgia Juanita Stemberger on April 22, 1936. She preceded him in death in 1999.

He was a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Mr. Shane worked for Missouri Pacific Railroad for 35 years as a section hand. He liked to go camping and liked to remember the good old days.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmie Shane of Syracuse, Mo. and Billy Shane of California; two daughters, Shirley Hughes of Jefferson City, Esther Schmidt of Wellsville, Mo. and Dorothy Lewis of Sedalia, Mo; 20 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Tipton Nutrition Center.

Clara Belle Schlotzhauer, 98

Clara Belle Schlotzhauer, 98, of Pilot Grove, Mo. died Tuesday evening, May 9, 2006 at Cooper County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 11 a.m. at the Pilot Grove Community Church with Pastor Wayne Colflesh officiating. Burial was in the Pilot Grove City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Randy, Kirk, Kevin, Greg, Brent and Bruce Schlotzhauer. Honorary pallbearers are Rick and Connie Moore, Jim and Brenda Moore, and Mitch Moore, Richard and Patty Stock, Terry and Pam Davis, Susie Vollrath, Candy Schlotzhauer, Beth Schlotzhauer, Patty Schlotzhauer, Marlene Schlotzhauer, Steve Vollrath and Bruce and Lori Jobe.

Mrs. Schlotzhauer was born in Pleasant Green, Mo. on December 26, 1907 to Lee and Mary Jane Eckerle Wolfe. She was married to Milton Schlotzhauer, Sr. on May 10, 1928 in Boonville. He preceded her in death on June 18, 1984.

She attended Central Missouri State Teachers College in Warrensburg and taught at East Oakland School three years. She was among the first 4-H leaders in Cooper County. Her name is among the names listed on a permanent record at the University of Missouri for Outstanding Extension work, having served in many capacities in the community, county and northeast district. She was a member of the Pilot Grove Community Church.

She is survived by three sons, Charles Lee Schlotzhauer and wife, Linda; Milton H. Schlotzhauer, Jr. and wife, Betty Lou; Glenn E. Schlotzhauer and wife, Betty Jean, all of Pilot Grove; one sister, Katie Kable; and one brother, A.J. Wolfe, both of Pilot Grove; 10 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Maurice Allen Schlotzhauer, her husband, and two sisters, Alma Lymer and Agnes Kella.

Memorial to the donor's choice or the Pilot Grove Community Church.

Edna Elizabeth Purvis Harris, 101

Edna Elizabeth Purvis Harris, 101, formerly of Prairie Home, Mo., died Monday May 15, 2006, in Edmond, Okla. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20 at the Pisgah Baptist Church near Bunceton, Mo. with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville.

Mrs. Harris was born August 10, 1904 in Morgan County, the daughter of Henry Raphael and Annie Chiply Purvis. She was united in marriage to Fred Harris in 1949 at Fayette, Mo.

She was a waitress since she was 15-years-old. She worked at the Frederick Hotel and Connies Shoe Factory. She enjoyed cooking, canning and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Fred on December 7, 2001, two brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Mazie Marie Haley Heath of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one granddaughter; two great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandsons; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorials can be made to the Pisgah Baptist Church or the Pisgah Cemetery.

Herbert Lee Meyer, 75

Herbert Lee Meyer, 75, of Otterville, Mo. died Friday, May 19, 2006 at University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Meisenheimer Funeral Home in Otterville with Rev. Carolyn Cross officiating. Family will receive friends from 4 - 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Honorary pallbearers will be Don Allen, Bill Crane, Bobby Schoen, Robert Meyer, Arthur Fry, Jimmy Wilfong, Kent Gaylord and Brian Twenter. The body will be cremated at a later date.

Mr. Meyer was born July 28, 1930 in Syracuse, Mo. to Harry McKenzie and Gladys Wilda Hirst Meyer. He was married to Maxine Gay Kruse in Miami, Okla. on August 7, 1972 and she survives of the home.

On September 12, 1951, he was drafted to the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War until July 25, 1953. He had numerous occupations. He owned his own farm and foundation business. He worked heavy highway equipment and was a member of Operating Engineers Local 101. He owned and operated a bulldozer and continued his father's wild rabbit business until 1988. He also operated a salvage business and a cow/calf operation until he retired in 1995. After retirement, he and his wife, Mickey, opened a feed store in Otterville called M & M feeds.

Survivors include two sons of Otterville, Frank and Richard Meyer; two daughters, Pam Twenter of Pilot Grove, Mo. and Anita Grose of Lincoln, Mo.; one step-daughter, Sandy Schoen of Otterville; one brother, Harold Meyer of Penbrook, Ky.; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Patrick Eugene Meyer and one brother, Harry William Meyer.

Frank N. Fain, 84

Frank N. Fain, 84, of Wooldridge, Mo. died Sunday May 21, 2006, at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 24 at Prairie Home United Methodist Church in Prairie Home, Mo. with Rev. Lewis Odneal officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in the California City Cemetery in California, Mo.

Mr. Fain was born March 30, 1922 at Lupus, Mo., the son of Virgil and Nellie Francis Stevens Fain. He was a member of the Splice Creek Methodist Church and the Prairie Home United Methodist Church, the Odd Fellows and president of the Pettigrew Cemetery Association. He worked for Massman Construction Company for many years until his retirement. He also raised mules and hosted many trail rides. He enjoyed bluegrass music and St. Louis Cardinal baseball.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Della Wolf and one brother, Sterling Fain.

He is survived by one nephew, Steve Fain and his wife Vicki of Wooldridge, Mo., two nieces, Mary Beth Harper and her husband Sam of Overland Park, Kan., Tracy Odneal and her husband Steve of Columbia, Mo.; his life-long friend Mildred Meyer of California, three great-nephews and two great-nieces.

Anna D. Eckerle, 85

Anna D. Eckerle, 85, of Eufuala, Okla., formerly of Pilot Grove, Mo., died Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at the hospital in Eufuala. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pilot Grove with Father Tom Seifner officiating. Burial will be in the Liberty Cemetery at Warrensburg, Mo.

The body was cremated.

Mrs. Eckerle was born January 12, 1922 to William Henry and Roxy Hippler Rush. She was married to Alfred (Hap) Eckerle in Pilot Grove on March 19, 1972, and he preceded her in death on June 15, 1984. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Francis Rush.

She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pilot Grove and the American Legion Auxiliary. She worked at the Selwyn Shoe Factory in Boonville until it closed. She babysat at her home in Pilot Grove for many years.

Surviving are five step-sons, Don Eckerle and his wife, Sandy of Pilot Grove, Jim Eckerle and his late wife, Betty Lou of New Franklin, Lee Eckerle and wife, Linda of Columbia, Kenny Eckerle and wife, Suzi of Gurnee, Ill., and Jerry Eckerle and wife, Gennie of Cocola, Fla.; one sister-in-law, Grace Rush of Checotah, Okla., one niece, Mary Jo Luke and husband, Harold of Checotah, Okla.; 10 step-grandchildren, 15 step-great grandchildren, and one step-great-great-grandchild.

Allen Walker Neale of Durham, N.C.

Allen Walker Neale of Durham, N.C. passed away at the Meadowlands in Hillsborough, N.C. on April 19, 2006. He was preceded in death by Jane, his wife of 64 years, who passed away May 29, 2005. They have once again been united.

Allen was born on April 30, 1916 in Boonville, Mo. He graduated from Boonville High School where he was an outstanding athlete. He attended Northwest Missouri State Teacher's College in Maryville, Mo. on an athletic scholarship for basketball and swimming. He met his wife there.

Allen and Jane Clinkenbeard were married in Columbia, S.C. on March 8, 1941 while Allen was on active duty with the Boonville National Guard during WWII. He served in the 6th Armored Division under General Patton with the 128th Field Artillery, Battery D. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars, as well as numerous other medals. He was at the Battle of the Bulge.

Allen worked more than 50 years in the paint and decorating business, and retired from Sherwin-Williams Paint Company as Store Manager in Kansas City in 1989. He continued to paint, however, even after retiring. Gardening and carpentry were his other passions in life. He built the house on Hyde Park Avenue in St. Joseph where he and Jane raised their two children.

Allen was a member of the King Hill Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Moila Shrine Temple all in St. Joseph. He was active for many years in the Rotary Club and was a member of several Senior's groups. He was a member of Robbins Road Christian Church and an associate member of Mt. Sylvan United Methodist Church both in Durham, N.C.

Survivors include his daughter, Mindy Neale, of Hillsborough, N.C. and his son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Priscilla Neale of Memphis, Tenn; one sister, Mary Ann Hilden of Boonville, Mo. and one brother, Orville Neale of DeKalb, Ill. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at Red Bridge Christian Church, 10842 McGee Street in Kansas City, Mo. A graveside service for the interment of his ashes will be at Westlawn Cemetery in DeKalb, Mo. at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 1st, 2006.

John C. Penny, 84

John C. Penny, 84, of Burlington, Colo. died Tuesday, May 16, 2006.

He graduated from Kemper Military School in May 1942. He married Deane Bornhause of Boonville on May 17, 1943.

He served as a Naval Lieutenant in combat in the South Pacific during World War II. After the memorial service on Friday, May 19, John C. Penny was honored at a graveside military service.

Mary Phyllis Daniel, 77

Mary Phyllis Daniel, 77, died Thursday, May 25, 2006.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 28 at Florissant Valley Christian Church in Florissant, Mo. Interment was at Bunceton, Mo.

Mrs. Daniel was a woman of faith who loved God, her family and her church. She grew up in Bunceton but spent most of her married life in St. Louis County. She was married to Raymond E. Daniel for 55 years. He survives of the home.

Other survivors include two sons, Ronald E. Daniel and Michael J. Daniel; and one daughter, Vickie S. Dolis; four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Julia Ann (Hain) Oswald, 70

Julia Ann (Hain) Oswald, 70, of Boonville, died peacefully at home on Monday, May 29, 2006 surrounded by her husband and children.

The Mass of Resurrection will be held at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church on Thursday, June 1 at 10 a.m. with Father Bob Duesdieker officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be Frank Oswald, Robert Oswald Jr., Howard Spies, Anthony Hain Jr., Stephen Murray and Lucas Oswald. Honorary Pallbearers are Robert Fisher, John Dougherty, Mark Koechner, Tom Gould, William Blanck, Michael Oswald, Sister Helen Mick, Sister Jodi Creten and Joe Manicapelli. Visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Rosary will be at 5:30 p.m., led by the Legion of Mary with a prayer service to be held at 7:30 p.m.

Julia was born June 10, 1935, in Boonville to Carl and Anna Marie Hain.

As a young girl, she was named Little Miss Boonville. Julia graduated from Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic High School in 1953. She attended Marymount College, leaving there to begin her teaching career at Bluffton where she taught grades 1-8 in a one room schoolhouse. Julia later continued her education at the University of Missouri-Columbia, graduating Magna Cum Laude. On May 5, 1956, she married Jim Oswald. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Julia taught fifth grade for many years at Ss. Peter and Paul grade school, touching many children's lives with her patience and guidance. Later she worked for a variety of local businesses as a bookkeeper. Julia was a member of Ss. Peter and Paul Altar Society, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, the Legion of Mary, the Cooper County Historical Society and a volunteer at Cooper County Memorial Hospital.

Julia enjoyed traveling and was considered a world traveler by her family. She visited multiple countries overseas including England, Ireland, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, China, and Thailand. Her favorite past times included bridge, gardening, golf, reading and wintering in Florida.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Anna Marie Hain. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Jim Oswald and her five children: James (Jim) Oswald Jr. of Boonville, Christine and her husband Mark Koechner, of Tipton, Mo., Clifford Oswald, of Houston Texas, Donna and her husband John Dougherty of Roeland Park, Kan. and Julie and her husband Bob Fisher of Louisburg, Kan. Julia was adored by her 11 grandchildren: Michael, Rebecca, Lucas, Stephen, Loretta, Shannon, Michaela, Sean, Kristen,

Lindsey and Bennett. She will also be missed by her sister Carolyn Spies, her brother Tony Hain, and many nieces, nephews, and godchildren.

William 'Bill' Rieves, 70

William 'Bill' Rieves, 70, passed away at Cooper County Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Family will receive friends at Davis Funeral Chapel in Boonville on Friday evening, June 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. Friends may call from 12 p.m. until time of the visitation on Friday. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Davis Chapel with Pastor Jerry Riggert officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers will be nieces and nephews, Brent Dodson, Brandon Dodson, Janet Buckley, Amanda Frieling, Brian Frieling and Wade Frieling.

Mr. Rieves was born in Cooper County on June 13, 1935, the son of Charles and Florence Vieth Rieves. He married Ruby Frieling on May 6, 1955 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Boonville.

Bill served his country in the U.S. Army for six years, from 1958-1964. He worked at the Boonville Daily News for many years as a printer and as production manager. He also worked with Combined Communication Printing in Columbia for several years.

He is survived by Ruby, his wife of 51 years. He is also survived by one sister, Elnora Hough of Cape Coral, Fla.; one niece, Lisa Padilla of Florida; one nephew, Donnie Schirlls of Bartlesville, Okla.; one aunt, Helen Vieth of Boonville; and his sister and brother-in-laws, LuEtta and Ellsworth Brown of Lenexa, Kan., Mildred and Robert Miller of Boonville, Viola Dodson of New Franklin and Charles and Shirley Frieling of Jamestown.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Roy Schirlls, Charles Schirlls, Garland Rieves and Robert Rieves; two sisters, Hazel Smith and Marie Rieves; several uncles and aunts and two brother-in-laws, Neal Hough of Florida and Kenneth Dodson of New Franklin.

The family requests, that in lieu of flowers, memorials be directed to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Boonslick Industries Workshop.

David L. Williams, 47

David L. Williams, 47, of Rock Island passed Friday June 2, 2006 at Genesis Illini Hospital, Silvis.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday June 10 at Larson Funeral Home, Rock Island. A wake will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Boonville at a later date.

Mr. Rieves was born June 15, 1958 in Boonville, the son of Richard and Deloris Williams Williams. He was a laborer.

He is survived by a daughter, Topazia Williams; sisters Carla and Christine Williams; brothers Bobbie, Tony and Wayne Burnham and Vincent, Corry, Eric and Judd Williams and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Maxine; sister Vivian Burnham and a brother Billy Burnham.

Adda Louise Tull, 86

Adda Louise Tull, 86, of Edina, Minn., died May 16, 2006 in Edina. Private family graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 19 at the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

Mrs. Tull was born April 9, 1920 in Boonville, the daughter of Alexander H. Stephens Jr. and Doris Eugenia Schmidt Stephens.

Her husband of 64 years, Richard, died May 25, 2006.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Russell Stephens.

She is survived by one son, Doug Tull and his wife Lois; one daughter, Judy Johnston and her husband Alan. Also surviving are two nephews.

Horace Poindexter, 94

Horace Poindexter, 94, of Boonville, formerly of Blackwater, died Monday, June 19, 2006 at Riverdell Care Center.

Funeral arrangements are pending at H.T. May and Son Funeral Home in Boonville.

Jannette A. Fry, 65

Jannette A. Fry, 65, of Boonville died at her home on Friday, June 16, 2006.

Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday evening, June 19 at Davis Funeral Chapel. Friends may call from 12 p.m. until time of the visitation on Monday.

Memorial Services will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Boonville at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20 with Pastor Jerry Riggert officiating, assisted by Pastor Dan Crum and Pastor Paul Thompson. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Fry was born in St. Louis, Mo. on March 10, 1941, the daughter of Theodore Peter Giesecking and Esther Dora Meyer Giesecking. She married Norman Fry in St. Louis on February 10, 1968. They made their home in Bunceton and Boonville after their marriage and were the parents of one daughter.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church where she was the church secretary for a time until she became ill. She sang in the choir at the Christian Church. She also was associated with Thrivent of the church where she served as secretary and treasurer. She was a member of the state Dietary Management Association where she served as secretary.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Dorothy Goss. She is survived by her husband Norman of the home and their daughter, Kimberly Morris of Boonville. She is also survived by her twin sister, Annette McGennis of Boonville and sisters, Delores Trampe of St. Louis and Evelyn Geiseking of St. Louis.

Clara Annabelle Owens, 96

Clara Annabelle Owens, 96, of Boonville died Sunday June 18, 2006 at the Lakeview Health Care Center in Boonville.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

She was born March 20, 1910 in Clark County, Mo., the daughter of Jesse James and Mary Koontz Pepper. On August 25, 1942, she was united in marriage to Samuel Taylor Owens in Albany, Texas.

Mrs. Owens attended the University of Missouri at Columbia, class of 1930, earning a degree in education. She taught in Iowa, Kansas and Missouri until they moved to Boonville in 1969 and she was employed at Kemper Military School, in the post office. She became a friend and helped several foreign cadets at the school and went to their home countries to visit with their families.

She was very active at First Baptist Church in Boonville, where she was a member for over 75 years. She taught Sunday school, worked in Vacation Bible School and lead devotions in nursing homes. She was a member of the DAR for 50 years and a member of the Eastern Star in Centralia, Mo.

Mrs. Owens was preceded in death by her husband Taylor on August 10, 1973.

She is survived by three nephews in the state of California.

Memorials can be made to First Baptist Church in Boonville.

Florence B. Walsh, 92

Florence B. Walsh, 92, of Boonville died Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at Riverdell Care Center in Boonville.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, June 24, 2006 at 11 a.m. at the Peninsula Cemetery near Blackwater with William Le Kramel officiating. Visitation will be from 9 until 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Meisenheimer Funeral Home in Pilot Grove, Mo. The pallbearers are Robert M. Grissum, Wilbur Zaugg, Jim Gerhardt, John Klenklen, Ben Conrow, and Keith Odneal. Honorary bearers are Bud Kempf, John

Davis, Jerry Quinlan, and Jerry Kempf. Memorials can be made through the Peninsula Cemetery Association.

Mrs. Walsh was born February 2, 1914 in St. Louis, Mo., the daughter of Ray A. and Cora E Chrisco Bafford. On Dec. 25, 1938, she married Arthur C. Walsh and he died November 20, 1975.

Mrs. Walsh lived most of her school years in Kansas City, Mo. She attended Ashland Grade School in Kansas City and graduated from East High School in Kansas City in 1931.

She was a licensed beauty operator before her marriage in 1938. She worked as a supervisor over Mail, File, and Record Department of Naval Supply Depot in Norfolk, Va. during WWII. She then worked three years as floor security on the men and women's surgical floors of Passavant Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Ill. She also worked four years as security to the Supt. of Building and Grounds. She retired from the hospital just before moving to Boonville in March 1971.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1975 and both parents in 1983.

Billy K. Smith, 81

Billy K. Smith, 81, of Miami, Mo. died Thursday, June 22, 2006, at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 26, 2006 at Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home in Marshall. William W. Harlow will officiate. Friends may call after 8:00 a.m. Monday. Visitation will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial with military rites will be held at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville, Mo.

Born May 14, 1925, in Boonville, he was the son of the late Warren Kimbrew Smith and Ada Viola Todd Smith. On June 3, 1951, he married Mary Lou Cook who survives of the home. He lived in Miami most of his life and was a member of Miami Baptist Church. He was the custodian for Miami School for over 30 years and was a carpenter. He was the baseball coach for the Miami community for many years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Additional survivors include two daughters, Linda McWhirter and Sue Miller, both of Hallsville, Mo.; two sons, Larry Smith of Miami, Mo. and David Smith of Waverly, Mo.; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Betty Kahle of Bunceton, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

Geneva Frances Hull Kramer, 92

Geneva Frances Hull Kramer, 92, of Blackwater, Mo. died Thursday June 22, 2006 at Katy Manor Nursing Home in Pilot Grove, Mo. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, June 26, 2006 at Zion United Church of Christ in Arrow Rock, Mo. with Rev. David Van Horn officiating. Pallbearers will be Donald Kateman, Donald Esser, Bill Leimkueler, Jim Humburg, Dale Hinnah and Randy Widel. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday evening at the William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville. Burial will be in the Arrow Rock Cemetery.

Mrs. Kramer was born December 15, 1913 at Pilot Grove, the daughter of Charles Grant and Sara Lillian Ashmead Hull. She was united in marriage to George Henry Kramer, Sr. on September 24, 1934 at the church parsonage in Arrow Rock.

She served as a Republican committeewoman for 36 years and was named "Republican of the Year" in 2000. She was an active member and state president of the Women's Progressive Farmer's Association, youth leader for 4-H and Junior Farmer's Association. She had been a member of the Arrow Rock Zion United Church of Christ since 1935. She was involved in the church board and Women's Guild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, six brothers and sisters, Aubrey Hull, Seborn Hull, Roy Hull, Gladys Sites, Pat Hull and Madeline Hull.

She is survived by her three children: George Henry Kramer Jr. of Clayton, Ga., Kay Frances Coen of Blue Springs, Mo. and Richard Lee Kramer of Blackwater, Mo., five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

David L. Allphin, Sr., 60

David L. Allphin, Sr., 60, of New Franklin, Mo., died at University Hospital in Columbia, Mo., June 24, 2006.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 28, 2006 with Rev. Gary Humphrey officiating at the Friemonth-Freese Funeral Home in Fayette, Mo. Visitation will be at 5 to 8 p.m., Tuesday,

June 27 at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service at Sulphur Springs Cemetery near New Franklin with David Jr., Jarrod, Adam, John and Danny Allphin and David Himmelberg serving as pallbearers.

Mr. Allphin was born November 15, 1945 in Cooper County, Mo. to Mr. Phil F. and Lottie Fern Snell Allphin. He was a heavy equipment operator and superintendent. He was employed by Emery Sapp and Son for a number of years. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

Mr. Allphin married Barbara Head on March 12, 1965. She survives of the home near New Franklin. Also surviving are three sons: David Jr. of Louisville, Neb., Jarrod of New Franklin, and Adam of Fayette; one daughter, Ammie of New Franklin; and eight grandchildren.

Walter R. Hundley Jr., 82

Walter R. Hundley Jr., 82, of Boonville, died at University Hospital in Columbia, Mo. on Sunday, June 25, 2006.

There will be a graveside service at Walnut Grove Cemetery on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at 10 a.m. with Rev. Mel Eaton officiating. Mr. Hundley requested no public visitation.

Walter R. Hundley Jr. was born in Speed, Mo. on June 29, 1923, the son of Walter R. Hundley and Margaret "Larimore" Hundley. He married Norma Louise Allen in Boonville in October of 1946. She preceded him in death in 1991. They are the parents of 11 children.

Mr. Hundley was a WWII veteran and received the Bronze Service Star, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged in June of 1945. He was a member of the American Legion and V. F. W.

Mr. Hundley was preceded in death by his wife and one sister, Cathryn Terhune. He was also preceded in death by three sons, Joe, Jim and Richard; two daughters, Donna and Patty, and five grandchildren.

He is survived by his children Larry and Mike Hundley of Boonville and daughters, Margaret Ridgwell of New Franklin, Mo. and Sharon Spoor, Beverly Purvis and Peggy Jobe of Boonville; a brother, Jerome Hundley of Boonville, and sisters, Emma Griffin of Fayette, Mo., Rosie Pulley of Independence, Mo., and Louise Kent of Chandler Ariz. He is lovingly remembered by 25 surviving grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Colby Lewis Bolte, 5

-years-old, died at University Hospital in Columbia, Mo. on Friday, June 30, 2006.

A funeral service will be held at Davis Funeral Chapel at 1 p.m. Wednesday July 5, 2006 with Pastor Ron Williams officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Boonville. There will be a visitation at the funeral home two hours prior to the service, from 11 a.m. to time of the service.

Colby was born in Columbia, Mo. on December 4, 2000, the son of Crystal Lynn Bolte and Ryan Scot Auxier. He was baptized at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Fairville, Iowa on March 4, 2001.

Colby is survived by his parents, Crystal of Bunceton, Mo. and Ryan of the state of California. He is also survived by his sisters, Kyra Batton of Boonville, Mackenzie Auxier of Anderson, Calif. and Karen Bolte of Bunceton. He leaves behind his grandparents George and Sheryl Bolte of Wooldridge, Mo. and Elverie Auxier of Boonville and a great grandmother, Beverly Bolte of Cylinder, Iowa.

Kathy McClary Fife, 54

Kathy McClary Fife, 54, of Boonville died at her home Friday, June 30, 2006.

There will be no memorial service.

Kathy M. Fife was born in Boonville on February 8, 1952, the daughter of Clinton W. McClary and Helen Gerhardt McClary. She attended Boonville Schools and graduated from the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Pharmacy. She was a staff pharmacist at several Kansas City area hospitals, Director of Pharmacy at Miami County Hospital, Paola, Kan., and night pharmacy supervisor at St. Joseph Health Center in Kansas City, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her son, Clinton Joseph Fife of Olathe, Kan.; her brother Hubert McClary of Boonville and her sisters, Judy Sears of Winslow, Ariz., Linda Hagen of Raytown, Mo. and Jane Rodman.

Frances Lenora Stock, 99

Frances Lenora Stock, 99, of Boonville died Sunday, July 2, 2006 at Cooper County Memorial Hospital in Boonville. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday July 5 at Immanuel Lutheran

Church in Boonville with Rev. Ken Frerking officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville. Pallbearers will be Richard Converse, Terrance Stock, George Stock, Rick Lyons, Terry Terrill and John Rouchka.

Mrs. Stock was born October 6, 1906 in Oakland, Calif., the daughter of Charles Albert and Lenora Marie Turner Johnson. She was a graduate of the Prairie Home High School. On July 24, 1943 she was united in marriage to Ottomar Stock at Boonville. She and her husband resided at the Ralston-Purina Research Farm in Gray Summit, Mo. for 40 years. After their retirement they moved to Boonville where she was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. She also loved to travel and spend time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ottomar, two brothers, William Johnson and Oliver Johnson; two sisters, Gardella Poindexter and Madge Carpenter.

She is survived by one son Charles Stock and his wife Ramonna of Boonville; two granddaughters, Tonya Converse and her husband Richard of Bourbon, Mo. and Nichole Stock of Washington, Mo.; five great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Nancy Sue Willoughby Myers, 68

Nancy Sue Willoughby Myers, 68, Bunceton, Mo., died Saturday, July 1, 2006 in Columbia, Mo.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 5 at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens, Kansas City, Mo.

She was a member of the Unity Church, Bunceton.

She is survived by her daughters: Robin Hicks of Columbia and Kerry Farris of Bunceton; and her sons: Marc Goldsmith of Bunceton and John Goldsmith of Buckner, Mo. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Henry Norman Gump, 83

Henry Norman Gump, 83, of Boonville passed away Sunday, July 2, 2006 at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Service, Thursday, July 6, 2006 at 2 p.m. Officiating the service will be Ron Albert.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 6, 2006, from 12 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville with full military honors.

Mr. Gump was born August 15, 1922 near Clarksburg, Mo., the son of H.E. "Ernie" and Nell Williams Gump who preceded him in death.

On September 8, 1942, he was married in California, Mo. to Margaret Rosele Vaughan, and she survives at the home in Boonville.

He was a clerk telegrapher from 1948-1960 for Missouri Pacific Railroad and was a rural mail carrier from 1960-1985, retiring after 25 years of carrying mail out of Blackwater, Mo. He was a member of the Blackwater Federated Church, a 52-year member of the Arrow Rock Masonic Lodge #44 AF&AM and a member of American Legion Post #366 of Pilot Grove, Mo. He was a veteran of World War II, serving 42 months in the U.S. Army-Air Corps. He spent 28 months in the China, Burma, and India Theater flying C-47s over "The Hump."

Other survivors include two sons: Rex Vaughan Gump and his wife, Phyllis and family of Moberly, Mo. and Max Alan Gump of Columbia; and two daughters: Velda Allison of Tipton, Mo. and Willie Williams of Clarksburg.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Gump; and two sisters: Vivian Allison and Della Carpenter.

Kay Hammonds, 69

Kay Hammonds, 69, of Blackwater, Mo., died Thursday July 6, 2006, at Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday July 10, 2006 at the Old Lamine Cemetery Lamine, Mo. Visitation will be 12 to 1:30 p.m. Monday at the William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville.

Mrs. Hammonds was born November 8, 1936 in Boonville, the daughter of Victor and Marie Schrilla Grapes. On April 26, 1955 she was united in marriage to Harold Hammonds at Lone Jack, Mo.

Mrs. Hammonds was preceded in death by her husband Harold and one sister, Agnes Puckett.

She is survived by her children, Jim Hammonds of Columbia, Mo., Eugene Hammonds of the state of Kansas, Robert Hammonds, of Raytown, Mo., Diane Hoyes of Sweet Springs, Mo., Chris Hammonds of Blackwater, Mo., Curtis Hammonds of Houstonia, Mo., 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Joyce Lane of North Kansas City and Glenda Sue Grapes of Liberty, Mo.

Ben N. Smith, Jr., 83

Ben N. Smith, Jr., 83, of Boonville died Friday, July 7, 2006 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 9, 2006 at Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Boonville. Visitation will be Saturday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Thacher Funeral Home in Boonville. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

Mr. Smith was born November 13, 1922 in Cooper County, Mo., the son of Ben N. and Zula Smith. He graduated from Boonville High School in 1940 and attended Central Methodist College. He was a World War II veteran, serving for three years. Most of that time was spent in Europe. He received five silver stars. On January 20, 1946 he was united in marriage to Florence Hartley.

Mr. Smith was owner of the Ben N. Smith Agency and Boonville Abstract Co. Inc., from 1978 to 1996. He was past president of Central Missouri Real Estate Board, past president of the Friends of Historic Boonville and past president of Thoma Tuttle American Legion Post No. 52, 40 and 8. He was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic Lodge and Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church. He had been in the insurance and real estate business since 1948. Prior to that, he worked for the A.B. Chance Co., in Centralia, Mo.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his daughter Rebecca Lee Hudson, two sisters, Jan and Jean, and one brother, Art Putnam.

He is survived by his wife Florence of the home, one granddaughter, Christine Louise Hudson of London, England and one sister, Margaret Hankewich of Boonville.

Phyllis L. Bradfield (Hill), 56

Phyllis L. Bradfield (Hill), 56, of Boonville died Friday July 7, 2006 at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at Davis Funeral Chapel.

Phyllis L. Bradfield (Hill) was born in Boonville to Harold Sears and Lorene "Cramer" Sears. She married James Bradfield in November 2003 in Fayette, Mo. She worked 27 years at the Boonville cable office.

Mrs. Bradfield is survived by her husband James of the home, two sons, Rob Hill of Boonville and Jon Hill of Carrollton, Mo., two brothers Philip "Flip" Sears of Boonville and Mike Sears of Owensville, Mo., and one grandchild.

Joseph H. Carver, 65

Joseph H. Carver, 65, of Bunceton, Mo., passed away Thursday afternoon July 13, 2006 at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo.

Visitation will be Monday July 17, 2006 from 6 until 8 p.m. at Davis Funeral Chapel. Friends may call from 12 p.m. until time of visitation. A funeral service will be held at the Davis Funeral Chapel at 10 a.m. on Tuesday July 18 with Pastor Paul Weisenborn officiating. Burial will be in Bunceton Masonic Cemetery in Bunceton. Pallbearers will be LeRoy Wisdom, Dean Elliott, Francis Elliott, Harley Hutchins, Hammy Maddex and Raymond Maddex. Honorary Pallbearers will be his grandchildren. Friends may register online at: davisfuneralchapelboonville.com.

Mr. Carver was born August 12, 1940 in Bunceton, the son of Andrew L. Carver and Mattie E. Howard. He spent his childhood in California, Mo., where he attended school and was a baptized member of the Salem Baptist Church. He married Jacqueline Burton in Clarksburg on August 28, 1961. They were the parents of five children.

Joe retired from T & W Pole Line Construction in August 2002. After his retirement he spent much of his spare time working at the local car washes.

Joe knew no strangers and he enjoyed his many friends, his part time job, watching televised sports and was an avid NASCAR fan. He loved gardening, mushroom hunting, fish fries and barbecues. He was, above all, proud of his children and grandchildren, especially his first great-grandson, Jay. He took

pleasure in spending time with them and enjoyed his role as "Grandpa." Each of them was a special source of enjoyment and truly a blessing in his life.

Joe was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Robert.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie, of the home; his mother, Mattie McFarland of California; his sisters, Shirley Connell and husband Leroy of Republic, Mo., Sharon Ash and husband Donnie of California; and his brother, David Bledsoe and wife Hazel of California.

He also leaves behind his children, Tom Carver of Los Angeles, Calif., Teresa Dahms and husband Steve of Reeds Spring, Mo., Tracey Buescher and husband Dave of Nixa, Mo., Todd Carver and wife Kellie stationed in Okinawa, Japan and Tami Held and husband Steven of Bunceton.

He will be dearly missed by his grandchildren, Starr Carver, Sarah Dahms, Austin and Dalton Edwards, Tyler, Garrett and Hunter Carver and Courtney and Kyle Held and by his great-grandson, Jay Hernandez-Carver. Many nieces and nephews survive as well. Joe left behind many fond memories of his life with friends and family.

Joan S. 'Jo' Grathwohl, 74

Joan S. 'Jo' Grathwohl, 74, of Boonville, passed away at University Hospital in Columbia, Mo. on Saturday, July 15, 2006. There will be a visitation at Davis Funeral Chapel Tuesday evening, July 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Ss. Peter and Paul Church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19 with Father Bob Duesdieker officiating. Burial will be in St. Johns Cemetery in Billingsville, Mo.

Joan Grathwohl was born in Boonville on December 20, 1931, the daughter of Lawrence Stretz and Anna Oleta 'Craighead' Stretz. She married Tom Grathwohl in October 1959 in Boonville and they are the parents of two sons, Eric and Nick.

Jo worked in Boonville for many years in the real estate business, however, her main occupation was in the health care profession where she worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Boonville Medical Group and an X-Ray Technician at St. Joseph Hospital and Cooper County Memorial Hospital. She also worked as a home health nurse for several years, serving the central Missouri area.

Jo was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, in 2004 and one son, Eric, in 1993; by two brothers, Robert and Kenneth Stretz and two sisters, Nelda J. Mellor and Hazel Ann Stretz.

She is survived by her son Nick and his wife, Laura and her grandchildren, Thomas and Jessica Grathwohl and step-grandson, Jerred Robinson, all of Boonville; her sister, Bernice Hayes of Boonville and one brother, Lawrence J. Stretz of Independence, Mo.

Eloyse L. Ruselowski, 78

Eloyse L. Ruselowski, 78, died at her home in Boonville on Sunday, July 16, 2006.

There will be a memorial service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2006, at Davis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Jerry Husereaux officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the evening of the service.

Mrs. Ruselowski was born in Waterbury, Conn. on Feb. 2, 1928, the daughter of Lawrence and Jessie "Canty" Basil. She married Edward Rusolowski in Watertown, Conn. in 1953. They are the parents of three children.

She moved to Boonville two years ago to be with family. She was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Edward Jr. She is survived by her sons: Lawrence of Jamestown, Pa., and George, of Boonville. She also leaves behind nine grandchildren.

Fairlee Walje Taylor, 88

Fairlee Walje Taylor, 88, of Boonville died Monday July 17, 2006 at the University Of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, Mo. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday July 21 at William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville with Rev. Dale Larison officiating. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

Mrs. Taylor was born May 8, 1918 in Howard County, the daughter of Thomas Earl and Lula Maude Gravelly Watts. In 1934, she was united in marriage to Melvin Walje who preceded her in death. In 1951 she was united in marriage to Ted M. Taylor who also preceded her in death. She worked many years at the Selwyn shoe factory and she retired from the Kemper Military School.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, King Edward Watts; one step-son, Monroe Taylor; and one great-grandson.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Kissler; three step-daughters: Glenda Sims, Joanne Taylor, and Leslie Taylor; and her husband Ray of Boonville, a granddaughter and a grandson.

Twila E. Drumeller, 71

Twila E. Drumeller, 71, of Cantrall, Mo. died Thursday, July 20, 2006 at Heritage Manor Nursing Care in Springfield, Mo. Arrangements are under the direction of Bisch Funeral Home, West 2931 S. Koke Mill Road where friends may call from 4-6 p.m. Sunday and where funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday with Rev. Michael Keppler officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

She was born in Wooldridge, Mo. on February 12, 1935, the daughter of Everett and Margaret Lamm Renfrow. She married Samuel Drumeller in Boonville on August 24, 1956. Her father preceded her in death.

Mrs. Drumeller was a homemaker and an accomplished seamstress. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Matoon.

Surviving are her husband, Samuel "Sam," of Cantrall, her daughter Tilitha (husband Jamie) Shawgo, of Springfield; two sons, Dell (wife Jenene Barlick) Drumeller, of White Hall, Ill., and Wayne Drumeller, of Vandalia, Ill.; six grandchildren; her mother, Margaret Renfrow, of Boonville; and two brothers, Mick (wife Edith) Renfrow, of Fredricksburg, Va. and Bobbie (wife Carol) Renfrow, of Blackwater, Mo. There are several nieces and nephews.

Peggy Ellen Patterson Webster, 49

Peggy Ellen Patterson Webster, 49, of Boonville, died Sunday, July 23, 2006 at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 27, 2006, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pilot Grove, Mo., with Father Tom Seifner officiating. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery in Pilot Grove. Visitation will be Wednesday, July 26 from 2 to until 5 p.m. at Meisenheimer Funeral Chapel in Pilot Grove and after 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Pilot Grove. There will be a prayer service at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Webster was born January 31, 1957, in Arkadelphia, Ark., to Frank and Donna Bader Patterson. She married Eric (Bo) Webster on April 11, 1980, who survives of the home.

She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church of Pilot Grove. She graduated from Pilot Grove High School in 1975. She owned and operated Webster Day Care in her home for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother: Steven Patterson.

Mrs. Webster is survived by her husband of the home, two daughters: Sonya Grimm of Independence, Mo., and Ashley Webster of the home; one sister, Karen Hocker of Moberly, Mo.; her mother Donna Patterson of Pilot Grove; and three grandchildren.

Raymond Joseph "Shorty" Roth, 55

Raymond Joseph "Shorty" Roth, 55, of Pilot Grove, Mo. died Monday, July 31, 2006, in Pilot Grove as the result of a motorcycle accident.

Visitation will be held Thursday, August 3, 2006 from 9 a.m. until time of the service at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pilot Grove. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, August 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pilot Grove with Father Tom Seifner officiating. The remains will be buried at a later date in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Pilot Grove. Pallbearers will be Jerry Gerling, Joe Wes Davis, Curtis Kammerich, Dennis Grotjan, Mike Lang and Tony Wesselman.

Mr. Roth was born December 25, 1950 in Boonville, Mo. to Edward and Helen Miller Roth. He was a member of the St. Joseph Church in Pilot Grove. He graduated from Pilot Grove High School, and worked many years at the Joe Davis Farm in Howard County. He loved to ride his motorcycle.

Mr. Roth is survived by one son, Kevin Roth of Boonville; one daughter, Jo Ann Bias of Fayette, Mo.; two sisters, Mary Ellen Vollmer of Boonville; and Dorothy Slepser of California, Mo.; two brothers, Charles Roth of Springfield, Mo. and Robert Roth of Pilot Grove. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

Mildred M. Persinger, 93

Mildred M. Persinger, 93 of Boonville, Mo., died at Golden Hour Retirement Center Wednesday morning, August 2, 2006.

There will be a graveside service at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville on Saturday, August 5, 2006 at 10:15 a.m. with Rev. Harold Young officiating. There will be a visitation at Davis Funeral Chapel, from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday. Friends may register online at www.davisfuneralchapelboonville.com.

Mrs. Persinger was born in Boonville August 15, 1912, the daughter of George W. Varney and Alice 'Hyde' Varney. She married Charles R. Persinger April 8, 1934 in Boonville and they spent their entire married life in Boonville where she was the mayor's wife for a good number of years.

Mildred graduated from Boonville High School. She was a charter member of the Nelson Memorial Methodist Church in Boonville as well as a charter member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Boonville.

Mrs. Persinger was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Charles in 1994; one brother, Herschel Varney; and one sister, Lela Sanders.

She is survived by her daughters, Marsha Davis of Fayette, Mo., and Carole Schmidt of Muskego, Wis. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Melvin Morris Amick, 86

Melvin Morris Amick, 86, of Boonville, Mo., died Wednesday August 2, 2006 at his home. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Boonville with Rev. Ken Frerking and Rev. Jerry Riggert officiating. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will take place in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

Mr. Amick was born February 25, 1920 near Petersburg, Mo., in Howard County, the son of Jesse Morris and Ruth Catherine Tippett Amick. He retired from the United States Army after 21 years of service. Serving overseas in New Guinea, Halmaheda Island, Philippines, Japan, Korea, Okinawa and Germany. He was awarded 17 U.S. and one foreign decoration.

He is survived by his wife Maxine of the home; one son, Melvin Lee Amick of San Antonio, Texas; one daughter, Ruth Ann Holloway of Brookfield, Conn.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving are one step-son Cordell Schulten of St. Louis, Mo.; one step-daughter, Debra Polites of Huntsville, Ala.; six step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Pete Emil Christus, 74

Pete Emil Christus, 74, of St. Augustine, Fla., died Sunday, July 30, 2006 at Flagler Hospital. Graveside services and interment will be held in Boonville, Mo., at a later date. Flowers are gratefully declined and the family would appreciate donations and prayers to help them through this difficult time. Kotrady-Hudgins-Croyle Funeral Home, St. Augustine, Florida is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Christus was a native of Boonville, Mo., and a resident of St. Augustine since 1979. Pete was a veteran of the Korean War and had served in the U.S. Army in Lintz, Austria as a radio repairman. He owned and operated Pete's Café on Highway 40 in Boonville and on I-70 near Rocheport, Mo. His café was the first racially integrated dining establishment in the state and was famous for the full size replica of DaVinci's "Last Supper," a painting that Pete and Charlie Goslin recreated on canvas and displayed in the café.

Pete and his wife Shirley developed the Boone Cave for Tourism and ran the Historical Tavern and the Blacksheep Inn in Arrow Rock, Mo. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Boonville.

Working along with his wife, Shirley, Pete may have been best known for his skill in restoring antiques. He restored porcelain and fine art objects as well as paintings in Missouri and St. Augustine. He was Conservator of Arts for the Daytona Museum of Arts & Sciences in Daytona Beach, Fla., and had served as Governor of the Order of the Granaderos de Galvez in St. Augustine. Pete and Shirley adapted and organized the original spanish version of the Nutcracker Ballet that was attended by the Ambassador His Excellency Don Antonio de Oyarabal and his wife Dona Beatice Lodge de Oyarzabal of Spain in 1998. Pete was proud of his Greek heritage. He was also a member of Trinity Episcopal Parish Church in St. Augustine.

Pete is survived by his wife of 54 years, Shirley M. Christus of St. Augustine; daughters, Shirley Helen Baker of Kansas City, Mo., Stephanie Claire Sullivan of Kennesaw, Ga.; sons, Pete Christus III of Boonville, Paul Francis Christus of Kansas City, Mo., Philip William Christus of St. Augustine; a sister, Helen Preston of Great Falls, Va.; 6 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren.



Christus

Carl F. "Bo" Haynie, 72

Carl F. "Bo" Haynie, 72, died at his home in Boonville, Mo., on Thursday, August 3, 2006. Visitation will be at Davis Funeral Chapel in Boonville on Sunday, August 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, August 7 at the funeral home with burial in St. Martins Cemetery in Martinsville, Mo.

Mr. Haynie was born in Miami, Mo., on April 23, 1934, the son of Floyd Haynie and Mary "Ryan" Haynie. He was married to Kathryn Hoff on September 19, 1959 at the Martinsville Catholic Church.

He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958 and was stationed in Berlin, Germany for those two years. Bo was a cattle buyer for several area packing houses and cattle feeders for a good number of years. Prior to his cattle buying years he was employed with Hayes and Painter Funeral Home in Pilot Grove, Mo. He then became affiliated with Woods Funeral Home in Boonville as a funeral director under his friend, Charlie Murdock, until his retirement. He was a member of the Pilot Grove Lions Club until he moved to Boonville.

Mr. Haynie was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Jack, L.G. and William Haynie; and two sisters, Ola Chambers Marvelle Ott. He is survived by his wife Kathryn of the home; his daughters Karen Einspahr and son-in-law Blaine of Boonville and Carla Wirths and son-in-law Darrell of Lee's Summit, Mo.; and his sister, Evanelle "Nanny" Thomas of Marshall, Mo. He will also be dearly missed by his two granddaughters, Ashley Elizabeth and Kristan Leigh Einspahr.

Etta Mae White, 89

Etta Mae White, 89, of Slater died Thursday (Aug 3, 2006) at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Second Baptist Church in Slater with Rev. Horace Hopkins officiating. Burial was at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the H.T. May and Son Funeral Home in Marshall.

Etta White was born February 13, 1917 in Dalton, Mo., the daughter of Festus and Clara Shepard Guy. She was a member of the Second Baptist Church in Slater. She retired from the Marshall Habilitation Center. She was married to Rev. Moses White and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include two daughters: Anna Mae Wright of Slater and Joann Eubanks of Boonville; three sons: Henry White of Marshall, F. Jonathan White of St. Louis and Alphonso White of Tucson, Ariz., 19 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Loretta May Rainsbarger, 81

Loretta May Rainsbarger, 81, of Prairie Home, Mo. died Thursday, August 3, 2006 at Cooper County Memorial Hospital in Boonville. Visitation was held Saturday evening at William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 6 at Immanuel Pleasant Grove Lutheran Church in Prairie Home with Rev. Luther Herman officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Rick Sedgwick, Tom Huebee, Tom Duncan, Kenneth Smith, Barry Smith and Doug Seifert.

Loretta was born February 18, 1925 at Wooldridge, Mo., the daughter of Herman and Emma Heckerman Seifert. On December 18, 1945 she was united in marriage to Marshall F. Rainsbarger at St. Louis, Mo. He preceded her in death in April 1971.

She was a member of Immanuel Pleasant Grove Lutheran Church and also Grace Lutheran Church in St. Louis. She loved to sing in the choir, square dance, fish and ride the OATS bus. She enjoyed spending time with her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one brother, Otho Seifert and one sister, Gertrude Huebbe.

She is survived by two sisters: Lucille Smith of Wooldridge and Emma Stover of Boonville; one brother, Lloyd Seifert of Ft. Scott, Kan.; a host of nieces and nephews and many friends.

Memorials can be made to Immanuel Pleasant Grove Lutheran Church or to the Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Mark Allen Whitehorse, 51

Mark Allen Whitehorse, 51, of Boonville died Saturday August 5, 2006 at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo. Funeral services were held Monday, August 7 at Thacher Funeral Home in Boonville with Fr. Bob Duesdieker officiating. Visitation was held Monday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial was at Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Boonville.

Mark was born March 17, 1955 in Boonville, the son of Eugene L. and Catherine M. Wiemholt Whitehorse. He worked for Butternut Bakery for 31 years. He loved to hunt, fish, gardening, raising hogs and being outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene L. Whitehorse, Sr. and one brother Eugene L. Whitehorse, Jr.

He is survived by one son Jacob Allen Whitehorse of Overland Park, Kan., one step-daughter Michelle Stone of Boonville, his mother Catherine Whitehorse of Boonville, two brothers, Gary Whitehorse and Benny Whitehorse both of Boonville, six sisters, Phillis Monroe of Spring Hill, Kan., Linda Brengarth of Wooldridge, Mo., Gayle Whitehorse of Olathe, Kan., Patty Clayton of Fayette, Mo., Teresa Rhoades of Boonville, and Anita Flippin of Versailles, Mo. and his girlfriend Rosemary Flynn of Boonville.

Herman F. 'Ham' Martin, 88

Herman F. 'Ham' Martin, 88 of Blackwater, Mo. died at The Living Center in Marshall, Mo. on Monday, August 7, 2006.

There will be a memorial service at Davis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, August 9, 2006, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Michael Hibbard officiating. There will be a visitation two hours prior to the service, from 12 p.m. until service time. Burial will be in the Old Lamine Cemetery. Pallbearers will be his grandsons.

Herman F. Martin was born in Cooper County on July 19, 1918, the son of Daniel Elmer Martin and Emma "Duvall" Martin. He was born, raised and lived on the same farm his entire life. He married Elsie Picking, 65 years ago on May 26, 1941 in Boonville.

He worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad for six years before he started with Missouri Department of Transportation, where he worked until his retirement in 1980. He was also a cattle farmer during that time. Ham was an avid hunter and fisherman and he loved kids and critters.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, James and Albin Martin. He also lost a son in infancy.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie of Nelson, Mo.; his children, Jim Martin of Weatherby, Mo., David Martin of Jonesburg, Mo. and his daughter, Muriel Fisk of Nelson, Mo. He is also survived by a sister, Agnes Allen of Boonville. His 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren will also miss him deeply.

Myrtle Louise Bittner, 95

Myrtle Louise Bittner, 95, of Boonville died Friday August 4, 2006 at the Lakeview Care Center in Boonville. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 10 at William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville with Rev. Ron Williams officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

Louise was born October 5, 1910 in Cooper County, Mo., the daughter of Hogan and Sophia Hornerbrink Freeman. On August 22, 1931 she was united in marriage to Emil J. Bittner at Clarks Fork Lutheran Church. She was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Boonville. She worked for the Temple Stephens Grocery Store, Ice and Locker Plant, Selwyn Shoe Factory and for the University of Missouri Hospital for eight years. She loved to be with her family, quilting, her cat Little Boy and traveling to visit her daughter in Virginia. She was a life long resident of the Boonville and Cooper County area.

She was preceded in death by her husband Emil and one sister Lona Freeman Crane.

She is survived by one son E. Kenneth Bittner of Columbia, Mo. and one daughter Joan Ann Bittner of Arlington, Va.



Bittner

Jerry Dean Stokes, 44

Jerry Dean Stokes, 44, of Kansas City, Mo.; died July 6, 2006 at his home.

Mr. Stokes was born March 28, 1962, in Boonville, the son of Al and Virginia Stokes, who preceded him in death.

Mr. Stokes graduated from Boonville High School in 1980 and went on to college in Warrensburg, Mo. He loved to hunt but his real passion was fishing. He spent his adult life working as an investment broker.

He is survived by his brother Ken Stokes of Columbia, Mo., formerly of Boonville; one sister Bonnie Ivy of New Franklin, Mo.; six nieces and nephews, 11 great-nieces and great-nephews, and many, many friends.

A Life Remembered Service will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 12 at the Knights of Columbus Lake on Hwy. B in Boonville.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Jerry Stokes Funeral Expense Fund and can be mailed in care of the family to Bonnie Ivy, New Franklin, Mo.

Alice Mae Jackson, 80

Alice Mae Jackson, 80, of Leavenworth, Kan., died Friday, August 11, 2006 at Midwest Homeplace in Leavenworth, where she was a resident.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

She was born January 2, 1926 in Cooper County, Mo., the daughter of Harvey and Viola (Smith) Jackson.

She lived in Bunceton, Mo. most of her life, where she was a home-maker. In May of 1993, she moved to Leavenworth to be near her daughter.

Alice was preceded in death by all of her siblings, two brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her daughter Allene Moore and two granddaughters, Summer and Jacqueline Moore, all of Leavenworth.

Helen Harris Sly Mitzel, 104

Helen Harris Sly Mitzel, 104, of Bel Air, Mo. died Friday, August 11, 2006, at The Bluffs in Columbia. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 19, 2006 at William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville, with visitation from 9 a.m. until time of service. Burial was in Pilot Grove City Cemetery.

Helen was born November 9, 1901, near Bel Air, in Cooper County, Mo. the daughter of Benjamin Edwin Sly and Mary Anna Schlotzhauer. She married William Roy Mitzel of Bel Air on November 4, 1927 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He preceded her in death in 1994.

Helen attended Bel Air School, graduated from Laura Speed Elliot High School in Boonville and graduated from Howard Payne College for Women in Fayette, Mo.

Helen resided in Buenos Aires and Rosario, Argentina until 1948. She resided in Wilmette, Ill. until 1965 when they moved back to the family farm at Bel Air. She was very active with the Cooper County Historical Society and the local County Cemetery Society as well as with the Methodist churches where she resided.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Roy and her son Robert Benjamin Mitzel.

Helen is survived by two sons, William Roy Mitzel, Jr. of Miami, Fla. and Donald Charles Mitzel of Rocheport, Mo., seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Doctor James Harold Creighton, 97

Doctor James Harold Creighton, 97, of Overland Park, Kan., formerly of Boonville, passed away at Aberdeen Village in Olathe, Kan. Monday morning, Aug. 14, 2006.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19 at the First Presbyterian Church in Boonville with Rev. Jeff Martin officiating. Burial will follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

James Harold Creighton was born in Bois D'Arc, Mo. on Sept. 29, 1908, the son of Henry Stephen Creighton and Ida 'Baldwin' Creighton. He moved to Parsons, Kansas in 1911 where he completed high school and junior college. He graduated from Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago in June of 1931. In October of that year he married Sue Phelan and they spent 65 years together until her death in 1996. After college, he worked as a sales representative for optical laboratories for several years until the family moved to Boonville in 1940 where he opened an office of optometry. He sold his practice to Dr. David Remington in 1977 and continued his profession with Dr. Remington until his full retirement in 1991. At that time he was recognized as the oldest practicing optometrist in Missouri.

Dr. Creighton was a life member of the American and Missouri Optical Associations, a member of the Boonville Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Friends of Historic Boonville. In addition, he was a member of the Boonville Masonic Lodge #36, Boonville Chapter #60 Royal Arch Mason, Olivet Commandry #53, Knights Templar, Ararat Shrine in Kansas City and Boonslick Shrine Club. As a member of the First Presbyterian Church, he served several terms as deacon and elder. His passions included not only his family, but also hunting, fishing, golf, and his beloved University of Missouri Tigers.

Dr. Creighton was preceded in death by his wife Sue, his daughter Melissa Creighton Serck, his parents, two sisters and one brother.

He is survived by his sons: Jim Creighton of Los Angeles, California, and Tim Creighton of Prairie Village, Kansas, by his daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Ralph Wells of Overland Park, Kansas, and his son-in-law, Stanley Serck of Boonville. In addition he is survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

W.L. (Bill) Schuster, 82

W. L. (Bill) Schuster, 82, of Overland Park, Kan., formerly of Blackwater, Mo., died Aug. 30, 2006, at Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park, while recovering from major surgery.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at Olathe Christian Church in Olathe, Kan. Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Old Lamine Cemetery in Cooper County, Mo.

Bill, as all his friends would call him, was born Jan. 9, 1924, to Elmer and Francis Kincaid Schuster in Blackwater. He graduated from Blackwater High and attended college in Terre Haute, Ind. In 1942, Bill joined the Army and was discharged four years later, in January 1946.

Bill married Mildred Heuman, on March 23rd, 1946. They celebrated their 60th anniversary this year. Bill was actively involved in church through the years. In the last few years of his life, Bill served in the Johnson County Christian Church, the Country Hills Christian Church, and most recently he was involved with Olathe Christian Church.

Bill loved the church, the Bible, visiting with people, and fishing. He never met a stranger and could sell anything to anyone.

He is survived by his wife Mildred; two daughters: Karen Opperman and Sherry Rush; one brother, Kenny Schuster; four sisters: Mattie Weiss, Mary Crawford, Dorothy Davis, and Edna Epperson; and seven grandchildren.

Robert Leo (Bobby) Lorenz, 69

Robert Leo (Bobby) Lorenz, 69, of Pilot Grove, Mo., died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at his home in Pilot Grove.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 28, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Tom Seifner officiating. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery in Clifton City, Mo.

He was born Jan. 5, 1937, in Clear Creek, Mo., to Alex A. and Marie Pabst Lorenz. He married Rose Marie Blackwell on June 4, 1960. She survives. Bobby loved the Lord and it was reflected in every area of his life: he loved people, he loved helping others, and he especially loved his wife, children, and grandchildren.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pilot Grove and the Clear Creek Knights of Columbus. He was a farmer and a carpenter in the Pilot Grove area, and was very active in community affairs, serving on the public school board, the Catholic school board, the senior housing board, volunteer fire department, church committee, and was president of Union Local 1792 for eight years, being with the union 34 years.

He is survived by three daughters: Pamela Twenter, Patricia Schlotzhauer, and Carrie Walker, all of Pilot Grove; four sons: Robert Lorenz, Joseph Lorenz, Jeff Lorenz, and David Lorenz, all of Pilot Grove; two sisters: Earlene Twenter of Sedalia, Mo., and Doris Kempf of Boonville; five brothers: Raymond Lorenz of Fairbanks, Alaska, Billy Lorenz of Florida, Elmer Lorenz of Pilot Grove, Norbert Lorenz of Kansas City, Mo., and Leroy Lorenz of Independence, Mo.; seven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren.

John J. Tebbe, 90

John J. Tebbe, 90, of Boonville died at Cooper County Memorial Hospital on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006. Visitation will be at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Boonville from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, preceded by the recitation of the Rosary at 5:45. There will be a prayer service at 7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006 at the church, with the Vicar of Deacons, Father Frederick J. Elskamp, officiating. The casket will be open from 9:15 a.m. until time of service. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Pallbearers will be his grandsons, John Tebbe, Kris, Greg and Gavin Walters and nephews, John and Bernie Stundebek.



John J. Tebbe was born in Aholt, Mo., March 3, 1916, the son of John George Tebbe and Mary Elizabeth 'Sellmeyer' Tebbe. He married Martha Barlow, Oct. 28, 1942 and they had two children, Ernest J. and Mary Beth. Martha preceded him in death in 1974. He later married Bernadine Gerke Felton in Fayette, Mo., and she preceded him in death in 2005.

Mr. Tebbe worked for 34 years as branch manager for F.M. Stamper Company in Boonville, Glasgow and Fayette. After his retirement he became active with the Boonville Senior Center as a meals on wheels volunteer and served on the board of directors. He also served on the board of CMAAA - Central Missouri Area Agency on Ageing. Mr. Tebbe was a devout member of the SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church. He was ordained as a Permanent Deacon (the first in the parish) in 1981, immersing himself as a minister to the homebound, sick and elderly, through visitations and as a communion minister. Mr. Tebbe was an active member, holding many offices in the Knights of Columbus, Council 1061. At the time of his death he had been a member for 70 years, second to none for longevity. He was also an active Fourth Degree Knight.

Besides his wives, he was preceded in death by two infant children and a stepdaughter, Viola Long. He is survived by his daughter, Mary Beth Schnell of Boonville, and his son, Ernest J. Tebbe of Kansas City, Mo., and by his stepchildren, Bobby Felton of Fayette, Phyllis Cross of Fayette and Linda Paul of St. Clair, Mo. Also survived by his sister, Pauline Monnig of Glasgow. He also leaves behind five grand children, and nine great-grandchildren, along with numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grand children, nieces and nephews.

Jerry Ray Drechsel, 46

Jerry Ray Drechsel, 46, of Boonville passed away at his home, surrounded by his family on Friday morning, Sept. 8, 2006 after a long fight with cancer.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Davis Funeral Chapel. Officiating will be Chaplain Bill Smart and Pastor Mary Harris-Koth. Visitation will be on Tuesday evening, Sept 12, from 4-8 p.m. at Davis Chapel. Friends may call from noon until 4 p.m. on Tuesday. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery; pall bearers are Roger Kueckelhan, Herschel Roth, Richard Roof, Keith Hodges, Alan Nutter and Eddie Miles.

Jerry Ray Drechsel was born in Boonville on October 31, 1959, the son of Ernest Drechsel Jr. and Wilma Maxine 'Roach' Drechsel. He married Barbara Root on July 20, 1984 in Boonville. They are the parents of three children, Jeremy, Tanner and Audrianna.

He was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ. Jerry has farmed all his life and was active in the American Angus Association and the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. Jerry worked for 19 years at Interstate Brands Bakery in Boonville until his retirement due to health reasons. He was a member of the Bakery and Confectionery Union #235. He was also involved as a member of the Continental Dorset Club.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father in 1980 and by his brother, Terry Drechsel, who died at birth. His mother, Maxine Drechsel of Boonville, survives him. He is also survived by his wife, Barbara, of the home, his children Jeremy, Tanner and Audrianna, all of the home. He also leaves behind his sisters, Marilyn Roth of Arrow Rock, Mo., and Nancy Kueckelhan of Blackwater, Mo., and several nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews.

Leona Mae Sells, 90

Leona Mae Sells, 90, formerly of Prairie Home, Mo., died Friday, Sept. 8, 2006, at the Pin Oak Nursing Center in Mexico, Mo. Funeral services were held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Thacher Funeral Home in Boonville, with Rev. Lynn Spencer officiating. She was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville. Pallbearers were Terry Sells, Danny Sells, Andy Popp, Jeff Sells, Larry Dean Wittenberger and Steven Wittenberger.

Leona was born July 23, 1916, at Prairie Home, the daughter of George E. and Myrtle B. Dishon Ritchie. On April 23, 1934, she married William Preston Sells at Prairie Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, stepmother Lena Lehman, half-brother George Emil Ritchie, and one son, Charles Sells. She is survived by one son, Billy Sells of Hannibal, Mo., five grandchildren: Terry Sells and his wife Chris, Danny Sells and his wife Marty, Linda Popp and her husband Andy, and Lisa Stuart, all of Mexico, several great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Evelyn Leah Zoeller, 47

Evelyn Leah Zoeller, 47, of Columbia, Mo., passed away at Riverdell Care Center on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

A graveside service conducted by Fr. Tom Seifner for family and friends will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Clear Creek, Mo. Funeral arrangements are conducted through Davis Funeral Chapel in Boonville.

Evelyn was born on Sept. 27, 1958, at St. Joseph Hospital in Boonville to Frank P. and Winifred Reynolds Zoeller who survive her. She attended S.S. Peter and Paul grade school, graduated in 1977 from Boonville High School, and earned her associates' degree in Medical Laboratory Science from Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas. Over the years, she was employed as a medical laboratory technologist by several medical facilities before working as a substitute teacher for the Columbia public school system, which she dearly loved. Her interests included genealogy, traveling, needle works, and writing children's stories.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Frank S. and Olivia Klein Zoeller and Hurt and Gertrude Diel Straub Reynolds, and brother Patrick W. Zoeller. She is survived by her parents, brother Michael Zoeller and his wife Debbie of Boonville and four sisters: Lyndia Watts of Boonville, Susan Zoeller of Columbia, Mo., Angela Miles of Boonville, and Kathryn Zoeller of Boonville, along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends. She will be greatly missed. God bless her soul.

Juanita Lorraine Harton Robinson Scott, 93 **Submitted & Transcribed by: Shelley Lynch**

Juanita Lorraine Harton Robinson Scott, 93, longtime Boonville, Missouri resident passed away Saturday, October 14, 2006 at Pleasant Valley Nursing Home in Muskogee. Juanita was born November 20, 1912 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma to Ben and Hattie Vera (Brown) Harton. She spent her early in Sapulpa where she graduated from Sapulpa High School. Juanita moved her family to Sedalia, Missouri in 1941 and then settled in Boonville in the mid 1940's. In 1967 she was appointed as County Collector of Cooper County, Missouri and was elected to three additional terms before retiring.

Juanita was a talented musician. She played piano and sang in the Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church choir for 50 years. During World War II, Juanita had her own song published. Although it never made the hit parade it was a local hit. She also had several poems published in Ladies Home Journal and the Kansas City Star. She could put together a poem in minutes and in any verse. Give her a few more minutes and she'd have a song that would fit the poem.

Juanita wrote a 50th Anniversary Poem for her in-laws, in 1952 and her son and daughter-in-law, in 2005. Juanita and her identical twin sister, Coleta were in demand most of their lives to sing a duet and on August 26, 2006 they joined together with Bill Bryant on the ukulele to sing "Moonlight and Roses" one last time.

In recent years Juanita's most fond time was spent with her family. She also loved to ride the church bus to church and visit friends in nursing homes with her friend, Ruth Jeffries. The two were faithful to visit others and rarely missed a week.

Mrs. Scott was preceded in death by her parents, her 1st husband, Ervin Hughes Robinson in 1969, her 2nd husband Ben W. Scott in 1991 and two sisters, Estahlee Lewis and Vera June Sparks.

Juanita is survived by: her son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Marcia Robinson of Muskogee; granddaughter, Chanda Lyn Robinson of Norman; grandson, Bret Harton Robinson and his wife, Kim and

their three daughters, Emily, Kaley and Molly all of Wichita, Kansas; three sisters, Coleta Bryant of Tulsa, Mary Gene Outcalt of Granbury, Texas and Joy Carole Davis of Austin, Texas, and a host of nieces and nephews in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Louisiana and Missouri. She is also survived by the family, of her 2nd husband, Ben Scott most of whom live in the Boonville area.

Funeral Services will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at South Heights Cemetery in Sapulpa. Friend may wish to remember Mrs. Scott by making memorials to Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 407 East Spring Street, Boonville, MO 65233 or St. Paul United Methodist Church, Education Center Building Fund, 2130 West Okmulgee, Muskogee, OK 74401.

Funeral service arrangements are under the direction of Foster-Petering Funeral Home.

Marie A. Kirby, 76

Submitted by: Justin Watkins



Marie A. Kirby age 76 of Sedalia died on Sunday October 11, 2009 at her home in Sedalia. She was born on November 12, 1932 in Osceola, Missouri daughter of Francis and Mary E. Hart Gregory. She was married on August 31, 1958 in Sedalia to Henry P. Kirby, Jr. and he preceded her in death on October 8, 1999.

She graduated from Osceola High School. She worked at Central Missouri Foods in Sedalia. She was raised in the Baptist Faith. She enjoyed spending time and doing things with her best friend Dody Barnes. She also loved the time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters; Kathy Grush and her husband Don of Chillicothe, Missouri, Patty Ragsdale of Sedalia, three sons; Bobby Kirby, Ronnie Kirby, and Keith Kirby and his wife Ronni, all of Sedalia, eight grandchildren, seven great

grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters, and four brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday October 14, 2009 at Ewing-Schutte-Semler Funeral Home with Rev. Tony Chapman officiating.

Pallbearers will be Dave Neth, Daniel Neth, Don Grush, Rex Morrill, Lonnie Coke, Danny Coke, David Coke. Honorary pallbearer will be Scott Hoehns.

Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery in Bunceton, Missouri. Friends may call after 1:00 P.M. Tuesday.

**Obituaries of Cooper Countians
2010-2019**

**22 May 2010
Issue of Bolivar Herald Free Press Online
For Orval Franklin Woolery
Submitted by Nancy LaGore**

Orval Franklin Woolery, 90, of Sedalia died Saturday, May 22, 2010, at St. John's Hospital, Joplin. He was born March 20, 1920, at Glensted, a son of Rowen and Golda McCray Woolery.

On Sept. 4, 1942, he married Ruth Elizabeth Schioldhelm, who survives of the home.

He was a pastor in Missouri for 22 years and director of missions for the Harmony Baptist Association for the next 25 years of his life. He also served as host for the weekly television program "Word of the World" for 11 years. He served many families throughout Missouri officiating 5,500 weddings and 4,500 funerals. He was a lifetime member of the Salvation Army and First Baptist Church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Marilyn "Beth" Coughenower of Butler and Ellen Louise Roweton of Bolivar; one son, Ben Hadley Woolery and his wife, Jeanie, of Joplin; one daughter-in-law, Linda K. Woolery of Joplin; one sister, Margret Bradley of Sedalia; eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Edward Orval Woolery; three sisters, Alma Koester of Stover, Wilma Schoening of San Antonio, Texas, and Glenda Davis of Sedalia; four brothers, Jewell C. Woolery of Sedalia, Earl Woolery of Spencer, Iowa, Omer Woolery, state of Iowa, and Ralph Woolery of Cole Camp.

Services are at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at First Baptist Church, Sedalia, with Pastor Drew Hill officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery, Sedalia.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to funeral service.

The family suggests memorial contributions be given to The Salvation Army, in care of Rea Funeral Chapel, 1001 S. Limit Ave., Sedalia MO 65301. Pallbearers will be Brad Roweton, Lance Roweton, Brock Roweton and Todd Coughenower.

**09 Nov 2010
Issue of The Sedalia Democrat
Nancy C. née Richardson Elliott
Submitted by Justin Watkins**

Nancy C. (Richardson) Elliott, 70, of California, MO passed away on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at her residence. She was born January 23, 1940 in Otterville, MO, the daughter of Alba Claude and Nannie L. (Lewis) Richardson, both of whom preceded her in death.

She was married on November 24, 1971 at First Baptist Church of California, MO, to Keith Elliott, who preceded her in death on January 22, 2010.

Nancy and Keith were owners of Elliott's Paradise Doughnut Shop in California for many years; she also worked at Ralston-Purina for many years and at Moniteau Care Center for 4 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of California, MO.

She is survived by one son, Mark Elliott, Sr. and wife Sherry of Lake Ozark, MO; one daughter, Robin Elliott of California, MO; one sister, Vera Routon of Sedalia, MO; 7 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Shelley Brown on January 16, 2000; one son, Brian Keith Elliott on August 19, 1974; four brothers, Dean, Clifford, Bill and Bobby; and two sisters, Dora and Mary.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Services, California, MO.

Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Clarksburg.

Officiating will be Pastor Steve Jones, Rev. Greg Morrow, and Mr. Jack Bowlin.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, c/o Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Services, 100 S. Oak, California, MO 65018.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Services, California, MO.