

Mercer County Missouri Obituaries

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Subject: AUDRA BRANAM ALLEY
Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)
Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, March 12, 1992

Audra A. Alley, daughter of Edward Monroe and Octavia Frances (Orndorff) Branam, was born in Mercer County on Sept. 18, 1906 and died Dec. 6, 1991 in Lincoln, Ill.

Mrs. Alley was married to Glen Alley Sept. 5, 1926 in Trenton. He preceded her in death April 25, 1984 in Lincoln, Ill. Mrs. Alley was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Bessie (Branam) Cordell and Mary (Branam) Shilt; one brother, Oscar Monroe Branam; and one half-brother, Terry Jones.

She is survived by a sister, Margaret Kay (Branam) Sherman of San Jose, Calif., and one brother, Donald Branam of Billings, Mont. She is also survived by her daughter, Mildred (Alley) Raffa of Lincoln, Ill., son-in-law, John Raffa, four grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Mrs. Alley was a member of the Catholic Church in Lincoln, Ill. Funeral services and burial were in that city.

Frances Branam and Paul and Carol Lee Branam of Princeton attended the services.



Subject: JAMES H. BARRETT
Submitter: M. Kinney (MKinney2003@msn.com)
Source: The People's Press, Mercer Co., Mo., June 21, 1899

Moss Neighborhood

Mr. James Barrett, father in-law of William Smith of this part, died last Thursday morning, at the home of his son in-law. He was sick several months with complication of diseases.



Subject: RAYMOND BEVERAGE
Submitter: Phil Stewart (JJHist@grm.net)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, June 10, 1931

RAYMOND BEVERAGE

Raymond Beverage, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Beverage, was born in Princeton, Missouri Apr 14, 1905 and died at the home of his parents, June 6, 1931, at the age of 26 years, 1 month and 23 days.

Raymond was sick for several weeks and at times he suffered intensely, but he was patient in all his

suffering and appreciated the kindness of his many friends and loved ones. He was converted about four years ago at a Pentacostal meeting held in Princeton, but had not united with any church. He has lived his entire life in Princeton where he has many friends who will miss him. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister, and is survived by his father and mother, two brothers, Howard of Moline, Ill, and Cleveland, three sisters, Mrs Orndorff, Miss Ruth Beverage and Mrs Roselia Simms of Osceola, Iowa. He will be sadly missed by his many friends and loved ones.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at three o'clock by Rev V. F. Walker. Burial was made in the Princeton Cemetery.



Subject: D.F. BOYER

Submitter: W. Torres [stormyeize@kc.rr.com]

Source: Princeton Post, Princeton Missouri, March 28, 1934

DR. D.F. BOYER IS FOUND DEAD IN HIS OFFICE THURSDAY

Dr. D.F. Boyer, a prominent veterinarian of this county, was found dead in his office, above the Kelly drug store, about 7 o'clock Thursday evening. When found, he was attired in cap, overcoat and overshoes, and was lying on a couch. He had made a call to the country in the afternoon, and had asked a patron, Lloyd Smith, to come to his office in the evening for some medicine, which he had prepared for him.

Mr. Smith called at the office at 7 o'clock. Finding the office dark, he used a flashlight and discovered Dr. Boyer lying on the couch. Mr. Smith spoke to Dr. Boyer several times, and not getting an answer he left the office and got City Marshall William Padke and Neill Wilson to return with him. They believed Dr. Boyer was dead, and summoned Dr. O.J. Laws and Dr. B.S. Powell, who pronounced death the result of a heart attack.

Dr. Boyer had last been seen in town about 6 o'clock that evening. He had suffered heart attacks at different times, but had been feeling as well as usual that day.

The funeral service was held Saturday from the Moss Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev. C.E. Nichols. Burial was made in the Princeton cemetery.

David F. Boyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Boyer, was born at Goshen, Missouri, December 21, 1865, being 68 years, 3 months and 1 day old at the time of his death. He was united in marriage to Susan Roop, and to this union four children were born, one having died in infancy and Cliff Boyer having preceded him in death.

A son, Fred Boyer of Carrollton, and a daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Putnam of Wilton, Ark., survive. His first wife died and then he was united in marriage to Mary White. To this union three children were born, Maggie and Kenneth, who preceded him in death, and Francis Boyer of this city. He was later married to Mrs. Murlen White at Milan, September 21, 1916.

When a young man he attended a veterinary college in St. Louis and had made that profession his life's work.

Besides the wife, sons and daughter, he is survived by a stepdaughter, Mrs. Belva Pond of Trenton, eight grandchildren, two step grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Dr. Boyer was a quiet man, was kind to his family, and will be greatly missed.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank those who so kindly assisted us in our bereavement in the loss of our husband and father, Dr. D.F. Boyer. Their kindness will long be remembered. We thank the singers for their assistance at the funeral service, also those who contributed the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Murlen Boyer, Fred Boyer, Francis Boyer, Mrs. Beatrice Putnam, Mrs. McDonald Pond.



Subject: NOEL BOXLEY
Submitter: Curtis Clark (Cp41877@aol.com)
Source: Unknown newspaper

DEATH NOTICE:

NOEL BOXLEY, 63, died Monday at his home in Princeton. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Greenlee-Martin Funeral Home.

Noel D. Boxley, 63, died Aug. 7 at his home in Princeton. Funeral services were held Aug. 10 at the Greenlee-Martin Chapel with the Rev. Norris Ramsey officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

He was born July 28, 1909 in Mercer County, a son of Andy D. and Virgie Stanley Boxley. He was married June 2, 1928 to Avanel Wilcox who survives.

Mr. Boxley, a retired farmer was a member of the St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Avanel, of the home; two sons, Dale Boxley, Macon, and Dean Boxley, Kansas City; a brother, William Boxley, Princeton; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Crosby, Kansas city, and six grandchildren.



Subject: ANDREW MILLER CARPENTER
Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)
Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, March 12, 1992

[Andrew] Miller Carpenter, son of H. [omer] M. [elton] and Elizabeth [Burckhart] (Miller) Carpenter, was born Nov. 13, 1910 in Mendon and died on March 4, 1992 at his home in Sumner [Chariton County, Missouri].

He was an extension agent in Mercer and Carroll counties between 1935-1950; general manager of the Missouri Pfister Growers in Carrollton 1951-1968; board chairman of Bank of Rothville; former director of Missouri Independent Bankers; 1937 graduate of University of Missouri; received an honorary doctorate in business and public administration from Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar; and he was a member of the Rothville Baptist Church.

Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage on Aug. 18, 1947 to Vena Switzer.

He is survived by his wife, Vena, of the home; a son, Frederick H. Carpenter of Sumner; one daughter, Martha Carpenter Smith of Overland Park, Kan.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on March 6 at the Rothville Baptist Church under the direction of the Heisel-Koch Funeral Home in Mendon. The Rev. Jim Bulin officiated. Burial was in the Rothville Cemetery.



Subject: ELIZABETH ANN (PERRY) CISCO
Submitter: Bill Summers (wsummers@woh.rr.com)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, 19 November 1914, p. 1, c. 1.

Death of Elizabeth Cisco

Elizabeth Ann Cisco was born in Dayton county, (sic) Ohio, May 6th, 1835, and died at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. P. Cisco, Princeton, Mo. Nov 6th, 1914. Her death followed an injury to her head caused by a fall the day before.

When a young lady she came to Mercer county and in July 1856 a few months later she was married to James Cisco. Six children were born to this union - Mrs. Mary Girdner, Henry P., Jarrett E., and William L. and Mrs. Gertrude Vanderpool and Mrs. Arthur George. The three sons have all proceeded (sic) their mother in death but the three daughters are still living.

At the time of her death, she was a member of the Princeton Christian Union church, having given her heart to God in her youth. She was prepared to go when the summons came.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. P. Cisco in the northern part of town conducted by Rev. Mark B. Paddock after which the remains were borne to the Pine cemetery four miles south of town and tenderly laid to rest.



Subject: JAMES CISCO
Submitter: Bill Summers (wsummers@woh.rr.com)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, 19 July 1904, p. 1, c. 4

James Cisco was born in Shelby county, Ohio. According to a brief biography read at his funeral, he was born in 1833, but some of his friends, including Mrs. Cisco, a daughter-in-law, thinks he was 73 years old - that would make his birth year 1831.

He came to Mercer county at an early age, afterward married a Miss Perry by whom he had six children - Henry, Mary, William (dead), J. E., Stella and Gertrude. He enlisted in the 12th Missouri Calvary and fought for his government three years, was mustered out and returned to Mercer county where he continuously resided till this hour of his death - 9 p.m., July 6th, at the residence of his son-in-law, Nick Vanderpool, a half mile south of town. He had been a member of the Christian Union church twenty-five years and was a member of Capt. Stanley Post No. 79. A number of his comrades formerly in his company and regiment reside in this county, and they unite in qualifying him as a good soldier. The entire

community will remember him as an agreeable neighbor and a upright citizen. The Post will miss his kindly counsel, and his children will mourn the loss of an affectionate father. His death was caused by a cancer of the neck and face. He had been confined to the house two or three months, where he suffered most severely from the ravages of that malignant disease.

The hearse left the home followed by old comrades and friends of the family, at 1:30 p.m. and arrived at teh Pine church at 2:30, where singing and brief discourse by his pastor, Rev. Hall, was had. The people then proceeded to the nearby cemetery, where the Post took charge. After a brief ritualistic ceremony and a prayer by Rev. Hall the mortal body of Comrade Cisco was consigned to Mother Earth. The Post was then dismissed by Commander J. B. Ormsby.



Subject: HENRY CISCO
Submitter: Bill Summers (wsummers@woh.rr.com)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, 3 June, 1914, p.1

Night Watchman Murdered

H. P. Cisco Shot Seven Times by Robbers Last Wednesday Night at 10:30 Back of Casteel Bros. Store and Died Thursday Afternoon at 2:30

Byrd Jones, Frank Rollins and Charles Bryan Are Charged With Crime -- Coroner's Inquest June 5th

H. P. Cisco Killed

Was Shot by Burglars Last Wednesday and Died Thursday afternoon - 3 Men Under Arrest Charged With the Crime

H. P. Cisco, night watchman, was shot last Wednesday night about 10:30 by burglars and died Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. As Mr. Cisco returned from his regular nightly trip to the depot he passed by the back door of the Canteel Bros. store and as he was trying the door to see if locked, he observed a man on the inside who immediately opened fire with an automatic revolver, shooting nine times at close range. Mr. Cisco managed to walk to the corner of Kelly's drug store where he call for help and was later picked up and taken into the drug store and from there to his home a short time afterwards, when he was given the best of medical attention. Upon close examination it was found that seven of the nine shots fired had taken effect, two wounds being in the body, three in the left arm and two in the legs and that his death was only a question of time.

Henry Perry Cisco was born in Mercer county, four miles south of Princeton on January 28, 1858 and this county has been his home all his life. In March 1881 he was married to Miss Evelyn Girdner and to this union eight children were born, three of whom preceded the father to the Great Beyond - Cliff of Nara Visa, New Mexico, Mrs. Lillian Mann of San Diego, Calif., Cecil of Trenton. Alva and Elva of Princeton together with their mother are left to mourn the departure of a kind and loving father and a devoted husband.

Source: Chillicothe Constitution, Chillicothe, MO, Thursday, Sept. 24, 1914

Murder Trial Posponed (sic)

Judge W. C. Ellison this morning postponed until Monday the trial of Chas. Bryant and Byrd Jones,

both of whom are charged with implication in the murder of Henry Cisco, a night policeman here last May while intercepting a store robbery. Three men are said to have killed Cisco, and Frank Rollins, the other man charged with the murder, was convicted Sept. 16 and given a life sentence. An overcrowded docket caused the postponement.

Source: Chillicothe Constitution, Chillicothe, MO, Monday, Jan. 28, 1945, No. 23

Frank Rollins and Virgil Jones Released From Prison

UP -- One of Mercer county's most sensational murder trials was recalled today with the parol from a Missouri prison of Frank Rollins and Virgil Jones, both 44. Rollins and Jones were sentenced to life terms in September 1918, for the murder of Henry P. Cisco, city marshal of Princeton, who surprised them in the burglary of a dry goods store.



Subject: EULA MILDRED COLLINGS

Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)

Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, February 27, 1992

[Eula] Mildred Collings, daughter of [Francis] Edward and Ethel (Van Vacter) Rankin, was born on August 16, 1907, in Mercer County, and died on Feb. 24, 1992, at the Princeton Care Center at the age of 84.

Mrs. Collings was a graduate of the Ravanna High School and was a member of the Princeton Baptist Church. She was employed as an LPN at the Axtell Hospital for several years.

She was married to Vernon [Hunter] Collings on Feb. 28, 1926. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1975. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Collings is survived by two sons, Roscoe Collings of Princeton and Clinton Edward Collings of Joplin; seven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; two sisters, Fern Hunter and Lorene Clingingsmith, both of Princeton.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Slater Funeral Home in Trenton.



Subject: MOLLIE IMO COLLINGS

Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)

Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, March 5, 1992

Mollie Imo Collings, daughter of Ben and Martha (Driscoll) Reeves, was born east of Ravanna [Mercer County, Missouri] on Nov. 7, 1889, and died on March 1, 1992, at the Princeton Care Center at the age of 102 years.

She was married to Albert Collings, who preceded her in death in 1971. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Ferrill Collings, and Robert R. Collings, who was killed in action during World War II; her four brothers, Freddie, Albert, Gilbert, and John Reeves; and by her sister, Cora Hickman.

Mollie is survived by her two sons, Kenneth and Bill Collings, both of Mercer; her daughter, Dreva

Fisher, also of Mercer; nine grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and seven great great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Mercer United Methodist Church, a charter member of the American Legion Post#447 Auxiliary in Mercer, and was designated a Gold Star Mother due to her son Robert's death in World War II.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 4, 1992, at 1 p.m. at the Greenlee-Middleton Funeral Chapel in Princeton with the Rev. Ron Helton officiating. Burial was in the Ravanna Cemetery.



Subject:: GEORGE HAROLD COLLINS
Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)
Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, February 8, 1996

George Harold Collins, son of James W. and Nettie L. Collins, was born in Tarkio, Missouri, on February 28, 1920, and passed away on January 31, 1996, at the Liberty Hospital in Liberty, Missouri, at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Collins was raised in the Melbourne, Missouri, community, and lived most of his adult life in Princeton, Missouri, moving to Trenton, Missouri, in February of 1995. He had been a resident of Eastview Manor in Trenton since September of last year. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army.

Mr. Collins was united in marriage to Ruby Virginia Mullins on December 29, 1961. She survives him, of the Eastview Manor in Trenton.

Mr. Collins was preceded in death by: his parents; a stepdaughter, Gayla White; a stepson, Dale Dodson; a step-granddaughter, Lesa Ann King; four brothers, Dewey, Dempsey, Paul and Donald Collins; and two sisters, Dorothy Maize and Ruth Hamm.

Besides his wife, Mr. Collins is survived by: two step-daughters, Sharon Owen, of Trenton, Missouri and Donna Paxton, of Marion, Iowa; one step-son, Lee Dodson, of Green Rock, Illinois; 16 step-grandchildren; 6 step-great-grandchildren; four brothers, Ruble and Martin Collins, of Gilman City, Missouri, Lewis and Russell Collins, of Galesburg, Illinois; two sisters, Lena Mae Benson, of Gilman City, Missouri, and Pauline Wall, of Galesburg, Illinois; and by several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and burial were held Monday, February 5, 1996, at 1:00p.m., at the Princeton Cemetery. Rev. Leland Heriford officiated, under the direction of the Greenlee-Middleton Funeral Service of Princeton, Missouri,



Subject:: SYLVIA MAE GOINS COMBS
Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)
Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, February 27, 1992

Sylvia Mae Combs, daughter of William and Ollie (Dykes) Goin, was born near Princeton [Mercer County, Missouri] on Aug. 1, 1901, and died on Feb. 19, 1992, at the Eastview Manor Nursing Home in Trenton, at the age of 90.

Sylvia was married to Harry Granville Combs on March 19, 1924, in Princeton. Harry preceded her in death on May 2, 1984. She was also preceded in death by her two brothers, Gay and Guy Goin; and by her sister, Eva Arbuckle.

Sylvia and Harry lived most of their married life on their farm, west of Princeton, moving to Princeton in October of 1985. She was a member of the Goshen Christian Church.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth Combs of Orange, Calif.; her daughter, Phyllis Leet (and son-in-law, Richard), of Gainesville, Ga.; her five grandchildren, Richard Combs, Deborah Hamilton, Richard Leet II, Alan Leet and Dana Geiken; and by her nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 22, 1992, at 3 p.m. at the Greenlee-Middleton Funeral Chapel in Princeton with the Rev. Norris Ramsey officiating. Burial was in the Goshen Cemetery, west of Princeton.



Subject: FRONA (WIGGINS) SMITH CONSTABLE
Submitter: Curtis (Cp41877@aol.com)
Source: Ola (Emmons) Engle, unknown newspaper

SERVICE HELD FOR MRS. CONSTABLE, 75

Funeral services for Mrs. Frona Constable, 75, who died last Thursday night at the Axtell Hospital were held Sunday afternoon at the Martin-Azbell Funeral Home. The Rev. Leslie Howard, officiated. Burial was in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

Mrs. Constable, a daughter of John and Mary Wiggins, was born north of Princeton Feb. 4, 1886. In 1912 she was married to Emery Smith who died in 1933. Later she was married to Emery Constable who died in 1946. She was a member of the Princeton Christian Church.

She leaves one sister, Mrs. Lona Kennecutt of Oklahoma City and one brother, Richard T. Wiggins of Fort Collins, Colo.



Subject: HARRY V. CONSTABLE
Submitter: Curtis (Cp41877@aol.com)
Source: Harrison County, Missouri Genealogical Society at Bethany, Missouri, unknown newspaper

Harry V. Constable, 71, died Sunday, Sept. 13, 1987, at Westview Acres in Leon.

Mr. Constable was born April 10, 1916, a son of Joseph and Ethel McCaw Constable. He spent his entire life in the Pleasant Ridge Community except for his service in WWII and when working for the Case Company in Davenport, Iowa. After returning home he farmed and also worked for Townsend Tree Service and Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation. On Oct. 6, 1950, he was married to Dorothy Elaine Perkins.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one sister, Mrs. Roberta Linke, rural Princeton; two nephews, Ron and Joe Mac Moss; two great-nephews, Newton, Iowa; one aunt, Mrs. Wilma Moore, Kansas City; and several cousins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Greenlee-Middleton Funeral Chapel in Princeton with the Rev. Leland Heriford officiating.

Burial was in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, northwest of Princeton.



Subject: HOWARD CONSTABLE
Submitter: Curtis (Cp41877@aol.com)
Source: Unknown newspaper

SERVICE HELD FOR HOWARD CONSTABLE.

Howard Constable, 85, a retired farmer of the Pleasant Ridge Community died July 9 at the Axtell Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning July 12, at the Moss Funeral Home. The Rev. Harry Clifton and the Rev. Willie Heriford of Hannibal officiated. Burial was in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

Mr. Constable, a son of Marion and Eliza Taylor Constable, was born near Princeton, Feb. 13, 1876. He spent most of his life in the Pleasant Ridge Community, moving to Princeton four years ago.

He was married Nov. 27, 1901, to Minnie Heriford, who survives. He was a member of the Princeton Baptist Church.

Surviving also are three daughters, Mrs. Leah Stinson of Mercer; Mrs. Rosa Nelson of Eagleville and Mrs. Elsie Anderson, Davenport; four sons, Virgil Constable, Pollock, Mo.; Richard Constable, Garland Constable and Monford Constable, all of Princeton; three brothers, Vern Constable, Jefferson City; Joe and Charles Constable, Princeton; 30 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren.



Subject: LOUISIA MAY CORDLE
Submitter: Judy(JudyJDM@aol.com)
Source: Unknown

Louisia May Cordle, daughter of William S. and Louisia Cordle was born May 2, 1867, in Illinois, and departed this life at the home of her daughter Mrs. Ernest C. Carter on April 29, 1946 at the age of 78 years, 11 months and 27 days.

At an early age she moved to Missouri and spent the remainder of her life in Harrison and Mercer counties. On Nov. 30, 1885, she was united in marriage to William Alexander Craig, and to this union 11 children were born, three of whom preceded her in death, Essie, Ernest, and an infant. Left to mourn her passing are the children, Roy L., Huntsville, Mo.; Hugh L., Mill Grove; Ora S., Cainsville; E. Ray, Chillicothe; Oval W., Mercer; Mrs. Ernest C. Carter, Gilman City; Mrs. Toie E. Still, Cainsville; Mrs. Glen Kirkpatrick, Cainsville; 19 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, three brothers and many other relatives and friends. Her husband preceded her in death on June 17, 1939.

Later in this life she was united in marriage to Sol VanVacter, who also preceded her in death.

She united with the church at an early age and lived a true Christian life to the end. Her children were all at her bedside and a short time before death she called each in, one at a time, and with her loving arm

around them and tears dripping off of her face onto the pillow, she kissed them goodbye and asked them to remember their mother's prayer, and not to forget to look in her Bible for her hand a letter prepared in a prayer for the children. (She had outlined her hand with a pencil on the back of the letter.)

As the night began to come and the light began to dim the last she said were: "Now, dear children, remember to stay on the straight and narrow road. Watch and pray 'till Jesus comes."

Following is the letter she left in her Bible for her children: "When I am gone you won't forget me. When I am gone there will be a vacant place in your home. When I am gone do not worry for there is a place prepared for me. Hope to meet our loved ones in Heaven around God's throne, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping, no tears, no lonely hours."

"God watch over me that I may find the valley that my loved one passed over, and his request was when you go down that valley remember I have been there. I hope I will be able to find that valley and be prepared to meet our loved one that has already passed on."

"Now, dear children, one and all, pick up your cross and be ready to go down that valley father and mother have already passed over."

Funeral services were held May 1, 1946, at St. Paul church, conducted by Rev. V. F. Walker of Princeton. A male quartet from Princeton, composed of Grady Kauffman, Lyle Lathrop, Mr. Shaffner, and George Martin, furnished the music. Jean Horn Smith, also of Princeton, sang a request solo. Pallbearers were the five sons and one grandson. Flower bearers were nieces and one great-grandson Gary Layne, a special request. Burial was in the St. Paul cemetery with Noel Moss, funeral director, in charge.



Subject: JAMES COVEY
Submitter: Tweety (tweetybird811w5@cox.net)
Source: Princeton Press, Mar 25, 1903, p 1

James Covey Passes Away

James Covey, an old resident of Mercer County, died at his home six miles northwest of Princeton on Monday. He had been confined to his bed with a slow fever for several weeks.

Mr. Covey was upward of 50 years of age, a quiet, generous citizen and an honest, upright man. He leaves a wife, two sons and one daughter at home; two married daughters live in Kansas and four married daughters live in this county.

The funeral services will be held at the Pleasant Ridge Church today at 11:00, and the remains will be interred in the Pleasant Ridge cemetery.



Subject: RUTHIE COVEY
Submitter: Tweety (tweetybird811w5@cox.net)
Source: The Post, Jun 4, 1930, p 2

OBITUARY OF RUTHIE COVEY

Mrs. Ruthie Covey, for many years a resident of this county, died Thursday at her home, five miles

northwest of the city, at the age of 77 years. The funeral services were held at the Pleasant Ridge Church Monday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. V. F. Walker. Interment was in the cemetery nearby.

Mrs. Ruthie Graham Covey was born in Richmond, Ray County, MO 25 Dec 1853. She was united in marriage to J. W. Covey in 1868. To this union were born 12 children, one of whom, George Covey, has preceeded her in death. She is also proceeded in death by her husband and is survived by 11 children. They are Mrs. Allie Maxwell of Los Angeles, CA; Rosie Brogen of Burlington, CO; Gertie Pegg of Douglas, KS; Zoe Brogan of Emmett, ID; Susie Vanvacter of St. Joseph, MO; Janie Moore, Minnie Reeves, Hettie Fair, Clara Applegate, Willie Covey, Henry Covey all of Princeton, MO. She is survived by 49 grandchildren and 51 great grandchildren.

She became a member of the Baptist church 62 years ago and was a member of the Pleasant Ridge church at the time of her death. Sister Covey was a good woman and during her long residence in Mercer County, has made many friends who will be sorry to hear of her death. She was of a kind diposition and in her quiet way lived the Christian life.



Subject:: ALMA OTTO CRAIG

Submitter: J. Johnson (julijoh@usc.edu)

Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, February 8, 1996

Alma Craig, 82, of Des Moines, Iowa, died Thursday, January 25, at the New Oaks Care Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Craig was born in Des Moines and lived there most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of the Waukee Baptist Church and Volunteers of America.

Mrs. Craig is survived by: a son, John; two daughters, Louise Wright and Carol Jones; two brothers, Elmer Otto and Lester Otto, all of Des Moines; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, January 31, at Hamilton's Funeral Home. Burial was in the Freedom, Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church.



Subject: J. A. CUNNINGHAM

Submitter: jjhist (jjhist@grm.net)

Source: Princeton Telegraph, May 7, 1913

PASSING OF J. A. CUNNINGHAM At the home near Mercer, last Thursday, Jacob A. Cunningham, a well known and honored citizen of this county, died very suddenly. For the past ten years he had been in poor health, but his death was a great shock to his relatives and many friends.

He was born in Mercer county Dec 4, 1858 and has spent his life in this county. On the 12th day of March, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza J. Snyder and to this union were born five children, of whom four survive with the mother. They are: Clarence W., Verna, Clifford and Ora. He was an enthusiastic lodge man being a great lover of fraternity. He was a charter member of the Mercer Knights of Pythias and afterwards removed his membership to Princeton when the two were merged into one. In 1904 he united with Ravannah No 258 A. F. & A. M. He was in good standing in both orders at the time of his death and was always honored among his brothers and known as one who was faithful to his vows.

The funeral srevices were held from the home last Monday at two o'clock. These services were in

charge of Rev W. E. Kauffman. The body was laid to rest in the Early cemetery and the Masons conducted the burial ceremonies. District Deputy D. M. Foster being in charge.

No epitaph inscribed upon a marble slab, nor written sentiments of any heart can fittingly adorn the memory of one who is known by all as a loving companion and father, a useful citizen and a brother to mankind. But long may the memory of this one live, inscribed on the hearts of his many friends. To the bereaved ones we extend our heart-felt sympathy.

[NOTE] Jacob Cunningham was the son of John and Rebecca Cunningham. His cause of death was heart failure.



Subject: LEROY DAY
Submitter: J Laws (Ivyshire@cs.com)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, Dec 21, 1898

LeRoy Day was born in November 1810 in Fleming county, Ky. Was married to Eliza J Tuttle in 1833, who died in this county in August 1878. Of this union there were nine children, seven of whom are now living.

Mr. Day moved to Missouri in 1851 to Johnson County, where he resided till 1863, when he moved to this county, where he has resided ever since, and until his death, which occurred on the 6th instant. He remarried after the death of his wife to Mrs. Rebecca Heriford in 1883 with whom he lived until his death. He was a good citizen, a loving father, a tender and affectionate husband, and above all, a true, devoted and honorable Christian, and he lived such a way as to elevate the standard of a true citizen, father, husband and Christian, and leave an impression upon all with whom he mingled and all of us who knew him realize that the old man has gone from us to his reward. Jesse Trapp



Subject: REBECCA M. DAY
Submitter: J. Laws (Ivyshire@cs.com)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, Dec 10, 1919

Rebecca M. Day died at her home in Cainsville Nov 30th and the body was brought to this place and taken to the home of her son, Frank Heriford, where the funeral was held Tuesday of last week, conducted by Rev. James E Todd after which the interment took place in the Pine Cemetery South of town.

Rebecca Randall was born in Ohio May 12, 1836. In about 1852 she was married to Isaac Heriford and four children were born to this union, 3 of whom, W. J. Heriford of Ozark County, F. M. Heriford of Princeton, and Ed Heriford of Cainsville, are still living. The husband was killed in one of the battles of the Civil War.

She was again married to Leroy Day who also preceded her to the Great Beyond. When young she united with the Baptist Church and has always lived a conscientious (sic) and consistent Christian Life.



Subject: AMOS DERRY
Submitter: Janette Lager (DMLJLL426@netzero.net)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, Thursday, Jan 31, 1946

Amos Derry, Former Resident Here, Is Dead

Amos Derry, 69 years old, died unexpectedly Monday night of last week at his home in Hickory where he had lived since moving from Mercer County in 1924. Until his retirement in 1941 he had been Rock Island section foreman for many years. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, with a short service at the home in Hickory, followed by the service conducted at the Assembly of God church here. The Rev. Glen McClure of Trenton, assisted by the Rev. H. T. Hook of Hamilton and the Rev. C. G. Tiaht, officiated. Burial was in Princeton cemetery. Mr. Derry was born Nov. 22, 1876 in Mercer County, a son of Jacob and Sarah Derry, and spent most of his life in this county. On March 23, 1901 he married Anna May McClary who died Jan 1, 1943 {should be 1934}. He is survived by a son, Nova Derry, of Hickory, and five daughters, Mrs. Magel Lager, Boone, Ia., Mrs. Lois Rex, Nettleton, Mo., Mrs. Jessie Pleasant, Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Sally Bomgardner and Mrs. Esther Phelan, both of Kansas City; J. A. Derry, Mercer, and John Derry, of Oklahoma, {these are brothers of Amos Derry} and 11 grandchildren. Pallbearers were Dewey, Floyd, Francis, Russell, Ava and Olin Derry, all nephews of Amos Derry.



Subject: ANNA MAY MCCLARY DERRY
Submitter: Janette Lager (DMLJLL426@netzero.net)
Source: Princeton Post, Jan 10, 1934

Funeral Services were held Wednesday for Mrs. Amos Derry, who died at her home in Hickory, Mo., Monday of last week, at the Apostolic Church in this city and were conducted by the Rev. Roy Scott of Mercer. Burial was made in the Princeton cemetery. Anna May McClary, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D McClary, was born August 17, 1877 in Mercer County, being 56 years, 4 months and 14 days old at the time of her death. Death came unexpectedly as Mrs. Derry was ill just thirty minutes. She was united in marriage to Amos Derry at Harris, Mo., March 23, 1901 and to this union six children were born. They are Mrs. Magel Lager and Nova Derry of Hickory, Mrs. Lois Jane Rex, Nettleton, Mo., Mrs. Jessie Pleasant, Los Angeles, Calif. Miss Sarah Derry of the home and Mrs. Esther Drummond of Jamesport, Mo. Her father preceded her in death in 1906 and a little granddaughter, Phyllis Rex, died a year ago. Mrs. Derry was converted in the Pentecostal Church in 1909 and has been a devoted Christian since that time and took an active part in church work. Besides the children and husband she is survived by her mother, Mrs. M. R. George of this city, two brothers, O. A. McClary of Stoutsville, Mo., and T. L. McClary of Harris; a half sister, Mrs. Emma Burch, of Stoutsville and a number of other relatives and friends.



Subject: JACOB J. DERRY
Submitter: Janette Lager (DMLJLL426@netzero.net)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, Nov 29, 1905

Passing of a Pioneer - Jacob J. Derry for Fifty-six Years a Resident of Morgan Township, Dies After Lingering Illness

Jacob J. Derry, for over fifty years a continuous resident of Morgan Township, died of dropsy early last Saturday morning, after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at the family residence two miles north of this city, conducted by Rev. C. A. B. Watson of the Mercer M. E. Church, after which followed a cortege of relatives and friends, the remains were conveyed to the Princeton Cemetery and tenderly laid to rest. Jacob John Derry was a son of Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Derry, and was born in Southeastern Indiana, March 7, 1826. He emigrated to Mercer County with his parents in 1849, and the father entered from the government the land on which the son resided until his death. The old home was destroyed by

fire in 1897 and a new residence now marks the site. Mr. Derry was united in marriage in the county in 1859, taking as his bride Miss Sarah Brummett, daughter of the late Caswell Brummett. To this union were born ten children. Of this family the widow, five sons, Grant, John, Abraham R, Amos, and Agile; and four daughters, Louisa, wife of Charles Dykes; Mary, wife of Sherman Dykes; Charlotte, wife of Fred Price; and Sarah A, wife of W.T. Goodin; survive the husband and father. Mr. Derry was recognized as one of the county's most prominent farmers, and only a few weeks before his death he divided his splendid farm of 351 acres among his sons. He had been a member of the M.E. Church for over twenty years and had lived a life of great usefulness. He was a man of strict integrity and honor and his word was held sacred as his bond. He was honored and respected among his fellowmen, and not only his immediate family but the community has sustained a great loss by his death. The widow and children have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.



Source: Princeton Post, December 1, 1905

J.J. Derry Passes Away, Was a Resident of Morgan Township for 56 Years

Jacob J. Derry, an old and prominent resident of this county, died at his home, two miles north of the city, last Saturday morning, after a lingering illness. The cause of death was dropsy. The funeral was held at the residence Sunday, being conducted by Rev. C.A.B. Watson of the Mercer M.E. Church. Interment occurred in the Princeton Cemetery. J.J. Derry was born in Indiana March 7, 1826. He came with his parents to Mercer Co. in 1849, settling on a farm where deceased resided until his death. In 1859 he married Miss Sarah Brummett of this county, and to this union ten children were born, nine of whom, 3 sons and 4 daughters with the widow are still living. For 56 years Mr. Derry has resided in the county, where he has been considered one of our foremost citizens. He was honorable and upright and had friends wherever he was known. For over 20 years he has been a member of the M.E. Church and has lived a Christian life. Sometime before his death, he realized the end was near, and he divided his fine farm of 351 acres among his sons. In Mr. Derry's death Mercer County has truly lost an excellent man.



Subject: MRS. J. J. (SARAH ANN) DERRY
Submitter: Janette Lager (DMLJLL426@netzero.net)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, Wednesday, Jan 29, 1908

Death of Mrs. Derry

Mrs. J.J. Derry died of pneumonia at her home two miles north of town, at 11 o'clock Monday morning after a weeks illness. The funeral will take place today and interment will be made in Princeton Cemetery. We hope to have a fitting obituary next week.

Source: Farley Items, Feb 5, 1908

There was quite a large attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ann Derry last Wednesday.



Subject: AGNES GAY DINSMORE
Submitter: Phil Stewart (JJHist@grm.net)
Source: Princeton Post, November 26, 1930

Mrs Agnes (Gay) Dinsmore was born Dec 23, 1874 in Mercer County, Missouri, and departed this life

Nov 18, 1930 at the age of 55 years, 11 months and 25 days. She was united in marriage to William M. Dinsmore Dec 14, 1890. To this union seven children were born, two having preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her loss a devoted husband and four daughters, Mrs J. E. Wilburn of Spickard, Mo., Mrs Chas. Adams and Alva Fitzpatrick of Mt Moriah and Miss Hazel Dinsmore at home. Also one son, Herman Dinsmore of Worth, Mo. Ten Grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs E. B. Dinsmore of Mt Moriah, Mrs E. D. Whittington of Cainsville and Mrs S. S. Rittgers of Hillsboro, Kansas, and a host of other relatives and friends. One sister, Mrs H. Whittington, also her father and mother, Mr and Mrs Joseph Gay, preceded her in death.

Mrs Dinsmore has served as a telephone operator at Mt Moriah eleven years and was highly esteemed in her work, always courteous and ready to render service at all times. She united with the Methodist church in early life and has always lived a consistent Christian life, attending church and Sunday School when possible to do so and was always ready to lend a helping hand. She will be sadly missed in the community, also in the church, but most of all in the home.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Mt Moriah Wednesday, Nov 19 at 2 o'clock, Rev McDougal of Ridgeway officiating. Interment in the Goshen Cemetery.



Subject: MARTHA EVERLY DOWNEY
Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)
Source: Roberson Funeral Home, Bethany

Martha A. Downey, 101, Bethany, (formerly of Cainsville, MO) passed away Thursday, June 7, 2012 at a Bethany, MO nursing home. She was born May 25, 1911 in Brookfield, Missouri, the daughter of Paul C. and Allie (Miller) Everly. On May 20, 1940 she married Clell B. "Fleck" Downey. He preceded her in death in 1991. Martha retired in 1971 after 37 years of teaching school. She taught in Princeton, Mt Moriah, Cainsville, the Ruskin District in Kansas City and Bethany. She graduated from the University of Missouri with a teaching degree. She was a 60 year member of Chapter BX and BV P.E.O. and two honorary teacher's sororities, the Alpha Delta Pi and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was a chapter member of the Princeton Business Woman's Organization. In the past years, she was an active member of the New Century Club, the 20th Century Club of Cainsville and D.A.R. of Princeton. At an early age, she accepted Christ and was a member of the United Methodist Church of Bethany. She taught a Sunday School class of young adults many years in Princeton and Cainsville. She also was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Robert Everly. Survivors include 2 nieces, Roberta (Kurt) Wittges, Colorado Springs, CO and Susan Downey, Kansas City, MO; 2 nephews, Ralph McQuerry, Princeton, MO and Ron Downey, Manhattan, Kansas. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 11, at the Roberson Funeral Home, Bethany, MO. Burial in Hamilton Cemetery, Modena, Missouri. The family will receive friends from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund in care of the Roberson Funeral home of Bethany.



Subject: MRS. ALMIRA DYKES
Submitter: Lawrence May (lgmay@mindspring.com)
Source: Princeton Post, Princeton, MO, Thu. December 23, 1909, Page 4

Mrs. Almira Dykes, wife of Jesse Dykes, died at her home in Adel, last Friday, after a long illness. Consumption was the cause of death and she has been a sufferer for a long time. Funeral services were held at the residence Saturday and Interment was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Dykes was well known in that vicinity and had many friends who deeply sympathize with the bereaved family. Besides the husband, she leaves six children, three sisters and two brothers.

Mrs. Emily C. Peace of this city is a sister of Mrs. Dykes and attended the funeral.



Subject: JESSE V. DYKES

Submitter: Lawrence May (lgmay@mindspring.com)

Source: Princeton Telegraph, Wednesday, May 29, 1912

Following an illness of several weeks, Jesse V. Dykes, a prosperous farmer of Lindley township, died Wednesday at his home three miles east of Saline. Funeral services were conducted at the residence on the following day by Rev. Cyrus Deyoe, of Pleasanton, after which the remains were borne to the Pleasant Hill cemetery and tenderly laid to rest by the side of the wife and helpmate that had preceded him in death. A large concourse of relatives and friends followed the body to it's last resting place and lingered to pay tribute of respect to this honored citizen.

Jesse V. Dykes was born in Claibourne County, Tenn., September 11, 1842, and emigrated to Mercer County when he was 18 years of age. September 18, 1864 he was married to Elmira E. Wiggins, and to this union were born six children, of whom four -- Mrs. Dora Ogle, Mrs. Vick Willis, Mrs. Sophronla Moore, and P. O. Dykes -- survive the parents. The wife and mother died a few years ago. A year after his marriage Mr. Dykes moved out on the prairie and continued to live on the old homestead until his death. He was elected constable of Lindley township several times and served for a time as Deputy Sheriff. He conducted a store at Adel (located on his home place) for over twenty years, nearly all of which time he was the Postmaster.

The deceased was at the time of his death owner of a good farm and was recognized as one of the substantial and progressive citizens of the county. He was for many years a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Dykes enjoyed the confidence and respect of the whole people of that section, where he had lived for over a half century. In his passing the community has sustained a great loss and the hearts of all go out in sympathy to his bereft ones.



Subject:: MARIAN LEE ELLSWORTH

Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)

Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, February 29, 1996

Marion [Marian] L. [ee] Ellsworth, Cainsville, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, February 20, 1996, at the Harrison County Community Hospital, Bethany, Missouri, at the age of 72 years. Mrs. Ellsworth was born at Mt. Moriah, Missouri [March 25, 1923] and had lived at Cainsville, Missouri since 1946.

Mrs. Ellsworth was united in marriage to Junior L. [ea] Ellsworth, September 23, 1941, in Princeton, Missouri. He preceded her in death in [June 8] 1984.

Mrs. Ellsworth was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God Church, Cainsville, Missouri.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Ellsworth was preceded in death by a son, Pete, in 1994.

Mrs. Ellsworth is survived by: a daughter, Sharon Skroh, Cainsville, Missouri; two sisters, Betty

Sparks, Belton, Missouri and Becky Parsley, Overland Park, Kansas; 5 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 23, 1996, at 2:00 p.m., at the Assembly of God Church, Cainsville, Missouri. Burial was in the Hamilton Cemetery, Modena, Missouri.



Subject: JOHN ARLEY ESSIG
Submitter: Janette Lager (DMLJLL426@netzero.net)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, Thursday, May, 1907

Death of John Essig

John Essig, an aged veteran of the Civil War and for more than 40 years a resident of Mercer county, died at his home in Princeton last Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. Funeral services will be held today, conducted by Rev. Cyrus Deyoe, and the remains will be taken to the Pleasant Ridge cemetery for burial. John Essig was born in Pennsylvania July 19, 1826 but emigrated to Whitley county, Indiana, before attaining his majority. Here he was united in marriage to Mary Burch and again turned his face towards the setting sun and came to Mercer county. He had been here but a few years when the war broke out and he enlisted as a soldier for the Union. He served two years in the army and was discharged from his country's service – a blind man. Mr. Essig contracted measles while in the army and this disease totally deprived him of his eyesight. In September 1897, his faithful wife and helper died and two years later he contracted marriage with Mrs. Nancy Moore, who with the sorrowing family survives him. Mr. Essig was a member of the Baptist church and lived the life of a faithful and consistent Christian. He is survived by seven children. These are: Mrs. Susan Owens, of Clio, Iowa; Mrs. Nettie Walls, of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Tiffie McKay of Chelea, Ind, Ter., and Mrs. Viola Fair, Mrs. Miranda McClary, Mrs. Janie Morin and Mrs. Myrtle Derry, of Princeton.



Subject: ELIZABETH ETHERTON
Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)
Source: Princeton Post, April 24, 1913

OBITUARY

Elizabeth Graham, daughter of John Graham, was born in the state of Tennessee, December 8th, 1840.

Her mother died while Elizabeth was but a small girl and her father, hoping to improve the health of his little boy, moved with the family to Missouri. Elizabeth was then about twelve years old. At the age of fifteen she professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Osgood.

On November 25th, 1865, she was married to H. M. Etherton of Modena and to this home were born five children: William Logan, Sarah Jane, Edna, Ida and Rufus. Four of these are living. Sarah Jane having departed this life in 1893.

After her marriage to Mr Etherton and removal to Modena, Mrs Etherton united with the Methodist Protestant Church of that place and has for more than thirty years been a faithful and consistent member.

She was called from her earthly home on Sunday morning, April 13th, and has gone to be forever with the Lord. Death has only transferred her membership from the faithful here to the Church Triumphant, leaving to mourn her departure, the faithful husband, four children and several grandchildren, and a large number of relatives and friends.

Her life of ministry was in deeds more than words. The comforting power of her presence was expressed in the home and by the bedside of the afflicted rather than at the church or in the presence of the multitude.

Funeral services were conducted at the M. P. church in Modena by Rev C. H. Murphy of Powersville, and Rev E. R. Biggs, the pastor, at the hour of two o'clock, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Brummett cemetery south of town.



Subject: MRS. BERTHA S. FENSTERMACHER
Submitter: Penni Rogers (Penguin360@aol.com)
Source: Original newspaper clipping from unknown newspaper

Mrs. Bertha S. Fenstermacher, 89, of Trenton, and a native of Mercer County, died April 17, 1976 in the Eastview Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held April 19 at the Slater Funeral Home with Rev. Rog Donelson officiating. Burial was in the Princeton Cemetery. Mrs. Fenstermacher was born Sept. 15, 1886, in Mercer County, a daughter of Andrew and Rosina {should say Rosemey} Dykes Dillard. She attended Mercer County schools. On June 29, 1903 she was married to Jesse Anderson Dykes at Lineville, who preceded her in death on Aug. 19, 1938. On Oct. 29, 1950 she was married at Princeton to J. Howard Fenstermacher who preceded her in death on Oct. 31, 1971. Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Helen Persell of Spickard; Mrs. Theo Barnett of Trenton; and Mrs. Frances Holt of Davenport, IA; three sons, Eugene Dykes {first name is Ernest} and Olen Dykes, both of Des Moines, IA; Gerald Dykes of Davenport, IA; three sisters, Mrs. Josie Mastdon of Des Moines IA; Mrs. Fannie Moats of Englewood, CO; and Mrs. Ida Novak of Deer Creek, MN.; 24 grandchildren: 50 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.



Subject: JOSIE ALICE (SHIRLEY) FITZPATRICK
Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)
Source: Bethany Republican-Clipper, (Date unknown)

Josie Alice Fitzpatrick, daughter of the late Manda (Grubb) Shirley and Rev Smith Shirley, was born on a farm in Grundy County, Missouri on May 29, 1881 and departed this life at the Noll Memorial Hospital in Bethany, Missouri on December 15, 1969, at the age of 88 years, 6 months and 16 days.

Josie's childhood was spent in Grundy County and when a young lady moved to the Gilman City-Melbourne area in Harrison County. There she made her profession of Christian Faith and became a member of the Coon Creek church. Some 20 years ago she moved to Bethany where she made her home until some 18 months ago when she moved to the Fitzpatrick Nursing Home because of failing health.

She is survived by three sons; Carl of Bethany and Ora and Okla of Ridgeway, one brother, Dorcey Shirley of Gilman City, 2 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and a host of friends.



Subject: ORA EMMETT FITZPATRICK
Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)
Source: Bethany Republican-Clipper, Feb 16, 1972

Ora Emmett Fitzpatrick, son of Henry and Josie Alice (Shirley) Fitzpatrick, was born in Sherman Township, near Bethany, Missouri on May 6, 1904 and passed from this life at the Veterans Hospital in Wadsworth, Kansas on Dec 13, 1971 at the age of 67 years, 7 months and 7 days. Ora attended the Bondurant and Metcalf schools and served in the armed forces for more than three years during World War Two.

Many years ago he accepted Christ as his Saviour and was a member of the Assembly of God Church. Ora farmed most of his life and had lived in Ridgeway, Mo., for the past five years. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and V.F.W.

He is survived by two brothers: Okla Fitzpatrick, Ridgeway, Mo., Carl Fitzpatrick, Bethany, Mo.; his step-mother, Mrs Minnie Fitzpatrick, Bethany, Mo.; three half-brothers, Junior Fitzpatrick, Kansas City, Mo., Bill Fitzpatrick, Brookfield, Mo., and Robert Fitzpatrick, Bethany, Mo.; one half-sister, Mrs Gladys O'Neal, Bethany, Missouri.

Ora was of pleasant disposition, willing to assist when needed and kind in nature. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.



Subject: ROY FITZPATRICK
Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)
Source: Bethany Republican-Clipper, Nov 26, 1947

Roy Fitzpatrick, son of Edward G. Fitzpatrick, was born on March 1, 1898 and died suddenly at his home about 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov 7, 1947, being at the time of his death 49 years, eight months and seven days old.

He was united in marriage to Hulda Ruth Brown on Dec 24, 1918. To this union three children were born - Euna Armount, who preceded him in death, Forest Ward and Elaine Bussell, both of Sacramento, California.

He was the eldest of seven children: Mrs Opal Hudson, Clarksburg, Calif., Mrs Lorene Hutchinson of Iowa; Alva Fitzpatrick, Mrs Edith King, Mrs Mildred Weathers and George Fitzpatrick, all of Missouri. He is also survived by his aged mother, Mrs Sarah C. Fitzpatrick of Kansas City, Mo., and by two grandchildren. His father died in 1940.

He had lived in and around Maxwell, Calif., the last 11 years and was a member of the Maxwell Baptist church.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Nov 11, at the Maxwell Baptist church, with the Rev Amorine officiating. Interment was in the Maxwell cemetery, under the direction of the Sullivan Brothers of Colusa, California. Pallbearers were Raymond, Vern and Donnie Hudson, William Mitchell, Earl Adkins and Lee Meeks



Subject: MARY CLARK FLETCHER
Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)
Source: Princeton Post, Thurs, Jan 30, 1913

OBITUARY

The Goshen community has again been called upon to mourn the loss of one of its oldest and most highly esteemed citizens.

Mrs Mary Ann Clark Fletcher was born June 2, 1835 at Charleston, Ill., and died near Goshen, Mo. Jan. 20 1913, age 77 years, 7 months and 18 days. In 1843 she moved with her parents to Burlington, Iowa and removed from there to this county in 1845, and resided here until her death. She was married to Hiram Fletcher Jan 15, 1854. To this union was born eight daughters and one son. She also raised two step daughters. Her husband, two daughters and the son preceded her to the grave.

She united with the Christian church in 1852 and was a faithful and active worker through a period of more than sixty years. The esteem in which she was held in the community and county was attended by the large number who attended her funeral. She was a true and loving wife, a kind and affectionate mother, a devoted sister, a representative citizen and a helpful neighbor. She brought up her children in the nature and admonition of the Lord. All of her daughters are Christians.

Her six daughters, five sons-in-law and eight grand children were present at her funeral. The funeral services were held at Goshen Jan 21 at 2 p.m., conducted by Eld W. H. Richardson of Ridgeway and Elder R. A. Thompson of Cainsville, and interment made in Goshen cemetery.

[Note] Mary was the daughter of Andrew and Nancy (O'Dell) Clark.



Subject: MARANDA JANE ESSIG MCCLARY GEORGE
Submitter: Janette Lager (DMLJLL426@netzero.net)
Source: Princeton Post, Jan 15, 1942

Mrs. Maranda George of Harris Is Dead

Mrs. Maranda George, 86 years old, for many years a resident of this city, died Saturday night in her home in Harris. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Assembly of God Church in this city and was conducted by the Rev. F. Hutchinson. Burial was made in the Princeton Cemetery. Maranda Jane Essig, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Essig was born Dec. 13, 1855. She was married to Thomas Dighton McClarey Oct 17, 1875. They became the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Annie May Derry, who preceded her mother in death, and two sons, Thomas McClarey of Harris and Ord McClarey of Milan, Mo. Mr. McClarey died April 5, 1906. Mrs. McClarey was married to Moses R. George June 23, 1914. He died in 1918. Mrs. George united with the Christian Church early in life and later transferred her membership to the Assembly of God Church. Besides her sons, she is survived by sixteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and one great great grandson, also four sisters, Mrs. Viola Fair and Mrs. Myrtle Derry of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Net Walls of Springfield, Ohio and Mrs. Janey Morin of Oklahoma.

Princeton Post, January 15, 1942

Attend Funeral

Those from a distance who attended the funeral of Mrs. M.R. George held Tuesday from the Assembly of God Church were Mrs. W.J. Bomgardner, Kansas City; Mrs. S.M. Lager, Boone, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Rex of Nettleton, Mo.; Amos Derry and Mr and Mrs. M.C. Derry of Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. Ord McClarey and daughters, Milan; Thomas McClarey of Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Noble Carmichael of Spickard.



Subject: SARAH ANN HIGGINS GRIFFITH
Submitter: Chris L. West (sixfiveplus@aol.com)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, June 1932

Aged Princeton Lady Died Last Wednesday

Mrs. W. L. Griffith Came to This County When Only 6 Years Old -- She Died At Her Son's Home

Mrs. Sarah Ann Griffith, who had been a resident of this county for the past seventy-seven years, passed away Wednesday, June 15, at the home of her son, Ralph Griffith, east of Princeton. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Griffith and son had been staying in town at her home and she had accompanied them to the farm only a few days before her death.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 18, from the Goshen Christian church at two o'clock by Rev. J. E. Todd, pastor of the Christian church of Trenton. Interment was in the Goshen cemetery.

Sarah Ann Higgins, daughter of Wm. and Sarah Higgins, was born in Laurel County, Kentucky, April 26, 1849. She moved to Mercer county with her parents, when she was six years old. On February 9, 1868, she was united in marriage to William L. Griffith, and to this union twelve children were born, eight of whom preceded her in death. Mrs. Mettie Deshler of Denver, Colo., passed away just two weeks before her mother.

The living children are Ed and Wm. H. Griffith of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Nellie Hammond of Harris and Ralph Griffith of Princeton.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1923. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was a successful farmer.

She was converted and joined the Christian church at Goshen when she was 18 years old and lived a faithful Christian life. At the time of her death she was 83 years, 1 month and 19 days old. Besides the children, 12 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends survive her.



Subject: W. L. GRIFFITH
Submitter: Chris L. West (sixfiveplus@aol.com)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, January 1923

Pioneer Soldiers of Civil War Are Mustered Out

W. L. Griffith of Princeton and W. A. Hollingsworth of Mercer Pioneers of the County and Veterans of

the Sixties "Crossed the Bar" Last Week. Each Was About 80 Years Old

The Grim Reaper has again invaded the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic here and called two of its honored members, who were two of our county's pioneers. We refer to the deaths of Wm. L. Griffith, who was born in this county almost 80 years ago, and to W. A. Hollingsworth, who came to this county with his father, Rev. Thomas Hollingsworth and family almost 70 years ago. Both were men of generous impulse and never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneer. With them, though a stranger, one always could find food and shelter, and each delighted to do all kinds of neighborly offices.

When their country was in danger, they offered their lives to defend it. Both were devout Christians and their lives have been an inspiration for religion and patriotism to all with whom they came in contact. Last summer each of them wrote interesting letters for the Old Soldiers edition of the Telegraph. Both lived to a ripe old age, and the Stern Reaper found them "As shocks of corn, fully ripe for the harvest." Below we print their obituaries. (Note: There is no obituary for W. A. Hollingsworth.)

W. L. Griffith

Last Thursday morning at 3 a.m. William L. Griffith, one of Princeton's oldest citizens, passed away. His illness was of several months duration and his death brought to a close the earthly life of one of Mercer county's most widely known and respected men. Mr. Griffith was born 79 years ago, August 11, 1843, in the Goshen neighborhood. His funeral was conducted in the Goshen Christian church Saturday morning at 11 a.m. by Rev. Frank B. Ward, pastor of the Princeton Christian church. He was buried in the Goshen Cemetery.

When William L. Griffith was only 18 years of age he volunteered for military service to aid the United States in the Civil War and became a cavalryman in the company that was being formed in 1861 in Princeton, by Captain George Hamblin. This company became a part of the 7th regiment of Missouri State Militia and saw three years of active service in Southern Missouri, Eastern Kansas and Northern Arkansas fighting against the Confederate forces of General Price and General Shelby and Bill Anderson's "Bushwackers." This enlistment of three years was followed by a second enlistment in General Hancock's Veteran Corps. Mr. Griffith became a member of Co. H, 9th Regiment of Veteran Volunteers. His organization was on the way east to engage in the great battles raging around Richmond, Va., when General Lee surrendered to General Grant, thus bringing to a close the great Civil War.

After his four years of service as a soldier, Mr. Griffith returned to Mercer county and has continued to reside here until his death. He moved from his farm to Princeton four years ago.

On February 9, 1869, he married Miss Sarah A. Higgins with whom he lived almost 54 years and to whom were born twelve children. The following named children survive their father: Mettie, Frank, Edgar, Ralph, William and Nellie.

Mr. Griffith was a successful farmer, a good soldier, a member of the Church of Christ for 57 years, a good father and husband. In his long life he again fulfills the beautiful words of Job, "Thou shall come to thy grave in full age, like a shock of corn cometh in his season."

Card of Thanks -- We wish to thank the kind friends and neighbors who assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father. Also for the beautiful flowers, the kind words of consolation, and for those assisting in the singing. -- Mrs. W. L. Griffith and Children



Subject: LAURA LINN GRAY
Submitter: Beth Thackeray (beth.thackeray@gmail.com)
Source: Post-Telegraph, Volume 87— No. 18

Mrs. Laura Gray, Of Ravanna, Dies

Mrs. Laura M. Gray, 79, of Ravanna, died Tuesday morning at her home. Funeral services were held at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night at the Moss Funeral Home and were conducted by the Rev. William Bruner. Burial was in the cemetery at Peabody, Kans. Mrs. Gray was born in Mercer County April 10, 1880, a daughter of Henry and Rebecca Linn. Her husband, Charles Gray, died several years ago. Mrs. Gray was a member of the Ravanna Christian Church.

Surviving are one brother, Tom Linn, of Mercer, and two sisters, Mrs. Jack Stratton of Seattle Wash., and Mrs. Nellie Hunter of Hillsboro, Ore.



Subject: ROBERT WILLIAM GUFFEY
Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)
Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, March 5, 1992

Robert William Guffey, son of Hugh S. and Myrtle (Ewing) Guffey, was born in Udell, Iowa, on July 30, 1910, and died on Feb. 28, 1992, at the Princeton Care Center at the age of 81 years.

Bob was married to Violet Iona Shields in April of 1980. She survives him of the home in Princeton. He is also survived by a stepson, Eugene Little, of Worland, Wyo.; a stepdaughter, Joetta Miller of Rockton, Ill.; six step-grandchildren, Terry and Rick Preszler, Steven, Roger and Tommy Miller and Cindy Vandenburg; eleven step-great-grandchildren; and by his sister, Robelia Klein, of St. Cloud, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Thelma Guffey; and by his brother, Claude Guffey.

Bob moved to Wisconsin when he was three years old. He farmed for a number of years and was a Maintenance Employee at the Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., for 27 years. In 1981 he and his wife, Violet, moved to Mercer County. He entered the Princeton Care Center in November of 1991.

The body was cremated under the direction of the Greenlee-Middleton Funeral Service of Princeton. Memorial services and burial of the ashes will be held at a later date in Wisconsin.



Subject: PAULINE HALLCROFT
Submitter: John Hallcroft (john@pastimecompany.com)
Source: Casper Star Tribune Wyoming's Statewide Newspaper, Basin, WY

Funeral services for Basin resident, Edna Pauline Hallcroft, 91, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at the United Methodist Church in Basin by the Rev. Jack Preston. Burial will follow in Mount View Cemetery in Basin. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. today, May 28, in Atwood Family Chapel in Basin. She died May 24, 2003, at Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home, after a short illness. She was able to stay in her home until a month ago. Born Feb. 25, 1912 in Davis City (Decatur County) Iowa, she was the eldest of eight children of Henry W. and Bertha Ethel (Henderson) Spargur. She was raised and educated in Iowa, then moved to Missouri. On Jan. 12, 1933 she married Wayne Hallcroft in Princeton, Mo. in a double wedding with his youngest sister, Mildred Hallcroft, to Oval Craig. (Pauline and Mildred were also the best of friends). Wayne and Pauline lived in Missouri until the fall of 1934 when they

moved to Wyoming. They lived in Greybull and Powell until relocating to Basin in the fall of 1937. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows for more than 55 years; and was elected to all of the assembly offices; and for many years served as state musician and also sponsored The Theta Rho Assembly in Basin. The Hallcrofts joined the Basin United Methodist Church in 1942 and she was a member of the United Methodist Women for several years and sponsored the Methodist Youth Choir for four years. (Pauline and Wayne met at the Bethal Methodist Church in Missouri where they both were active members). A devoted wife and mother, she excelled in cooking, baking pies, gardening and music. Survivors include two daughters and their husbands, Betty Winterholler and Mary Raffl, both of Basin; a daughter-in-law; three sons, William Hallcroft and his wife of Key Biscayne, Fla., Bob Hallcroft and his wife of Greybull and John Hallcroft of Basin (her caregiver for 8 years); a brother, John Spargur, and his wife of Powell; 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1993 after 60 years of marriage, her son, Albert in 2002, two grandchildren, a great-grandchild, four brothers and two sisters.



Subject: IRA THOMAS "TOM" JONES
Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)
Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, March 12, 1992

Tom [Ira Thomas] Jones, son of William and Anna (Cochell) Jones was born near Lucerne, in Putnam County on Sept. 9, 1907, and passed away on March 4, 1992, at the Cox Medical Center.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Gerald Jones; and by three sisters, Emma Beary, Cleo Cody and Lorene Jones.

Tom resided in Lucerne for several years where he farmed and was an auctioneer for the Princeton Sale Company. In 1946, he and his brothers, Ted and Gerald purchased the Princeton Sale Company; at this time he moved to Princeton. He lived in Princeton until July of 1989, when he and Beryl moved to Springfield.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Princeton, where he served as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher. For several years he was a member of the Princeton Rotary Club.

He was united in marriage to Beryl Mannon on April 26, 1930. Beryl survives him of the home in Springfield. Tom is also survived by his son, Jack Jones (and daughter-in-law, Marilyn), of San Diego, California; his daughter, Annie Wright (and son-in-law Harvey), of Dallas, Texas; eight grandchildren, Susan Buchholz and Rita Gurian, of Springfield, Ramona Ferguson and John Wright of Dallas, Texas, Marcella Cronin of Detroit, Mich., Beth Campbell of Jefferson City, and by Cynthia Lee and Tom Wright of Kansas City; twelve great-grandchildren; one brother, Ted Jones of Princeton; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Princeton with the Rev. Harry Clifton and the Rev. Norris Ramsey officiating. Burial was in the Lucerne Cemetery.



Subject: FRED LARASON
Submitter: M. Larason (mlarason@metlife.com)
Source: Steelville Star-Crawford Mirror, Steelville, MO

Fred Larason, most recently of Hull, MA formerly of Webster Groves, Missouri and Cuba, Missouri,

high school teacher and coach passed away on Monday evening, December 13, 2004 following a fall and resulting complications. He was 94 years old.

Born and raised in Mercer, Missouri he was a graduate of Mercer High School. He received a BA from Maryville State Teachers College (now NW Missouri State) in 1932. He achieved his Master's Degree in plant ecology from Iowa State College in July of 1938.

He was united in marriage to Doris Anita Beavers in Leon, Iowa in 1937. He was preceded in death by Anita in January of 2000. He was also preceded in death by one daughter, Vicki Landman in 1973 and a brother Lloyd Larason in 2000.

His career in education began in 1932 in Oregon, Missouri where he served as an administrator, teacher and coach for 11 years. In 1943 he accepted a job at Maplewood/Richmond Heights High School in suburban St. Louis. He remained there for 32 years teaching chemistry, physics and earth science. He also coached varsity baseball and sophomore basketball. He spent many summers as a senior staff member at Camp Nebagamon, a camp for boys in Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin.

After retirement from teaching in 1975 Mr. and Mrs. Larason moved to Indian Hills Lake outside of Cuba, Missouri. There they made many good and close friends, traveled often, were avid gardeners and square dancers, active in the Cuba United Methodist Church, Cuba Lakes Golf Club, Cuba Senior Center and the Homeowners Association at Indian Hills.

Those who survive to mourn his passing from this life are his son, Lanny Larason of Hull, MA, daughter Shari Forsythe of Browder, KY, brother Leland Larason of Mercer, Missouri, five grandchildren, three great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Friday, December 17, 2004 at the Bethel Methodist Church, Mercer, Missouri at 11 a.m. with Rev. Jenny Vertrees officiating. Interment in the Bethel Cemetery, Mercer, Missouri under direction of the Britton Funeral Home of Cuba, Missouri.



Subject: THOMAS DYGHTON MCCLARY
Submitter: Janette Lager (DMLJLL426@netzero.net)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, Wednesday, Apr 11, 1906

Passing of a Veteran – Thos D. McClary Dies Very Suddenly at His Home in Princeton Last Thursday Afternoon

Thomas D. McClary, a highly respected citizen of this city, died very suddenly at his home on west Main Street last Thursday afternoon. He had spent the forenoon in raking the yard and cleaning out a cellar on the residence property south of the depot which he recently purchased and at noon complained he was ill and went into his bedroom to lie down. He refused to eat any dinner and a few minutes later called to his wife and told her he was dying. She ran to his side and lifted him up, then screamed for assistance, but he died in her arms before a physician arrived. The cause of his death was heart trouble. Funeral services were held at the M.E. Church, Sunday afternoon, the discourse being preached by Rev. L.W. Spayd, pastor of the Christian church. After the services the body was taken in charge by the I.O.O.F. of which Mr. McClary was an honored member, and the beautiful ritualistic ceremonies of that order was followed out at the cemetery, after which the body of the late brother was consigned to its last resting place. Thomas Dyghton McClary was born in Belmont County, Ohio, May 31, 1836, and was therefore in his seventieth year at the time of his death. Little is known of the life of the deceased up to June 16, 1861,

at which time he enlisted in Co. E, 5th Regiment West Virginia Cavalry. For three full years he served his country faithfully during those never forgotten days from '61 to '65. He was discharged from the service on June 16, 1864, having in the meantime been a Confederate prisoner on Bell Island for over three months. Mr. McClary twice married. First to Phoebe McMahon on March 7, 1867. To this union were born two children – Mary B., who died in July 1875, and Sarah E., who still lives and is the wife of F.M. Burch of Pollock, Mo. The mother of these children died February 2, 1874. Mr. McClary's second matrimonial union was with Miranda J Essig, in 1875. To them were born Anna M. wife of Amos Derry, Thomas L. and Ord McClary, all of whom with the wife and mother, survive the father and are esteemed residents of Princeton and vicinity. Mr. McClary emigrated to Mercer county from the state of Ohio in 1869, settling within five miles of Princeton where he has continuously resided until a few years ago when he moved here. He had been for years an honored member of the Christian church and his last meeting with the membership was on the evening preceding his death. He was also a member of the I.O.O.F. and G.A.R. Mr. McClary was a kind, even tempered good man, a loyal citizen whose word was as good as his bond. The large congregation which assembled Sunday afternoon to do honor to his memory, attests the universal esteem with which he was regarded.



Subject: EULA ELIZABETH (POWELL) MILLER

Submitter: Curtis Clark (Cp41877@aol.com)

Source: The Mirror, "Reflecting Mercer County", Mercer, Missouri, April 27, 1993

EULA MILLER (Princeton) ... Eula Elizabeth Miller, daughter of William Andrew And Eva [Collings] Powell, was born in Mercer County on November 11, 1904, and died on April 26, 1993, at the Princeton Care Center at the age of 88 years. Eula was united in marriage to Brantley "Peck" Miller on February 18, 1922. Peck preceded her in death on November 2, 1985. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her two brothers; Leon and Lyle Powell; and by her two sisters, Marie Woods and Mamie Griffith.

Eula is survived by her son, Jim Miller (and daughter-in-law, Phyllis), of Princeton; two grandsons, Steve and Glenn Miller, both of Princeton; five great-grandchildren, Tyson, Andy, Jesse, Justin, and Kelsey; and by several nieces and nephews.

A lifelong resident of Mercer county, Eula had been at the Princeton Care Center since February 1989. She was a member of the Princeton First Christian Church.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 28, 1993, at 10:00 A.M. at the Greenlee-Middleton Funeral Chapel in Princeton with Rev. Marvin McKern officiating. Burial will be in the Princeton Cemetery.

Family visitation will be from 7:00-8:00 P.M. Tuesday evening at the funeral home with open visitation and viewing beginning at 8:00 A.M. Tuesday morning.



Subject: JOHN ANDREW MOCK

Submitter: M. Kinney (MKinney2003@msn.com)

Source: Post Telegraph, June 17, 1943

J.A. Mock, 89, Lifelong Resident Of County, Dies

John Andrew Mock, 89 years old and lifelong resident of Mercer County, died Friday at his home southwest of Mercer . The funeral services were held Sunday from the Fairview Church, and were conducted by the Rev. V.F. Walker. Burial was made in the nearby cemetery.

Mr. Mock was the son of John and Janey Mock and was born in the county June 3, 1854. [1845 is an error.-M.K.] He married Sarah Elizabeth Barritt, Sept. 14, 1874, and they became the parents of ten children. Two daughters and a son and Mrs Mock preceded Mr. Mock in death. Those who survive are Emery and Delph Mock of Mercer, Mrs Emma Cox Princeton, Mrs. Clara Cox Kansas City, Eli Mock Davenport Iowa, Mrs. Delcie Smith Yakima, Wa., and Sam Mock of the home. Besides his sons and daughters, Mr. Mock is survived by twenty eight grand children, thirty six great-grand children, and eight great-great-grand children.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness during the illness and after the death of our loved one, Mrs. Andrew Mock. Their many acts of kindness and words of sympathy were much appreciated, also the singers who rendered the music.

Andrew Mock and children



Subject: SARAH ELIZABETH MOCK
Submitter: M. Kinney (MKinney2003@msn.com)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, June 23, 1937

Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of James and Amanda Barrett, was born May 14, 1855 and died June 12, 1937 at the age of 81 years and 28 days at her home 7 miles west of Mercer.

She was married to Andrew Mock Jan. 1, 1875 and to them ten children, five boys and five girls were born. One son Jimmy died in infancy and Edna Thomas, and Clona Moore preceded her in death several years. Besides her husband, those who are left to mourn her departure are Emery and Delph Mock and Clara Cox of Mercer, Mo., and Emma Cox of Princeton, Mo., Delcie Smith of Yakima Wa., Eli Mock of May, Idaho, and Sam Mock of the home; twenty-nine grand children, and a host of relatives and friends. She passed away at her home where they had spent 49 years of their life. "Aunt Beff" as she was known was loved by everyone who knew her. She numbered her friends by her acquaintances and they were many. She bore her suffering with patience, was ready and wanted to go. She called her husband and children to her bedside and told them to meet her on the other side, where they would part no more. She will be greatly missed by her family and everyone who knew her.

Funeral services were held at Fairview Church at 2 o'clock Monday by the Rev. V.W. Walker. Burial was made in the nearby cemetery.



Subject: KERMIT BANKS MOORE
Submitter: Kathy Clayton (kclayto@msn.com)
Source: Unknown

Kermit Banks Moore, son of Otto and Flossie Moore, was born on October 30, 1908 in Mercer County, Missouri and departed this life on February 20, 1973, at Lineville, Iowa age of the age of 64 years, three months, and 21 days.

He was united in marriage to Emma Sadler on December 20, 1933 at Chillicothe, Missouri. To this union three children were born; Franklin D. Moore, who preceded him in death, Kathy Moore of Davenport, Iowa and Kermit, of the home. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Surviving are four sisters and three brothers. They are Ruth Allen of St. Joseph, Missouri; Salome McCurdy of Cloverdale, California; Ellen Moore of Davenport, Iowa; Opal Petty of Harrisonville, Missouri; Robert Moore of Gresham, Oregon; Woodrow Moore of Lawndale, California and Truman Moore of Lineville, Iowa. He spent most of his life in farming and construction.



Subject: WOODROW WILSON MOORE
Submitter: Kathy Claytonk (kclayto@msn.com)
Source: Unknown

Woodrow Moore, 68, died Monday [April, 1981] at a rest home in Buena Vista, California.

A native of Mercer, Missouri, Mr. Moore was a resident of Huntington Beach, California.

Survivors include one son, Woody Moore of Anaheim, California; one sister, Opal Petty of Harrisonville, Missouri; one brother, Truman Moore of Lineville, Iowa; and three half-sisters, Ruth Allen of St. Joseph, Missouri; Salome McCurdy of St. Mary's, Idaho and Ellen Moore of Davenport, Iowa.

Services will be today at 1:00 p.m. at the Greenlee Funeral Home in Lineville. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery in Lineville.



Subject: CHARLOTTE "LOTTIE" WRIGHT NICHOLS
Submitter: Beth Thackeray thackgfx@yahoo.com)
Source: Unknown Newspaper

Death of Mrs. Lottie Nichols

Mrs. Lottie Nichols living south of town died last Sunday at her home of consumption having been confined to her bed for over two years. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the Pine church, conducted by Rev. Chas Hickman after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Pine cemetery.

Mrs. Nichols was born in Marion county, Indiana, March 17, 1875 and removed with her parents, Mr and Mrs J. J. Wright to Mercer county were on February 25, 1894 she was married to William Nichols and to this union four children two boys and two girls, who together with the sorrowing husband, her mother, three brothers and five sisters are left to mourn the departure of one who is life was ever thoughtful and mindful of the pleasures and troubles of others. During her entire life and sickness she displayed a Christian character and courage that attracted attention and endeared her to all with whom she came in contact.

Mrs. Lottie Nichols passed away at one o'clock Sunday at her home after four years of suffering, the last two of which has been spent almost entirely in her bed, with the dread disease, consumption. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn for her. Winnie, the eldest who has endeared every heart to her by devotion to her mother, Jessie, Charlie and Vernon. Her love for her children was shown in a remark made o the writer some months ago, when Vernon the baby of four years, insisted on climbing on the bed by his mother she said: "I love to have him near me and I just can't make him stay away because I can't be with him long." A number of sisters and brothers, an aged mother and other relatives are mourning the loss of a sister and daughter.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at two o'clock at the Pine church and interment in the nearby cemetery.



Subject: DOROTHY NICHOLS
Submitter: William (Nick) Nichols (nich_nic27@msn.com)
Source: Unknown newspaper
Date: Date: Aug, 29, 1927

Death of Young Girl

Dorothy Nichols, the fifteen year old daughter of Park Nichols died Monday Morning at the home of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riz Owens, in the northeast part of town, of peritonitis after three days illness.

The funeral was held Tuesday at the Golden Chapel, conducted by Rev. Flute Walker, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Odneal cemetery.

(Oodneal Cemetery is in Sullivan County.)



Subject: MYRTLE MAY NICHOLS
Submitter: William (Nick) Nichols (nich_nic27@msn.com)
Source: Unknown newspaper

Mrs. P. C. Nichols Dies September 30 (1926)

Well Known and Popular Young Mother Is Laid to Rest in the Odneal Cemetery--Funeral at Golden Chapel

Myrtle May Owen was born Aug. 25 1886, in Mercer County, Missouri. She attended the public schools here and later the Missouri Wesleyan College at Cameron, after which a few years were devoted to teaching.

On March 10, 1909, she united in marriage to Park C. Nichols to whom were born Dorothy, N. J., and Rex Gene, who now survive her, and an infant daughter who passed on at birth. Besides her grief stricken husband and her three children, she also left behind her devoted parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Owen and four brothers, Loyd C., Roy L., Harry J., and Orville Owen and a community of true and faithful friends.

At an early age she professed the Christian faith and identified herself as a charter member with the Golden Chapel Methodist Episcopal church, which she helped to organize. Much of her time was spent in behalf of this organization and it will ever stand as a monument to her efforts. After being called from her earthly labors to her reward beyond it was fitting that the last sad rites should be said by Rev. Wm. Pollock, from the pulpit of the church she loved. Interment was at the Odneal cemetery by the side of her first born.

Motherhood to her was a sacred thing. Her last concern was of her children that they might be brought up true Christian characters. Her prayers were for her husband that he might be given the strength to carry on her unfinished work. Monuments are not wrought alone in stone. There will ever remain the imprint of this useful life for indeed hers has fulfilled every requirement. She has really lived for she has returned tenfold to her Maker the talents which were given her.

(Oodneal Cemetery is in Sullivan County)

Card of Thanks

From hearts heavy with sorrow of an irreparable loss, we wish to express to our kind neighbors and friends for their thoughtful ministrations in the darkest hour of our of our lives. The substantial acts of service, the tender words of sympathy, and helpfulness will never be forgotten.

Park C. Nichols and Children, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Owens and...{rest of article is missing.}



Subject: Nelson John Nichols

Submitter: William (Nick) Nichols (nich_nic27@msn.com)

Source: Unknown newspaper

Death of N. J. Nichols

N. J. Nichols a well known resident of the southeast part of the county, died at his home last Thursday after a lingering illness. Tuberculosis of the throat was the cause. Funeral services were held at the Coon church, 10 miles southeast of Princeton, Friday, being conducted by Landon Evans. Interment was in the Coon cemetery.

Nelson John Nichols was born in Warren county, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1857; died at his home near Harris, Mo., Sept. 8, 1921; age 63 years, 10 months and 25 days. For 37 years he was resident of Mercer county.

He was married to Cornelia J. Waldron, Sept. 8, 1881. To this union two children were born--Sarah M. Evans of Mill Grove and Park C. Nichols of Harris. His wife died March 16, 1903. On August 2, 1905, he married Mary E. Johnson of Harris, who with their daughter, Mary and his other two children, survive him. He is also survived by four brothers, three sisters and six grandchildren. One brother, Wm. Nichols lives in Princeton. The other brothers and sisters live in New York.

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank the neighbors and friends who assisted us during the illness and after the death of our beloved husband and father. Their kind acts aided us much in bearing the great sorrow, and their kindness will ever be remembered.

Mrs. Mary E. Nichols and Children.



Subject: PARK C. Nichols

Submitter: William (Nick) Nichols (nich_nic27@msn.com)

Source: Unknown newspaper

Date: Oct. 11, 1959

Park C. Nichols, 73, Dies Sunday

Park C. Nichols, 73, died unexpectedly at his home in the south part of Princeton Sunday morning. He had been a carpenter for many years.

Mr. Nichols was born May 24, 1886, near Princeton, a son of Nelson J. and Cornelia Waldron Nichols. He was married March 10, 1909, to Myrtle Owen who died Sept. 30, 1926. He was married April 19, 1930,

to Mrs. Eva Collings, who survives. He was a member of the Golden Chapel Methodist church.

In addition to his wife he leaves two sons, N. J. Nichols, Kansas City and Rex Nichols, Longmont, Colo.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Cunningham, Kansas City; a step-son, William Collings, Wichita, Kans.; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Evans, Trenton and Mrs. Jean Wyatt, Spickard; two step-sisters, Mrs. J. L. Michael and Mrs. Eva Broyles, both of Princeton; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Martin-Azbell Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon and were conducted by the Rev. Leslie Howard. Burial was in Harris Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jean Wyatt, Harry Owen, J. W. Taff, Vernon Nichols, Lawrence Cunningham and Harold Alley.



Subject: MARGARET WOODS O'NEAL
Submitter: A. Moore (admoore4@juno.com)
Source: Princeton Telegraph
Date: June 19, 1918

Another Pioneer Called

Mrs. Margaret Oneal, for many years a resident of this city, died at her home in the southwest part of town last Monday and the funeral was held Tuesday at the residence, conducted by Rev. J.E. Todd, after which the body was laid to rest in the Princeton cemetery beside her husband who had preceded her to the Great Beyond six years ago.

Margaret Woods was born about three miles west of this city 78 years ago and she has spent her entire life in this county. Just before the war she was married to Thomas O'Neal and to this union eight children were born, five of whom—Mrs. Mary Moore of Kansas; Mrs. Mona Kerfott of San Diego, Calif; Mrs. Inez Martin of Kansas City; James of Hamburg, Ia; and Frank of this city—are still living.

For many years she has been a member of the Christian church and has lived a devoted Christian life.



Subject: RISDON M. OWENS
Submitter: nich_nic27@msn.com)
Source: Unknown newspaper

R. M. Owen Dies in Kansas City Hospital

Well Known Farmer Formerly of Medicine Township Had Lived in Mercer County Entire Life

Risdon M. Owen, son of Wm. B. and Jane Owen, was born in Mercer county, Mo., March 23 1858. He died in a hospital in Kansas City Nov. 27, 1933 at the age of 75 years, 8 months and 4 days. His parents came to Missouri from Kentucky. Mr. Owen spent all his life in Mercer county. For the last eleven years he has lived in Princeton.

He was married to Martha Isabella Powell Sept. 26, 1880. Five children were born to them: one daughter Myrtle Owen Nichols now deceased, and four sons Loyd C., Roy L., Harry B. and Orville J. Loyd,

Roy and Orville live in Kansas City and Harry lives on the old home farm in Mercer county.

Mr. Owen was an industrious, honest, upright citizen, a kind neighbor and a loyal friend. His convictions were honest and sincere resulting in careful study on his part.

Besides his companion and four sons, he leaves 8 grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Beauna Cousins of Cameron, and two brothers, Joseph G. Owen of Pineridge, S. Dak., and Albert M. Owen of Princeton.

Mr. Owen was converted during a revival meeting conducted by Rev. Joseph W. Owens at the Princeton M. E. church last winter, and united with that church.

The funeral was conducted at the Christian church Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock by the Rev. C. E. Nichols. The music was furnished by the Half Rock male quartet, which was composed of men who were boyhood friends of his sons. They were Allen Hazen, Lonnie Golden, Ray Cooper and Alva Snapp.

Mrs. Snapp presided at the piano. The many floral offerings composed of the most beautiful flowers mutely spoke of the high esteem in which this family is held by those who know them best. Interment was at the Princeton cemetery. Among those attending the funeral from out of town were C. P. Carroll, C. N. Spears, Jack Batchelor, F. W. Boyce, and George King and Mrs. Claude Cousins of Kansas City and Mrs. John Cousins of Cameron.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our most sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends of our deceased husband and farther, R. M. Owen, for their kindly care and sympathy. We also wish to thank those who contributed the beautiful floral offering and also the minister and those who furnished the music.

Mrs. R. M. Owen and Children



Subject: GUSSIE GEARHART PETERS

Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)

Source: Princeton Post-Telegraph, May 11, 1961, Page 1, continued on page 4

SERVICES MONDAY FOR "MISS GUSSIE"

Mrs Gussie Gearhart Peters, affectionately known to several hundred former students of the Princeton Schools as "Miss Gussie", died at a Cameron, Mo., hospital Saturday following an illness of several weeks. After teaching here 40 years, she retired in 1945 and married Dr M. L. Peters of Cameron. She had made her home there since that time.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery there.

Gussie was principal of the Princeton grade school for 35 years and during that time taught the sixth grade. She was an outstanding teacher who inspired with love and respect and she gave her pupils a good foundation for high school. She took a personal interest in each of the hundreds of children whom she had taught and retained an affection for them through the years.

A daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gearhart, she was born near Goshen, Sept 8, 1875. She was

graduated from Missouri Wesleyan College, Cameron, in 1901 and returned to Princeton to teach and to take care of her parents.

Her father died in 1924 and her mother in 1929. She taught in rural Mercer County schools for four years and in the Princeton school for 40 years. She was married Dec 23, 1945, to Dr M. L. Peters of Cameron, whom she had known while attending college. She resigned as principal here and moved to Cameron. Dr Peters died March 5, 1951. She was a member of the Methodist church.

Surviving are two stepsons, Dr Glen Peters of Kansas City and Dr Paul E. Peters of Kenmore, N.Y., and several cousins including Mrs Frank Halleck of Ridgeway.

Those from here who went to Cameron Sunday afternoon were Mrs J. Grady Kauffman, Miss Lenore Dykes, Mrs Carroll Miller, Miss Ethlyn Cockrell and Mrs Lois Schuler.



Subject: ELIZABETH (BETTY) PICKETT POWELL
Submitter: Janet Donner(jann61@insightbb.com)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, date unknown

Elizabeth (Betty) Pickett was born Clark County, Iowa 8/1/1860. When 4 years old moved with parents to Mercer Co, Mo, where she has all the years since made her home.

She became member Princeton Christian Church when a young lady. She was married March 24, 1892 to Benjamin Franklin Powell who died May 7 1928. Mrs.Powell was afflicted for several years altho she never complained but little. In the month of August last she took to her bed and was never able to be up any more, dying on 12th day of December 1928.

At the time of death she left surviving her only sister Mrs. Nina Arnold and 2 sons, Bert who lives Calif and Hudson who lives near Ravanna, Mo. Her stepchildren John E. of Princeton, Mrs. Mary Collings who resides east of Princeton and Dr. B. S. Powell of Kansas city. Mrs. Powell was always a conscientious christian woman always ready and willing to aid in any way she could in sickness and was know by all her acquaintances and friends by her ever ready service to the sick. At the time of her death Mrs. Powell was 68 years 4 months 11 days of age.

Funeral services were held at Princeton Christian Church conducted by Rev. C. E. Nichols. Burial in Collings cemetery.



Subject: SARAH MARGARET ADER PRETTYMAN
Submitter: Carol Jensen (carolojai@sbcglobal.net)
Source: Unknown newspaper

Grandma Prettyman, age sixty-nine years, eleven months and six days, died last Sunday morning at the home of her son Jesse Evans. After singing and prayer her remains were taken to the Lebanon church, where in the presence of a large concourse of people Rev. B.F. Morgan made a short but impressive talk from the following text found in Heb 11-16, "But now they desire a better country, that is an heavenly," after which the congregation proceeded to the Collings cemetery where the body was interred. There were six children in the home family, and she was the last to cross the silent river of death. Grandman Prettyman leaves a family of six children, two sons and one daughter by her first marriage and three sons by her second marriage; two of her sons at present are ministers of the gospel, and survive to

mourn her loss. While yet a small child she joined the Methodist Protestant church and until death lived the profession of her faith, which was best shown through life by her many deeds of kindness and the calmness of the way she endured the suffering of her recent illness of over thirteen months, being entirely helpless most of the time: the last three months, the sorest of all were spent at the place of her death. All was done for grandma during her afflictions that loving hands of children, friends and neighbors could do, yet the sickle of death saw fit to gather her spirit to the fold, to receive the crown of jewels bright as a reward of faithful duty. A boy's best friend is his mother. She often expressed a desire for the time to come when her afflictions should be stilled by the hand of Peace. She has passed the narrow path over the Great Gulf and visited a land from whence no traveler ever returned to bring us tidings of what is there, so if we want to see what is over there, let us follow the counsels that so many mothers have given us. "Follow me."

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Subject: CEDRIC ALLEN REAMES
Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)
Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, February 8, 1996

Cedric A. [llen] Reames, 74, a resident of Lake Marie, Mercer, Missouri, died Monday [February 5, 1996] at Wayne County Hospital, Corydon, Iowa.

Mr. Reames was born August 26, 1921 in Trenton, Missouri, the son of Ernest O. and Letha B. Woodall Reames.

Mr. Reames attended school in Trenton and Eldon, Iowa and graduated from Valley Junction, Iowa high school. He was a truck driver for United Buckingham Trucking Company, Des Moines, Iowa, until he retired.

Mr. Reames was united in marriage to Dorothy M. Tyler, July 5, 1939. She survives him, of the home.

Mr. Reames has lived in Eldon, Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa and Mercer, Missouri since 1992. He was a member of Local # 147, Teamster Union of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Reames was preceded in death by: his parents; two brothers, Claude Reames and Stanley Reames; two sisters, June Reames and Mrs. Ernestine Huffman; and one grandchild.

Besides his wife, Mr. Reames is survived by: three sons, Cedric "Ted" Reames, Jr., Adel, Iowa, Tim Reames, Winterset, Iowa, and Scan T. Reames, Lake Marie, Mercer, Missouri; two brothers, William Reames, Colleyville, Texas, and Ernest Reames, Modesto, California; one sister, Mrs. Mary Jane McKee, Carlisle, Iowa; 10 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, at the Slater Funeral Home in Trenton, Missouri. The Rev. Irvin Presser officiated. Burial was in the Trenton I.O.O.F. Cemetery.



Subject: DELORES ANNE (SMITH) ROWLAND
Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)
Source: Greenlee Middleton Funeral Home, Mar 14, 2009

Delores Anne Rowland, daughter of Jake Smith and Delores Gwendolene (Goodin) Weaver, was born on a farm in Mercer County, Missouri on March 22, 1939 and passed away on March 13, 2009 at Pearl's II Eden for Elders in Princeton, Missouri at the age of 69 years.

Delores was united in marriage to William Everett "Bill" Rowland on October 14, 1956. Bill preceded her in death on November 26, 2007. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Edwin Weaver. She is survived by three daughters, Sandra Marrs (and son-in-law, Larry) of Trenton, Missouri, Sally Butler (and son-in-law Dayton) of Milan, Missouri, and Barbara Roberts (and son-in-law, Ken) of Princeton; two sons, Ed Rowland (and daughter-in-law, Cheryl) of Columbia, Missouri, and Andy Rowland (and daughter-in-law, Jerry) of Springfield, Missouri; one sister, Donna K. Smith (and brother-in-law, Bill) of Princeton; two brothers, Rick Weaver (and sister-in-law, Rosemary) of Little River, Kansas, and Mark Weaver (and sister-in-law, Teresa Moore) of Tulsa, Oklahoma; 15 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and by other relatives and friends.

Delores started grade school at the Oak Grove School in Harrison County, Missouri. In 1948 her family moved back to Mercer County to a farm north of Ravanna, and she graduated from Ravanna High School in 1956. She and Bill first lived on a farm east of Princeton, moving into Princeton in 1987.

After her children were school age, Delores started her college education. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education with a major in Biology from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville in May of 1977, and completed her Master of Arts in Science Education in August of 1983. She taught school at the Princeton High School for 22 years, teaching biology, chemistry and physics for 20 years, and later teaching computer applications classes.

Delores loved genealogy, square dancing, and quilting. She was a Girl Scout leader for several years, a member of the Cornelia Beekman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the Mercer County Historical and Genealogical Society and a member of the Ravanna United Methodist Church.

Graveside memorial services were held on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 11:00 at the Ravanna, Missouri Cemetery with Pastor Gary Watkins officiating, under the direction of the Greenlee-Middleton Funeral Service of Princeton. The family requests memorial contributions to either the Wright Memorial Hospice or the Princeton High School Science Department.



Subject: IVAN S. RUNYAN
Submitter: Terri Hill (tlhill4@hotmail.com)
Source: Unknown newspaper

Ivan Runyan Died Sunday December

He was Superintendent of the Schools at Mercer at the time of his death; was successful in chosen work.

Ivan S. Runyan, Superintendent of Mercer schools, passed away Sunday at the home of his father, John S. Runyan, west of Princeton, following an illness of short duration. Mr. Runyan has been especially note-worthy because of his unceasing efforts from early boyhood to attain the position which he held at the time of his death. As a boy in high school he diligently pursued his studies, entered into the activities of his school and won the admiration of his friends through his willingness to work for what he wanted most. He was deeply indebted to Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Laws who helped him through high school and later

guided him in the course he took.

Ivan S. Runyan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Runyan, was born in Mercer County, Missouri, January 3, 1903, and passed away December 27, 1936, at the age of 33 years, 11 months, and 24 days.

He graduated from Princeton high school with the class of 1925. He graduated from the State Teachers College at Kirksville, MO. He has taken graduate work in Missouri University and attended Law school in Maryville, Tenn. He was a member of Mercer Lodge No. 35 A. F. & A. M. of Princeton.

He is survived by his father (John Runyan) and mother (Viola Denison Runyan) , three brothers: Oscar and Walter of Cainsville and Russell of Oklahoma.

Mr. Runyan had successfully taught in the high school at Cainsville, was superintendent of schools in Ravanna in 1935, and at the time of his death was superintendent of schools at Mercer. The passing of such a man is to be lamented by all who knew him.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Goshen church by Rev. V. F. Walker. Interment was made in the Goshen Cemetery.

The flower girls were Mary Millemon, Ethel Wade, Esther Shroyer, and Mary Finney, teachers in the Mercer schools. The pall bearers were brother Free Masons. The burial services at the cemetery was in charge of the Masonic lodge of Princeton.



Subject:: FRANK WILSON RUTLEDGE

Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)

Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, February 27, 1992

Frank Wilson Rutledge, son of James Peter and Lucy (Mason) Rutledge, was born near Princeton [Mercer County, Missouri] on Oct. 11, 1915, and died on Feb. 20, 1992, at the Decatur County Hospital in Leon, Iowa, at the age of 76 years.

In 1938, Frank married the former Ruby Grove in Albany. The couple lived on a farm near Mercer until moving to Princeton in 1990. Ruby survives him of the home in Princeton.

He was a retired farmer and also a retired employee of the Rock Island Railroad.

He was a member of the Assembly of God Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and American Legion Post, all of Princeton. During World War II, he served with the Army for three years. As a member of the Assembly of God Church, he served in numerous church capacities through the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Leona Henley, Grace Duncan and Hortense Bloom; and two brothers, William and Mason. Frank is survived by a son, Keith (and daughter-in-law, Mary) of Trenton; his two daughters, Nylene Walker (and son-in-law, Larry) of Louisville, Ky., and Norene Corder (and son-in-law, Ronald) of Bloomington, Minn.; two granddaughters, Kristie Rutledge and Kathy Winkelman of Martinsburg; three brothers, Ray of Independence, Fred of Centerville, Kan., and James of Sedalia; three sisters, Gale Crawford of Wallowa, Ore., Mary Ann Mitchell of Kansas City, and Margaret Black of Belton.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 24, 1992, at 1 p.m. at the Greenlee-Middleton Funeral

Chapel in Princeton with the Rev. Howard Leasure and the Rev. Mark Cerutti officiating. Burial was in the Princeton Cemetery.



Subject: MADISON SHIELDS
Submitter: Marian White (Whitespun@juno.com)
Source: Copied from Mary Jay's scrapbook; Unknown newspaper

James Madison Shields was born in Louisa Co. Virginia, August 3, 1823. He died at the home of his son L. H. Shields in Mercer Co., Missouri, May 22, 1906 aged 82 years, 9 months, and 19 days. He removed with his parents to Ohio in early life where he grew to manhood and was married to Cynthia Long who died in Gallia Co., Ohio. To this union 3 children were born. Mrs. Elzina Hollinger of Decatur Co., Iowa; Ashley Shields of Mercer Co.; and Mrs. Sandy Wasson, deceased. Mr. Shields was married in Ohio to Mary J. Turner. To this union 5 children were born, 3 died in infancy, and Lee and Linnie. He lived in Decatur Co. 1865 to 1873, then moved to Mercer Co. Funeral Services were at the house.

DEATH OF UNCLE MATTEY SHIELDS

The death of Uncle Matthey Shields occurred at the home of his son Lee, six miles northeast of here on Tuesday morning of this week. He had been in feeble health for a considerable time now, no doubt due to his declining years being almost 83 years of age. The remains were laid in their last resting place yesterday at the Union Cemetery in Decatur County, Iowa, his former home. Uncle Matthey moved to Decatur Co. in 1865. He was well known and had been a member of the M.E. Church many years. He leaves four children, two sons and two daughters. Lee, Ashley, Elzina and Linnie.



Subject: TENA NORDYKE SIMS
Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, May 7, 1913
B>DEATH OF MRS JOHN SIMS

Death has claimed another from our county this week and one who was just in her prime. Tena Frances Nordyke was born in Antelope county, Nebraska, July 1, 1880 and died the thirtieth day of April, 1913 after what proved to be a fatal siege with pneumonia.

She was the youngest of seven children, all but one of whom have preceded her to the Far Beyond. The family came to Missouri when she was but 4 months old and she has continued to reside here until her death. When but 14 years of age she was united with the Baptist church and has lived a faithful Christian life and we can say that she had put her trust in Jesus when the time came for her to depart this life.

She was married to John Sims and to this union were born five children, all of whom survive the mother. The living sister is Mrs Isaac Heriford. The funeral services were held at the Pine church last Thursday at 2 o'clock. Rev Thomas Hickman was in charge and preached the sermon. Interment was made in the Pine Cemetery.

She has left many friends whose kindest thoughts and sincerest sympathies for the dear ones left behind will comfort them in their dark hours

. [NOTE] Tena was the daughter of William and Mary Nordyke. Her parents are also buried at Pine

Cemetery. Her death certificate spells her middle name as "Francis". The family was living in Ravanna at the time of her death.



Subject: ISRAEL F. SMITH

Submitter: M. Kinney (MKinney2003@msn.com)

Source: Amanda's scrapbook,(Gen. Soc. Mercer Co.); Paper dated Feb. 20. 1913

Dies On Eve Of His 82nd Birthday

Israel F. Smith Came Here Shortly After the County Was Organized

Israel Freeman Smith, one of Mercer County's pioneer residents died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ettie Wyatt, eight miles northwest of this city Sunday night, just one day before his eighty-second birthday. He had been in rather poor health for some time, and the end was not unexpected. The funeral services were held at the Pleasant Ridge Church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, being conducted by Rev. Chas Hickman. Interment was in the cemetery there.

Mr. Smith was born Feb. 18, 1831 in Ohio. He came to this county shortly after reaching his majority, and has been here for about 60 years. But few people were in this county at that time. The county had been organized but about eight years, and he was active in it's development. He was well known and respected by all.

Mr. Smith's wife died several years ago, and since that time he has lived with his children. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Hettie Hart, Mrs. Ettie Wyatt and Mrs. Lucinda Lay. Besides these, there are a number of relatives and an host of friends to mourn his death.



Subject: JAMES B. SMOTHERS

Submitter: Keith Smothers (ksmothers@kc.rr.com)

Source: Princeton Telegraph, Sep 20, 1911, Vol. 29, No. 23

Another Veteran Passes Away

James Smothers, a pioneer resident of this county and a veteran of the Civil War, answered the final roll call Monday at 2 a.m. at the home of his son, Wm. Smothers, three miles northwest of Goshen.

Deceased had been ill since last May and death resulted from dropsy. At the time of falling ill Mr. Smothers was in Arkansas in hopes of benefiting his health but relatives here were apprised by physicians that his condition was alarming and his son, William, made a trip there and brought the father to his home where he had since been cared for.

Mr. Smothers was born in Mercer County in June, 1846, {actually born July 7, 1846} and was therefore sixty-five years of age. The greater part of his life was spent in this county. He espoused the Federal cause during the Civil War and was later given an honorable discharge. In later years since his health began to fail he spent two or three years in the Soldiers Home at Leavenworth, Kas.

Deceased is survived by six children -- William, Ed , and Albert Smothers and Mrs. Alice Sharp, all of whom reside near Goshen; Mrs. J. C. Solel, of this city; and Mrs. J. M. Bowen, of Smithville, MO.

Of a quiet and retiring manner, Mr. Smothers gained the confidence and respect of his fellowmen and in his loss the sorrowing children have the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral services took place Monday afternoon at the Cain cemetery, being conducted by Rev. V. M. Harper, of Cainsville.



Subject: W. W. SNYDER
Submitter: Phil Stewart (JJHist@grm.net)
Source: Princeton Post, April 11, 1907

Meets Death In Texas

W. W. Snyder Killed by an Automobile

W. W. Snyder of Modena was killed in an automobile accident at Hereford, Texas, Wednesday. Just how the accident occurred is unknown at the time of going to press. The news was received here Thursday by wire, informing the Masonic lodge that his body would be shipped to Modena immediately and that the funeral will be held there Sunday.

Mr. Snyder's home is in Modena. He has been in Texas for some time, looking over the country. The Snyder Land Co., of Hereford, of which his brother, J. P. Snyder is president, owns a large automobile. There are several other machines there and they are sometimes run at very high speed. Whether he was in a wreck or run over by one of these machines is unknown.

Mr. Snyder was formerly in the mercantile business at Modena, and is well known in the country. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

NOTE: W. W. Snyder is William Warren Snyder, son of Charles A. & Sarah A. Snyder. He was born in Ohio in 1865. The family is listed in the 1880 census of Washington township, Mercer County, Missouri. William Snyder married Hattie May Trainer, daughter of Green A. H. and Druzilla (Horn) Trainer, and had one daughter, Eva Elizabeth Snyder. William & Hattie Snyder are buried at the Prairie Ridge (also called "Brummett") cemetery near Modena in Mercer County, Missouri.



Subject:: BELVA DALE THOMAS SOBOTKA
Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)
Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, February 8, 1996

Belva Dale [Thomas] Sobotka passed away Friday, February 2, 1996, at a nursing home in Bethany, Missouri, at the age of 97 years.

Mrs. Sobotka was born in Cainsville, Missouri and lived most of her life there until moving to Bethany in 1990. Mrs. Sobotka was a homemaker and a member of the Cainsville Christian Church. She married Edward [Earnest] Sobotka on December 16, 1922. He preceded her in death in 1954.

Mrs. Sobotka is survived by a granddaughter, Mary Ann Elsberry, of Leon, Iowa.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 5, 1996, at 2:00 p.m., at the Christian Church in Cainsville, Missouri under the direction of Stoklosa Memorial Chapel, Cainsville, Missouri. Burial was in the Bohemian Cemetery at Cainsville, Missouri.



Subject: JOSEPH W. STANLEY
Submitter: Phil Stewart (JJHist@grm.net)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, June 10, 1931

JOSEPH W. STANLEY

Joseph W. Stanley was born in Mercer county, Missouri, Dec 10, 1863 and died at Posaluma, Calif., May 30, 1931. His age was 67 years, 5 months and 19 days.

He was the son of John and Patience Stanley and was the last of several children. Twenty-two years of his life was spent on a farm near St Paul. For the last sixteen years he lived in Princeton. He was married to Miss Bessie Finney in El Paso, Texas December 11, 1930. They spent the winter in Tuscon, Arizona and went to California April 18 this year.

Mr Stanley was one of the big farmers of Mercer county. He was a breeder of fine white faced cattle. He traded his farm for the Bailey-Stanley building, one of the largest and best business buildings in Princeton several years ago.

He had been in poor health for several years. He enjoyed his stay in the west and seemed to be stronger and better. He attended church regularly and took great interest in religious services.

His brother, William Stanley, died January 20 of this year. His wife and some nephews and nieces are the only remaining relatives.

Mr Stanley was a good man, honest and more, and was loved by his many friends. He was "Uncle Joe" to the nephews and nieces and was like a father to them. These relatives and friends will sorrow the loss of one near and dear to them, and we all sorrow the loss of a man whose character was without blemish and whose friendship is a precious memory.



Subject:: JACK WENDELL THARP
Submitter: J. Johnson (juliajoh@usc.edu)
Source: Post Telegraph, Princeton, Missouri, March 5, 1992

Jack W. [endell] Tharp, son of Carl [Dewey] and Laura [Beatrice] Rhoades Tharp, was born May 20, 1928, in Spickard [Grundy County, Missouri] and died on March 1, 1992, at his home in Spickard at the age of 63.

Mr. Tharp, a lifelong resident of the Spickard community, was a painter. He attended the Brush rural school and was married to Dilila Kincade on May 11, 1949, in Trenton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two infant sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Dilila, of the home in Spickard; four daughters, Mrs. Steve (Patricia) Travis of Liberty, Mrs. Martin (Doris) Travis of Salina, Kan., and Mrs. Jackie Marrs and Brenda Fay Tharp, both of Spickard; two sons, Richard Tharp and Wendell Tharp, both of Spickard; two brothers, Glen Tharp of Chillicothe and W. A. Tharp of Bettendorf, Iowa; eight sisters, Mrs. Shirley Keith, Mrs. Betty Kincade and

Mrs. Bill (Carolyn) Wendt, all of Chillicothe, Mrs. Franklin (Louise) Stephens of Jefferson City, Mrs. Jo Adams of Spickard, Mrs. Cecil (Nina) Persell of Mt. Carroll, Ill., Mrs. Gordon (June) Blacksmith of Indianola, Iowa, and Mrs. Larry (Kay) Crawford of Trenton; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on March 4 at the Wise and Slater Funeral Chapel in Spickard. The Rev. Leland Heriford, pastor of the Modena Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in the North Evans Cemetery, east of Spickard.



Subject: ROBERT TINNEN

Submitter: M. Kinney (MKinney2003@msn.com)

Source: Amanda Holme's Scrapbook, (Gen. Soc. Mercer Co.); Dated Mar. 23, 1944

ROBERT TINNEN, RETIRED LETTER CARRIER, DIES

Robert Tinnen, a former rural letter carrier, died last Wednesday at his home in Ravanna. Mr. Tinnen was 77 years old. Funeral services were held Friday from the Methodist Church in Ravanna, being conducted by the Rev. V.F. Walker. Burial was made in the Ravanna Cemetery. Mr. Tinnen was born in Brown Co., Illinois, Feb. 18, 1867. His parents moved to Schuyler County when he was five years old. He was married to Emma Frances Epperson, Feb. 19, 1894, and to them were born ten children. They are: Hugh Tinnen, Plattsburg, Mo; Chester Tinnen, Monterey Park, Calif; Kelly Tinnen, Detroit, Mich; Noel Tinnen, Kenosha, Wisc; Wade Tinnen, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Charlotte Gooding, Monterey Park, Calif; Mrs. Mae Wile, Windom, Kansas; Mrs. Josephine Rains, Kenosha, Wisc; Mrs Grace Gannon, Trenton, Mo; and Mrs. Eva Wells, of Ravanna. Besides his sons and daughters, he is survived by nineteen grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Mrs Tinnen died July 18, 1933.



Subject: JAMES H. TURNER

Submitter: Phil Stewart (JJHist@grm.net)

Source: Princeton Post, April 8, 1931

MAN IS KILLED WHEN BIG LOGS TOPPLE ON HIM

James H. Turner, 69 years old and a resident of near Mt Moriah, was killed about 2 o'clock Monday afternoon when he was caught underneath a load of logs which rolled off his wagon while he was hauling them to the Dinsmore saw mill six miles west of Mt Moriah.

Mr Turner was alone at the time and the exact cause of the accident is not known. He was found a short time after the accident by Andrew Johnson, who was also hauling logs to the mill. However, it is supposed that the logs became loosened from the wagon in some manner and as they rolled off, Mr Turner was thrown underneath.

Mr Turner was well known in the vicinity of Mt Moriah and has many friends who will regret to learn of his death. He is survived by his wife, one son and three daughters. Funeral services were held from the Goshen church Tuesday afternoon, burial being in the cemetery there.

[NOTE] James Henry Turner was the son of Elijah and Mary Turner, and was born in Iowa on Aug 21, 1861. He married Charlotte Denison. His sister Lucretia married Squire Dinsmore. Squire and Lucretia's son, William Dinsmore, operated the saw mill mentioned in the article.



Subject: ARNOLD CREED VANDERFORD
Submitter: Wayne A. Vanderford (Wfatherof4@aol.com)
Source: Kansas City Star, approximately Feb 17, 2001

Arnold Creed Vanderford, of Gladstone Missouri, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. February 15, 2001. Arnold was born January 5, 1921 in Mill Grove, Missouri in Mercer County, to Creed and Ethel Vanderford, where he lived until he served his country with the Army for three years during World War 2. Upon returning home he went to Kansas City Watch Making School. Upon graduation he met and married I. Maxine Horton and they made their home in Gladstone Missouri after a brief stay in Blue Springs where they owned and operated a jewelry store. He was an instrument mechanic for 28 years with TWA, retiring in 1983. He was a quiet family man who enjoyed his 9 grandchildren, nature, traveling and was an accomplished artist. His love for the Lord was evident in his daily life. He is survived by his wife of 52 years and three children, son Eugene and his wife, Marla, of Kansas City, Mo, and son Wayne and his wife, Terri, of Kansas City, Mo, and daughter Gail Smith and husband, Doug, of Derby, Kansas, nine grandchildren. He is also survived by his older brother Harry and wife, Mable Vanderford, of Kansas City, Mo. Preceded in death by his father, mother, sister Jessie Minshall and brother Ray Vanderford.



Subject: GRANVILLE VANDERPOOL
Submitter: Phil Stewart (JJHist@grm.net)
Source: Princeton, MO Newspaper, July, 1924

Grove died Tuesday of last week. The funeral was held Wednesday and was conducted by Rev. V. F. Walker at the Pine church. Interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Granville Vanderpool was a son of Moses and Nancy Vanderpool and was born near Richmond, Mo., Dec. 17, 1842, being 82 years, 6 months and 28 days old at the time of his death. He was married to Elizabeth Barbee in 1859. To this union 8 children were born, 3 having preceded him in death. Those who were at his bedside are Lewis of Galt, W. I. Vanderpool of Mill Grove; Mrs. I. A. Stottlemire and Mrs. John Stottlemire of Spickard.

He enlisted in the war in 1861, in Co. C, 35th Missouri Volunteers, and served through the entire war. He was a member of Captain Stanley Post, G.A.R. of Princeton. Besides his children, he is survived by 31 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 3 sisters, Mrs. Margaret Hamilton of Mt. Moriah, Mrs. Mary J. {surname omitted in obit article} of Cheland, Wash, Dilfa Fears of India Valley, Idaho; B. F. Vanderpool, Gilman City, and A. J. Vanderpool, Cashion, Okla.



Subject: ANNA EVELYN VIETS
Submitter: Patricia Viets (patricia1202@comcast.net)
Source: Minter Funeral Chapels, November 29, 2013

Anna Evelyn Viets, the daughter of Homer Eldon and Bertha Ellen (Cox) Donelson, passed away Sunday, November 24, 2013. She was born December 6, 1920, in Princeton, Missouri. She attended school in Mercer County.

On August 14, 1943, Anna was united in marriage to Arthur Henry "Hank" Viets, at the home of Judge

Savage in Rock Port, Missouri. They made their home in the Rock Port area and became the parents of four children, David, Betty, Phillip and Charles. Hank passed away January 25, 1993.

Anna was an OATS volunteer of the year in 2009. She delivered meals at Fair Oaks and enjoyed gardening, crocheting and spending time with her family. Anna passed away Sunday, November 24, 2013, at Community Hospital-Fairfax, Fairfax, Missouri, at the age of 92.

Besides her parents and husband, Anna was preceded in death by brothers, Glen Donelson, Billie Donelson, Walker Donelson, Dean Donelson; infant brothers, Hebert and Larry Donelson; and sisters, Viola Austin and Pauline Morris. Survivors include children, David Viets, and wife, Patricia, Waldorf, Maryland, Betty Goad, and husband, Bobby, and Phillip Viets, and wife, Linda, all of Watson, Missouri, Charles Viets, and wife, Rebecca, Tarkio, Missouri; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; two brothers, Jim Donelson, and wife, Marie, and David "Jack" Donelson, and wife, Bonnie, all of Davenport, Iowa; sisters, Shirley Irvin, and husband, Lloyd, Silver City, Iowa, and Glendoris "Pink" Brown, Davenport, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Subject: FRANK D. WALKER
Submitter: Phil Stewart (JJHist@grm.net)
Source: Princeton Telegraph, Apr 16, 1913

DEATH OF F. D. WALKER

Frank D. Walker was born in Syracuse, N.Y., April 14, 1832. When about 10 years old he moved with his parents to Battle Creek, Mich. He was married to Miss Sarah Baldwin, Feb 15, 1856. To this union were born five sons, four of who are living.

In 1880 they moved to Stewart, Nebraska where they lived for 5 years. Coming from there in 1885 they located in Mercer county near Princeton and this has been his home until death. His wife died only a short while ago, and he is the last of a family of twelve brothers and sisters to pass away.

For about a year he had been visiting relatives in Battle Creek, Mich. He was taken sick on Thanksgiving day and never recovered. He leaves to mourn his death four sons, Otto of Athens, Pa., Claud of York, Neb., Otis of Altus, Okla., and Floyd of Princeton.

The funeral was held from the Pine church, conducted by Rev O. J. Wilson, pastor of the Princeton Methodist church, and interment was made in the cemetery near by.

One who has lived long with us and who always merited the highest honor has passed away. The hearts of many go out in loving sympathy to the bereaved family.



Source: Princeton Post, Apr 17, 1913

DIED IN MICHIGAN

Franklin D. Walker, A Well Known Mercer Countian, Passes Away.

Franklin D. Walker, eighty-one years old and a well known resident of this county, died at the home of his daughter-in-law in Battle Creek, Michigan, April 9th. He had been there the past year, visiting relatives.

The body was brought here for burial, arriving Monday morning. Mr Walker's death resulted from a general break-down. He had been ill since Thanksgiving. Funeral services were held at the Pine church Monday afternoon, being conducted by Rev O. J. Wilson. Interment was in the cemetery there.

Mr Walker was born in Syracuse, N.Y., April 4, 1832. He came west in the year 1882, settling in Nebraska. In 1888 he moved to Mercer county and has since resided here. His wife died five years ago. Mr Walker was the father of five sons. Four of these survive him. They are Otto Walker, Athens, Pa.; Claude Walker, York, Neb.; Odus (sic) Walker of Oklahoma; Floyd Walker of near Princeton.

Mr Walker was a good man, well known and highly respected by all. He leaves a host of friends to mourn his death and all extend sympathy to the bereaved family.



Subject: CORNELIA J. WALDRON
Submitter: William (Nick) Nichols (nick_nic27@msn.com)
Source: Nichols Family Bible

Obituary Cornelia J. Waldron was born Oct. 21, 1855 in Johnsbury, Warren county, New York. Married to Nelson J. Nichols at Johnsbury on the 8th day of September, 1881, by Rev E. Smith. Came to Mercer county, Mo., with her husband on the 8th day of February, 1884. Died March 16, 1903. She joined the M. E. church 16 years ago, and has been a faithful Christian ever since. Funeral was held March 18 at the home near Mill Grove.



Subject: WILFORD WILLIS
Submitter: Curtis Clark (Cp41877@aol.com)
Source: Unknown newspaper

WILFORD WILLIS DIES Cainsville, Mo., Oct. 1

Wilford Willis, 35 years old, died yesterday in a hospital at Princeton, Mo. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ulna Willis, Cainsville; three brothers, Hershel and Berthel Willis, Cainsville, and Hansel Willis Alexandria, Va., and four sisters, Miss Lavera Willis, Cainsville, Mrs. Glen Barnes, Bonner Springs, Kan., Mrs. Leslie Bower, Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Richard Cain, Camp McCoy, Minn. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Stoklasa mortuary here. The Rev. Fred Harper will officiate, and burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.



STROKE FATAL FOR WILFORD WILLIS

Wilford Willis, 35 years old, of near Saline died Wednesday in a local hospital. He had suffered a stroke five days before. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Stocklasa Funeral Home, Cainsville, and were conducted by the Rev. Fred Harper. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery, north of Cainsville.

Mr. Willis was born and reared in Mercer County. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Eulna Willis, of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Glen Barnes, Bonner Springs, Kans.; Mrs. Leslie Bowen, Kansas City; Miss Lavera Willis of the home and Mrs. Richard Cain, Camp McCoy, Wis.; three brothers, Hansel Willis, Alexandria, Va.; Hershel Willis and Berthol Willis, both of Cainsville.



Subject: CLELL RAY WOODERSON
Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)
Source: Bethany Republican-Clipper, (Date unknown)

Clell Ray Wooderson, third son of John B. and Clar B. (Clinkenbeard) Wooderson, was born on a farm near Mt Moriah, Mo. on Sept 19, 1911 and departed this life Nov 28, 1982 at the Wright Memorial Hospital, Trenton, Mo. at the age of 71 years, 2 months and 9 days.

On April 12, 1941, Clell was united in marriage to Fae (Collins) Beaver, and to this union two sons were born: Johnny Dale and Eddie Arnold.

Clell and Fae operated a farm in Harrison County near Mt Moriah until Clell's health failed and had to be hospitalized. Clell loved his farm and spent many hours walking the land, whistling and caring for his livestock. He believed strongly in preserving the family farm evidenced by his active membership in farm organizations and services in the community.

Clell was the happiest at family gatherings when his family was around him. His children and grandchildren were his pride and joy.

He remained an active farmer in partnership with his son, Ed until his passing.

Surviving are his wife, Fae of the home, sons John of Independence, Mo. and Ed of Bethany, Mo., one step-son, Jack D. Beaver of Mt Home, Indiana, daughters-in-law Rose Ann, Karen and Carol, 3 grandchildren, Ricky, Chad and Courtney and four step-grandchildren, Doug, Dennis, Ramona and Brenda, and four great-grandchildren, three brothers, Earl and Carl Wooderson of Gilman City, Mo. and Elmer Wooderson of Greybull, Wyo., several nieces and nephews and a host of friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one step-son, Garland Jr. Beaver.

Funeral services were held Nov 30, 1982 at the Bethany Memorial Chapel. The Rev Lawrence Nevils assisted by the Rev Ralph Hughes officiated. Burial was in the Sharon Chapel cemetery. Vocalist, Bernard McMillen, organist Lenore Hatten, Pallbearers were Neil Norris, Don Ebersole, Reid Wooderson, Ray Wooderson, Burl Shipps, and Harley Eivens. Honorary pallbearers were Clarence Frances, Delbert Neff and Norman Gibson.



Subject: CLYDE OLIVER WOODERSON
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Source: Bethany Republican-Clipper, (Date unknown)

Clyde Oliver Wooderson, son of David O. and Martha A. Montgomery, was born on a farm near Mt Moriah on July 13, 1887 and passed away at Bethany Aug 25, 1961, at the age of 74 years, one month and twelve days.

In August, 1908 he was united in marriage to Lua Bridges, who passed away in March 1911 when their only son, David Wade, was about two years old.

On April 28, 1918 Mr Wooderson was married to Vera Goforth of Deer Creek, Oklahoma. To this

union eight children were born, twin daughters dying in infancy.

Those left to mourn his passing are his wife, five sons, Wade of Los Altos, Calif., Richard of Leon, Iowa, Avery of Indianola, Iowa, Sammy of West Columbia, Texas and Joe of Bethany; two daughters, Carol Weaverling of Kansas City and Evabelle Childers of Amity, Missouri. He is also survived by two sisters, Zelma Pickard of Omaha, Neb., and Bessie Stevens of Kansas City, five daughters-in-law, two sons-in-law, 23 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a host of friends and other relatives.

Clyde was converted at about the age of 16 years and united with the Baptist church.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev A. E. McElfresh at the Haas Funeral Home in Bethany on Aug 28, 1961. Burial was in the Sharon Chapel cemetery south of Mt Moriah.



Subject: ORVAL WAYNE WOODERSON
Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)
Source: Bethany Republican-Clipper, Dec 7, 1966

Orval Wayne Wooderson, son of Robert O. and Osa B. Wooderson, was born Aug 3, 1910 and departed this life Oct 29, 1966 at his home at the age of 56 years, 2 months and 26 days.

Orval spent his entire life in the community south of Mt Moriah, and was loved and respected by all who knew him. He gave his heart to Jesus Christ about 3 years ago and was truly a witness to his Lord by his every word and deed. He daily read God's word and was reading his Sunday school lesson when he quietly departed to his home above.

He was a kind and loving son and brother, and his devotions to his mother will be remembered always by his family.

His father preceded him in death in July 1959. He leaves to mourn his passing his mother, Mrs Osa Wooderson of the home, one brother, Ray of Independence, Mo., three sisters, Mrs Elsie Payton of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs Mary Roop of Ridgeway, Mo., and Mrs Katheryn Damon of Lees Summit, Mo., also many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Orval will be sadly missed by all.

Services were held in the Haas Chapel in Bethany Oct 31, 1966, with the Rev Ed Smith officiating. Songs were rendered by Mrs Cole Rhea and Mrs Garland Melton, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In The Garden", with Mrs Bob Overton at the organ.

Casket bearers were Dale Hamilton, Clarence Rinehart, Jarol Arney, Willard King, Ward Wheeler, Joe Dill, Clell Wooderson and Earl Wooderson. Floral bearers were nieces, Mrs Farrel Whitaker, Mrs Larry Trammell, Mrs Jim Donovan, Marietta Damon and Sharon Roop.

Burial was in Sharon cemetery beside his father.



Subject: RUSSELL LEWIS WOODERSON
Submitter: Phil Stewart (jjhist@grm.net)
Source: Bethany Republican-Clipper, (Date unknown)

Russell Lewis Wooderson, son of Thomas and Rosetta (Stanley) Wooderson, was born April 10,

1912 at Mt Moriah, Missouri and passed away September 30, 1989 at the Bethany Care Center in Bethany, Missouri at the age of 77 years, five months and 20 days.

He was united in marriage to Florence Barritt on November 5, 1933 in Bethany. To this union twin daughters were born, Melba and Shelba. He farmed and also was a carpenter for many years until his retirement.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Thomas Wooderson and Rosetta (Stanley) Wooderson, and two brothers, Alton and Walter.

Surviving are his wife, Florence of the home in Bethany, daughters Melba Wheeler of Bethany and Shelba Barnett of Gallatin, Missouri; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, several other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at the Roberson-Polley Funeral Home on Oct 3 at Bethany, Mo., after which the body was laid to rest in the Sharon Cemetery.



Subject: JAMES J. WRIGHT
Submitter: Beth Thackeray thackgfx@yahoo.com)
Source: Unknown Newspaper

Thursday, March 13, 1913

DIES AT THE AGE OF EIGHTY-ONE YEARS

James J. Wright Passes Away at His Home in Princeton--Lived Here Thirty-Six Years

James J. Wright, eighty-one years old and for thirty-six years an honored resident of this county, died at the home of his son, N. N. Wright, in the south part of the city Tuesday morning. He had been in rather poor healthy the past three years, but was able to get around until some three months ago. Funeral services were held at the residence Wednesday afternoon being conducted by Rev. W. E. Kauffman. Interment was the Princeton cemetery.

James Jefferson Wright was born in Ross county, Ohio, March 17, 1832. In the year 1854 he married Miss Mary A. Gleason in that state. They came to Mercer county, Missouri, in 1877, settling on a farm in Lindley township. After a years residence there they moved to a farm south of this city. For the past four years Mr. and Mrs. Wright have made their home in Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright were the parents of ten children, all but one of whom are living. They are Elijah Wright, Mrs. Alice Stevenson, Mrs. Sarah Rutledge, Mrs. Winnie Bryan, J. H. Wright, Francis M. Wright (deceased), N. N. Wright, Mrs. Lottie Nichols, Mrs. Rose Schonover and Mrs. Grace Gibson. He is also survived by the good wife.

Mr. Wright united with the Christian Union church in Ohio when a young man. That he was a good faithful Christian and was fully prepared for death is shown by his last words: "Blow the trumpet; my soul is anchored," he said only a few moments before he breathed his last on earth. He knew that death was coming and was conscious to the last. Mr. Wright was a good citizen and he leaves a host of friends to mourn his death.

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