

**A Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 25 May 1916

Subject: Herman Aitt

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 May 1916, p. 8

Herman Aitt, fifty years old, died at 8:30 o'clock last night at the St. Joseph Hospital from what is believed to have been bichloride of mercury poisoning, presumably taken with the intention of committing suicide. He had been rooming at Sixth and Messanie streets and when he became very ill several days ago was sent to Central Police Station, where Dr. F. G. Beard, police surgeon, attended him and sent him to the hospital. He refused to say whether or not he had taken poison intentionally. He came to St. Joseph several weeks ago and before that was in Baltimore.

Date of death: 3 Feb 1886

Subject: Fielding Allen*

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 4 Feb 1886, p. 4

Mr. Fielding Allen, colored, died at 6:30 o'clock last evening at his late residence, 617 North Second street, after a brief illness from pneumonia, aged 67 years 7 months and 16 days. The time of the burial will be announced later.

The deceased was born March 18th, 1818, in Burling [sic] county, North Carolina, and came to St. Joseph in 1845, where he has since resided. He was one of the oldest settlers of St. Joseph.

Date of death: Jan 1905

Subject: David Holt Allison

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Jan 1905, p. 3

Pioneer is Dead of Infirmities

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... general disability ... years. Mr. Allison ... in 1822, seventy ... years old, he ... Andrew ... St. Joseph since that time. He was well known throughout both counties, where he was engaged in an extensive livestock business until a few years ago when poor health necessitated his retirement from active pursuits.

He is survived by two sons and three daughters, Matt Allison, of St. Joseph, and Robert Allison, a resident of Kansas, Mrs. S. R. Selecman, Misses Corrine and Fannie Allison, of St. Joseph.

The body will be taken to Savannah tomorrow afternoon. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, from the First Christian church of Savannah.

Date of death: 22 Apr 1886

Subject: Sissie Amann

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 23 Apr 1886, p. 1

Died yesterday, the daughter of John and Maggie Amann, aged 16 months and 2 days, after an illness of thirty-six hours. The funeral took place from the family residence, 609 South Fifth street, at 9 o'clock A.M.

Date of death: 2 Jun 1914

Subject: George W. Anderson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Jun 1914, p. 6

George W. Anderson, seventy-seven years old, died at 6:40 o'clock last night at the home of his son, James Anderson, 3301 North Eleventh street. A daughter, Mrs. Lottie E. Bowman, Topeka, Kan., also survives him.

Date of death: 22 Oct 1913

Subject: Maggy E. Appelby

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Oct 1913, p. 4

Maggy E. Appelby, 1 year old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Appelby, died yesterday at the home of the parents at 2515 South Fourth street.

Date of death: 13 May 1902

Subject: Jane E. (Ardery) Breckenridge

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 14 May 1902, p. 7

Jane E. Breckenridge, aged 73 years, 2 months and 8 days, died Monday, 13th at 12:15 a.m. The funeral will take place from the late residence, 301 S. 7th st., Wednesday afternoon on May 14th, at 2:30 o'clock. Interment at Mt. Mora cemetery.

Date of death: 21 Aug 1908

Subject: Mary E. (Armstrong) White

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Aug 1908, p. 6

Mrs. R. G. White, mother of Miss Mabel White, a teacher at McKinley school, died last Friday at Flag Springs, Mo. She was buried there Sunday.

Date of death: 11 Sep 1906

Subject: Louis Arnold

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 14 Sep 1906, p. 8

As no one has been found to claim the body of Louis Arnold, who died Tuesday night at a local hospital, the body will be buried in the city cemetery. It has been at Heaton's morgue since Arnold died. Arnold was 45 years old. No relatives have been found.

Date of death: 3 Jun 1902

Subject: Francis M. Artis

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Jun 1902, p. 4

Frank M. Artis, aged twenty-six years, died at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning at the home of his sister in the Buechle addition. Death was due to consumption. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with interment in Green cemetery.

Date of death: 9 Sep 1908

Subject: Walter Auble

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Sep 1908, p. 2

Los Angeles, Sept. 9.—In a desperate shooting affray with two burglars whom he met on the street at Ninth and Grand avenue shortly before ... o'clock this morning, Captain Walter Auble of the city police force was shot three times and fatally wounded, dying at ... o'clock this afternoon.

One of the men, Fred Horning, a chauffeur, was capture but the man who did the shooting, ... Sutherland, a waiter, escaped.

Captain Auble was former chief of police of Los Angeles.

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Captain Auble lived in St. Joseph until eighteen years ago. He was born in Savannah and a brother there was informed of his death yesterday. Man of the older residents of St. Joseph remember Auble. He had the distinction of being the only chief of police in the country to resign his place for the purpose of taking a subordinate position.

Date of death: 17 Jan 1907

Subject: Katherine (Auginbaugh) Warner

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Jan 1907, p. 3

Katherine Warner, thirty-nine years old, wife of Congrove Warner, died at 2 a.m. today, at the family home, seven miles north of the city.

Date of death: 30 Nov 1908

Subject: Andrew Austin*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Dec 1908, p. 8

Andrew Austin, aged 20 years 10 months, died at 1810 Calhoun st. Monday, Nov. 30, 1908. He is survived by his parents and other relatives. Funeral from the C. M. E. Church, 18th and Beattie strs. Thursday, December 3 at 2 p.m. Burial at City Cemetery.

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Date of death: unknown

Subject: Mary Bailey*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Jul 1908, p. 4- *not an obituary*

Quarreling over her lover, whom she said was Lynn Robinson, negro, Mary Bailey, a negress, was probably fatally stabbed at midnight last night at Second and Edmond streets by a negress whom the wounded woman said was 'Mattie, a ... n---'¹.

A doctor was sent for ... the woman's friends and he ... dressed the ... man started home ... on the street ... she was found by Police Detectives Grable and Frans. She was sent to Central police station where Dr. E. S. Ballard, ... physician, attended her.

The wound ... istered ... knife thrust in her left side in close proximity to her heart. She regained consciousness at the station and told of the trouble. She said Mattie was trying to take her man Lynn Robinson away from her. She said a crowd of negroes and negresses witnessed the cutting.

About a half hour after the cutting Police Detectives Frans and Grable arrested Babie Williams, Mattie Franklin and Pearl Burton. The Bailey woman pointed at the Franklin woman and said she was the one who stabbed her. The Williams woman had a slight cut on her face, which she said the Baily woman inflicted.

Date of death: 30 Oct 1904

Subject: Myrtle Baker

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 31 Oct 1904, p. 6

Myrtle, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Baker, 1609 Madison street, died at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The funeral will take place from the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will be in Green cemetery.

Date of death: 28 Dec 1903

Subject: Samuel Balsiger

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Dec 1903, p. 9

Samuel Balsinger [sic], for almost fifty years a resident of this county, died Monday night at his home nine miles north of the city. He was 79 years old and a native of Switzerland. He is survived by seven sons and four daughters, all but two of the latter living in the United States. The funeral will be held from the home at 10 o'clock Thursday. Interment will be in Snyder [sic] cemetery.

Date of death: 23 Jan 1919

Subject: Ray Barber

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 Jan 1919, p. 6

¹ The newspaper used the entire word, but I won't.

Ray Barber, twenty-four years old, died at 8 o'clock last night in a local hospital, of pneumonia. He has no known relatives in St. Joseph.

Date of death: Oct 1904

Subject: Elizabeth Barnett*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Oct 1904, p. 2

The body of Elizabeth Barnett, a negress, who died in Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. ?? was buried in Oakland cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Date of death: 28 Jan 1908

Subject: Joseph Barnett*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Jan 1908, p. 1

Joseph Barnett, negro, forty-three years old, died suddenly at ... this ... off Angelique street between ... and Ninth. ... passing ... Barnes asked ... before ... was dead. Dr. W. E. Peters said death resulted from hemorrhage.

Barnett had been employed in a store at 612 South Eighth street as porter. His wife and a son survive him. Coroner Byrd was notified and ordered the body sent to Sidenfaden's undertaking rooms.

Date of death: 9 Dec 1905

Subject: Elsie Bartlett*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Dec 1905, p. 7

The funeral of Elsie Bartlett, who died yesterday at 2530 Bartlett street, will be held from the Colored M. E. church, Eighteenth and Bartlett sts. at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Date of death: 6 May 1920

Subject: Carlz Barz (aka Cariz Daez)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 May 1920, p. 14

Cariz Daez, twenty-one years old, who lived at 1518 South Sixth street, died at 7:30 o'clock last night in a local hospital.

Date of death: 3 Mar 1903

Subject: Mrs. F. Jennie Beadle

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Mar 1903, p. 5

Mrs. F. Jennie Beadle, wife of L. L. Beadle of No. 2601 Mitchell avenue, died at the family home at 9:50 o'clock last night. The funeral will be tomorrow morning with services at the residence at 9 o'clock. The body will then be taken to the union passenger station from where it will be forwarded to Cosby, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 9 Jul 1906

Subject: Isabella Clark (Beattie) Allen

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Jul 1906, p. 6

Savannah, Mo., July 10.—Mrs. Isabella Allen, widow of the late W. B. Allen, dropped dead last night of heart failure, at the age of nearly ninety years. She was married to Mr. Allen in 1845 and while no children were born to them in their sixty years of married life, they adopted and raised fifteen homeless orphans. Mr. Allen died in March of this year at the age of eighty-four.

Date of death: 4 Jul 1905

Subject: Robert Beaumont*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Jul 1905, p. 5

Robert Beaumont, a negro aged ... years, of Twenty-fourth street and Mitchell avenue, dropped dead of heart disease... the Fifteenth and Sacramento ... yesterday afternoon. ... had been ... yesterday evening ... of cards was ... while standing ... negro suddenly sank to the ... before anything could be done to save ...reside... Coroner J. ? . Bansbach viewed it.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Jul 1905, p. 2

Robert Beaumont, a negro, aged fifty-three years, who lived at Twenty-fourth street and Mitchell avenue, dropped dead of heart disease in a saloon at Fifteenth and Sacramento streets, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Beaumont is said to have been drinking freely during the day and was watching a card game when he toppled over and fell to the floor, dying almost instantly. Coroner Bansbach viewed the body after it was removed to his residence. His wife survives him.

Date of death: 18 Jun 1902

Subject: Mrs. Sophia Beckley*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Jun 1902, p. 4

Mrs. Sophia Beckley, colored, aged sixty-one, died Wednesday morning at her home at 416 South Seventeenth street, and will be buried this afternoon in Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 12 Jan 1913

Subject: Mrs. Emily Beecham*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Jan 1913, p. 4

Mrs. Emily Beachem [sic], a negress, ninety years old, who lived alone in a house at Second and Robidoux streets, was found dead yesterday morning. She had started a fire in the morning before her death. The coroner will not hold an inquest.

Date of death: 2 Dec 1907

Subject: Franklin Bellows

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Dec 1907, p. 2

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 3.—After an illness extending over two years, Franklin Bellows, 77 years old, a prominent cattleman of Northwest Missouri, died late yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bellows was the father of Frank Bellows, who died at Berkeley, Cal., last August and in connection with whose death Harry Kleinschmidt, a student of the University of California, was held to the grand jury, which exonerated him yesterday.

Mr. Bellows is survived by five sons and three daughters, all of whom reside in Maryville. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be in Mirian [sic] cemetery. The Rev. Grant A. Roberts of the First Methodist Episcopal church will officiate at the funeral.

Date of death: Jul 1907

Subject: Franklin Bellows, Jr.

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Aug 1907, p. 4

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 2.—The body of Franklin Bellows, whose death occurred in San Francisco last week, will arrive here tonight for burial.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Aug 1907, p. 4

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 3.—The funeral of Frank Bellows, who committed suicide several days ago at Berkeley, Cal., was conducted here yesterday. He was a member of one of the wealthiest and most highly respected families in Nodaway County, and the news of his tragic end was a shock to friends of the family in this city.

The following account of the suicide is from the San Francisco Call:

"In the flush of youth, possessed of a fine position in business and society, and with the future apparently rosy before him, Frank Bellows, the scion of a wealthy family committed suicide last night by swallowing muriatic acid. He was twenty-four years old, son of a rich Chicago family, and served as timekeeper for the Roebling Construction Company in San Francisco. Suggestions are made by acquaintances in the San Marcos Hotel, at 2305 Bancroft way, where he lived, that a love affair or financial difficulties might have inspired him to seek death, but there is no evidence to show that Bellows was in difficulties of any sort.

"Bellows sought death last night in a lonely spot, within several blocks of the Kleinschmidt residence, in the Claremont district. He chose a secluded part of the Elmwood Park tract for his purpose and swallowed there the deadly acid he had procured earlier in the day. His body, twisted as though intense agony had been endured, and the face blackened by the effects of the poison he had taken, was found early this morning by a milkman.

"The discovery by Deputy Coroner James of a vial which had contained muriatic acid, within a yard of the dead body, was the only bit of evidence procured by the authorities to cast light upon the manner of the young man's suicide. Search of Bellows' room at the San Marcus revealed no

evidence to clear up the mystery. No money was found on his person, nor any letters or notes in his apartments to show that Bellows was in difficulties, or was despondent for any reason.

"Bellows left the San Marcos last evening at 7 o'clock, apparently in good spirits. He had been asked to join in a whist game during the evening, but declined the invitation, saying he wished to go for a walk. He chatted for a few moments with Harry Kleinshmidt [sic], near the Kleinschmidt home, at about 8 o'clock, and that was the last seen of him until his body was found this morning.

"Bellows was friendly with the Kleinschmidt family and with the Hotchkiss people and enjoyed the entrée to other prominent Claremont homes. He is understood to have enjoyed the friendship of the Kleinschmidt girls, of whom there are two, and of Miss Hazel Hotchkiss, the tennis champion of the coast."

Date of death: 22 Nov 1903

Subject: Mrs. Anna Berner

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Nov 1903, p. 2

Mrs. Anna Berner, 83 years old, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Bolinger in the Schneider neighborhood, near Avenue City, of old age. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock this morning from the home. Interment will be in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Date of death: 15 Mar 1909

Subject: William Berry

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Mar 1909, p. 6

Maryville, Mo., March 16.—William Berry, aged seventy-two years, who for fifty years had been a resident of Ravenwood, Mo., was killed by a Union Pacific train at Hillsdale, Wyo., last night. Details of the accident are not known here.

Mr. Berry is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nelson D. Templeton and Mrs. ? W. White of Maryville and two sons, Henry of Lamar, Mo., and T. H. Berry, who lives at Hillsdale, Wyo.

Date of death: 10 Jan 1915

Subject: Andrew Bertram

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 Jan 1915, p. 5

Funeral services ... held at ... oclock yesterday ... Presbyterian church over the body of Andrew Bertram of 7528 Bartlett street. For a number of years Bertram was the caretaker of ...eague park, but he had been unable to work for two years on account of illness. He died at 7:15 oclock ... morning. Surviving are ... three sons and one daughter ... St. Joseph.

Date of death: 26 Jun 1906

Subjects: Albert Bettles

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Jun 1906, p. 6

B. F. McCoy of Hickory Hill, Mo., grandfather of Mrs. Alfred Bettles, who is supposed to have been murdered by her husband last Monday night, immediately preceding the suicide of Bettles, arrived in St. Joseph this morning. He at once made arrangements for the burial of the woman's body. The body of Bettles was buried yesterday afternoon in the city cemetery, and Mr. McCoy decided not to take the wife's body to her former home in Cole County, but to have it buried by the side of her husband.

Mr. McCoy was seen by a News-Press reporter today, and his voice trembling with emotion, he said: 'I don't think Laura was unfaithful. That man must have had an insane fit of jealousy. These things happen too often nowadays, and they seem to be on the increase.['] When asked concerning his granddaughter's past, Mr. McCoy said:

'Her life was just like that of any other country girl raised with good advantages. She was born on my farm in Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1880, and was the daughter of my son Louis. Louis died soon after her birth and I took care of the mother and her child. We came out to Missouri and I purchased a farm in Cole County, near Hickory Hill. Laura's mother was married again, and my wife and I practically raised the girl. About six years ago she began to travel for Swift and Company. On the road somewhere she met Albert Bettles, and they were married without my knowledge. She and her husband visited us several times and seemed about the happiest couple I ever saw.

'We never knew much of Bettles' history, but he told us that he was a graduate of some university in England. His family were large landholders in Kent, England, and he was expecting a large inheritance from that source. He seemed to be kind to his wife and I think he must have become temporarily deranged.'

Date of death: 12 Dec 1904

Subject: Albert N. Bever

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 14 Dec 1904, p. 5

Burlington Junction, Mo., Dec. 14.—Albert Bever, a farm ... residing just north of Burlington Junction, committed suicide ... was ...

Yesterday he did not ... at the home of a brother, who resides nearby, as was his usual custom. Some of the family were ... his place later to learn the reason and ...

Bever had written a note ... what should be done with his property, dividing his real estate, consisting of some 400 ... acres of very fine land in the surrounding country, between his two brothers and sister.

He had taken a pistol, sending a bullet through his brain. No reason can be given for the deed, unless it be poor health.

Date of death: 19 Jan 1913

Subject: Elmira (Biggs) Hutchinson*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Jan 1913, p. 2

Arch Finley, a negro thirty years old, was placed under arrest last night after he had confessed to Patrolman Kratt that he killed Elmira Hutchinson, a negress, in a room at 1816 South Sixth street, at an early hour last Sunday morning.

Finley told the officer of the tragedy at the Union Passenger Station and accompanied him to the room, where the woman's body, with head almost severed, was found in bed. Finley said he used a razor. He was locked up, and after viewing the corpse Coroner Lynch sent it to Ramsay's undertaking establishment to await an inquest today.

At Central Station Finley repeated his confession to Inspector W. P. Gibson. He said he killed the woman because she had 'nagged' him. The police found the razor with which the killing was done in the dead woman's apartment in the negro rooming house conducted by one Lulu Cooper at the number given.

Patrolman Kratt's attention was directed to Finley early yesterday evening. The negro had been loafing about the Union Station during the afternoon and had seemed very nervous. He was in the general waiting room when Kratt went on duty at 6 o'clock. When the policeman questioned Finley the fellow at first was evasive, but he finally became confidential, and told Kratt he knew where there was a dead woman. He volunteered to go with Kratt to the place where the corpse was, and they proceeded to the rooming house. Sure enough, the dead woman was there, entirely covered with bed clothing. Kratt asked Finley who killed the woman, and the negro promptly told the policeman he himself had taken her life. He seemed greatly relieved after he had made the confession.

Finley says the Hutchinson woman came home late Saturday night and had been drinking. They quarreled for several hours, and finally he seized her, threw her on the bed and slashed her throat. She made no outcry, he said, and after he had inflicted the wounds she rose to her feet and fell backward on the bed. He says she never spoke again after he cut her. He turned her face to the wall, threw the bed clothing over her and then lay down on the floor and went to sleep. He got up in the morning and left the room without paying further attention to his victim, and did not return until he went with the officer last night.

The police have learned there were several roomers in the house when the murder was committed, but they all say they did not hear any noise in the Hutchinson woman's room that excited suspicion. The Cooper woman told the police the dead woman's friends had made some search for her since Saturday night but had not been alarmed over not finding her, as she frequently was absent for several days at a time. Finley said he and the woman had been living together several months. He is a laborer. The woman had no known relatives, so far as is known.

Date of death: 5 Apr 1905

Subject: Ann (Bird) Kelly

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Apr 1905, p. 6

Death of a Pioneer.

Mrs. Anne Kelley Passes Away at Ripe Old Age of Ninety-One Years.

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Mrs. Kelley ... North Carolina ... and came to Missouri ... husband Andrew Kelley, who ... homesteaded the farm upon which ... since lived. Andrew Kelley

Date of death: 16 Sep 1905

Subject: J. Frederick Birkenholz

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Sep 1905, p. 12

Maryville, Mo.—Fred J. Birkenholtz [sic] died here last Saturday, September 16, from the diseases of advancing old age, at the age of seventy-eight years. The funeral services took place Monday morning and the remains were interred in the Sweet Home cemetery. He leaves several sons and daughters.

Date of death: 22 Nov 1921

Subject: George D. Blackburn

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Nov 1921, p. 4

George D. Blackburn, sixty-three years old, died at a local hospital yesterday afternoon.

Date of death: 2 Oct 1902

Subject: William H. Blakeslee

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 4 Oct 1902, p. 6

Savannah, Oct. 3.—W. H. Blakeslee, a farmer living about three miles north of Savannah, committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun early yesterday morning. Mr. Blakeslee leaves a widow and several children.

Date of death: 2 Nov 1913

Subject: Clarence Blue*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Nov 1913, p. 2

Street Car Obscures View and He Fails to See Approaching Machine

[Note: the rest of the article is illegible]

Date of death: 25 Apr 1902

Subject: Patrick Paul Boland

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Apr 1902, p. 5

Patrick Paul Boland, in his life time a Roman Catholic priest, Episcopalian minister and city patient at St. Joseph's hospital, died at 3:20 o'clock Friday afternoon of Bright's disease.

Boland came to St. Joseph about three years ago and has since been employed as a canvasser for the Union Mercantile Company of 613 Francis street. He has been in the hospital since last January.

He told very little of his past while in St. Joseph and comparatively little was known of him until his personal effects were looked into Friday night.

C. K. McKnight, manager of the Union Mercantile Company, and John W. Burns of the same company, were his closest friends, but their knowledge of his past is slight. He left a will, scribbled on three ... of paper, giving all his be... Mr. McKnight.

Stuffed ... silk hat ... leather hat box ... of foreign make, are letters and papers which tell of Boland's life, but give ... as to his family ... reside. A newspaper ... the letters ... war due to...

The clipping shows that Boland was in 1885 a Catholic priest in Ireland and a member of the Redemptionist fathers. In 1896 he became a minister in the Episcopalian Church and, judging from the newspaper clipping, he was relieved of a charge in England because he was discovered in a drunken condition and seen coming from public houses on several occasions. It was then that he came to America and a number of recommendations from Episcopalian ministers in Ireland and England were found among his papers. One bore the signature of Rev. T. Boland, Church of Ireland, Colway, Ireland.

Boland held several charges in New York state. He was once located at Macon, Miss., and in 1899 spent six months as rector of the Episcopalian Church at Hiawatha, Kan. Several letters from Bishop Millsbaugh of Topeka, Kan., were found among his papers.

A number of letters from Episcopalian bishops in various parts of the country telling him they could not offer him a position, as there were no vacancies, were also found. It seems that he left the Episcopalian ministry after being relieved at Hiawatha and has since been engaged in the business world.

A very earnest letter was discovered among his papers from a niece of his, who is a nun in a convent in Armentiers, France. In it she urges him to always keep himself in the grace of God, and the closing paragraph reads: 'May the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary keep you until we meet either here or in heaven. In Jesus and Mary, your affectionate niece.'

Boland told McKnight that he had two brothers in Ireland who were Catholic priests, but he would not give their names or the places where they reside, saying that since he had left the Church of Rome they had cast him off. He also said he had a sister in New York, but would not give her name.

Boland was fifty-five years of age and well educated. He evidently came of a good family.

The body was removed from the hospital to Mierhoffer's [sic] morgue and the funeral will take place from there at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will be in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 4 Dec 1907

Subject: Daniel Grant Boner

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Dec 1907, p. 3

Mrs. Sarah Boner and her family consisting of three sons, aged eighteen, eight and five years, and three daughters, fifteen, thirteen and three years, are in a pitiable condition of destitution. Mrs. Boner's husband, D. J. [sic] Boner, forty-eight years old, died yesterday, and the family is reported by Humane Agent Ziemendorff to be without food or fuel.

The Boners live at 1310 South Twenty-fourth street. They came here about two months ago from Cawood, Mo. Mrs. Boner has refrained from asking for assistance until the wants of herself and children made it absolutely necessary. She desires to get money enough to take the family to Guilford, Mo., in order that her husband can be buried in the family plot...

Agent Ziemendorff provided supplies

Date of death: 10 May 1907

Subject: Austin G. Bonham

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 May 1907, p. 1

King City, Mo., May 10.—Austin G. Bonham, president of the Citizens' National bank of King City, died here at 4 o'clock this afternoon, of pneumonia. He had been ill for about ten days. He was thirty-eight years of age and is survived by his wife and a little son.

For several years Mr. Bonham was assistant cashier of the First National bank of King City. He retired from this position and organized the Citizens' bank, which later became the Citizens' National bank. He was elected cashier of the institution, but after the death of his father, David Bonham, formerly of Andrew county, last June, he was given the office of president.

The funeral service will be held Sunday afternoon, under the direction of the Masonic order of which he was a member.

Date of death: 3 Oct 1905

Subject: Edward C. Booth

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Oct 1905, p. 6

F. M. Kelley went to Maryville today to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, William [sic] Booth, who was injured in the collapse of Ringling Brothers' circus tent, and who died today.

Date of death:

Subject: Austin Bosight or Boright

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 25 May 1908, p. 3

Taken suddenly ill last Friday while waiting for a train at union station, Austin Bosight, a laborer, died in a local hospital yesterday [sic] morning, where he had been removed.

Little or nothing is known by the authorities concerning Bosight's relatives, if he has any. When taken to the hospital he told his name, but that was all that could be learned of him. It is thought he had been working on a farm near Agency, Mo. The body is in Sidenfaden's morgue.

Date of death: 14 Aug 1902

Subject: William Botts*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 14 Aug 1902, p. 5

Wm. Botts (colored) died at the family residence 1828, rear, Mulberry st., at ... o'clock Thursday morning; aged ... Funeral at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from Francis Street Baptist Church. He will be buried at Ashland cemetery.

same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Apr 1907, p. 5

Judge ... of the probate court has been asked to take cognizance of an alleged lost will in the case of the estate of William Botts (colored), deceased. Botts, who was supposed to have been nearly 100 years old at the time of his death, left a house and ... in North St. Joseph to his widow Rachel Botts, who, it is alleged, willed it to the Tabernacle Church, wherein a colored congregation worships. Before her death, however, the widow sold the property to W. B. Polk. The widow's will is missing, and the purpose of the present proceeding in the probate court is to clear the title to the property.

Date of death: 22 Sep 1923

Subject: Henry Bouck

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Sep 1923, p. 6

Henry Bouck, 88 years old, a retired carpenter, died at 7:45 oclock Saturday morning at a local hospital. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. E. M. Scott of Rutland, Vt.

Date of death: 13 Jul 1908

Subject: Joseph P. Boudeman

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 14 Jul 1908, p. 3

Becoming very hot from pitching hay in the fields on the farm of Miss Emma Maxwell, one mile north of town yesterday, J. T. [sic] Boudeman went to the house and took several big drinks of cold well water. Within a few minutes he complained of severe internal pains and laid down on the ground under a shade tree. Believing him to be seriously ill, Dr. J. T. Stamey was called but before he arrived Boudeman had lapsed into unconsciousness and died.

An examination by Dr. Stamey showed that the man had died from heat prostration, owing to overexertion in the sun. Coroner C. F. Byrd, who was called to view the body, concurred in this and said that no inquest would be held.

Boudeman was thirty-nine years old and married. He and his wife came here from Pennsylvania about four years ago.

Date of death: 6 Mar 1914

Subject: William Bowen (AKA William Bohen)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Mar 1914, p. 6

William Bohen, thirty-five years old, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a local hospital, of pneumonia. He was unmarried. The body was sent to his former home at Saxton for burial.

Date of death: 22 Sep 1910

Subject: Katherine Brach

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Sep 1910, p. 4

Katherine Brach, twenty-two months [sic] old, died at a local hospital today.

Date of death: 11 Mar 1909

Subject: Aleda (Brady) Graham

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 Mar 1909, p. 6

Clyde, March 11.—Mrs. Lida [sic] Graham, forty years of age, wife of R. W. Graham, a local hardward merchant, died at the family home here at 6 o'clock this morning. Peritonitis was the cause of death.

Mrs. Graham, who was a daughter of the late Judge John Brady, is survived by her husband and six children, and two brothers, Rev. Father James P. Brady, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Lawrence J. Brady of the grocery firm of Conroy & Brady, 1141 Frederick avenue, both of St. Joseph.

Funeral services will be held from St. Benedict's Catholic Church in this place at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The Rev. Father Brady will assist the local pastor, the Rev. Father Hildebrandt.

Date of death: Sep 1891

Subject: Scott Brady*

Source: *The Belleville [KS] Telescope*, 18 Sep 1891, p. 2

Deputy Sheriff Joseph Elder, while intoxicated, fatally shot Scott Brady, a negro, at St. Joseph, Mo.

Date of death: 10 Jun 1903

Subject: William Brady

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 10 Jun 1903, p. 9

Reverend Father J. P. Brady, pastor of St. Joseph's Cathedral, received word from Conception, Mo., today that his father, Judge William Brady, died at his home in that place at 6:20 o'clock this morning.

Judge Brady was one of Nodaway County's best known and most respected citizens, and was one of the founders of the Catholic colony at Conception, which has thrived beyond expectations.

He was born in County Meath, Ireland, January 1, 1817, and came to America in 1847. After a short stay in New York City he took a position as bookkeeper and paymaster for Owen O'Reilly, an extensive railroad contractor of Reading, Pa., who built the Lebanon Valley road.

When that work was completed, in 1859, Mr. Brady, in company with the late Very Rev. J. D. Power, who died at Christian Brothers College a few years ago, and A. Felix, started out to seek a desirable location for a colony of many families left without means of support as a result of the completion of the road. The committee made a choice of a large tract of land in Nodaway County, this state, and secured 20,000 acres from the government.

In 1858 the colonists started from Pennsylvania to take possession of their new homes in the wild, uncultivated and uninhabited west, and dedicated their work and possessions to the love of the Immaculate virgin, by calling their postoffice Conception.

The work of the colonists proved a grand success. The site chosen is one of the most prolific sites in northwest Missouri. It now enjoys the convenience of two railroads, telephone lines and is centered by the large farm and magnificent church of the Benedictine Fathers.

Mr. Brady became the general land agent for the whole purchase, holding the position, or what remained of it until his death. In the early 60's he was twice made county surveyor, and later was elected to the office of judge of the county court.

Judge Brady was the last of the original colonists and was the oldest man in the Conception parish, having been a leading spirit in the community throughout his life. He is survived by his wife and ten children, all of whom were with him during his last illness. Father Brady of St. Joseph is the second youngest of the children.

The funeral of the beloved pioneer will be from the Abbey church at Conception Friday morning.

Date of death: 20 Jan 1908

Subject: Adeline Brassfield*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Jan 1908, p. 6

Adeline Brassfield, ... years old, a negress, was burned to death in a fire at the residence of John Westfield, a negro, in the rear of 1222 North Third street early this morning. Other residents of the house, where the girl was supposed to have been visiting, disappeared before the arrival of the firemen, and the cause of the blaze could not be ascertained. The dead body of the girl was removed to Heaton's morgue. The house was burned to the ground.

When the fire companies arrived at the scene of the conflagration the building was a mass of flames. Two streams were played upon the building. Several firemen entered the house, a two room affair, and looked for occupants. There were two beds in the rooms, but no one in either. Just as one of the firemen was walking out the door he stumbled across the charred body of the

negress. Coroner C. F. Byrd was notified and after viewing the body ordered it removed to Heaton's morgue, where an inquest will probably be held this afternoon.

Suspecting that there had been foul play, Coroner Byrd this morning had George Crockett, a negro porter, arrested and sent to Central police station to be held for investigation. The negro says he knows nothing of the blaze and only went there after the fire had started. It is believed by Coroner Byrd that there was some drinking and carousing going on in the house, previous to the fire. A thorough investigation will be made at today's inquest.

Date of death: 26 Sep 1913

Subject: Clifford Bridges

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Sep 1913, p. 6

Clifford Bridges, seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges, 906 Jule street, died at 2 o'clock this morning at a local hospital.

Date of death: 6 Jun 1906

Subject: Isaac N. Brooks

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 8 Jun 1906, p. 12

Isaac N. Brooks, aged seventy-two years, a retired farmer of Avenue City, died yesterday ... at the home of Charles W. Par... avenue, where he was visiting. Death was due to an operation. His wife and six children survive him. His children are: Mrs. W. ?. Kyger, Stanberry; Mrs. ... Robinson, Marion, Kan., Mrs. W. C. ...tre and Mrs. W. B. Bristol of St. Joseph, J. H. Brooks of Rock Springs, Wyo.; and William Brooks of Braymer, Okla.

Date of death: 11 Sep 1903

Subject: Jacob Brosi

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 11 Sep 1903, p. 6

Jacob Brosi, aged fifty-eight years, died at his home, twelve miles northeast of the city at 5 o'clock this morning. The funeral will be held Sunday at 11 o'clock at Bowen cemetery. Mr. Brosi had been a resident of the city for many years and leaves six brothers and four sisters.

Date of death: 24 Aug 1903

Subject: Catharine Nancy (Broughton) Haynes

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 25 Aug 1903, p. 6

Mrs. Catherine Haynes, aged forty-nine years, wife of W. T. Haynes, living near the city, died last night at 9 o'clock from a complication of diseases. She is survived by her husband, three sons and five daughters. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

Date of death: 5 Jun 1905

Subject: Charles Brown*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Jun 1905, p. 6

Charles Brown, a negro laborer, aged 34 years, died at 4:20 o'clock p.m., June 6, at his residence 812 South Sixth street.

Date of death: 21 Feb 1903

Subject: Frank Mack Brown

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Feb 1903, p. 2

The body of Frank Mack Brown, son of George M. Brown, of the real estate firm of Brown & Brown, will arrive on the Santa Fe from Phoenix, Ariz., tomorrow evening. Funeral arrangements have not been made. They will be conducted by Missouri Camp No. 1893, Modern Woodmen of America, of which the young man was a member.

Frank Mack Brown was born in Amazonia, Mo., April 2, 1881, but had lived in St. Joseph for a number of years. His sister, Grace, died November 21, 1902, exactly three months previous to his death, which occurred last Saturday, Feb. 21. At the time of his sister's death the young man was in poor health. He was suffering from quick consumption, and it was found necessary for him to leave the deathbed of his sister and go to Phoenix, as he was rapidly growing worse. On the morning that he arrived at Phoenix he received a telegram stating that his sister was dead. The young man had many friends in this city and was unusually popular.

Date of death: 2 Nov 1902

Subject: Hannah Bell (Brown) Eppler

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 3 Nov 1902, p. 6

Hannah B. Eppler, widow, aged eighty years, died yesterday at her residence ... South Twentieth street.

Date of death: 22 May 1908

Subject: Howard Brown*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 May 1908, p. 1

With half of his brains lying fully thirty feet from his body, Howard Brown, 16 years old, a deaf and dumb negro boy, who was last night fatally injured at St. Joseph avenue and Woodson street, while stealing a ride on a street car, lived forty minutes in an unconscious condition before he expired.

Called by Dr. C. F. Byrd, county coroner, as he had been informed before he left his home that a man had been killed, an undertaker's dead wagon waited around the corner out of sight of the boy's body, for him to die. It was clearly apparent that to remove the youth from the spot was useless, as he could not live. Dr. Byrd stated that, in his opinion, the case was unparalleled. The boy's head was cut wide open and half of his brains were lying away from his body.

The youth was hanging onto Union line car No. 7, going north. He was out of sight of the conductor, as he was on the side next to the car passing in the opposite direction. Car No. 4, going south, struck the lad's head, scooping out his brains. Trainmen carried the youth to the sidewalk, placing his body on the bricks. Life seemed extinct, and Dr. Byrd was informed that a

man had been killed. Before he left home the coroner notified an undertaker to send a dead wagon for the body.

Seeing that the lad was still alive when he reached the scene of the accident Dr. Byrd tried to stop the dead wagon from coming, but it had already started. It looked impossible that the youth could live more than a few minutes, and the wagon waited nearby, out of sight. But the boy, although unconscious, seemed to fight desperately for his life, and it was forty minutes after he was moved to the sidewalk before he gasped his last breath.

The body was removed to Sidenfaden's morgue, where an inquest will be conducted over it.

M. Hogue was motorman on the northbound car and J. F. Thompson on the southbound car.

Date of death: 18 Oct 1916

Subject: John Brown

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Oct 1916, p. 6

John Brown, fifty-five years old, of Atchison, died this morning at a local hospital. He is survived by a stepson, John W. Looker of Atchison. Burial will be in the city cemetery here.

Date of death: 1 Dec 1908

Subject: Lillian Brown*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Dec 1908, p. 1

Lillian Brown, colored, forty-two years old, was found dead in a room at the rear of 507 North Second street, at 7 o'clock this morning, Coroner C. F. Byrd was summoned and the body was removed to Heaton's morgue, where an autopsy will be performed.

The dead woman, who lived alone, had been in a precarious condition from a rheumatic affection for some time. She has a daughter in Minneapolis and a brother, Louis Brown, in St. Joseph.

Date of death: 22 Jan 1908

Subject: Mary Brown

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Jan 1908, p. 6

Mary Brown, who lived at 1017 Logan street, died at 6 p.m. yesterday, in a local hospital. The body was forwarded today to Savannah for burial. She is survived by two brothers, Samuel, of this city, Henry, of Bolckow, Mo., and one sister, Margaret of Logansport, Ind.

Date of death: 3 Oct 1906

Subject: William Brown*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Oct 1906, p. 6

William Brown, a negro, was found dead in bed at his home, 211 Jule street, yesterday morning by Walter Perry. Heart failure is the verdict of Coroner Bansbach who viewed the body. Brown is known to have had previous attacks. Brown was a laborer and had been working with a gang

in some concrete work at Fifth and Messanie streets. When he failed to appear yesterday morning one of the men was sent to look for him and found him dead. He was 35 years old.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Oct 1906, p. 5

William Brown, a negro laborer was found dead in bed in his room at 211 Jule street at 7:30 o'clock this morning, by Walter Perry, another negro. Coroner Bansbach, who viewed the body, says death was due to heart failure, and he will hold no inquest.

Brown had been working with a concrete gang at Fifth and Messanie streets, and as he did not appear for work this morning, Perry was sent after him. He was third-five years old, and was subject to heart attacks. He was married, but did not live with his wife.

Date of death: 30 Dec 1906

Subject: William Brown*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 31 Dec 1906, p. 6

William Brown, a negro about eighteen years old, and an inmate of the county farm, was found dead about 8 o'clock this morning, by two white boys, Myron Evans and Oscar Rowig, in the rear of the schoolhouse on the Bell farm, two miles northeast of the city, on the Rochester road. Brown was subject to epileptic fits and it is thought that death was due to this cause, and to exposure.

Bert Purcell, who lives near the schoolhouse, notified the police of the finding of the body, and Coroner Byrd was notified. The coroner believes that Brown has been dead since yesterday morning, but was unable to determine the cause of death, and will hold an inquest tomorrow morning at Sidenfaden's undertaking rooms, where the body was taken.

Samuel C. Dysart, superintendent of the county farm, identified the body as that of Brown, who, he said, left the farm Saturday morning to visit his mother in the city. He said Brown came to town frequently and when he did not return Saturday night, the police were asked to look out for him. Brown has been a county subject about four months.

Date of death: 14 Nov 1902

Subject: infant son of N. C. Bruce*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Nov 1902, p. 6

Baby Bruce, colored, the infant son of Professor and Mrs. N. C. Bruce, died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at the family residence, 219 South Twentieth street. Interment will be made in Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 21 Dec 1905

Subject: Charles H. Brundridge

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Dec 1905, p. 4

A peculiar coincidence surrounds the death of Sarah Taylor of Nodaway Station and Charles H. Brundridge, 413 North Twelfth street, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Taylor, who is 64 years old, died of pneumonia shortly after midnight yesterday morning. Brundridge, who is a son-in-law of the dead woman, and suffering from the same malady, died at 11:10 o'clock p.m. Wednesday, hardly an hour previous.

Mrs. Taylor's husband is now lying at the point of death in the Nodaway Station home, of pneumonia. Brundridge is 34 years old and is survived by a widow, brother and one sister.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by a husband, two sons, George T. and Jonas Taylor Jr., of Andrew county, two daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Clark of Andrew county and Mrs. Sarah Brundridge of St. Joseph.

A double funeral will be conducted at Green cemetery this afternoon by the Rev. H. A. Sawyer of the Hope Presbyterian church.

Date of death: 27 Mar 1908

Subject: Robert Bruner

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Apr 1908, p. 8

Robert Bruner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bruner, near Amazonia, Mo., buried Sunday, March 29, aged 27 years. Survived by father and mother, four brothers and four sisters: Albert, Fillmore, Mo., Adolph, Godfried, John, Misses Ida and Marie at home, Mrs. Lizzie Bachman, Mrs. Emma Norris, St. Joseph, Mo., wish to extend their sincere heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy and floral gifts for our beloved son and brother.

Date of death: 23 Feb 1918

Subject: Woodrow Brushwood

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Feb 1918, p. 6

Woodrow, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brushwood, 14... 1/2 ...th street, died this morning at 9:30 o'clock at a local hospital.

Date of death: 2 Jun 1902

Subject: Reuben Bryant

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Jun 1902, p. 4

Reuben Bryant, an old and well known farmer of Buchanan county, died at 6 o'clock Monday evening at his home six miles east of the city on Sparta road. He had resided in Buchanan county since 1856. He is survived by seven daughters and one son.

The children are John Bryant, Mrs. Mary E. James, Mrs. Elizabeth Richman, Mrs. Alice Costin, Mrs. Lucy Elder, Mrs. Ellen Mallory, Mrs. Fannie Harris and Mrs. Julia Elder. Mr. Bryant was a member of King Hill Lodge A.F. and A.M., and belonged to the chapter at Holyoke.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning from the residence with interment in Rochester² cemetery.

Date of death: 31 Mar 1923

Subject: Elizabeth (Buck) Nelson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 31 Mar 1923, p. 6

Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson, seventy-nine years old, widow of James A. Nelson, died at 8 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Randall, 612 Thompson street. She had been failing in health for some time and death was due to pneumonia. Mrs. Nelson was born Feb. 5, 1844, in Ohio. She had been a resident of St. Joseph for fifteen years. Besides the daughter at whose home she died she is survived by two sons, James R. Nelson, St. Joseph, and John D. Nelson, Longdale, Okla. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Date of death: 4 Jun 1904

Subject: Henry Buckling*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Jun 1904, p. 5

Coroner Doyle yesterday held a post mortem examination over the body of Henry Buckling, a negro, who died suddenly at home, 517 North Second street, Saturday night. It was feared that the man had been poisoned, but the examination showed that the cause of death was enlargement of the heart.

Buckling came home Saturday evening and laid down on the bed, complaining that he was not feeling well. A short time later his wife heard him gasping for breath and before she could summon assistance he expired. It was at her request that Dr. Doyle made the post mortem examination.

Buckling's funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News and Press*, 6 Jun 1904, p. 9

Henry Buckling, a negro, forty years of age, who lived at 517 North Second street, died suddenly Saturday evening, and when Coroner Doyle held a post mortem examination, it was thought he had died from the effects of poison. The coroner found that a sudden enlargement of the heart had caused his death. His wife survives him.

Date of death: 16 Jul 1905

Subject: Archie Buford*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Jul 1905, p. 1

Archie Buford was drowned about 5 o'clock last evening while bathing a short distance above the bridge across One Hundred and Two river.

² Actual burial seems to have been in Sparta.

Late last night the body had not been recovered.

Buford, in company with Tow [sic] Lewis, a white boy about 17 years old, entered the water. Buford, according to the story related by young Lewis, fell backwards into the water, strangling. He was apparently stricken with cramps.

Buford's cries attracted the attention of his companion who tried to save him. The dying man, however, struggled so hard that he nearly drowned his companion also.

Lewis ran along the bank for a distance of a hundred yards or more, thinking Buford would come to the surface a short distance below. When it became evident to Lewis that his companion had been swept away by the current, he notified the neighbors.

Buford is a well known character, and was about 22 year [sic] old. He was employed as a teamster by Thomas Lewis, father of the lad in whose company he was at the time of his death, and lived on North Third street.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Jul 1905, p. 4

The body of Arch Buford, the negro youth who was drowned at One Hundred and Two river Sunday afternoon, was found yesterday evening by Roy Bradley of 1303 North Second street.

Coroner J. J. Bansbach was notified and Faris & Barber, undertakers, went after the body. An inquest will be held today.

Date of death: 23 Aug 1909

Subject: Harrison Bundy*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Aug 1909, p. 14

Harrison Bundy, a negro, aged 62, janitor of the N. G. M. Field hospital, Second and Louis, died suddenly at 7:30 yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, 2209 Charles street. He went to the house and asked his daughter to give him something to eat. While she was gone after wood he fell in the yard and died.

Coroner Byrd viewed the body and decided no inquest was necessary.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Aug 1909, p. 1

Harrison Bundy, a negro sixty-two years old, janitor of the N.G.M. field hospital, Second and Louis streets, died suddenly about 7:30 o'clock this morning at the home of his married daughter, 2209 Charles street. Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body and decided that death resulted from heart disease. No inquest will be held. According to the dead man's daughter, Bundy went to her home and asked her to get him something to eat. She left him standing in the yard, and went after some wood. When she returned she found him dying.

Date of death: 10 Jan 1905

Subject: Mary (Bundy) Hines*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Jan 1905, p. 6

Mrs. Mary Hines died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hill, 2547 Jones street at 6:30 o'clock yesterday evening.

She is the daughter of Harrison Bundi [sic], one of the oldest colored citizens of St. Joseph.

Mrs. Hines has been maid at the Schlitz Café since the opening, and is very well known, having lived here all her life.

Date of death: 22 Sep 1919

Subject: William L. (or N.) Butler

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Sep 1919, p. 7

William L. Butler, fifty years old, died at 7 o'clock this morning in a local hospital. He lived in the rear of 410 South Eighth street.

Date of death: 13 Jun 1902

Subject: Mrs. Henrietta Button

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 14 Jun 1902, p. 5

Mrs. Henrietta Button, wife of Joseph [sic] Button of Avenue City, died at 7 o'clock Friday ... home. She was sixty ... She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Strock. The funeral will be held at 9 o'clock Sunday morning with interment at High Prairie cemetery.

**C Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 7 June 1901

Subject: Sarah A. (Cabell) Brierly

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 12 Jun 1901, p. 7

Died—At her home in Whitesville, June 7th, 1901, Mrs. Sarah Cabell Brierly, widow of the late Captain James Brierly and daughter of John and Mary Cabell of Columbia, Kentucky, age 81 years, 4 months and 14 days. The deceased leaves four daughters Miss Emma Brierly, Mrs. J. Weddle, Mrs. Frank Fisher, of Whitesville, Mrs. Lewis Cox of St. Joseph, also two grand children, Mrs. Lavina [?] Peter and Master Paul Fisher.

In Memory of Our Mother

[Followed by a lengthy poem]

Date of death: 19 May 1902

Subject: Rachel Callahal

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 May 1902, p. 5

Rachel Callahal, aged 12 years, died at 6 p.m. Monday of pneumonia. Funeral services will be held from the residence of her father, Henry Callahal, 810 North Third street, at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 27 Dec 1913

Subject: James Callahan

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Dec 1913, p. 6

"Jim" Callahan, one of St. Joseph's most notorious and picturesque police characters, is dead. The end came last night at St. Joseph hospital, resulting from a complication of alcoholism, poisoning, and paralysis. He had lain unconscious ninety-six hours.

Callahan walked into Central police station early Tuesday night and told the officers he wasn't feeling well. He had been drinking and was locked up on a charge of vagrancy. He soon went to sleep in his cell, but the next morning he could not be awakened for police court. Police Judge J. T. Allee was told of the situation, and sentenced Callahan to ten days in the workhouse. Dr. J. T. Stam... was called to attend the prisoner, had him removed to the hospital and he ... Dr. E. S. Ballard, who also attended him, never had any hope for his recovery.

[Note: the rest of the lengthy article is illegible except for captions, as follows:]

Arrested When Only 18

Saved Policeman's Life

How He Saved Man's Life

Twice Was Nearly Slain

Headed "Kangaroo Court"

Date of death: 1 Nov 1906

Subject: John Henry Campbell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Nov 1906, p. 6

John H. Campbell, aged sixty-five years, died at 6 o'clock this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Murrell, 2403 North Seventh street. He was a life-long resident of Missouri, having been born in Andrew County. Until a year ago he lived in Albany, Mo. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Murrell, and seven sons, Charles B., James M., William F., John M., Francis N., Jesse R. and Homer D. Campbell.

Date of death: 12 Jan 1903

Subject: Paul J. Campbell

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 6 Jun 1903, p. 6

Cora A. Campbell has brought suit in the United States court here against the Wabash Railway Company for \$4,000 damages for the death of her husband, Paul J. Campbell, who sustained fatal injuries January 10, 1903, by being thrown from a handcar a short distance northwest of Maryville.

Campbell was a section hand. His widow alleges that the company was responsible for his death, because the car on which he was being conveyed to his work was overcrowded. There [were] twelve men on it, and while it was descending a steep grade Campbell was struck by the handle bar and knocked to the ground with such force as to produce injuries which resulted in his death three days later.

The amount sued for by the widow of the section employe being in excess of \$2,000, the case was transferred from the circuit court of Nodaway County to the federal court.

Date of death: 11 Jan 1919

Subject: Amanda (Canfield) Vanscoy

Source: *Bedford [IA] Times Republican*, 16 Jan 1919, p. 8

Amanda Canfield, daughter of Isaac and Priscilla Canfield, was born in Randolph County, W. Va., October 23, 1844, and passed to her heavenly heritage from the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Garnett, at Bedford, Iowa, January 11, 1919, aged 77 years, 2 months and 18 days.

She was married on March 23, 1865, to Caleb Vanscoy, to which union was born five children, three of whom survive her, namely, Luther W. Vanscoy, of Stanberry, Mo.; Mrs. Minnie P. Thomas, of Conception Junction, Mo.; Mrs. Arcelia M. Garnett of Bedford, Iowa. One daughter, Bertha, died in infancy, and one son, Bernard Emery Vanscoy, passed away Sept. 28, 1918. She

is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Malinda Schoonover of Houston, Texas, and by one brother, Marshall Canfield, of West Virginia. Thirteen grandchildren and other relatives and friends unite with these in mourning her passing.

The early life of the deceased was passed in West Virginia. After marriage she and her husband came to Illinois, later to Iowa, and then to Missouri. Most of her life she spent in Nodaway County of that state. Since the death of her husband, in 1906, she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Garnett, who has tenderly ministered to her in these declining years. For months she has been a patient sufferer but on Saturday night last, she seemed brighter and able to get around with more than customary freedom. Then, without suffering or struggle, she slipped away to that land of eternal day, where suffering never enters and parting nevermore shall come.

She was converted when 16 years of age in a Baptist church in West Virginia and joined the fellowship of that church. After moving to Missouri she and her husband became members of the Mazinga Valley Methodist Episcopal Church, in Nodaway County, where her membership remained at the time of her death. Mrs. Vanscoy was a faithful earnest Christian woman, a devoted mother and a truly noble character. Her life influence abides as sweet and precious fragrance. A good woman and true has gone to her reward.

The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, conducted by Rev. Levi P. Goodwin, who furnished us with the foregoing obituary. Burial was in Fairview cemetery.

Date of death: 22 Mar 1901

Subject: John Henry Caples

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 23 Mar 1901, p. 5

Tragic End to Duck Shoot

Young John Henry Caples Accidentally Kills Himself.

Shot in His Father's Sight

Accident Happens in Boat, While it is in Mid River About Two and One-Half Miles Above the Water Works.

[Most of the article is illegible]

...sixteen ... killed ... skiff ... half ...

... went to Nodaway ... Burlington train ... duck ... Nodaway... St. Joseph.

Father's Theory of Accident

... with No. ? shot ... fired a shot ... bar

No ... gam ... ther ... his ... saw ... facing ... were at it ... a seat ... in the stern ... in the ... them, with the ... the father was ...

... when ... for the ... The muzzle was pointed toward ... Caples.

The ... seat between himself and his father and drew the gun ... towards him. The father thinks that the stock of the gun fell from the seat and the ... by striking the bottom of the boat was so great as ... the gun to be discharged. The entire load entire the right breast of young Caples.

... son was shot ... his head and saw wh... For a few seconds ... looked straight into ... Then he slow ... warm life blood spurt... wound bathing ... The elder ... arm and caught ... fall forward dead.

Laying ... the bottom of the boat the stricken father ... the oars and rowed for the shore. He effected a landing in the Dillon creek bottom, near the Dillon creek school house, and then called for help. The body of the boy was allowed to remain in the boat, and Coroner Beaver of Amazonia was summoned ... Andrew ...

... widow ... banks ... The... gathered ... there ... med ... little pa... father ... only ..., and it ... the jury but ... return a verdict ...

The dead boy had ... years employed in ... ment of Swift and Company ... one of nine children, all of whom live at home. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

Date of death: 28 Aug 1912

Subject: Alonzo Carpenter

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Aug 1912, p. 3

Extreme heat of yesterday is given as the reason for two suicides which occurred, one in the morning and one at noon. The first came when Alonzo Carpenter, 57 years of age, swallowed two ounces of arsenic in the little house formerly occupied by Jack King, near the Gr... bridge, ... hour lat... coroner Byrd viewed the body and ordered ... the Heaton-Begole morgue.

At noon, Paule... Greek, 407 Doniphan avenue, ... of brooding over his troubles, procured a razor and slashed himself across the abdomen, inflicting a horrible wound. He lived but a few minutes. The body was also sent to the Heaton-Begole morgue by Coroner Byrd.

Date of death: 17 Nov 1904

Subject: Mrs. Heddie Carpenter

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Nov 1904, p. 6

Heddie Carpenter, aged 58 years, widow of George Carpenter, died at ... o'clock yesterday morning at the family residence, 5?? South Fourth street. Interment will be in the City cemetery.

Date of death: 30 Jun 1908

Subject: Burr (or Burl) Carriger*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Jul 1908, p. 4

Although seven boys have suffered injuries this year from explosives in premature celebration of the Fourth of July, the first fatality occurred yesterday when Burl Carriger, twelve-year-old son of Lincoln Carriger, colored, died of tetanus at his parent's home, 711 Albemarle street. The lad was injured in the hand by the explosion of a toy pistol June 21. One week later the dreaded lockjaw, as tetanus is commonly called, developed and the death yesterday was attended by great suffering. Dr. J. R. Crossland and Dr. T. E. Potter attended the lad, but the case was a hopeless one as soon as the tetanus developed. The boy's father is steward at the Columbus Club.

Date of death: 30 Dec 1906

Subject: Elizabeth V. (Carroll) Howell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 31 Dec 1906, p. 6

Mrs. Elizabeth Howell, aged seventy-seven years, widow of John D. [sic] Howell, who conducted a general store at Eighth and Olive streets many years ago, died early yesterday morning, at the home of her sister, Mrs. V. M. Blankenship, Thirty-third street and Mitchell avenue. The body was forwarded at 10 o'clock this morning to Savannah, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 10 Jun 1912

Subject: J. C. Carroll

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Jun 1912, p. 4

J. C. Carroll, a laborer, was killed yesterday morning by a passenger train on the Rock Island, a short distance south of Rushville. By order of Dr. C. E. Byrd, coroner, the body was sent to the Heaton-BeGole morgue.

Date of death: 30 Jun 1910

Subject: John Carroway*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Jul 1910, p. 3

An inquest was held by Coroner Byrd yesterday afternoon at Heaton's morgue on the body of John Carroway, a negro who was run over and killed by a Chicago Great Western freight train last week. The jury brought in a verdict that Carroway met his death by being run over by the Chicago Great Western engine.

Date of death: 2 Jun 1912

Subject: Eugene Earl Carter (or G. G. Carter)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Jun 1912, p. 5

G. G. [sic] Carter, forty years old, died Sunday morning at 2 o'clock at a local hospital. He had boarded for three months at the Windsor Hotel, Eighth and Olive streets. His mother and a sister, Mrs. Bird Hitchcock, who live at Houston, Texas, have been notified.

Date of death: 12 Nov 1908

Subject: Mrs. Lucy Carther*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Nov 1908, p. 6

Mrs. Lucy Carther, colored, aged sixty-four years, widow of A. Carther, died at noon Thursday at her home, 1723 Messanie street.

Date of death: 5 Oct 1913

Subject: Beulah M. Casebolt

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Oct 1913, p. 6

Beulah M. Casebolt, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Casebolt, died at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of her parents, 1214 Tenth street.

Date of death: 29 Nov 1923

Subject: Roy Casteel

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Nov 1923, p. 9

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Casteel died yesterday morning at the family home, 504 Dewey avenue.

Date of death: 15 Feb 1904

Subject: Moses Cessney*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Feb 1904, p. 10

Moses Cesny, a negro Baptist minister and the oldest man in Missouri, died yesterday at the county farm.

He was 103 years, 1 months and 6 days old, and had lived in the state for eighty-one years.

Death was due to old age, the old man having been very weak for the past few months.

Cesny's birthplace is given as near Morse Cave, Kentucky. As a slave he was brought to Missouri by his mother who was sold and brought west in 182?, when the earliest white settlers were making their homes in what was then a wilderness. Since that time he had not been out of the state.

Since the war the old man had lived in St. Joseph. A few years ago he became too feeble to earn a living and went to the poor farm.

Date of death: 2 Jul 1906

Subject: L. Henry "Hank" Churchill

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 03 Jul 1906, p. 6

Hopkins, Mo., July 3.—Hank C. [sic] Churchill, who was stricken with paralysis last Sunday at his home in this city, died early yesterday morning and will be buried today in the Hopkins cemetery.

Date of death: 18 Feb 1890

Subject: Alice Clark

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 19 Feb 1890, p. 3

Allie, the nineteen-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clark, died yesterday of whooping cough. The funeral will take place from the family residence, 120 Michel street, at 2 P.M. to-day.

Date of death: 22 Oct 1902

Subject: Mrs. Bell Clark

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 24 Oct 1902, p. 6

Mrs. Bell Clark, a widow, aged fifty-five years, died Wednesday at her home, 2325 South Second street. She was buried today at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 28 Sep 1904

Subject: infant daughter of T. Clark*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Sep 1904, p. 8

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Clark, colored, of Division street, died yesterday.

Date of death: 4 Jun 1919

Subject: Mrs. Nina Clark

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Jun 1919, p. 2

Mrs. Nina Clark, a white woman, was found dead in bed at 11 o'clock this forenoon, at 503 North Second street. The discovery was made by Sadie Reynolds, a negro woman, at whose home the white woman died and who occupied the bed with her.

Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, viewed the body and said that death had ensued some time during the night. He sent the body to H. O. Sidenfaden's.

According to the negro woman, Mrs. Clark appeared at her home last night and said she was ill. She says she slept until 11 o'clock, when she awoke and found that the Clark woman was dead.

The police and undertakers have been unable to learn where the dead woman had been living. She is said to have been a drug addict and was about twenty-eight years ago [sic]. Her husband, Edward Clark, was sent to the federal prison at Leavenworth three months ago to serve a three-year sentence for trafficking in habit-forming drugs.

Date of death: 30 Mar 1909

Subject: Lacy Clay*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Apr 1909, p. 7

Lacy Clay, a negro, died Tuesday at the home of relatives, 931 North Seventh street. He had been recently appointed to a government position at Junction City, Kas., and was preparing to

assume his duties when blood poisoning set in and caused his death. The body was taken yesterday to White Cloud, Kas., for burial.

Date of death: 14 Jun 1915

Subject: Henry "Harry" Clayton

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 15 Jun 1915, p. 6

Harry Clayton, eighty-two years old, a former resident of Omaha, who had been living in St. Joseph for ten years, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a local hospital, after a prolonged illness. Clayton was employed in a saloon at Second and Felix streets. So far as is known he had no relatives.

Date of death: 23 Sep 1908

Subject: Samuel Clemens

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Sep 1908, p. 1

Samuel Clemens, a teamster in the employ of Young Brothers, who operate a stone crusher north of the city was found dead in Isadora street just east of Thirteenth at 2:25 o'clock this afternoon.

Clemens' lifeless body was discovered by another teamster for Young Brothers, [*rest of article illegible*].

same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 Sep 1908, p. 1

It develops that the neck of Samuel Clemens, whose dead body was found in the street near Thirteenth and Isadore streets yesterday afternoon was broken.

Coroner Byrd will conduct an inquest tomorrow.

Same, p. 10

Samuel Clemens died September 23 aged fifty-nine years. The funeral will leave the late residence, one mile northwest of the city, tomorrow afternoon, September 25, at 1:30 o'clock for the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church where services will be held at 2 p.m. Interment at Green Cemetery.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Sep 1908, p. 6

Coroner Byrd will hold an inquest at ... o'clock this afternoon at Heaton's morgue, over the body of Samuel Clemens, who was found near Thirteenth and Isadore streets Tuesday afternoon with his neck broken, supposedly from falling out of a wagon.

Date of death: 25/28 Apr 1889

Subject: John Cline or Nettie Cline

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 29 Apr 1889, p. 4

A little four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Cline living on Fifteenth and Boyd streets, died early Saturday morning and was interred at the city cemetery yesterday afternoon.

These deaths [*more deaths in article*] were all the result of measles.

Date of death: 5 Apr 1906

Subject: Samuel C. Cline

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Apr 1906, p. 5

Savannah, Mo., April 10.—The funeral of Samuel C. Cline, who died in Albuquerque, N.M., of consumption on Thursday, was conducted from the M. E. Church yesterday afternoon at ... o'clock. The body was laid to rest in Savannah Cemetery. Mr. Cline lived in Savannah about twenty-seven years and was forty-five years old.

Date of death: [21] Jun 1902

Subject: Mrs. Elizabeth Coats*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Jun 1902, p. 1

William Coats, a negro, Friday morning made the confession to Chief of Police Frans that he killed his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Coats, whose body was found in her home near Lake Contrary last Wednesday evening. Friday afternoon young Coats denies his confession of the morning and said he did not kill his mother.

The police, however, are satisfied that the confession made by Coats is correct. They are lead [sic] to believe that James Coats, the boy's father and divorced husband of the dead woman, was not implicated in the murder, as the young man states in his confession.

Young Coats said that his father told him to kill his mother or that he would beat him to death. The confession made by young Coats follows:

["]On Saturday night, June 21, I went to my mother's house. It was about 10:30 o'clock and she was still up. We talked about half an hour when I stood up, as if to go. I struck her in the face with my fist and knocked her over on the bed. Then I choked her with my hands until I thought life was extinct. Then I put her in bed and covered her up. I went out doors and in about ten minutes I looked in at the window to see if she was dead. She was still in bed and I thought she was dead and went away.

"Next day, which was Sunday, I went to Lake Contrary and saw my father. He asked me if I had killed my mother and I told him I had. He then said for me to keep my mouth shut and not tell anyone.

"I killed her because I was afraid my father would beat me to death. He has whipped me several times, and I am not of age and must obey him. He made me swear against my mother in the divorce case against him."

The old man denied having anything to do with the murder and says he bore no ill feeling against his former wife.

The confession was obtained from Coats first by Mrs. Lizzie Smith, wife of Homer Smith who was recently sent to the penitentiary. She visited the Coats' Friday morning and to her he first told the story of the murder, afterward dictating it to Chief Frans who wrote it down.

Friday afternoon Henry Ettenson visited the station and talked with the negro regarding the murder. To Mr. Ettenson the negro told the store again, but when Mr. Ettenson said that he would be hung for it, the negro said he was under age and they could not hang him. Mr. Ettenson told him that made no difference, whereupon Coats denied having murdered his mother and still maintains that.

When asked by Chief Frans why he made the statement that he killed her, Coats said that Mrs. Smith told him to do it and that by so doing he would get out of it. Mrs. Smith was called in and denied having told Coats any such thing.

Mrs. Smith stated that Mrs. Coats had told her several times that she was afraid she would be killed by her husband and son.

Mrs. Coats applied for and secured a divorce in Division No. 2 of the circuit court in May, 1898. She did not inform her husband that she had begun proceedings and for several days after the decree stated these facts to the court and the decree was set aside. The testimony showed that he had treated her cruelly and frequently beat her.

In August, 1900, she again applied for divorce, but later dismissed the suit.

On April 10, 1901, she applied for divorce and on November 13, 1901, the suit was dismissed.

In February, 1902, she applied for divorce again and on February 13 the decree was granted on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

Date of death: 16 Sep 1903

Subject: John Cole

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 17 Sep 1903, p. 6

John, aged three years, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Cole, died at 12 o'clock yesterday at the family home, Twenty-second and Pear streets, South Park. The body was taken to Rosendale for burial today.

Date of death: 15 Feb 1905

Subject: Mrs. Nancy Cole*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Feb 1905, p. 1

"My God, Must I Die Alone," Is Woman's Cry

Aged Negress Waits on Sick Husband All Night and Falls to Floor Dead.

[*much of two paragraphs illegible*] ... in this room ... Mrs. Nancy Cole, an ... Negress, ... room of her ... o'clock ... Joseph ...

... his room shortly before ... the family lsleeping ... heard her ... for breath...

... be suffering appar... of heart trouble

... summons ... were futile.

Coroner Bansbach was immediately ... the Cole home.

After viewing the body he decided that an inquest was unnecessary and issued a death certificate, the case of death being given as heart trouble.

Mrs. Cole, familiarly known to the residents of that section of the city as Aunt Nancy, was 71 years old. Formerly a slave in Kentucky, she came north and ... Buchanan county shortly after the Civil war.

For the last fifteen years she has been a resident of St. Joseph, and has assisted with the support of the family by plying her vocation as a wash woman.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Date of death: 23 Aug 1903

Subject: infant son of John Coleman

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 24 Aug 1903, p. 6

The one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman died last night at 9:30 o'clock at the Coleman home, five miles northeast of this city. Funeral this afternoon at Fairview cemetery.

Date of death: 24 Apr 1909

Subject: Mabel Coleman*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Apr 1909, p. 6

Mabel Coleman died in Kansas City Saturday morning, the body arriving in St. Joseph at 6:15 o'clock last night and being removed to the undertaking parlors of L. F. Ramsey, Ninth and Olive streets. The funeral will be held at the Francis Street Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock this (Monday) afternoon. Burial in the City cemetery.

Date of death: 9 Oct 1908

Subject: Minnie M. (Collett) Lyle

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Oct 1908, p. 1

Summoned to his home at Amazonia by a telegram which told him of the death of his only sister, J. B. Collett, a Rock Island employe at Horton, Kas., was forced to stop over in St. Joseph for several hours last night and to drown his grief partook liberally of Second street whisky and also purchased two bottles with which to assure his sorrow on the train.

At the Francis street depot, where he awaited his train, Collett resented questions as to why tears were streaming from his eyes and indulged in sulphurous language, which was checked by the appearance of Patrolman Roderick, who arrested him on a charge of disturbing the peace. Collett spent the night in a cell wailing over his sister's death and his enforced delay in attending the funeral.

Date of death: 14 Sep 1903

Subject: Newton J. Collett

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 15 Sep 1903, p. 8

N. J. Collett, a laborer, aged fifty-one years, died at 1:45 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital. The body was taken to Amazonia, the former home, for burial.

Dates of death: 4 & 12 Dec 1918

Subjects: Edgar Colley, Mrs. Mattie Colley, Ertle Colley

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Dec 1918, p. 6

Eartle [sic] Colley, four years old, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Colley, lie side by side in coffins in the chapel at Meierhoffer's, all victims of influenza. The mother and son died several days ago, and the father died at 1 o'clock this afternoon, in a local hospital. The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the chapel, and the three bodies will be laid side by side in the cemetery. The dead man's father had been called here by his son to be at the funeral of his daughter-in-law, and he will be the chief mourner. The home is at Success, Okla. Colley was an employe at the Burlington shops. Mrs. Colley's mother, Mrs. Ida Hazelwood, lives at Horton, Kan.

Date of death: 12 Oct 1902

Subject: Charles Collins*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 12 Oct 1902, p. 6

Charles Collins, colored, age thirty-five years, died Sunday morning at his home, 211 Jule street.

Date of death: 20 Nov 1908

Subject: Howard S. Collins*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 Nov 1908, p. 1

For no apparent reason beyond pique at having lost several games of cards and an evident desire to pull off a grandstand play before a number of companions, Howard S. Collins, a negro laborer, 25 years old, shot himself through the heart in Marcham's saloon, Seventeenth and Olive streets, about 9:15 o'clock last night, with a revolver which he had borrowed from the bartender a few second before.

Death was instantaneous.

Collins, whose home was at 718 South Twenty-first street, had been in the saloon but a few minutes and was laughing and joking with a number of other negroes. He ordered a drink of whisky which was set on the bar before him.

'Let me see that gun you have,' he said to Ernest Marcham, the bartender and one of the proprietors of the saloon. Collins said it in a joking tone and after refusing him once Marcham took the gun from the sideboard and handed it to him.

Without a word Collins leaped back toward the door, pointed the revolver to his breast and fired. He sank to the floor without a sound and lay there with wide open eyes staring at the ceiling, a little trickle of blood from the wound in his breast showing that the bullet had gone true. Those in the saloon summoned Dr. J. J. Wisser. Who said that Collins was dead before he struck the floor. It was said by those in the saloon that Collins had been in a card game on Seventeenth street a short while before and seemed angry over losing, and that he had been in the habit of boasting that he would make people sit up and take notice some day.

Coroner C. F. Byrd ordered the body taken to Sidenfaden's morgue, but relatives, it is said, desired the Ramsey undertaking company, a negro firm, to have it. After a spirited argument the body was taken to Sidenfaden's place. Ramsey said that he would replevin the body today.

Date of death: 5 Mar 1906

Subject: Blanch Colyer*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Mar 1906, p. 6

Blanch Colyer, the negro girl of Elwood who was burned yesterday morning by an explosion of a gasoline stove, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was the foster child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belcher.

Dr. Ricketts of St. Joseph attended the girl. The body will be forwarded to Atchison, Kas., for burial.

Date of death: 11 Apr 1907

Subject: Charles Jackson Combest

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 Apr 1907, p. 8

Charles J. Combest, aged 47 years, died at ... o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital. ... liver trouble. Combest ... to the ... Okla. He for... Mo., and ... day.

Date of death: 4 Jul 1907

Subject: Charles Combs*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Jul 1907, p. 4

Charles Combs, a negro one hundred and seven years of age, and for sixty years a resident of St. Joseph, died yesterday at the family home, 1603 North Second street. He was born in 1800 at Winchester, Va. For a time he was a slave in the family of Dr. John S. Logan's father. Later he belonged to the Combs family from whom he took his name. He is survived by a widow, a niece, Margaret Combs, and a stepdaughter who is in Texas.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Jul 1907, p. 8

Mr. Charley Combs, aged 107 years, died of senile decay at his home, 1603 N. 2ns St. at 5 o'clock a.m., Thursday. He is survived by his wife, Martha, a niece, Mrs. Margirrett [sic] Catlett, and an adopted daughter, Enna Combs. Funeral service from A.M.E. church, 3d and Antoine Sts., Sunday, July 7, at 2 p.m. Burial at Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 5 Jul 1906

Subject: Reuben Oliver Conklin

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Jul 1906, p. 6

Reuben Oliver Conklin, aged fifty-two years, a carpenter, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, 513 Mitchell avenue. Death resulted from inflammation of the lungs, caused by a fall sustained several months ago. He is survived by his wife. The body was forwarded to Maryville, Mo., this morning.

Date of death: 16 May 1918

Subject: Santos Contraros

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 May 1918, p. 16

[Note: there was an obituary for Santos Contraros in this newspaper, but most of it is illegible on-line, the only words legible being:]

Santos Contraros ... died this morning

Date of death: 7 Dec 1906

Subject: Bartlett Livingston Cook

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Dec 1906, p. 11

Guilford, Mo., Dec. 10.—Bartlett Cook, a veteran of two wars and one of the pioneers of Nodaway County died in Humansville, Mo., December 7, and was buried at Guilford, Mo., December 9. Cook was born in Ashe County, N. C., January 13, 1828. He was a descendant of a Pennsylvania German farmer. In ... he removed with his parents to Missouri, settling in Buchanan County. He was educated in the public schools and taught many years in the schools of this state. In 1816 he enlisted and served in the Mexican War. He was at the battle of Sacramento and many other hotly contested battles. He marched into Chihuahua soon, [and] soon after the battle returned to Leavenworth, where he received an honorary discharge. After a time in the quartermaster's department, he resumed farming and in 1849 he was married to Mary Graves, daughter of Anthony Graves. He removed to Nodaway County, settling near Guilford, in

1850, where he continued to reside until 1902, when he sold his farm and removed to a farm near Humansville in the southern part of Missouri. In ... Mr. Cook enlisted in company K, Forty-third Missouri Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Harding. He was at the battle of Lexington, and his company guarded prisoners at St. Joseph. After the surrender of Lexington he went to Benton Barracks and later to St. Louis, where he was mustered out and received an honorable discharge. Mr. Cook and his wife were blessed with nine children, three of whom are dead. Mrs. Cook died in 1899 and later Mr. Cook married Mrs. Eliza McKee, who survives him. Mr. Cook is survived by four brothers and one sister, John B. of DeKalb, Mo.; T. F. of Effingham, Kan.; Rev. R. S. of Leavenworth, Kan.; J. M., of Harrisonville, Mo., and Mrs. Martha Sampson of Huron, Kan. Mr. Cook was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. In politics he was a Democrat.

Date of death: 28 Feb 1907

Subject: Herbert L. Cook

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Mar 1907, p. 3

Guilford, Mo., March 5.—The funeral of Herbert L. Cook, son of Henry Cook, six miles north of Guilford, took place here yesterday. The deceased was one of the victims of the Santa Fe wreck which occurred near Earlsboro, Okla., last Friday, caused by the bursting of a boiler. Miss Edith Cook, sister of the deceased, and brother, W. R. Cook, Miss Kelley and Conductor Ashcroft and Brakeman Dyce of the Santa Fe system, all of Shawnee, Okla., accompanied the remains to Guilford. The sermon was preached by Rev. Marion Moore of the M. E. Church, South, and the interment took place at the Guilford Cemetery. The deceased lacked five days of being thirty years old.

Date of death: 19 Mar 1912

Subject: Jacob Elliot Cook

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Mar 1912, p. 5

Jacob E. Cook, sixty-five years old, died at 9 o'clock last night at his home, Bartlett and Jackson streets, following a stroke of apoplexy. He is survived by his wife, three sons, William, Jesse and Ben, and by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Burgess.

Date of death: ca. 1890

Subject: Joe Coombs*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Jun 1908, p. 6

An erroneous account in an afternoon paper recently concerning the drowning of Joe Coombs, a negro, who was sucked in a sewer at Eighth and Felix streets, during heavy rain storms eighteen years ago, has caused many citizens who remember the incident, to criticize the article.

The account given stated that the negro's body was found in the river near Kansas City.

"The body was found in the sewer about fifteen feet from where it entered, a few months after the accident, by a gang of cleaners," said Charles Rankin, who witnessed the drowning, and who attempted to save the negro. "He did not go through to the river at all."

Date of death: 14 Aug 1914

Subject: Charles Copfer

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Aug 1914, p. 6

Charles Copfer, a section hand in the employ of the Burlington railroad, was hit by No. 23, a fast passenger train of the Burlington, two miles north of Weston, Mo., Thursday night, and died at a local hospital, where he had been brought by the train crews early yesterday morning. Both legs had been severed. He was about 25 years old and dark complexioned. The body is held at Fleeman's undertaking establishment until some of his relatives can be located. If they desire an inquest will be held as to the cause of his death. It is presumed that he had been sleeping on the track when the train hit him, as the extra gang he was working with is camping a few yards from the spot where he was picked up.

Date of death: 9 Feb 1904

Subject: Sam Corbin*

Source: *St. Joseph News and Press*, 9 Feb 1904, p. 6

Tom Phillips, colored, is said to have ... several shocks ... this morning when upon waking in the servant quarters of the Metropole, discovered that his roommate, Sam Corbin, had died ...

... called. He ex... that death had ... about midnight as the result of asthma, from which the deceased had been ...

The only relative of the deceased in the city is a brother, Caesar Corbin, an employe of the Goodwin hotel.

The body was taken to Heaton's undertaking rooms. No arrangements for the funeral have been made as yet.

Coroner Doyle is investigating the case this afternoon. He is of the opinion that no inquest will be necessary.

Date of death: 19 Aug 1909

Subject: Ellen Corby*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Aug 1909, p. 6

Ellen Corby, a negress, aged 100 years, died at 8:30 o'clock last night at her home, 1422 North Eighteenth street. The body was removed to the H. O. Sidenfaden undertaking rooms. The funeral will be Sunday from the Halsey chapel, Eighteenth and Highly streets.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Aug 1909, p. 4

Ellen Corby, a negress believed to be one hundred years old, died at 8:30 o'clock last night at the home of Henry Willis, 1422 North Eighteenth street.

"Aunt Ellen," as she was known, was a relic of slave days and was owned and brought to St. Joseph by the late Mrs. Sidney Harris, mother of Mrs. Zelda Forsee. She was later owned by Mrs. John Corby, with whom she lived for a number of years after the Civil War. According to several of the older negro residents, "Aunt Ellen" was the oldest colored woman in St. Joseph. She was a member of the Catholic church.

Date of death: 13 Mar 1905

Subject: Henry Corken

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Mar 1905, p. 10

One of Nodaway's oldest citizens died at the home of his daughter in Burlington Junction Monday, and was buried yesterday. The deceased was Henry Corken, and his age was eighty-five years. His death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Corken had lived in or near Burlington Junction since 1864 and was well known throughout the county. The funeral was held from the Burlington Junction Methodist Church.

Date of death: 9 Dec 1906

Subject: Eli Cornelison

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Sep 1906, p. 1

Rosendale, Mo., Sept. 10.—While enroute to Barnard yesterday in company with some ten or twelve passengers, on a handcar, Eli Cornelison, a carpenter and well-to-do citizen of this place, fell from the car and when picked up was lifeless. Cornelison made no attempt to keep from falling, but apparently let go and fell backwards.

The accident happened about one mile north of town. The body was placed on the handcar and brought back here and upon examination Doctor Ward pronounced the cause of death an apoplectic strike. If his two daughters arrive here in time he will be buried this afternoon. The dead man was fifty years old. It is the general opinion here that the deceased became overheated while working the handcar and met death by the fall, but this is disproved by the fact that there were scarcely no wounds or bruises about him.

Date of death: 20 Jul 1906

Subject: Bernit Clyde Cottrill

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Jul 1906, p. 1

Savannah, Mo., July 20.—A dispatch received here this morning states that Clyde Cottrill, the twenty-two-year-old son of ex-President L. C. Cottrill of the National Bank was killed in New York City. The dispatch failed to give any further particulars than that the young man was run over by a New York Central express.

Clyde Cottrill left Savannah for the East about two weeks ago. He later notified his parents here that he had secured employment with the New York Central lines. This is all that had been heard till the news of his death followed today.

The blow has nearly prostrated Mrs. Cottrill and the two sisters of the dead youth. Mr. Cottrill left a few days ago on a business trip to Texas. Word of the tragedy was telegraphed to him at once.

Clyde Cottrill was a brilliant student, having graduated with honors from the law department of the State University. The body will be shipped here for burial.

Date of death: 30 Dec 1902

Subject: Jemima F. (Courtney) Eppler

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Jan 1903, p. 8

George Eppler, a South St. Joseph lawyer, has returned from Union Star, where he attended the funeral of his mother, which was held on New Year's day. Mrs. Eppler was 51 years old. She had resided near St. Joseph all her life, and was descended from one of the oldest families in this part of Missouri. Her father was Alfred Courtney, one of the pioneers of the Platte purchase. Mrs. Eppler died a week ago of congestion of the brain. The interment was in Flag Springs cemetery.

Date of death: 19 Dec 1906

Subject: Ernest Craig*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Dec 1906, p. 6

Ernest Craig, a negro porter in the employ of the Burlington, running between St. Joseph and Chicago, died of heart failure at 10 o'clock last night, at his boarding house, 511 Mitchell avenue. Dr. J. H. Sampson was summoned when the porter became unconscious, but Craig was dead when he arrived. Coroner Byrd was notified and the body was removed to Heaton's morgue. No inquest will be held.

Craig had been taking pills which he had purchased in Chicago. They were evidently intended as a heart stimulant, the doctors say.

Date of death: 22 Apr 1919

Subject: John Cramer

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Apr 1919, p. 4

John Chamer [headline says Cramer], 58 years old, who lived alone in a hut on the bank of the Missouri river a quarter of a mile north of the waterworks, was found dead in the hut at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. He suffered a severe attack of influenza last winter, from which he never fully recovered. For many years he was employed at the waterworks pumping station.

The body was found by workmen employed at the waterworks, and death evidently occurred during the night. The body was on a bed of straw. There is no floor in the hut and the walls are bare.

The body was taken to the H. O. Sidenfaden rooms. A brother lives in St. Louis.

Date of death: 19 Jun 1903

Subject: Noah Cramer

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 22 Jun 1903, p. 10

Maryville, Mo., June 22.—Noah Cramer, a citizen of Elmo, Mo. for nearly thirty-one years, dropped dead Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock of what is supposed to have been apoplexy, as he had suffered from apoplectic symptoms on several former occasions.

Deceased was seventy-seven years old, and leaves a widow, seventy-five years old, two sons, two daughters and other relatives. Alonzo Cramer and Joseph Cramer are his sons, and Mrs. Jack Baumgardner and Mrs. Mollie Wilson his daughters.

When found in his field he lay doubled up in a heap behind the corn cultivator he had been using, with the lines still in his hands and the team of horses standing still as though waiting his command to go ahead.

Date of death: 8 Mar 1909

Subject: John Cravens

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 9 Mar 1909, p. 4

John Cravens, sixteen years old, died at 6:15 o'clock Monday evening at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cravens, 521 South Twenty-first street, of meningitis. A brother also survives him.

Date of death: 10 May 1905

Subject: Mary Francis (Cravens) Woods

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 May 1905, p. 6

Mary F. Woods, aged 51 years, wife of P. H. Woods, five miles north of St. Joseph, died yesterday at a local hospital.

Date of death: 6 Sep 1909

Subject: Floyd Crawford*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Sep 1909, p. 1

Floyd Crawford, colored, of Kansas City, Kan., about thirty years old, was caught between a northbound and a southbound trolley car on King Hill avenue, near the Phoenix brick yards, about 7:30 o'clock last night, and was so badly injured that he died fifteen minutes later. After the man had been hurt he was placed on the car and brought to Fifth and Edmond streets. He died on the car. The body was later removed to Heaton's morgue.

It is said that Crawford was stealing a ride on the side of southbound car No. 2. When the northbound car attempted to pass the southbound car, Crawford was caught between them. The man was frightfully cut about the head and shoulders. The entire back of the head was crushed in.

Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body this morning and announced that he would hold an inquest at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The dead negro wore one of the Swift employees' picnic badges, used by those who attended the annual picnic at the Wathena Chautauqua grounds yesterday. An empty whisky bottle was found in his pocket.

Crawford was employed at the Hammond Packing Company's plant in South St. Joseph and had been in St. Joseph only a short time. His mother arrived in St. Joseph this morning and will probably take the body to Kansas City for burial.

Date of death: 21 Dec 1903

Subject: James Criss*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 22 Dec 1903, p. 4

Coroner Doyle this morning viewed the body of James Criss, colored, who died suddenly at 9:30 yesterday morning at 201 Jule street. The man had been ill only a few days. No inquest will be held. Criss was a cook by occupation.

Date of death: 21 Jan 1904

Subject: Gertrude Cross

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Jan 1904, p. 5

Gertrude, the 19-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cross, died early yesterday morning at the family home, 1514 Grand avenue. The funeral will be this morning at 10 o'clock from the home. Interment will be in the City cemetery.

Date of death: 2 Nov 1904

Subject: George Washington Crowley

Source: *St. Joseph News & Press*, 3 Nov 1904, p. 2

Savannah, Mo., Nov. ?.—George Washington Crowley, who lived about three miles north of St. Joseph and was an old and respected citizen of Andrew County, died at his home about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning, of heart trouble. He was found dead in his bed when called for breakfast, having retired the evening before feeling comparatively well. Mr. Crowley was wealthy and lived in Andrew County a number of years. He was honored and respected by everyone. The funeral took place at the Christian Church in this city today at 1 o'clock p.m., under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, of which he was a member.

Date of death: 9 Jul 1904

Subject: Irwin Crowley*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Jul 1904, p. 2

Irvin Crowley, colored, aged 52 years, died at 7 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, 622 North Sixteenth street. The funeral will be held this afternoon from the Francis street colored Baptist church. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 8 Jun 1905

Subject: Esther (Cummins) Watson

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Jun 1905, p. 6

Mrs. Esther Watson, aged 50 years, wife of James H. Watson, died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital, following an operation. Mrs. Watson had been a resident of Rosedale [sic], Mo. for some years. The body was taken to Savannah for burial yesterday.

Date of death: 1 Apr 1907

Subject: Mrs. Margaret Cunningham

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Apr 1907, p. 8

Margaret Cunningham, 64 years old, died early yesterday morning at her home, ... after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, John Cunningham, and three daughters and two sons. Her body will be taken to Easton, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 8 Dec 1908

Subject: Eliza Belle (Curd) Gassaway*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Dec 1908, p. 10

Mrs. Eliza Gassaway, wife of Whittier Gassaway, a well known local negro, died last night at her late residence, 2404 Francis street at the age of 59 years. She is survived by her husband, four daughters and three sons. They are, Mrs. Tena Braddock, Mrs. Nettie Hayes of Kansas City, Mrs. Jane Goins of Brookfield and Miss Hattie Gassaway, Tom Gassaway of Mexico, Porter Gassaway of Kansas City and Oscar Gassaway of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 3 Feb 1918

Subject: Annie R. (Cutler) Weir

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Feb 1918, p. 6

Mrs. ... S. Weir, ...ty-nine years old, the wife Thomas Weir, died last night at a local hospital. Her ...est daughter Frances A six-year-old ... in St. Joseph's hospital ... year-old son also survives. The home is in Kirschner's addition.

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Date of death: 13 Jun 1909

Subject: Lynn (or Lem) Daggett

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Jun 1909, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., June 14.—After having lost her little daughter through sickness last week, Mrs. Daggett, a widow, was shocked today to find her 7 year old son, Lem, dead in a water tank on the farm of Frank Bell, six miles south of Maryville.

The boy had gone out into the field with a number of the hands and shortly afterward started to return to the house. The water in the tank where he was found was but six inches deep. It is believed his head hit the bottom of the tank, that he was rendered unconscious, and was afterward drowned.

Mrs. Daggett is working as a domestic on the Bell farm.

Date of death: Oct 1903

Subject: Homer B. Darrah

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 7 Oct 1903, p. 2

Savannah, Mo., Oct. 7.—The funeral of Homer Darrah will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Episcopal Church, after which the remains will be interred in the Savannah cemetery. Homer was fifteen years old and was employed at the Burlington depot.

Date of death: Jun 1904

Subject: Elizabeth (Davidson) Chandler

Source: *St. Joseph News & Press*, 27 Jun 1904, p. 6

R. P. Davidson, city plumbing inspector, has received news of the death of his sister, Mrs. Edward Chandler [sic], who lived five miles west of Rosendale, Mo. The funeral will be at Filmore [sic] tomorrow forenoon. She leaves a husband and two small children, two sisters who live in Iowa, and a brother.

Date of death: 20 May 1901

Subject: James Davis

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 22 May 1901, p. 5

James Davis, a laborer living in Richmond addition, near Florence, died of smallpox on Monday night, and was buried at midnight at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 9 Oct 1911

Subject: John Oliver Davis*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Oct 1911, p. 1

John Davis, a negro, keeper of a resort at 1313 South Eighth street, was shot and killed by another negro, John Davis [sic], yesterday afternoon.

Witnesses told the police and Coroner C. F. Byrd that the trouble arose over the price of a pair of rubber heels, one of the Davises declaring that it would cost a quarter of a dollar to have them put on, while the other contended that it would cost 40 cents.

The murdered negro was shot in the back, which does not coincide with the statements of negroes who saw the shooting, who asserted that the slain man was chasing the other Davis with a knife. A "skinning" knife was found in the back yard of the house near where Davis fell when shot. Two women and two men who were in the room when the row started carried Davis in and put him on a bed. He died within three minutes after being shot.

As the slayer turned north into Eighth street and started for the Burlington and Rock Island railway tracks, he told other negroes that he had killed Davis. The negro who was killed came to St. Joseph from Kansas City and is said to have been giving the police a good deal of trouble as a bootlegger. The negro who did the shooting is a railway section hand and is said to have come from Tennessee.

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Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Oct 1911, p. 3

John Davis, shown here, the negro who shot and killed another negro named John Davis following a dispute on South Eighth street Monday afternoon over the price of rubber heels, is believed to have left the city. The police do not think he has gone far, however. His description on the records of Patrick Ryan, superintendent of identification, shows that he is 22 or 23 years old, is 5 feet 7 1/2 inches in height, weighs about 155 pounds and has a scar on his forehead. He is a black negro.

Date of death: 30 Nov 1909

Subject: Ruth Virginia Davis

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Dec 1909, p. 8

The 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, who live at 6310 Brown street, was severely burned last Saturday by the upsetting of a bowl of hot gravy from the effects of the burns yesterday morning.

The Davis family is in straightened circumstances and the father made application at the Cherokee avenue police station yesterday afternoon for aid in providing for the burial of the child. A subscription paper was started and the liberal hearted South End people soon had a fund for the aid of the ... father and mother.

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Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Nov 1909, p. 11

Ruth Davis, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, 6210 Brown street, died Monday evening as the result of burns sustained Saturday evening. Pneumonia developed soon after the child was burned.

The mother of the little girl was preparing supper when the accident occurred. She emptied a skillet of gravy into a bowl and set it on the table. The child seeing a piece of bread on the same table, climbed on a stool and reached for it. In doing so she fell and upset the bowl of gravy. As the child fell backwards her clothing flew up and the contents of the bowl was dashed against the bare flesh. A physician was summoned but the burns were so severe that he could do little to relieve the child. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Date of death: 7 Mar 1909

Subject: W. P. Davis*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 8 Mar 1909, p. 5

W. P. Davis, a negro prisoner in the county jail, died Sunday morning after having been operated on for appendicitis at St. Joseph's Hospital. He had refused to be operated on several weeks ago when he was first stricken, but when attacked ... was performed. Davis was awaiting trial on a charge of burglary. ... mother at Hannibal.

Date of death: 1 Nov 1904

Subject: William Davis*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Nov 1904, p. 7

William Davis, a negro, aged 49 years, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at the family home, 546 North Second street. Interment will be at Warrensburg, Mo.

Date of death: 4 Dec 1906

Subject: Mrs. Nancy Davison

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Dec 1906, p. 6

Savannah, Mo., Dec. 6.-- Mrs. Anson Davis [sic] died at the home of her grandson, Joseph Boatright, Tuesday, and was buried yesterday in the Daily Cemetery, near Kodiak. Mrs. Davison was ninety-seven years old.

Date of death: 16 Apr 1905

Subject: Littlebury Hardiman Deaton

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Apr 1905, p. 3

Bolckow, Mo., April 26.—L. H. Deaton, one of the oldest settlers of Andrew County, died at his home in Bolckow, April 16, at the age of ninety years. Mr. Deaton was a highly respected citizen and had a host of friends.

Date of death: 18 Dec 1909

Subject: Isaac H. DeCoursey (or Decourcy)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Dec 1909, p. 1

I. H. Decoursey, a carpenter, was stricken with apoplexy at the Burris & Windish livery barn, 1926 Frederick avenue, at 10 o'clock this forenoon, and died while he was being carried to Mrs. Mary Ferguson's boarding house, 1928 Colhoun street, where he had been living for the last eight months.

DeCoursey was sixty-four years old and his home is in Savannah, where he has a wife and four children. He had been employed in St. Joseph by the J. C. O'Hair Construction Company, but did not go to work this morning on account of feeling badly.

DeCoursey went into the livery barn where he sat in the office and talked with the employes of the place. After he had been there about a half an hour, he suddenly rose from his chair and pitched forward. Several men were in the room when he fell and they carried him to his boarding house. Coroner C. F. Byrd was notified and views the body. He decided that the cause of death was apoplexy.

The surviving children range in age from seven to fifteen years. The body was removed to an undertaking establishment and will probably be sent to Savannah for burial.

Date of death: [17] Jan 1913

Subject: Casmir Deitz

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Jan 1913, p. 6

After lying undisturbed for several days, the body of Casmir Deitz, 47 years old, formerly a farmer living near ..., Mo., was found yesterday morning in some timber near the Platte ... the Rock Island railroad bridge northeast of Saxton. The body was found by the farmer's children, who reported it to their father. Near the body was a small vial which had contained sulphuric acid and about ten feet away were the charred remains of an overcoat [sic]. Coroner T. H. Lynch was notified and the body was sent to Rock & Clark's.

Rock, who went after the body, said the man from all appearances had been dead at least ten days. Deitz is believed to have committed suicide. He formerly owned a small farm in the neighborhood where his body was found. He sold it several years ago and went west. Returning to Missouri last spring he occupied his time with small jobs, never staying long in one place. So far as is known the only survivors are a brother and a sister living in Pennsylvania. No inquest will be held.

Date of death: 16 Oct 1909

Subject: Margaret Delay

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Oct 1909, p. 4

Miss Margaret Delay, aged forty-three years, died at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the home of Mrs. M. E. Franklin, 1808 Bartlett street. The body will be sent to Amazonia, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 26 Mar 1902

Subject: Catherine (Dersch) May

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 27 Mar 1902, p. 5

Mrs. Catherine May, aged ... years died at 10:05 o'clock Wednesday night at the family home, ... Second street, after a lingering illness of ... weeks. The deceased was the widow of Frederick May, and was well known in German circles, being a life-long member and prominent worker in the Germany Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. May was born October ... 1833, in Hesse Kassell, Germany, and came to America in 1857, reaching St. Joseph two ... later. She was married to Frederick May August 15, 1865, and for ... years lived in Brunswick, Mo., returning here after the death of her husband.

The surviving members of the family are Charles J., a member of the Gazette-Herald editorial staff, Henry A. and Miss Emma of St. Joseph, Mrs. J. W. Abel of Granite City, Ill., and John F. and William D. of Newton, Kan. All but the two last named were at the bedside when death came. The deceased is also survived by a brother, William Dersch of this city, two sisters, Mrs. Emma Vennekohl of Cosby, Mo., and Mrs. Katherine Schrage of Oklahoma, and her aged mother.

No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.

Date of death: 2 May 1904

Subject: Thomas Dickerson

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 May 1904, p. 4

The funeral of Thomas Dickerson, who died at his home in the rear of 507 North Second street, will be held this morning at 9:30 and interment will be in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 16 Jan 1921

Subject: Robert Dixon

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Jan 1921, p. 1

Robert Dixon, forty-five years old, day clerk at the Pilcher Hotel, 403 South Sixth street, committed suicide at the home of Miss Dora Crouse, 1515 Penn street, yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Dixon was spending the day at the home of Miss Crouse, to whom he is said to have been engaged to be married. He went to a room on the second floor and stuffed the openings with pieces of carpet, then opened two gas jets. After he had been in the room some time, occupants of the house detected the odor of gas and discovered Dixon dead.

The suicide was undoubtedly premeditated as Dixon had left a letter with Robert Pilcher, his employer, in which he said that he owed Miss Crouse some money and asked Pilcher to pay her \$12 due him, and that she be permitted to dispose of his personal belongings in his room at the hotel. He gave Pilcher the address of his sister, Mrs. George Phelps, 610 Ten avenue, Clinton, Iowa. Mr. Pilcher telegraphed the sister yesterday, but no reply had been received this forenoon.

Dixon is said to have been despondent for some time. He seemed to be brooding over the fact that he couldn't get ahead in the world. He had no bad habits, it is said. He had been employed at

the Pilcher's for four months, and had previously been a clerk in hotels in Omaha and Perry, Iowa.

Dr. A. R. Timerman, coroner, viewed the body and sent it to Fleeman-McNeill's. The coroner said he did not expect to hold an inquest.

Date of death: 27 Mar 1905

Subject: James M. Dougherty

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 27 Mar 1905, p. 5

Crushed and cut into fragments, and scattered for half a mile along the rails and ties, the body of James Dougherty, a laborer who was employed in the dry salt department at the Hammond packing plant, was discovered on the Rock Island track in South St. Joseph this morning. No one has been found who saw the accident, which is supposed to have occurred about 5 o'clock a.m. and the body was not found for two hours later, when pieces were picked up at the Illinois avenue crossing.

Evidently the man was struck a few yards north of Illinois avenue, where blood was found on the ties, and from there to Lake Crossing, half a mile south, pieces of clothing, bones and flesh were scattered along the track. Both legs were severed from the body, one falling near the passenger depot and the other being carried 400 yards to the street-car crossing. The body was crushed and whipped across th... until only a part of the shoulders, arm and the head remained together.

Dougherty was last seen about 1 o'clock last night, in a saloon at Illinois and Lake avenues. He was intoxicated and it is believed that he wanted to the railroad tracks, where he lay down, or fell, and went to sleep. He is supposed to have been ... by the Rock Island southbound freight train which passes the South St. Joseph station at 4:51 o'clock a.m.

... fragments of the body were ... at the South St. Joseph ... officer Weber ... Coroner Bansbach ... ordered the ... to M... morgue. ... was ... by John ... view addi... man had ... [*another paragraph illegible*]

Dead Man a Widower. [*But paragraph beneath illegible*]

Date of death: 17 Oct 1913

Subject: David Ordell Dowell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Oct 1913, p. 6

David Ordell Dowell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Dowell, died at 9:30 o'clock last night at the home of the parents, 920 South Eighth street.

Date of death: 15 Aug 1923

Subject: Marvin Dowell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Aug 1923, p. 6

Marvin Dowell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Dowell, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the family home, 709 South Fifth street. Burial was this afternoon at Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Date of death: 5 May 1904

Subject: John H. Drew

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 May 1904, p. 4

The funeral of John H. Drew, who died Thursday at 1406 South Sixth street, was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence. Interment was in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 28 Dec 1905

Subject: William Drisco*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Dec 1905, p. 10

William Drisco, a negro street sweeper in the employ of the city street cleaning department, died at 2:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at his home, 811 Pendleton street. Drisco was 50 years old and for years has been a familiar figure upon the down town streets.

Date of death: 17 Dec 1906

Subject: Bertha M. Drumm

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Dec 1906, p. 10

Bertha M. Drumm, aged three years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Drumm, of 1315 N. 13th, died at 1 a.m. this morning. Funeral at Cathedral tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. Remains will be taken to Conception, Mo., for interment.

Date of death: 11 May 1907

Subject: Mrs. Dora Dudeck

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 May 1907, p. 2

Dora Dudeck, fifty-two years old, wife of Charles Dudeck, died at 11 o'clock Saturday night at the family home, 901 Douglas street.

Date of death: 11 Feb 1908

Subject: William Dudley (or Dewdney)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Feb 1908, p. 4

William J. Dudley, eighty years old, an inmate of the county infirmary, died at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Date of death: 08 Jun 1907

Subject: Henry Duncan

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Jun 1907, p. 8

The funeral of Henry Duncan, 42 years old, who died at a St. Joseph hospital at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon was held from Heaton's undertaking parlors yesterday afternoon. Burial was

in the city cemetery. Mr. Duncan was a painter by trade. Death was due to valvular heart disease.

Date of death: 25 Feb 1910

Subject: Rosa Duncan

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Feb 1910, p. 1

Rosie Duncan, two years old, was fatally burned yesterday afternoon, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duncan, 218 East Robidoux street.

The little girl had obtained possession of a box of matches while her mother was out of the house about 4:30 o'clock, and set fire to her clothing, while striking them to see them burn. Her flesh was literally cooked and she died at 6:30 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Duncan had gone to a neighbor's to get a pail of water from a well, and when she returned she found the kitchen of her home in flames. An alarm was given and J. M. Jones, who lives next door, entered the kitchen and found the child a mass of flames. He carried her into the yard and smothered the flames by wrapping her in a blanket. Then he reentered the house and dragged out a burning carpet and extinguished the fire. The fire department was not called out.

The little girl was taken back into the house after the fire had been put out, and two physicians were summoned. Poultices were applied to the burns and everything possible was done to save her life, but to no avail. The burns had penetrated the body to the heart. Her face and other parts of her body were badly charred.

Coroner Byrd was called to the Duncan home this morning, and after viewing the body, decided that an inquest would not be necessary. The funeral will be this afternoon. The dead child's father is a driver for a coal company. There are two other children in the family, girls, three and four years old, who were playing in the yard at the time of the accident.

Date of death: [28] Apr 1903

Subject: Gladys Opal Durant

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Apr 1903, p. 3

The funeral of Gladys Opal Durant, the [13-year]-old daughter of Lafayette Durant, was held yesterday afternoon. The interment was at High Prairie cemetery.

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Date of death: 17 Jun 1902

Subject: Martha (Easley) Lewis

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Jun 1902, p. 4

Mrs. Martha Lewis, eighty-two years old, died at the home of her son, Milton Lewis, 805 Jefferson street, at 6L30 o'clock Tuesday evening. The body will be taken to Union Star at 11 o'clock this morning for burial. Mrs. Lewis was an old resident of St. Joseph. She is survived by four children—Milton Lewis, Mrs. G. M. Brinton, Mrs. Tanner and Mrs. William Brady [sic].

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Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Jun 1902, p. 4

Mrs. Martha Lewis, aged eighty-two, who resided in St. Joseph for forty years, died Thursday morning at her home, 805 Jefferson street. The body will be taken to Flagg [sic] Springs for burial.

Date of death: 13 Nov 1907

Subject: Edith Henrietta (Ebersold) Sarver

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Nov 1907, p. 6

Mrs. George W. Sarvers [sic] died at 11 o'clock today, at the family residence, 2218 South Twenty-second street. The infant son of the dead woman died yesterday evening. The body of the infant was taken to Union Star, Mo., this morning, and was being interred at the time of the mother's death.

Date of death: 11 Feb 1903

Subject: Mrs. Annie Echols*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 12 Feb 1903, p. 6

Annie Echols, wife of David K. Echols, a colored restaurant keeper on Missouri avenue, died yesterday morning in Kansas City, where she had been for several months. The first word Mr. Echols received of his wife's death was a telegram, which came yesterday afternoon from the chief of police in Kansas City. He left immediately for that city, but no word has yet been received from him. The two children of the family are staying at the home of Mr. Fleece, on Park avenue.

Date of death: 22 Feb 1907

Subject: E. Jules Eckel

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Feb 1907, p. 5

Savannah, Mo., Feb. 23—E. Jules Eckels [sic] died at his home in Amazonia yesterday. He has been a merchant in Amazonia for several years.

Date of death: 19 Mar 1884

Subject: Betty Edwards and infant child

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 20 Mar 1884, p. 4

Bettie Edwards died yesterday under circumstances which necessitated a coroner's inquest. She had been living alone in a little brick shanty on the alley in the Bishop block, where she took in sewing for a living. She had been afflicted for a long time with rheumatism, and was supposed to be a victim of the opium habit. Two weeks ago she was taken serious ill and sent for Dr. Gore, who treated her for congestion of the stomach, but finally realized her true condition and decided that she did not need medicines. On Tuesday a child was born, with no one present but two neighboring women and a young medical student. The child was stillborn, and an undertaker was sent for. In response to his rap at the door a faint voice invited him in. The woman was alone, lying on a low bed, with scanty covering about her. In answer to his inquiries she pointed to a chair where the dead child lay, and he bore it away, and afterward conveyed it to the Potter's field. Two young men sat up with the mother that night, and yesterday the women residing in the neighborhood made frequent calls. About 1 o'clock a colored girl went to the house and found that the unfortunate woman had died without attendants. A short time after the birth of the child Doctors Gore and Hoyt visited the mother, but gave her no treatment, Dr. Hoyt deciding that he could not do so as city physician for the reason that she was properly a county patient, and Dr. Gore declined to proceed further in the case as he had attended her in the first place as an act of charity, and preferred that the county physician should take charge. Dr. France, county physician, states that he was never notified. Coroner Kirschner held an inquest last night, with a jury constituted as follows: J. L. Cline, C. H. Irving, Wm. J. King, J. R. Hill, O. E. Fox and C. F. Leon. Mrs. S. J. Edgar, Mrs. S. M. Mathers and Dr. Gore were the only witnesses examined, and their testimony was substantially as related above. A Herald reporter entered the house with the jury, and a more sickening scene has seldom been witnessed. The house consists of only one room, situated at the rear of a solid row of houses on three sides, with an ally on the east. The surroundings were anything but inviting. An old carpet covered the floor, and it was so filthy that its color could not be distinguished. A broken chair and a pile of rags in one corner completed the furnishings of the apartment. The rest cannot be told in print. The spectators did not remain long in contemplation of the shocking scene. The jury rendered a verdict of death from hemorrhage. The woman was about forty years of age, and is supposed to have come from Kentucky. It is not known whether she has any relatives or not. It is apparent that she died of neglect, but the responsibility does not seem to rest upon any particular individuals.

Date of death: 16 Dec 1902

Subject: David D. Edwards*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Dec 1902, p. 6

David Edwards, colored, died at his home, No. 1418 North Thirteenth street, at noon yesterday. Edwards was 39 years old, and had been employed by the government as a mail carrier for the past ten years. He had been sick about two years. He is well known. He is survived by a widow and one child. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Dec 1902, p. 8

The funeral of David Edwards, colored, the mail carrier who died Tuesday, will be held from the A.M.E. church on North Third street at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 30 Sep 1902

Subject: George Edwards*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 01 Oct 1902, p. 6

George Edwards, a colored laborer, aged twenty-nine years, died at 11 o'clock last night at his home, 712 South Seventh street. The body was taken to Columbia, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 5 Feb 1904

Subject: James Elliott*

Source: *St. Joseph News & Press*, 6 Feb 1904, p. 6

James Elliott, colored, died at 7 o'clock last night at his home, 1603 South Tenth street of tuberculosis. He was nineteen years of age.

Date of death: 12 Oct 1902

Subject: Clark Ellis*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 13 Oct 1902, p. 6

Clark Ellis, a colored man seventy years of age, died yesterday at his home, 312 North Nineteenth street.

Date of death: 4 Sep 1909

Subject: Alexander Enoch

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Sep 1909, p. 6

After spending two weeks in St. Joseph's hospital where he was taken by the police following his arrest at the Union depot, Alexander Enoch died yesterday morning. The man was arrested for drunkenness. It later developed that he was subject to epileptic fits and he was transferred to the hospital at the orders of the city physician.

Enoch was never able to tell where his home was or where his relatives lived. He was about 35 years of age and was a large man. The body was taken to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue and will probably be buried by the city.

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Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Sep 1909, p. 8

Unaware of the fact that his brother, Alexander Enoch, was dead and buried, Humane Officer Zimendorff received a letter today from William Enoch who lives in Danville, Ky., in response to a letter which he had sent stating that Alexander was seriously ill at a local hospital, asking how his brother was getting along.

Alexander Enoch died at St. Joseph's hospital Saturday morning, and was buried in the city cemetery, yesterday. A telegram was sent to William Enoch notifying him of his brother's death.

Date of death: 28 Jul 1904

Subject: Thomas H. Ensor

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Aug 1904, p. 8

Savannah, Mo., July 31.—Thomas Ensor died at his home here July 28, aged 48 years. He leaves a wife, a daughter and son.

Date of death: 24 Mar 1905

Subject: Allen Ephraim & wife*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Mar 1905, p. 2

Suicide and Murder

St. Joseph Negro and His Wife Are the Victims

Allen Ephraim ... Sanguinary ... at Lincoln, Neb. And Both Are Dead. Bodies To Be Brought Here.

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... was twenty... of age and his wife was two years younger.

Ephraim's mother received word of the tragedy yesterday afternoon and she arranged with D. E. Heaton for the burial of the bodies which will be brought to St. Joseph.

Last September Ephraim went to Omaha and from there to Lincoln. His wife disappeared about the same time and turned up at Lincoln. They had been separated for a year, on account of domestic trouble.

Yesterday morning Ephraim went to his wife's room and burst in the door. He accused her of infidelity ... woman struggled to free herself from his grasp. Stevenson, who had been with the woman during the night, le... closet, from where, he says, he witnessed the deadly conflict. He heard a shot and both bodies fell to the floor. The man was dead and the woman expired shortly after the arrival of the police. Although Stevenson declares there was but one shot fired, both the victims were wounded in the head. The woman's jugular vein was severed and her husband was stabbed in the heart with a small pen-knife found near the bodies. The pistol was clutched in the hand of the dead man and the theory of the police is that after shooting his wife he turned the gun on himself. It is believed that the woman used the knife in the struggle and after stabbing her husband, severed her jugular vein, making a singular case of double suicide and murder.

It is not yet known when the bodies will reach St. Joseph.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 27 Mar 1905, p. 5

The bodies of Allen Ephraim and wife, the negroes who met death in a duel at Lincoln, Neb., Friday, arrived here Saturday night and were taken to the home of Ephraim's mother, 507 North Second street. The double funeral will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. J. C. Caldwell, and the bodies will be buried in one grave.

Date of death: 20 Sep 1910

Subject: Elizabeth (Ephraim) Jackson*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Sep 1910, p. 1

As a result of burns sustained yesterday morning in a gasoline explosion, Mrs. Betty Jackson, a negress, 227 East Poulin street, died at St. Joseph's Hospital at 1:50 o'clock this morning. She is survived by her husband, George Jackson, a laborer, employed by the city, and two sons.

Date of death: 15 Nov 1904

Subject: David H. Epple

Source: *St. Joseph News & Press*, 16 Nov 1904, p. 5

Relatives in St. Joseph of David H. Epple, for many years a resident of St. Joseph, Maryville and Savannah, received word this morning that he had dropped dead of heart disease, at his home in Newton, Kan., at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was seventy-two years old and had been a resident of Kansas for twenty-six years.

Pioneer residents of Andrew and Nodaway counties will remember Mr. Epple. Prior to the building of the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs railroad through Andrew and Nodaway counties, he operated a stage line and carried the mail between Savannah, Maryville and Clarinda, Iowa. He embarked in the shoe business at Savannah at the close of the war and at one time was rated as one of Andrew County's wealthiest citizens. His wife and one child survive him.

Date of death: 24 Jul 1907

Subject: Leona Eshelman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Jul 1907, p. 6

Graham, Mo., July 25.—Miss Leona Eshelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Eshelman, pioneer settlers of this community, died at her home here yesterday morning. She had long been a sufferer from consumption. She leaves a father, mother, two brothers and one sister, besides a host of friends to mourn her loss. Her brother, Walter Eshelman, is connected with the Olney Music Company in St. Joseph.

Date of death: 18 Nov 1904

Subject: Sarah (Estep or Easthope) Layton

Source: *St. Joseph News & Press*, 22 Nov 1904, p. 7

Savannah, Mo., Nov. 22.-- Mrs. Sarah Layton, an old resident of this city who has but lately moved to Fayetteville, Kan., died last Friday. Her remains were brought to this city, the funeral taking place from the Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Reverend Flower of St. Joseph officiating.

Misses Emma Layton and Ella Layton arrived in the city Saturday to attend the funeral of their mother.

Date of death: 2 Aug 1909

Subject: Stephen Estes*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Aug 1909, p. 1

Stephen Estes, the only colored man who has lived in Agency township in the last twenty-five years, was buried yesterday. He died Sunday night. The funeral was attended by many persons, for the aged negro was familiar to all who lived in the Agency neighborhood. He was 80 years old.

Stephen was born as a slave of Berry Estes, one of the pioneers of Buchanan county. After the death of Berry Estes, in 1854, Stephen was sold at auction to the highest bidder. One of the bidders was not friendly toward Stephen. The negro went to this bidder and told him that he would not work for him. Notwithstanding this, the man bid the slave in at \$1,800. The late Judge W. R. Smith, the son-in-law of Berry Estes, was the next highest bidder, \$1,750.

After the slave had been knocked down to the man he did not like, he again went to him and told him he would never work for him.

William McVey, a pioneer farmer, then went to Stephen and asked him if he would go with him (McVey) and the negro said he would. McVey secured possession by paying \$1,800 and he took Stephen.

At the outbreak of the civil war, McVey entered the Southern army. Stephen went with him and drove a ...-mule team. At the surrender of ... Shelby, in Texas, McVey and his former master [sic] were still together.

Estes returned to Agency Ford and lived on the farm of Judge Smith until thirty-six years ago. He then moved to Agency and lived there ever since, except during the time he served as cook at the hail, when the late Judge Carey was sheriff.

Stephen shared the confidence and respect of all the people of his town and the community in which he lived. He was looked upon as always honorable and upright in his dealings. He was a member of the Christian church. He was never married.

Dr. J. C. Smith was yesterday made administrator of the estate of the former slave, a house and four lots in Agency. It was Stephen's home place. The property is valued at ... 00. It will probably be sold and the proceeds used to pay the aged man's funeral expenses and to erect a tombstone at his grave.

Date of death: 1 May 1903

Subject: Irma D. Evans

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 May 1903, p. 3

Death of Miss Evans

Irma Da--- ... yesterday at ... miles northeast ... daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. ?. Evans. The funeral will be this afternoon with burial in Fairview cemetery.

Date of death: 29 May 1903

Subject: Neal D. Evans

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Jun 1903, p. 6

Neal Evans, aged 10 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Evans, of Hopkins, Mo., died at Ensworth hospital Friday night. The funeral will be today and burial at Hopkins.

Date of death: 2 Feb 1921

Subject: Robert Max Evans

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Feb 1921, p. 4

Robert Max, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Evans, 228 Clayton street, died in a local hospital this morning.

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(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 5 Aug 1907

Subject: Leland Faller

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Aug 1907, p. 6

Leland Faller, the infant son of Mrs. Eleanor Faller, died at the Sheltering Arms home at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Burial was in the city cemetery this afternoon.

Date of death: 17 Nov 1907

Subject: Richard Farmer*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Nov 1907, p. 1

Richard Farmer, a negro, eighty-four years old, died suddenly at noon yesterday at his home, 3220 North Main street. Coroner C. F. Byrd was called and after viewing the body he expressed the opinion that death resulted from heart failure. Farmer had lived in St. Joseph since 1865. He came here immediately after having been freed from slavery.

Date of death: 18 Aug 1907

Subject: Elizabeth (Farris) Schreeves*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Aug 1907, p. 6

Elizabeth Schreeves, a negress, sixty-eight years old, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at her residence, 6?? Corby street. She was a widow and had lived in St. Joseph more than fifty years. Burial was in the city cemetery this afternoon.

Date of death: 5 Jan 1921

Subject: Mrs. Christina Felthouse

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Jan 1921, p. 4

Mrs. Christine [sic] Felthouse, sixty-five years old and a widow, died at 12:15 o'clock this afternoon at Noyes hospital from the effects of a drug she swallowed at 10:30 o'clock this forenoon. She was taken from her home in the 700 block on Roosevelt avenue to the hospital in a police ambulance and the police say she told them she had taken poison. Dr. A. R. Timerman, coroner, was notified and an autopsy probably will be made.

According to neighbors, Mrs. Felthouse, who lives in a small house with her son, Frank Felthouse, took medicine this morning for a cold, and it is thought that she swallowed something poisonous. She was in the yard when she fell, and neighbors say she suffered much pain.

Date of death: 4 Mar 1905

Subject: Donald P. Ferguson

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Mar 1905, p. 3

F. M. Kelly and Lon Kelly, brothers, of South St. Joseph, left yesterday for Maryville upon receiving a telegram informing them of the death of the three months old son of their sister, Mrs. R. P. Ferguson. The funeral will be held today.

Date of death: 2 Sep 1906

Subject: Henrietta (Fetchner) Deglow

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Sep 1906, p. 6

Henrietta Diglow [sic], who died at the age of 90 at the home of her son, Herman Diglow, four miles north of St. Joseph yesterday, was a member of a German family noted for longevity. Two sisters died in Germany, the one aged 93 and the other 89. Her brother was also past the ninetieth milestone when he died last year.

Mrs. Diglow was one of the oldest settlers of Andrew county, where she lived until six months ago when she came to live with her son.

The burial will take place at Amazonia Wednesday.

Date of death: 8 Mar 1909

Subject: Asa Fiddler

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 9 Mar 1909, p. 4

Asa Fiddler, fifty-six years old, died at 10 o'clock last night, at the family residence, 315 Atchison street. He is survived by his wife and a son.

Date of death: 25 Apr 1908

Subject: Nellie C. Files

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 27 Apr 1908, p. 6

Miss Nellie Files, a teacher in the public schools at Helena, Mo., died in a local hospital at 4 p.m. Saturday, of appendicitis, on her eighteenth birthday. The body was taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Files, at Union Star, Mo., where the funeral was held this afternoon.

Date of death: 11 Sep 1889

Subject: Paul Fisher

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 13 Sep 1889, p. 7

Another odd character of this city has passed the Jordan of death and will be missed by many who knew him for his odd and peculiar manner and actions. Paul Fisher died at the city hospital yesterday [sic] after a brief illness. There is little to be said of the dead man as there is not a person living in the city unless a most recent arrival, who has not seen or known the deceased. The funeral will occur to-day.

Date of death: 1 Jan 1916

Subject: Frank Flahorek

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Jan 1916, p. 1

Following a quarrel with his wife yesterday afternoon, Frank Flahorek, 32 years old, 320 Clayton street, committed suicide by shooting the top of his head off with a shotgun. He put the muzzle of his gun in his mouth, and pulled the trigger with his toe. His wife and little daughter were in the next room when it occurred.

According to information given by relatives, Flahorek had been in ill health for several weeks, and during the holidays had been drinking a little. He had some music belonging to a relative, and when he wanted to return it yesterday afternoon, his wife insisted that he stay at home, fearing that he would get to drinking again. He flew into a rage and chased her, but she ran into another room and closed and locked the door, the little girl with her. They decided to let him alone until he had become calmer. For a little while there was no sound in his room. Then they heard the muffled report of the gun. Both rushed into the room. They found him sitting up in a rocking chair, the whole top of his head blown away. He had one shoe and stocking off, having removed them so he could pull the trigger with his toe.

Cries for help were answered by Patrolman Berggren, who called Dr. T. J. Lynch, coroner. The body was removed to the Rock undertaking establishment. Flahorek had been employed at the Hammond packing plant.

Date of death: 10 Feb 1914

Subject: Frona (Fleming) King

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Feb 1914, p. 7

Mrs. Frona King, forty-six years old, wife of W. K. King, a switchman, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning at the family home, 509 Hamburg avenue. She is survived by three sons, Victor H. King, Kansas City, and Russel and Loren King of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 20 Oct 1918

Subject: Arthur H. Flocker

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Oct 1918, p. 6

Arthur H. Flocker, thirty-three years old, a laborer, died yesterday morning in a hospital, following a short illness of pneumonia. He had been living at 737 South Sixth street and had no known relatives here.

Date of death: 14 Oct 1918

Subject: Mrs. Mary Flynn

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Oct 1918, p. 6

Mrs. Mary Flynn, sixty-one years old, widow of James Flynn, died at 6 o'clock this morning at her home, 2213 South Ninth street. Death resulted from a complication of diseases. She is survived by three sons and four daughters, James, John and Frank of St. Joseph, Mrs. C. Churchill of Osage City, Kan.; Mrs. James McCaughey, Wheaton, Kan.; Mrs. James Toohey and Miss Anna Flynn of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 21 Dec 1905

Subject: Sarah A. (Forsen) Taylor

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Dec 1905, p. 4

A peculiar coincidence surrounds the death of Sarah Taylor of Nodaway Station and Charles H. Brundridge, 413 North Twelfth street, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Taylor, who is 64 years old, died of pneumonia shortly after midnight yesterday morning. Brundridge, who is a son-in-law of the dead woman, and suffering from the same malady, died at 11:10 o'clock p.m. Wednesday, hardly an hour previous.

Mrs. Taylor's husband is now lying at the point of death in the Nodaway Station home, of pneumonia. Brundridge is 34 years old and is survived by a widow, brother and one sister.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by a husband, two sons, George T. and Jonas Taylor Jr., of Andrew county, two daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Clark of Andrew county and Mrs. Sarah Brundridge of St. Joseph.

A double funeral will be conducted at Green cemetery this afternoon by the Rev. H. A. Sawyer of the Hope Presbyterian church.

Date of death: 5 Dec 1903

Subject: George Fouth*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Dec 1903, p. 3

Stolen whisky is believed to have been responsible for the death of George Fouth, a negro who was found lifeless in his cell at the county jail about 7 o'clock last night by Deputy Sheriff William Hensley.

Fouth and J. B. Gamble, both negroes, were arrested shortly after noon Wednesday in the saloon of M. Cleason where Gamble was a porter. They were charged with robbing the saloon of D. Free, Sixth and Charles streets, the night before, and with taking a large quantity of whisky and a number of cent pieces.

Both men denied their guilt. Gamble is said to have claimed that Fouth was implicated in the robbery. Both were taken to jail and held for an investigation by the grand jury.

It is believed that a great deal of the whisky taken was drunk by Fouth. He did not appear to be under the influence of liquor, however, when locked up at Central station after being arrested by Detectives Ryan, Hensley, Beauchamp and Wilson.

The two men were given into custody of Sheriff Spencer on Thursday.

It was noticed that Fouth was apparently suffering from the effects of liquor shortly after being locked in jail. He became worse and raved in his cell.

Date of death: 24 Feb 1905

Subject: Mrs. Nettie Foutz*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 25 Feb 1905, p. 1

Peculiar circumstances surround the death of Mrs. Nettie Foutz, who died at 9 o'clock last night, ten minutes after eating a stick of horehound candy in her room at 510 North Third street.

The woman for the past three years had been employed as a cook at the county jail. Drs. Louis Bauman and J. H. Sampson were called but found the woman dead, and owing to the peculiar circumstances surrounding her death notified Coroner Bansbach.

The... immediately visited the ... to determine the cause ...

An inquest will be held over the body this morning and the stomach removed ... an end ... to ... whether death resulted from poisoning.

Coroner Bansbach last night, however. ... that death resulted ... excessive...

Mrs. Foutz, according to the story of W. M. Johnston, a ... house laborer who lives at the same place, sent her daughter, Annie Foutz, to the grocery store down the street for a package of sugar.

The girl upon her return gave her mother a stick of candy, which she had secured at the store. Mrs. Foutz immediately went up stairs to her room munching the candy on the way. Johnston was called into the room.

He insisted upon Mrs. Foutz giving him a piece of candy which she laughingly refused to do. Two or three minutes later she suffered severe pains in the stomach. Immediately she was subjected to vomiting spells. Doctors were called at once but she was dead before they arrived.

The daughter, Annie, last night said that her mother was subject to vomiting spells. About a month ago she was taken, with ... trouble, while employed at the jail. Blood flowed from her nose and mouth and a physician was summoned. She, however, ...ered ... three days, but was able to continue her work.

Hitherto she has suffered similar attacks. The woman was also subject to heart trouble which in the opinion of the coroner might have caused death, owing to the great ... upon the thorax abdominal muscles.

The dead woman, who was a negress, was 47 years old and a widow.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Feb 1905, p. 3

Death from natural causes was the verdict of the coroner's jury over the body of Mrs. Nettie Foutz, who expired suddenly soon after eating a stick of candy in her room at 510 North Third street, early Friday night.

An autopsy held yesterday morning prior to the inquest revealed the fact that death resulted from status lymphaticus or enlargement of the glands.

Sheriff Spencer called Dr. H. L. Walker, the hail physician, about 5:20 o'clock last night. They visited the cell of Fouth [sic], and Dr. Walker prescribed for him. While the prescription was being filled by a druggist the man died.

Deputy Sheriff Henley and a "trusty" were making the rounds and closing up the cell doors at the time they found Fouth. He was huddled in a corner of his cell and had apparently been dead half an hour or more when discovered.

The body of Fouth was removed to Heaton's morgue and it is probably that Coroner Doyle will hold an inquest tomorrow.

Fouth was 28 years old. He was unmarried. He came here recently from Atchison, but is said to have lived in St. Joseph some years ago. It is said that he had no police record before being arrested last Wednesday.

Date of death: 31 Jan 1908

Subject: Lewis Parker Franklin

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 31 Jan 1908, p. 14

Lewis P. Franklin, aged seventy-three, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning at the residence, 1119 Corby. Funeral services Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Burial at Flag Springs, Mo. Funeral services at Union Star at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Date of death: 1 Feb 1922

Subject: Nancy (Frans) Kirkman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Feb 1922, p. 9

Mrs. Nancy Kirkman, eighty-six years old, who had been a resident of St. Joseph many years, died at 4:30 o'clock this morning in a local hospital. She was the widow of William Kirkman, who at one time was sexton of the city cemetery. She had lived in Buchanan County seventy-eight years. She is survived by one brother, J. M. Frans, St. Joseph, and a sister, Mrs. John Reynolds, Faucett. W. H. Frans of St. Joseph is a nephew and Mrs. J. M. Tee of St. Joseph is a niece. The funeral service will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Heaton-BeGole's chapel and burial will be in the city cemetery, beside her husband, in a plot which he selected while he was sexton of the cemetery.

Date of death: 20 Jan 1911

Subject: Jessie Harrison Frayer

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Jan 1911, p. 4

The lifeless body of Jesse Freyer [sic], twenty-four years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freyer, 122 West Elk street, Florence addition, was found in a pasture on the farm of George W.

Spencer, seven miles south of the city, where he was employed, yesterday afternoon. Part of the young man's chin had been shot off, and an empty single-barreled shotgun was lying near the body.

It is supposed that death was accidental while Freyer was hunting.

James Todd, an old man who lives near the Spencer farm, heard the report of a gun about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and upon investigation, he discovered Freyer's body. Face upward, the corpse lay on the sloping bank of a creek. Slight crevices in the coating of snow and ice led to the believe that while hunting the young man had slipped and fallen, and that the jar had discharged his gun. The load entered the head at a point under the chin and lodged in the brain. Death probably was instantaneous.

The dead young man's father was notified and he went to the Spencer farm immediately. Coroner Byrd viewed the body where it was found and ordered it removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's undertaking establishment. There will be no inquest as the coroner is convinced that death was accidental.

Young Freyer had been living with his brother-in-law, John Liscel, near the Spencer farm, where he had been chopping logs.

William Crues was found dead a year ago about forty yards from the place where Freyer's body was found yesterday. He had been killed by falling into a ravine.

Date of death: 27 Jul 1904

Subject: Walter Free*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Jul 1904, p. 5

Walter Free, 24 years of age, died yesterday morning at his home at 604 North Second street. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Jul 1904, p. 7

Walter Free, aged 24 years, son of Mrs. Frances Free, died at his home, 604 North Second street, Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The funeral will take place from the A.M.E. church Sunday at 3 p.m. Friends invited.

Date of death: 1 Jul 1913

Subject: Edward Frisby

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Jul 1913, p. 4

Edward Frisby, fifty years old, 2024 Dewey [?] avenue, died at 7:40 o'clock this morning at a local hospital. He is survived by a son, Edward Frisby, and a daughter ... Frisby, both of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 4 Jun 1901

Subject: Samuel Frodsham

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 09 Jun 1901, p. 19

Savannah, Mo.-- S. Frodsham, formerly of Savannah, died at his home in Topeka Tuesday. The remains were brought here for burial, the funeral services taking place at the home of the deceased's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Frodsham, Wednesday afternoon, after which the body was interred in Savannah cemetery.

Date of death: 13 Mar 1913

Subject: Ethel Rose Fuller

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Mar 1913, p. 4

Rose, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fuller, died this morning at 5:15 o'clock, at the family home, 1110 South Eleventh street.

**G Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 19 Jan 1903

Subject: Ellen M. (Galloway) Bundy*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Jan 1903, p. 6

Mrs. Harrison Bundy, a colored woman, aged about fifty years, dropped dead at the corner of Tenth street and Frederick avenue yesterday at 5:30. A large crowd quickly collected and considerable excitement ensued. Her death was caused from heart disease. She lived at No. 416 South Seventh [sic] street and had many friends among the colored people. Her bereaved husband is a porter at the Sommers-Richardson factory.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 Jan 1903, p. 6

Mrs. Ellen Bunday [sic], wife of Harrison Bundy, died at 5:30 yesterday afternoon at her late home, No. 416 South Seventeenth street. She was fifty-seven years old.

Date of death: Feb 1893

Subject: Patrick Galvin

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Mar 1893, p. 5

For ten days past the remains of Patrick Galvin, the railroad man who died at the police station, have been kept at Sidenfaden's undertaking rooms awaiting a claimant. No one so far seems to desire the remains, and they will be buried in the city cemetery to-day.

Galvin died of acute alcoholism, he being brought from Vey's saloon to the police station in a semi-conscious condition. At first it was thought he was only intoxicated and would be all right in a short time, but in place of getting better he died. He has a brother-in-law named Coleman, who resides at Des Moines, and upon telegraphing to him the undertaker received an answer to send on the remains, but no provision was made for so doing. Galvin's sister also telegraphed to ship the remains to her, but she likewise sent no funds, neither did she make provision for the shipping of the body and it was not sent. Since that time the relatives have seemingly made no further effort to make provision to secure the body and in consequence it will be buried to-day in the potter's field.

Date of death: 18 Dec 1918

Subject: Tomas Garcia

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Dec 1918, p. 6

Thomas [sic] Garcia, twenty-two years old, a laborer employed by the Rock Island, died yesterday at his home, Eighth and Penn streets, of pneumonia.

Date of death: 22 Jun 1901

Subject: Mrs. Sarah M. Gardner

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 23 Jun 1901, p. 7

Mrs. Sarah M. Gardner, seventy-seven years old, died of old age at 8 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. M. Bullimore, 141¹/₂ North Sixth street. The funeral will be held this afternoon from the residence.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 23 Jun 1901, p. 9

Mrs. Sarah M. Gardner died at 8 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. M. ... N. 6th St., at the age of ... years ... months and 21 days. Funeral will ... at the house Sunday ... p.m. Interment at Green cemetery. Friends of the family invited to attend.

Date of death: 5 May 1906

Subject: Frederick E. Garlichs

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 May 1906, p. 6

Dr. F. E. Garlichs, a practicing physician who has lived in the country, north of St. Joseph, thirty-six years, died at 9 o'clock this morning of quick consumption, brought on by Bright's disease. The dead man was highly esteemed, both as a physician and as a citizen, and was well known in St. Joseph. He was a brother of H. M. Garlichs, the druggist, who died several years ago, and an uncle of F. A. H. Garlichs.

F. E. Garlichs was born in Liberty, Mo., October 11, 1845. He moved with his parents to St. Louis in 1857 where he attended school. The family came to St. Joseph in 1860 and his father opened a drugstore at Third and Felix streets. When the Civil War broke out in 1860 he enlisted in the Confederate army. He served through the war and was in the siege of Pittsburg Landing. He was in the army of Gen. Joseph E. Johnson. He returned to St. Joseph in 1865. Soon afterward he settled in Doniphan County, Kansas, and practice medicine there five years. He returned to Buchanan County and settled a few miles north of the city, where he continued the practice of his profession.

Mr. Garlichs was a member of the United Confederate Veterans, and is survived by his wife, four sons, Warren, James, Silver and Virgil Lee, and four daughters, Ethel, Gertrude, Mrs. J. E. Armagost and Mrs. Robert Clark.

The funeral will be conducted from the home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Burial will be at Green Cemetery.

Date of death: 27 Apr 1906

Subject: Ida V. (Gerbar) Beals

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Apr 1906, p. 8

Mrs. Ida Beals, 22 years old, the wife of Denton Beals, died at 11:30 o'clock yesterday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna L. Gerbar, 909 Water street. She had been ill for a long time from consumption. Mrs. Beals is survived by her husband, mother, two brothers, Charles and

Gourdon Gerbar, and four sisters, Louise, Rose and Laura of St. Joseph, and Lizzie of Little Rock, Ark.

Date of death: unknown

Subject: Daniel Gillen*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Nov 1909, p. 4- *not an obituary*

Daniel Gillen, a two-year-old negro child, is dying at 708 South Twenty-first street because his four-year-old brother, Howard, in a playful mood yesterday, set fire to the light cotton clip which the smaller child wore, while playing about the house. The burned child today lay on a bed at the side of a crooning one-year-old brother, while Howard played about the room, laughing in ignorance of his little brother's plight, and his share in the fatality.

There was a fire in the kitchen stove when the children's mother stepped into the yard for an armful of wood yesterday. She gathered up the sticks and turned toward the house, to be met by Howard, who was laughing.

"I put fire on brother's back," he cried. He still was waving the scorched remnant of a newspaper which he had lighted at the stove. The mother ran into the house and smothered the flames with which the baby was enveloped, but its light clothing had ignited readily and its body and head were covered with burns. The child's pain was intense and Dr. J. M. Doyle said that it could not recover. This morning it sank into unconsciousness from which it is not expected to rally.

William Gillen, the father, is a barber.

Date of death: 5 Sep 1916

Subject: Elizabeth Gillen

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Sep 1916, p. 6

Elizabeth Gillen, nineteen-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gillen, 403 South Fourth street, died at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital.

Date of death: 12 Jul 1909

Subject: Virginia B. "Jennie" Gilley

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Jul 1909, p. 1

Mrs. Jennie Gilley, forty-six years old, died suddenly about 1:30 o'clock this morning, at the home of Albert Larison, a teamster, 2414 Messanie street, and at least one of the attending physicians is not altogether satisfied that her death was due to natural causes.

Mrs. Gilley was stricken with what was thought to be paralysis about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Dr. E. C. Davis was summoned immediately, and Dr. John Doyle attended her Sunday afternoon. Doctor Doyle was undecided as to the cause of death, and he notified Coroner Byrd. The coroner, after an investigation, said death was due to natural causes. Doctor Doyle has suggested that an autopsy be conducted. The coroner was summed as a witness in the Fairhurst

murder trial at Savannah today, and he probably will order a postmortem on Mrs. Gilley when he returns.

According to neighbors, there was a drunken brawl at the home of Larison Friday night. The neighbors also say that fights there have been of common occurrence, and that little attention was been [sic] paid to the disturbance Friday night. Mrs. Gilley was housekeeper at Larison's.

"I don't know that there was anything wrong about the woman's death, but it is one of these cases where you can't make a mistake by investigating," said Doctor Doyle. "There is a good deal of talk in the neighborhood about a quarrel between Larison and the woman Friday night and I though [sic] it would be wise to inquire into the facts. There were no marks on the body, and the history of the case indicated a cerebral hemorrhage."

The body was removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's undertaking rooms and orders for its preparation for burial at Helena, Mo., were given by Larison.

The woman was the divorced wife of a street car conductor.

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Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Jul 1909, p. 4

An autopsy was performed last night by Coroner Byrd and Dr. John Doyle on the body of Mrs. Jennie Gilley, who died suddenly at the home of Albert Larison, 2414 Messanie street, at 1:30 o'clock Monday morning. It revealed that cerebral hemorrhage was the cause of the woman's death.

The statement in The News-Press yesterday that Albert Larison, by whom Mrs. Gilley was employed as housekeeper, had arranged for her burial, was incorrect. The arrangements were made by two of the woman's brothers.

Date of death: 24 Dec 1912

Subject: Robert M. Gilmore

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 Dec 1912, p. 3

Robert Gilmore, sixty-eight years old, a farmer, died at 1 o'clock this morning at the home of relatives at 1823 Messanie street. Burial was in City Cemetery at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Date of death: 12 Sep 1903

Subject: infant daughter of John Gladden

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 12 Sep 1903, p. 6

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gladden, at Second and Cherry streets, died at 6 o'clock this morning. Burial tomorrow at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 22 May 1909

Subject: Henry O. Goodale

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 May 1909, p. 9

After lying in a local hospital for more than a week, suffering terrible pain from burns on his head and body, Henry Goodale, the aged nightwatchman who was injured in an explosion of gas in his home, 810 Hickory street, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Thomas Goodale, a son, who was also in the explosion, is rapidly recovering. Both men were upstairs in their home at the time of the accident, which is thought to have been caused by a bolt of lightning striking the house. The older man was asleep in one room, and his son was in the next, but not asleep.

The lightning is thought to have hit in the room in which the old man was sleeping. His face, head and neck were horrible burned, and with his clothes afire he staggered downstairs and into the street where the flames were extinguished by friends.

The body of the nightwatchman is now at his daughter's home, 2110 South Twelfth street. It will be taken to Savannah, Mo. tomorrow morning for burial. He was a member of Logan Tribe of the Red Men and was 74 years old.

Date of death: 12 Aug 1908

Subject: Leonora Goodin

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Aug 1908, p. 4

The one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Goodin died at 3 o'clock this morning at the Sheltering Arms Institute. Scarlet fever was the cause of death. Burial will be in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 17 Feb 1906

Subject: George Goodloe*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Feb 1906, p. 1

Clutching in a withered hand a copy of a writ granting full emancipation from the bonds of slavery, George Goodlow [sic], an aged negro, was found dead at his bedside, in his home, 813 South Fifteenth street, yesterday afternoon.

Heart trouble, in the opinion of Coroner Bansbach, who was called at 5 o'clock last night, was responsible for death.

An inquest is not deemed necessary by the coroner.

Eighty-five years ago George Goodlow was born upon the broad expanse of a South Carolina plantation. Similar his life history was in many respects to Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," as the fortunes of the south shifted under the agitation against human bondage.

Goodlow was sold in the New Orleans slave market when 21 years old and varied his fortunes during the following ten years between life on a coast steamer and that of a stevedore on the wharves of southern shipping ports.

During the early stages of the rebellion Goodlow was granted his freedom by Charles Renfrow, a landed southerner, who foresaw the possibility of national emancipation of the negro.

Goodlow remained in the south until the close of the war when he came north. He has lived in St. Joseph for many years. By hard work and the application of thrifty principles the aged negro had accumulated a small competency.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 25 Feb 1906, p. 7

The will of George Goodloe, who was a negro minister, was filed yesterday for probate. W. H. Jones is ... executor of the estate. Money aggregating \$6... is distributed among a half dozen relatives and the residue of his estate is left to be divided between his two daughters, Mrs. Georgia Cox and Miss Nellie Goodloe.

Date of death: 3 Oct 1913

Subject: Anna L. Gordon*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Oct 1913, p. 2

Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, a negro physician, 903 1/2 Frederick avenue, was arrested at Rock & Clark's undertaking rooms Saturday afternoon for carrying concealed weapons. He was arraigned in police court this morning, when the case was continued until the latter part of the week. It is understood it will be dropped and a state warrant be issued for him.

Crossland was summoned as a witness in the coroner's inquest over the body of Anna Gordon, a negress, who died following the birth of her child. Doctor Crossland was a witness, and when he was called to the stand, it was seen he carried a .38-caliber revolver. He said threats had been made against his life and that he carried the weapon in self-defense. After giving bond at Central Police Station he was allowed to return to the morgue and testify.

The inquest will be continued by Dr. T. J. Lynch late this afternoon.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Oct 1913, p. 1

Summoned as a witness in the inquest yesterday afternoon over the body of Anna Gordon, a negress, Dr. J. R. Crossland, a negro physician, was arrested by Patrolmen Boyle and Robinson at the doors of Rock & Clark's undertaking rooms and charged with carrying concealed weapons. A loaded revolver was found in his pocket.

Doctor Crossland explained that he had received a letter and ... threatening his life ... at the inquest and ... weapon in his pocket ... accompanied the officers to the police station, where he furnished bond. He then returned to the inquest to testify.

The Gordon woman died following the birth of a child and the inquest was held to determine if a criminal operation had been performed. Four witnesses were heard and the inquest continued until 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Oct 1913, p. 6

That death was due to natural causes was the verdict following a coroner's inquest at Rock & Clark's yesterday over the body of Anna Gordon, a negress.

Date of death: 4 Sep 1919

Subject: Elmer Gordon

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Sep 1919, p. 6

Elmer Gordon, sixty-two years old, who lived at 623 North Sixth street, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a local hospital.

Date of death: 23 Apr 1904

Subject: Martha H. (Gore) Gordon*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Apr 1904, p. 6

Mattie H. Gordon, colored, wife of James Gordon, died early yesterday morning at the family residence, 404 South Seventh street. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 from the African M.E. church and interment will be in Mt. Mora cemetery.

Date of death: 19 Apr 1904

Subject: Rhoda (Graham or Grimm) Wilson*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Apr 1904, p. 5

Probably the largest casket which has ever been used in St. Joseph was completed yesterday at Heaton's morgue.

It is an enormous box, being six feet long, 31 inches wide and 22 inches deep, and was made on a special order.

The coffin will receive the body of Mrs. Rhoda Wilson, a negro woman, who died at her home, 622 North Seventh street, Tuesday. The woman weighted [sic] about 350 pounds.

The funeral will be held this afternoon and interment will be in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 16 Aug 1908

Subject: Michael Grata

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Aug 1908, p. 6

Michael Grata, 36 years old, died early Sunday morning at a local hospital of heart disease. He died at 5806 Lake avenue. The funeral was conducted this forenoon, at H. O. Sidenfaden's chapel.

Date of death: 13 Mar 1905

Subject: Charles Isaac Graves

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Mar 1905, p. 5

Charles J. [sic] Graves, aged nine years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Graves, died of pneumonia at 11:15 o'clock last night at the family home, five miles northwest of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 10 May 1906

Subject: Ernest L. Gray

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 May 1906, p. 6

Maryville, Mo., May 11.—Ernest Gray, who was brought here from Clearmont, three weeks ago, to be operated on for appendicitis, died at the hospital yesterday. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gray and was eighteen years of age. He leaves two sisters. The body was shipped to Clearmont last night for burial.

Date of death: 3 May 1908

Subject: Alexander Green*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 May 1908, p. 1

Alex Geen, seventy-nine years old, one of the landmarks of Lake Contrary, and well known to every fisherman who frequents the lake, died last night at 12 o'clock, in a shack north of the Lotus Club. Death was sudden, and was due to heart disease. Alex's house, which was long a resort of local fishermen, who bought their bait there, burned a few weeks ago, and since then, he had been living in the hut where he died, with Hiram Hughes, another negro. Green's wife, as well known as himself, died about three years ago. Stories of the famous fish and fried chicken dinners, which they served to picnickers, will now be but a tradition of the lake.

Dr. C. F. Byrd, coroner, viewed the aged negro's body this forenoon and decided that an inquest is not necessary.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 May 1908, p. 8

Alex Green, aged 77 years, died at 12 o'clock Sunday night, May 3, of heart trouble, at Lake Contrary. The remains were removed to Ramsey Undertaking parlor, 7th and Olive sts. Funeral services at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, May 7, from the undertaking rooms. Burial at city cemetery.

Date of death: 16 Jul 1908

Subject: Alfred Duff Green

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Oct 1908, p. 12

Duff Green, president of the Green Loan Company, died a short time ago in Omaha, where he had lived many years. He was born and reared in Andrew County, and married Miss Margaret Rockwell of St. Joseph. At one time he was a police captain in Omaha.

The dead man was a brother of the late Samuel B. Green, who was a prominent lawyer in St. Joseph. Two other brothers, Alex Green of Chicago and George D. Green of Cleburne, Texas, are living. A sister, Mrs. W. R. Davis, lives in Omaha.

Green's widow survives him. He had lived for a time on a farm in Sarpy County, Neb., owned by him, but more recently had been in the real estate business at the head of the Green Loan Company, in Omaha.

Date of death: 1 Aug 1905

Subject: Mrs. Ann Green*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Aug 1905, p. 8

Mrs. Alexander Green, a negro woman who has lived in St. Joseph a... her ... died at her residence northwest of the L... Club at Lake Contrary yesterday at the age of 70 years.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Aug 1905, p. 2

"Aunt" Ann Green, wife of "N---¹ Alec," died yesterday morning at her home at the north end of Lake Contrary, where she lived thirty years or more. Her age was given to the undertaker as fifty-nine years, but she looked to be older.

"Aunt" Ann was widely known for her excellence as a cook. A chicken dinner at "N--- Alec's" meant much to those who have enjoyed a feast at the lakeside cottage. The place was famed twenty-five years ago and many men who are now well along in years tell of the days when they used to drive there for a fish or chicken fry.

Of recent years Aunt Ann and her husband have been rather feeble and the resort has not been patronized so much as in former years. "N--- Alec" survives "Aunt" Ann.

Date of death: Feb 1903

Subject: Charity Green*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 6 Feb 1903, p. 6

Charity Green, a negress, who was for sixty-five years a slave, died in Omaha a few days ago at the age of one hundred and three years. The old woman lived in St. Joseph for several years at the close of the war, having come here from her native state of Kentucky.

¹ The newspaper used the complete word, but I won't.

Date of death: 7 Sep 1919

Subject: Dorothy E. Green

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 8 Sep 1919, p. 6

Dorothy, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, 711 Mary street, died at 12:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a local hospital.

Date of death: 19 Feb 1917

Subject: James Green*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Feb 1917, p. 6

James Green, a negro who came from Kansas City, died at 6 o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's Hospital from wounds he received early last Wednesday morning in a stabbing affray with Oscar Williams, a negro bartender, in the "club" at ?12 North Second street. The body will be sent to Kansas City. Williams is in custody.

Date of death: 3 Apr 1904

Subject: James A. Green*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Apr 1904, p. 10

James A. Green, 21 years old, a negro, died Sunday afternoon at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Annie Gentry, 721 South Fourteenth street. He was the son of James H. Green, janitor at the National bank of St. Joseph. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Francis Street Baptist church. Interment will be in Mount Mora cemetery.

Date of death: 14 Jan 1902

Subject: Mrs. Matilda Green*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 15 Jan 1902, p. 6

Matilda Green, colored, aged sixty-five years, widow of Asbury Green, died at 9:40 o'clock Tuesday night at her residence, 602 North Second street. She had lived in Missouri for fifty years.

Date of death: 30 May 1908

Subject: Joseph H. Greer

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Jun 1908, p. 4

Matthew D. McCormick, seventeen years old, Albert H. Graves, eighteen years old, and Joseph H. Greer, twenty years old, were drowned Saturday night about 9 o'clock by the overturning of a skiff in Lake Contrary.

The bodies of McCormick and Graves were recovered Saturday night, but Greer's body was not found until Sunday afternoon, although a constant search had been prosecuted since the accident.

All of the bodies were removed to Heaton's undertaking rooms, where it was announced an inquest would be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The young men who were drowned were members of a campaign party which went to the extreme upper end of the lake Saturday for an outing of several days. There were eleven youths in the party and they had set up camp on the east shore of the lake, at a place called Goodwin's clearing, nearly a mile north of the Lotus Club.

The other members of the party are: Frank and Jack Yost, Charles Innis, Leo Hays, Earl Gardiner, John Bays and William Sm...

From this point, McCormick, Graves, Joseph Greer and Claud Greer, rowed over ... a troutline, which had ... the water soon after the ... the lake. Some of the ... change... position ... when it was about fifty ... and there was some ... This ... in the ... small craft, and all ... into the water, which ... feet at the place....

Members of the party ... the shore heard ... their ... but the ... could ... the ... Those in ... *[rest of paragraph mainly illegible]*.

The search for the bodies of the drowned began immediately and McCormick and Graves bodies were taken out of the water. Difficulty was experienced in ... Greer and it was ... that a ... surface by ... Griffin.

McCormick was the son of Mrs. Lillie McCormick, a widow who lives at Seventy and ... streets. He was ... McDonald factory, Twelfth and Penn streets,

Graves lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. ... Graves, at 2823 South Six... and was employed at the ...

Greer was a son of Mrs. Eugene Greer, a widow ... Mitchell avenue, and ... Burlington as a brakeman.

The bodies of the drowned young men were removed to their homes immediately after ... inquest and the ... be tomorrow. Greer's body will be taken to Helena, Mo., and funeral services were conducted at his mother's home this afternoon.

... the boys were excellent swimmers and their companions are unable to account for their failure to swim ashore when the skiff overturned.

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Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Jun 1908, p. 8

Joseph H. Greer died May 30, aged 20 years 3 months and 27 days. Survived by his mother, Mrs. Eugene G. Greer, five sisters, Mrs. J. C. Carr, Mrs. T. J. Swafford, Lidia, Nellie and C...e Greer, and three brothers, George M., Claude W. and Stephen Greer, all of St. Joseph. Services will be held at the family residence, 1802 Mitchell avenue this afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. M. M. Goode

officiating. The remains will be shipped to Helena, Mo., tomorrow morning, leaving Union depot at 10 o'clock. Burial at Union Chapel, Helena, Mo., at ... o'clock. Friends invited.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Jun 1908, p. 4

At the coroner's inquest held over the bodies of the three young men who were drowned at Lake Contrary Saturday night ... showed that Joseph Greer, one of the lads who lost their lives, caused the catastrophe by rocking the boat in which the party was rowing.

Claude Greer, the only survivors of the party, testified that his brother Joseph threw water on the other boys, and rocked the boat with the intention of frightening them.

W. C. Vincent and Frank Yost, members of the party, who were on shore when the accident occurred, were also examined by the coroner's jury.

The funeral of McCormick was at 4 o'clock this afternoon, at Heaton's undertaking rooms. The Rev. C. A. Lowe, pastor of Mitchell Park Christian Church, conducted the services. Interment was in Mount Mora Cemetery.

The body of Joseph Greer was sent to Helena, Mo., at 10 o'clock today and the burial occurred at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The funeral of Graves was conducted at Heaton's undertaking rooms yesterday afternoon. Burial was in King Hill Cemetery.

Date of death: 16 Jan 1917

Subject: Jeremiah Grider*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Jan 1917, p. 7

Jerry Grider, widely known negro character of St. Joseph for twenty years, and the special friend of orphans of his race, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after an illness of two weeks, at his home, 917 South Eighth street. He is survived by his wife and three step-children.

Jerry Grider was born in Boonville, Mo., sixty-six years ago and removed to Des Moines while he was a boy. He was a constable there at one time, after he became of age, and was one of the few negroes who affiliated with the Democrats in the Hawkeye state. He removed to St. Joseph thirty years ago and engaged in the following of chimney sweeping and kalsomining. He always took a great interest in homeless negro children and some years ago founded the Northwest colored Orphanage and Hospital Association. For several years he maintained a home on the Saxton road and another at Elwood, Kan., where the children were taught to farm and do other work. When he lost control of the institution he moved to the house on South Eighth street, where he continued to care for children and had six there at the time of his death. For several years Grider was probation officer of the juvenile court and the children in his care were wards of the court.

Grider had been married twice, and has a married daughter who lies in Des Moines. Arrangements for his funeral have not been completed.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Jan 1917, pp. 1 & 2

Jerry Grider is dead.

The negro philanthropist, friend of the friendless negro children, who devoted years to looking after the welfare of the neglected orphans of his race, succumbed to pneumonia fever at 5:30 o'clock yesterday at his home, 917 South Eighth street, after an illness of about two weeks.

Grider spent virtually all his time, and all the money he could earn as a chimney sweep during the last score of years, in taking care of little crippled and orphan negro children.

Grider established one home after another, losing one through debt, only to be ready with another place to take his orphans. At the time of his death he had five crippled and homeless children with him.

Grider is survived by a widow and her three children, Mrs. Frances Wells, Mrs. Bertha Watkins and William Enyart.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed. After the death of Grider yesterday his widow said that she would be glad to get assistance from any white friends, who had so liberally assisted her husband in his work with orphan children.

Grider was about 60 years old. He had lived in St. Joseph half his life, coming here from Des Moines, where he was active in the anti-liquor fight as a constable, and where his life was endangered many times.

After he came to St. Joseph he entered politics as a Democrat, and on account of his native ability, his hearty laugh, which could be heard for several blocks, and his insistence in mixing in public affairs, he soon became one of the characters of the city and he remained so until the time of his death.

It was several years after the Civil war before Grider knew that negroes were free. He was living in southern Missouri during the war and he continued to work for his master long after the war was over.

One summer evening Grider was down at the spring on the farm, just about dusk, when an old negro mammy came to him.

"You'se free, n---,"² said the woman in a mysterious manner.

"What's dat?" asked the young negro.

² The full word is used in the newspaper.

"Why, you don' belong to massa," explained the old woman.

That was the first Grider ever knew about the emancipation proclamation. It made a different person of him. He went to his master and asked him if the old women told the truth. The master said that she did. Grider asked why he had not been told before. His master said he intended to tell him some day. Grider demanded that he be paid for his services. His former master asked him to wait a while and he would do the right thing by him.

Grider remained, and his employer did treat him well and gave him what Grider considered a large amount of money, and helped him to make his own start. The master was still living a few years ago and Grider never appealed to him in vain. He always helped his former slave, who did now know he was a freed man.

The life of Grider was filled with excitement. He was made the target for bullets on more than one occasion and two years ago a ward of the juvenile court shot him in the back with a revolver, and for several days it was thought Grider would not live. This girl said that enemies of Grider, jealous of his success, had prompted her to try and kill him.

On one occasion, in Des Moines, an attempt was made to bribe Grider, who was after the blind tigers there. He was given \$500 or \$600 in cash. Then he was arrested for taking a bribe. His trial was called, but it was then that Grider's enemies had a great surprise. They found that immediately upon receiving the money Grider had gone to the judge of the court, told him the entire story and had turned the money over to him. The court himself produced the money and when no one claimed it turned it over to Grider.

It was shortly after that that Grider came to St. Joseph. He was "discovered" by a newspaper man named McCammon, and from that time Grider, "Democrat, kalsominer, ex-bridegroom" and what not was familiar with all newspaper readers of St. Joseph, and he later became known personally to thousands of people.

Grider founded half a dozen homes for orphan colored children. He had a home in Elwood, which was burned to the ground, but he rebuilt it and still had it at last accounts. He had control of a home near Saxton, where he was shot, later lost it, and only a few months ago regained control, and was intending to move his "orphan family" to it in the spring. He had been offered positions in other cities upon various occasions, but always refused them to stick to his orphanage here. When his institution was organized it was known as the Northwest Missouri Colored Orphanage and Hospital association, which it remained for years.

Usually Grider was in some controversy with the people of his own race. He was in law suits frequently over control of his institutions and a suit of this kind was pending at his death.

On one occasion Grider, who had been a probation officer for negro children, was told to surrender his ... He did so, and at the same time loaded his orphans in a wagon, ... them to the court house, lined them in front of the judge, and announced "There they is, your honoh." It is needless to say that Jerry got his ... again and that he was told to take his charges with him.

... weeks ago Grider had ... from New York Democratic negroes urging him to become a candidate for the appointment of minis... Grider had addressed... meeting of negro Democrats ... a few years since and ... his as an orator of ... man of common sense. ... urged for the place at ..., and many of ... he had a good

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Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Jan 1917, p. 6

The funeral of Jerry Grider, the negro philanthropist who died Tuesday afternoon, will be conducted at the Third Street African Methodist Church, Third and Antoine streets, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Pastor Nate Buren officiating. Burial will be in the city cemetery as Grider before his death had requested.

Date of death: 26 Jul 1906

Subject: August Grieppe

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Jul 1906, p. 8

August Grieppe, a farmer living at 1014 South Seventeenth street, was buried at 10 o'clock yesterday at the city cemetery. Death was caused by nephritis. He died at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Mr. Grieppe was 38 years old.

Date of death: 1 Apr 1918

Subject: Maude (Griggs) Schliemann

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Apr 1918, p. 6

Mrs. Maude Schliemann, 39 years old, died early yesterday morning at a hospital here from a wound in her throat, which is said to have been self-inflicted. The act was said to have been committed at the home of her brother-in-law, A. C. Baker, 2823 Monterey street, several days ago.

She was said to have been suffering from poor health for several months and this was thought to have affected her mind. She was found alone in her room with her throat cut. Then she was taken to Noyes hospital.

She is survived by her husband, J. L. Schlieman, and her sister, Mrs. A. C. Baker. The body was taken to Hennesley, Okla., yesterday for burial.

Date of death: 19 Apr 1901

Subject: Leonard C. Grooms

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 20 Apr 1901, p. 5

Leonard C. Grooms of 1611 Seneca street, cutter at the Richardson-Roberts factory, died at 10 o'clock last night of hemorrhage smallpox in a virulent form. He was buried at midnight in the city cemetery.

He was taken sick Friday of last week but did not become violently ill until Monday. He leaves a wife and daughter and his mother lives with the family. None of them have taken the disease, but they have been quarantined. County Physician Tygart has been in charge of the case.

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Dr. Doyle Denounces Carelessness.

Danger of Epidemic

Date of death: 21 Jun 1906

Subject: Francis Marion Guinn

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Jun 1906, p. 1

Albany, Mo., June 23.—F. M. Gwinn [sic], a carpenter from Maryville, Mo., was found dead at the foot of a ladder in a barn he was building seventeen miles north of here shortly after noon yesterday. He had been dead some time when found.

Gwinn had been subject to heart trouble and it is thought that he fell from the ladder and died during an attack of the disease.

Date of death: 23 May 1908

Subject: Albert Losson Guthery (or Guthrie)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 May 1908, p. 1

The fourteen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Guthrie, 806 Concord street, was drowned in a large pail of water about 12:15 o'clock today.

Mrs. Guthrie was out in the yard talking with a neighbor woman when the baby fell into a large lard pail, half full of water, which had been left on the back porch. The mother heard no outcry from the little one. When she entered the house a few minutes later a neighbor, John Dodd, went into the house on an errand, and found the child dead in the tub.

Dr. J. T. Stamey was summoned, but all attempts to resuscitate life were unavailing. Its little lungs were filled with water, and life was completely extinct before the baby was found.

The mother was frantic with grief. The father is a teamster, and he had not been located at a late hour this afternoon. The child which was drowned is the youngest of three children. The Guthries have lived here several years. The father and other relatives of Mr. Guthrie live at Savannah, Mo.

**H Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 16 Aug 1902

Subject: Lewis J. Halfhill

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 18 Aug 1902, p. 6

A. J. Halfhril [sic], engineer on a threshing engine, was instantly killed at 7 o'clock Saturday evening on the Alf bridge over the third fork of the Platte river, one and a half miles west of Clarksdale, by the breaking of the bridge.

Four other men, members of the threshing crew, narrowly escaped death by jumping from the falling bridge.

The man who was killed and his companions were crossing the bridge, a fifty-foot span, when it suddenly gave way, falling a distance of fifteen feet to the water below. Halfhril jumped to the south side of the bridge and was caught under the falling engine, being crushed to death. Halfhril's companions jumped from the opposite side and escaped with slight injuries.

Acting Coroner Charles F. Boyd was notified and yesterday visited the scene of the accident. It was decided that it was not necessary to hold an inquest.

Halfhril, who was thirty years of age, lived at Rosendale, where a widow and two children survive. The body was taken to Rosendale, where the funeral was held today.

Date of death: 15 Apr 1908

Subject: infant son of Judd Halstead

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 15 Apr 1908, p. 6

Born while his mother was suffering with smallpox, in a four-room house in which two families of eleven persons were quarantined, the two-weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Judd Halstead died this morning. The child was infected with smallpox at birth and suffered severely during its brief life. Halstead is a laborer at the stock yards, and he lives at 5908 King Hill avenue.

Date of death: 1 Dec 1902

Subject: Hazel Ham

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Dec 1902, p. 6

Hazel Ham, aged 1 year, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ham, of No. 906 Concord street, died at an early hour yesterday morning. The funeral will be held from the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon and interment will be made in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 6 Jan 1902

Subject: Charles H. Hancock

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 8 Jan 1902, p. 7

The body of Charles H. Hancock, aged twenty-six years, arrived in St. Joseph last night from Lane, Kan., where the young man died at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning as the result of injuries sustained while working as a railroad brakeman. It seems that while engaged in coupling cars Hancock's head was caught between the bumpers of the cars and was badly crushed. The young man was born in Andrew county, where his mother now lives, near the Union church, five miles north of St. Joseph. The funeral was held at the Union church at 10 o'clock this forenoon.

Date of death: 16 Feb 1919

Subject: Sherman Lee Hanna*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Jan 1909, p. 1- *not an obituary*

Sherman Hanna, a seven-year-old negro boy, whose parents live at 507 North Second street, was probably fatally shot early this afternoon, by his brother, William, twelve years old.

William Hanna owned a .32-caliber rifle, with which the boys were shooting at rats at their home. The younger boy dodged in front of the gun just as William pulled the trigger. The cartridge was discharged and the bullet entered the little fellow's breast, just above the heart.

The mother of the boys heard the older lad scream, and rushing to the sidewalk, she carried the wounded son into the house. Dr. E. S. Ballard, city physician, was summoned, and, at his order, the boy was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Date of death: 17 Mar 1910

Subject: Cora May Harris

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Mar 1910, p. 4

Cora May Harris, the three-weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Harris, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of her parents, Third and Atchison streets.

Date of death: 8 Feb 1913

Subject: Mary Cordelia Harris

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 8 Feb 1913, p. 4

Mary Cordelia, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Harris, died this morning at 5 o'clock at the family home, 5409 Miami street.

Date of death: 19 Jun 1906

Subject: Robert Harris*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 Jun 1906, p. 1

"What is the value of a dead body?"

Two justices of the peace were called upon yesterday to determine this question and decided that it had no legal value.

Although doctors may differ on this question, Justice Walker and Justice Micholson, after mature deliberation, agreed perfectly.

After dust has returned to dust it is not "legally valuable." This important point in law was decided after an attempt had been made by L. F. Ramsey, an undertaker, to bring a replevin suit for the possession of a body.

When Mr. Ramsey called on Constable Hatfield and said he wanted to bring a replevin suit he thought he would have no trouble. After he had consulted the two judges he thought that he would have no case. So he failed to bring his suit.

The body in question was that of Robert Harris, a negro who died in state hospital for insane No. 2. He was brought here as a patient from Kansas City.

Harris died Tuesday and on order of Dr. C. R. Woodson his body was removed to an undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. Later Ramsey, who is a negro undertaker, received word from Kansas City that he should take charge of the body and he was notified that he would be given possession if he paid necessary charges. This he was not prepared to do, and he determined to bring a replevin suit.

It was then that the undertaker learned that a body is worth nothing, but he has also learned that it is sometimes hard to get possession of things that have no "legal value." So far he has failed to secure the body.

Date of death: 4 Oct 1906

Subject: William Harris*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Oct 1906, p. 10

Wm. Harris, a resident of 40 years in this city, died at his home, 917 Patee St., at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, 1906, aged 66 years 7 months and 7 days. Mr. Harris had made a large acquaintance in St. Joseph, and leaves to mourn his loss an adopted daughter, Mrs. W. B. Allen, Mr. W. B. Allen, their daughter, Elsa, and a host of friends. Deceased was a member of various benevolent organizations, namely, Wilkerson lodge No. 26, Lone Star, R.A.C. No. 18; Northwest Commandary [sic] No. 6; St. Joseph Consistory, Scottish, Moslum [sic] Temple, Shriners, Odd Fellows, No. 2424; True Reformers, No. 1950. Funeral services Sunday at 2 p.m., at Francis Street Baptist church. Burial at Oakland cemetery.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Oct 1906, p. 4

The will of William Harris, the negro janitor of the federal building, was filed yesterday for probate. The testator leaves all property to his wife and the Rev. F. ... executor, under a bond of \$1,000.

Date of death: 19 Oct 1908

Subject: Andrew Hardin (or Hart)*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Oct 1908, p. 5

Succumbing at last to the great loss of blood which he sustained from a knife wound in the right temple in a fight at Bell's saloon, 209 South Second street, last Monday night, Andrew Hart, a negro, died at St. Joseph's hospital at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The body was removed to Heaton's undertaking rooms, where an inquest will probably be held this afternoon, upon the return to St. Joseph of Coroner C. F. Byrd.

Dallas Brown, a negro desperado with police records in several cities of the middle West and who claims Kansas City as his home, is being sought by the police on a charge of assaulting Brown, which will now probably be changed to murder.

Hart and Brown were drinking in the saloon together prior to the trouble and an argument ensued, in the course of which Brown is said to have wielded a beer bottle with telling effect on Hart's head and then to have stabbed him in the temple. Hart dropped to the floor in an unconscious condition and did not revive for more than thirty-six hours. His death had been momentarily expected by Dr. E. S. Ballard, who had been attending him at St. Joseph's hospital.

Hart is unknown in St. Joseph and is believed to have come from Kansas City. For several days prior to the fight Hart was employed as a grading hand by Mike Donegan. His name was learned from an identification card which was found on the floor of the saloon after he had been taken to the hospital.

Dallas Brown, the missing negro, is well known to the Kansas City and Omaha police, where he has been frequently arrested. These cities and others have been wired to keep a lookout for him. He is known as a gambler and negro crook and is considered a 'bad man.' It is believed that he was arrested in St. Joseph under an assumed name several months ago, although no picture of him is known to have been taken at the time.

Date of death: 9 Apr 1904

Subject: Albert Hartshorn*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Apr 1904, p. 6

Albert Hartshorn, a negro, aged 72 years, died yesterday at the county farm. The funeral will be held April 11 from the family home at 915 South Fifteenth street.

Date of death: 23 Nov 1902

Subject: George Hartshorn*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 25 Nov 1902, p. 5

George Hartshorn, colored, aged fifty-eight years died Sunday afternoon at his home, No. 514 South Seventeenth street. The funeral will be held from the residence at 8 o'clock this morning and interment will be made in Antioch [sic] cemetery.

Date of death: 14 Jun 1906

Subject: George W. Harvey

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 15 Jun 1906, p. 8

Burlington Junction, Mo., June 15.—G. W. Harvey, a prominent citizen of this town and leading stockholder in the Burlington Junction roller mills, dropped dead from heart disease last night. He was standing in Corkin's hardware store, conversing with some friends, when he was suddenly stricken.

His body was taken to his home. No funeral arrangements have been made.

Date of death: 19 Nov 1906

Subject: Charles Hatcher*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Nov 1906, p. 1

Charles Hatcher, a negro who was employed as a porter in a South Sixth street saloon, died of tetanus, or lockjaw, at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday afternoon.

Hatcher complained of a slight stiffness of his jaw, at his boarding house, 1??? Bartlett street, last Wednesday, and soon afterward was unable to speak. He was conveyed to the hospital where Dr. J. F. Owens, county physician, attended him. He suffered terrible agony from the contractions of the muscles of his body. He was conscious until within an hour of his death. It is supposed that the disease resulted from the negro stepping on a rusty nail several weeks ago.

Doctor Owens has requested the relatives of Hatcher to allow him to perform an autopsy on the body for the purpose of ascertaining the internal effects of the disease.

"Lockjaw usually is fatal," said Doctor Owens today, "and physicians avail themselves of every opportunity of furthering their knowledge on the subject."

Date of death: 28 Dec 1912

Subject: Charles Hawes

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Dec 1912, p. 2

Charles Hawes, a wanderer, whose home, it was ascertained by papers found upon his person was in South Dakota, was killed by a Burlington train at a point near the waterworks pumping station early this morning. The dead man is about thirty years old and the body is at Heaton-BeGole's.

With Hawes at the time of the accident was a man who gave his name as E. Menger, who said they had been traveling together from Omaha. They made their way to Amazonia last night on a freight train and started to walk from there to St. Joseph, a distance of ten miles.

As they neared the pumping station they heard the passenger train due here at 5:30 o'clock a.m., coming and Menger says he stepped to one side of the right of way while Hawes went in the opposite direction, where there is a parallel track. After the train had passed Menger did not see his companion and upon search found his mangled body on the track.

Two letters, indicating that he had a sweetheart at Watertown, S.D., Gertrude Gross, were found in his pocket. Coroner Lynch will conduct an inquest late this afternoon.

Date of death: 25 Feb 1904

Subject: Isaac Hayden*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Feb 1904, p. 4

Isaac Hayden, prominent in negro lodge circles, being a member of Wilkerson lodge No. 26, A.F. and A.M., died last night at a local hospital of a complication of diseases. He was 65 years old. The funeral will probably be held Sunday.

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Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Feb 1904, p. 5

Isaac Hayden, for many years a prominent negro Mason, died Thursday night at a local hospital. The funeral will be held Sunday. Hayden was 80 [sic] years old and had lived in St. Joseph for thirty-five years. He was a barber by occupation. He was active in Republican politics and a leader among his race.

Date of death: 27 Aug 1911

Subject: Dee Haynes

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Aug 1911, p. 1

Two men met death Saturday as a result of being struck by Burlington passenger trains. The victims are D. Haynes, a Burlington trackman, and Thomas Hutchinson, concerning whom little is known here.

Haynes received his injuries when a handcar upon which he and three fellow laborers were riding was struck by the Burlington's westbound Kansas City-Seattle train, at a point two miles north of Rushville, this county, about 11 o'clock Saturday night. Death was instantaneous. He was picked up by members of the crew of the Kansas City-Omaha train, which followed immediately after, and brought to St. Joseph. The body is now at the Heaton-BeGole morgue.

... [information about Hutchinson] Coroner Byrd viewed both bodies yesterday and decided to hold an inquest over Haynes' body. There will be no inquest in the case of Hutchinson.

... Later it was learned that Haynes was a stepson of G. W. Calhoun of Altus, Okla., who has been informed of his death.

Date of death: 2 Jul 1907

Subject: Abraham Lincoln Haynie

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Jul 1907, p. 6

Abe L. Haynie, aged forty-two years, died last night at a local hospital. He is survived by a widow, one son, a mother and two brothers, Joseph and Arthur, and one sister, Mrs. Marvin

Estes. The son is Harry A. Haynie. He was a member of Shady Beach Council No. 771, Fraternal Aid Association.

Date of death: 1 Jun 1907

Subject: Richard Haynie

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Jun 1907, p. 6

Richard Haynie, seventy-four years old, formerly of St. Joseph, died of heart failure Saturday, at Moberly, Mo. The body was brought to St. Joseph last night and was placed in the Ashland cemetery receiving vault this afternoon.

Date of death: 30 Jan 1922

Subject: Charles Hays (or Hayes)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Jan 1922, p. 2

Charles Hayes, sixty-five years old, committed suicide late last night by hanging himself at the county infirmary of which he was an inmate. Hayes was missed this morning and another inmate was sent to search for him. He was found in a toilet on the third floor, hanging from a beam. He used a piece of bailing wire in hanging himself. Dr. A. R. Timerman, coroner, after viewing the body, said Hayes had been dead about twelve hours. The body was sent to Fleeman-McNeill's. No inquest will be held.

Hayes was admitted to the infirmary in August, 1920. He is survived by two brothers, Samuel and Mike Hayes of Summerville, Ohio.

Date of death: 9 Apr 1907

Subject: Ruth Hazelwood

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Apr 1907, p. 8

Ruth, 22 day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hazelwood, died yesterday afternoon at the residence, 511 Richardson street. Burial will be this morning in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 2 Sep 1907

Subject: Alma (Henderson) McWilliams*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Sep 1907, p. 10

The remains of Mrs. Alma McWilliams, daughter of Mrs. Eva Henderson, who was accidentally killed by a railroad switch engineer in Denver, Colo., September 2, arrived in St. Joseph at 7 p.m. last night, September 6. The funeral will be held from Francis Street Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, September 8, at ... o'clock. Burial at City Cemetery.

Date of death: 26 Oct 1921

Subject: Carlos Henderson*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 27 Oct 1921, p. 1

Chief of Police Detectives Thomas L. Johnson, who was shot by Carlos Henderson, in the battle between the negro desperado and a police posse at Seventh and Sycamore streets yesterday afternoon, died of his wound at Noyes Hospital at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon.

It had been said by the attending doctors from the first that there was little chance for the officer's recovery.

With Chief Johnson when the end came were his wife; Mrs. C. H. Jones, Thomas Moore of Kansas City, former chief of police of St. Joseph, and Johnson's old running mate on the detective force; Police Capt. John Duncan, and James ...able, former police detective. The corridor was filled with old friends and associates of the dead officer.

Chief Johnson was conscious almost until the moment of his death. His last words were addressed to his nurse, whom he called to the bedside a few minutes before he expired. Mrs. Johnson was prostrated.

The body was view by Dr. A. R. Timerman, coroner, and was removed to the Heaton-BeGole undertaking establishment to be prepared for burial. The funeral arrangements, of course, have not been made.

[Personal information about Johnson's affiliations.]

Notwithstanding his weakened condition Chief Johnson had at no time since he was shot lost consciousness, and he had been able to converse with his wife, who has been constantly at his bedside.

Dr. H. S. Forgrave at noon today informed Walter P. Fulkerson, president of the board of police commissioners, that there is no chance for the officer's recovery. Mr. Fulkerson last night called at the hospital and was with Johnson a few minutes.

[More personal details on family and friends.]

Chief of Police Clay C. Macdonald and Police Detective Ed Eads, also were wounded by Henderson, but their injuries were found to be only slight.

Eads' right temple was furrowed by a bullet and he is in Noyes Hospital, but probably will be discharged today. Chief Macdonald has a flesh wound in his left arm and went home after the negro had been dispatched, but was on duty at Central Police Station this forenoon...

Hall, who was twenty-three years old and unmarried, was shot in the heart and his death followed on the way to a hospital. The bullet that hit Johnson entered the right breast and passed through the right lung, lodging in his back.

The body of Henderson, who was killed as he attempted to leap from the window of the house in which he was barricaded, was sent to Fleeman-McNeill's undertaking establishment.

The battle in which two men were killed and three were wounded, one probably fatally, was possibly the fiercest in the police annals of St. Joseph. The wonder is that in the hundreds of shots exchanged more persons were not killed or wounded.

Hundreds witnessed the shooting and many persons participated in the firing, almost every sort of firearm having been pressed into service.

Henderson had been sought by the police for several days, suspected of having committed a number of late burglaries and robberies. When the police received a tip that he was at the home of his stepfather, Adolphus Havens, a story and a half frame building at Seventh and Sycamore streets, yesterday afternoon, it was decided to take him. He saw the officers approaching and barricaded the doors. As they reached the house he began to shoot and the fire was returned.

After Hall had been killed and Johnson wounded, Chief Macdonald gave the order to "take the negro dead." It was not under the house had been set on fire and he had been smoked out that Henderson showed any sign of leaving the building, and as he attempted to escape, with a revolver in each hand, the top of his head was torn off with a ball from an army rifle.

In the attack on the house Chief of Detective Johnson was first to fall. Next Eads was hit. Then Hall dropped from a death wound. The last victim of the negro was Chief Macdonald.

The killing of Henderson came as a dramatic finale to the gun battle. When Henderson finally appeared at the window a volley of shots sounded and he toppled over the casing and rolled to the roof of the one-story kitchen on the west side.

When it was seen that the negro was dead a great cheer went up from the assembled multitude, and the throng immediately surged forward to view the body, which had been pulled off the roof and lay on the ground.

A blanket was brought from the house and the corpse rolled up in it. Finally the undertaker came and removed the body.

Henderson had been known to the police since he was a boy, and was noted for his ability to get out of tight places, thus receiving the sobriquet of "Slippery." The police had been looking for him yesterday and suspected him of having had a hand in the attempted holdup at the home of George Textor, 923 North Fifth street, last Saturday. Two negro men had entered Textor's house but were scared away. Detective Eads and Sullivan received a tip that Henderson was in the house on South Seventh street yesterday and reported to Chief of Detectives Johnson. It had been planned to surround the house, as it was expected Henderson would try to escape, so Detectives Raphael, McAllister, Sullivan and Eads, headed by Chief Johnson, went to the house about 3 o'clock. On the way Johnson made the remark to the members of the posse that "there might be some shooting."

When the officered neared the house Johnson placed his men. He stood near a north window, Eads and Sullivan were stationed on the Seventh street side, Raphael guarded the south side, and McAllister was at the kitchen door.

According to detectives, Johnson was wounded at the first shot, fired through the window by the negro. After Chief Johnson had stationed his men, the negro opened a window near where he was standing and started to go out. Johnson reached over and pulled the window down, saying:

"Get back in there, n----!"¹

A moment later Henderson fired through the glass, the bullet felling the officer. Eads, who was at the northeast corner of the house, ran to his chief at the first shot and prevented Henderson from firing again. Henderson in the meantime ran to a window at the front of the house and shot Eads from it. He then ran to the south side of the house and fired at Raphael, but missed him. Two more shots were fired at Raphael, who had run around to the front. Then the negro ran back to the rear and fired at McAllister.

When Johnson fell he called to Sullivan, who was near him, to summon an ambulance and telephone Central Station for reinforcements and guns. He lay helpless under the window. When the ambulance came Sullivan directed Chauffeur Christy to drive up the alley west of the house. Johnson was still lying where he had fallen, in close range of the negro, who stood off the others of the posse.

When the wounded officer saw the ambulance, he shouted to Sullivan to "get him out" of there. As it was impossible to walk out in the open, Sullivan directed Christy to drive the ambulance to the side of the house where Johnson lay. Christy obeyed, driving the car directly past windows and doors from which the negro was firing. He was accompanied across the open space by Sullivan and Patrolman Lard. The negro did not fire at these men, and the succeeded in getting Johnson into the ambulance. Christy then drove through the front yard of the house and down Seventh street. The window under which Johnson lay was open, and it is thought he had raised it just before the negro shot him.

During all this time the officers were firing on the house and Henderson was returning the fire. Chief Macdonald had not yet arrived. In the meantime calls for more officers and ammunition had been sent in, and motor cars were sent out to gather up the traffic squad. A little later the men on duty at Central Police Station were started for the scene and it was with this squad that Hall rode to his death.

Hall and Patrolman Brinkley, upon reaching the place, advanced toward the house from the west side. This side of the house is covered with lattice work, which was of great advantage to the negro, as he was able to see the men approaching, while they were unable to locate him. Hall was carrying a revolver and Brinkley had a riot gun, which had been handed to him with the information that it was loaded.

Hall made his way to the north end of the lattice and Brinkley to a window on the west side. Peering through the window, Brinkley saw the negro pass. He shoved the shotgun through the opening, and against the negro's head, and pulled the trigger. There was no report from the gun.

¹ The newspaper used the full offensive word.

It was not loaded! A second later a shot was fired from the inside and Hall fell, with a bullet in his heart.

Brinkley ran to Hall, and half carrying and half pulling, got him away from the house. Cycle Officer Buxton rushed to Brinkley's aid, and the two managed to get Hall behind a shelter. A motor car was commandeered and a start made for the hospital. Patrolman Swepston supported the wounded man in the back seat.

"Hall died in my arms at Tenth and Francis streets," Swepston said. "Several times he seemed to try to speak, but he never uttered a word."

After Hall had been shot Chief Macdonald arrived with reinforcements. The firing at this time was incessant. Taking Sergt. James Kelly and Cycle Officer Ferrell with him, Chief Macdonald, with a revolver in each hand, advanced toward the lattice work where Hall had fallen. The chief went to the door at the south side, firing from one gun. As he was trying to burst in the door, the negro fired, striking the chief in the left shoulder.

"He's got me," Macdonald remarked to Ferrell, dropping back a few steps.

Ferrell emptied his revolver through the opening in the lattice and he and Macdonald then retreated to shelter. Orders had been given by Macdonald to take the negro "dead." After this the house was fired.

Bundles of burlap were tied with baling wire and dipped in gasoline. Officers then threw the brands toward the house. The wind carried several of the torches wide, but several finally fell on the building and smoke began to curl up from the sides. Someone turned in a fire alarm, and Chief Regan and hose company No. 16 responded. The hose was connected to the hydrant, and as soon as the negro was killed a stream of water was turned on the then blazing house.

When the house was being fired the shooting was intermittent, as the police's supply of cartridges had run low. Chief Macdonald sent uptown for more guns and ammunition, and when they arrived the attack was renewed. Dr. Charles Warner, who was in the crowd, dressed Chief Macdonald's wound as they stood in the alley behind a shed.

Excitement was at a high pitch as officers raced back and forth across the open places in the alley, and notwithstanding the apparent danger of getting too close-- danger of getting in the path of a bullet from one of the officers' gun, as well as affording a fine target for Henderson-- yet the crowd of more than 1,000 surged to get by the police lines, and it was as much as the officers could do to keep the people back.

Word of the trouble spread quickly over town and it wasn't long until motor cars were lined on both sides of Sixth street and on both sides of Sycamore for several blocks. Sycamore street, from the alley east to Sixth, was a surging mass of humanity.

After the pickets had been placed the desperado had no possible chance to escape. Guns were trained on every side of the shanty and each avenue of escape was thoroughly cut off.

Henderson's best chance for a dash toward liberty was to the north, another small shanty being only a few feet from this haven. One hundred yards or so north of that is the Grand Island roundhouse, closed in by the high board fence surrounding the Grant Island shops and yards.

For blocks about the scene persons could be seen standing on houses, box cars, buildings of the Grant Island shops and every point of vantage watching the activities. One approaching the scene from the north could tell something exciting was going on as soon as Monterey was reached, men standing on box cars looking toward the Havens shanty almost a half mile distant.

Although the Grand Island coal chute, a short distance south of the roundhouse, was on a direct line with some of the police guns trained from the alley, men observing things from open windows in the chute paid little heed to police orders to keep out of the line of bullets.

A number of ex-service and American Legion men assisted the police, some helping to keep the crowd back, other[s] being armed with rifles and serving as pickets.

To persons who could not get a view of the shanty it was not difficult to tell when the negro appeared in the upstairs window after being driven from the roaring flames. In an instant a fusillade began, the rain of bullets continuing until the body had fallen mutilated and perforated like a sieve onto the stoop over the kitchen.

The besieged house faces Seventh street, and a board fence and a shed afforded shelter in this direction. Directly south is a frame dwelling and another house on the alley and Sycamore street made a good place to shoot from. Two barns on the west alley, a picket fence and several small outhouses furnished protected for the besiegers. One man, gaining access to a barn, chopped a port hole in the roof from which he fired in comparative safety.

Four bullets from the army rifles made direct hits on Henderson, according to the examination at Fleeman-McNeill's. An army bullet entered the left side of the head and tore off the right side. This bullet, from the direction of its course, was fired from the left of the house. Two bullets pierced the heart about an inch apart. These were fired from directly in front, probably from the ride side of the outhouse. Another smashed his right knee and was probably fired from the left side of the outhouse.

One of the noticeable things in the conduct of the police in yesterday's fray and which was much commented on by the crowd was the work of the newer members of the force appointed since Colonel Macdonald's appointment as chief. Practically every one of the new men was in the front of the action and distinguished himself in some phase or other. The ex-service men heeded the call to action and were quicker to adapt themselves to circumstances than many of the older officers who have never been under fire during their term of service with the force. Capt. John Duncan, Sergt. James Kelley and some of the detectives also did conspicuously fine work.

The scene of the battle was today visited by hundreds of persons, who went in motor cars, on foot and by trolley. The house was entered by numbers of the visitors. Some of the curious ones carried away splinters from the siding for souvenirs. Some who were present yesterday during the fight explained to others the details of the sanguinary conflict.

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According to Adolphus Havens, who was alone in the house with Henderson, his stepson, when the police came, the younger negro spied the officers in the yard and yelled to his stepfather to shut the outside door.

Havens said he refused the stepson's command and made a "beeline" out of the house. As he reached the open Havens says the detectives fired twice at him, but ceased when he yelled that he was not the one they were after, and he was permitted to flee unmolested.

The shanty was occupied by Havens, seventy-five years old; his son, Leo, seventeen, and Henderson, thirty. Leo, his father said, had started about ten minutes before the police arrived to pay the rest. The property is owned by Sylvester Moser, 1034 Logan street.

Henderson's father and mother, both of whom are now dead, separated twenty years ago, according to Havens, who married Mrs. Henderson a few years later.

Moser had the house, occupied by Havens, insured. There was considerable speculation as to whether Moser could collect on the policy in view of the manner in which the house was damaged. The terms of a fire insurance policy do not permit payment of loss claims where damage results from violation of the law. It was believed by many persons that the city would pay for the damage in case the insurance was not collectable.

Carlos Henderson, the dead negro desperado, had been on intimate terms with the police ever since he was a boy. On many occasions he foiled the officers by his fleetness.

At the time of the Textor robbery, for which he was wanted, the negroes wore masks. Yesterday Textor told Chief Johnson Henderson's mask had fallen off and he had recognized him. He said he had known the negro since he was a boy.

Johnson arranged with detectives to surround Henderson's home at 4 o'clock this morning, so as to catch him in bed, and give him no chance to run. However, Sullivan and Eads learned of his presence at home in the afternoon, and the plans were altered.

Henderson had a prison record. He was sent to the reform school when a boy, and later to the penitentiary twice for burglary and larceny. On many occasions Chief Johnson and his former partner, Thomas Moore, had arrested the negro. When Henderson was a boy he escaped from the police several times by jumping through a window while being booked at Central Police Station.

Once the officers were after Henderson for a robbery and had cornered him at the foot of Felix street, on the river bank. The officers were closing in on him. He backed to the edge of the water and suddenly dived into the stream. It was in March and ice was drifting. Presently Henderson came up downstream, clambered aboard a large ice cake, and waving his hand to the officers, floated away.

Another time he had been arrested for the theft of jewelry. He told the detectives that he had hidden the jewelry in a place on Prospect Hill, and if they would take him there he would point out the place. Two detectives led Henderson to the hill. Henderson took them to the edge of a thirty-foot cliff overlooking the railroad tracks. Suddenly he leaped over the embankment and escaped. Yesterday was the first time Henderson ever has shown fight.

same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Mar 1923, p. 6

Word has been received from Jefferson City that a bill has been introduced in the house to pay Sylvester Moser of St. Joseph \$350 [possibly \$850]. Moser owned the house at Seventh and Sycamore streets, which was burned by the police two years ago when Chief of Detectives Johnson and Albert Hall, police clerk, lost their lives in an attempt to arrest Charles Henderson, a negro. The negro was killed by the police while emerging from a window after the house had been fired.

Date of death: 8 Nov 1915

Subject: George Henderson*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Nov 1915, p. 5

George Henderson, a negro, 214 Francis street, was found lying on the sidewalk unconscious at fifth and Jule streets about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was hurried to St. Joseph hospital in the police ambulance, where he died shortly afterward. It is the belief that he had drank [sic] poison, for a note was found in his pocket saying, "After I am dead, notify Fannie Lamb, 625 Holman street, Kansas City, Mo."

Little is known of Henderson, and it is believed he was a newcomer to St. Joseph. The body was taken to the Ramsey undertaking rooms.

Date of death: 20 Nov 1911

Subject: Edward Henry

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 Nov 1911, p. 4

Believed to have been despondent over domestic troubles, Edward Henry, 33 years old, a railroad clerk, committed suicide early yesterday morning at 2412 South Eleventh street by swallowing two ounces of carbolic acid. The tragedy was discovered about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, when E. L. Kitner, an engineer who roomed in the same house with Henry, went to call him to go to work.

Henry had only been in the city a few days. He came here from Minnesota. He had obtained a position as yard clerk with the Burlington and was to go to work yesterday morning. As far as is known, Henry did not have any relatives in the city.

Kitner, who had a room adjoining the one Henry occupied, heard Henry pacing the floor in his room late Sunday night. He thought nothing about it, however. Yesterday morning he knocked on Henry's door to awaken him. He got no response and he tried to get in the room but the door

was barricaded. He finally managed to push the door open and Henry was lying on the bed, dead.

Dr. C. F. Byrd, county coroner, was called, and after an examination, he ordered the body taken to Sidenfaden's morgue. An inquest will be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Letters found in Henry's room indicate that he is married and Coroner Byrd believes that domestic troubles caused his act. Names of people at Brown Valley, Minn., and Brainard, Minn., were found among Henry's effects and they have been notified.

Date of death: 29 Oct 1914

Subject: William Henry

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Oct 1914, p. 6

Saying that he was tired of living and didn't want to "go over the hill," William Henry, better known as "Red," made an alleged attempt to commit suicide in a South Sixth Street saloon by swallowing a drug. Two men standing near summoned Dr. F. G. Beard, police surgeon. He was taken to Dr. Beard's office at the police station, where emergency treatment was administered and then sent to St. Joseph hospital in the police ambulance.

Henry has been living at the Everett house on South Eighth Street. At one time he was a cook, but of late years he has been picking up small jobs here and there and having no steady employment. It is said that he was married, but had been separated from his wife for a number of years. He is a familiar figure in the neighborhood of Sixth and Messanie streets.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Oct 1914, p. 6

William "Red" Henry, 35 years old, who took poison in a South Sixth street saloon Wednesday night, died early yesterday morning at St. Joseph hospital. Dr. F. G. Beard, police surgeon, worked on the man for two hours in his office at the police station Wednesday night and then removed him to St. Joseph hospital. where he died about two hours later.

Henry was at one time a cook and had been living at the Everett house on South Eighth street. The body was taken to Fleeman's funeral home. He is survived by a divorced wife and his mother. Funeral arrangements have not been completed yet.

Date of death: 11 Dec 1907

Subject: Joseph Hensley

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 Dec 1907, p. 8

After living a generation and two years and apparently in good health, Joseph Hensley died suddenly yesterday morning of heart failure at his home in Helena, Mo. The body was brought to St. Joseph and removed to the home of his son, 615 North Third street.

The funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the residence of his son. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery. Mr. Hensley is survived by a widow and nine children. The sons are J. W. Hensley, Rochester, Mo.; James, San Jose, Cal.; L. C., Delhart, Texas; H. D., G. S., J. F. and Charles of this city. The daughters of Mrs. Lizzie Rigney of Manhattan, Kas., and Mrs. Lucy Keele of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 3 Feb 1905

Subject: Benjamin F. Herndon

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Feb 1905, p. 1

Parnell, Mo., Feb. 3.—B. F. Herndon, one of the prominent citizens of this place and an important factor in the upbuilding of Parnell the last four years, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself with a 38 calibre revolver.

The ball entered the right temple, passing through the head and coming out about two inches above the left temple.

No known cause is given except that he complained last night of a severe pain in the back of the head. He was very wealthy, owning nearly five hundred acres of land a few miles east of here and a number of residences in Parnell.

Herndon was a member of the Masonic and G.A.R. fraternities and served two terms as judge of the county court of Worth county.

He was 68 years old and leaves a wife and several children.

The funeral will take place Sunday.

Date of death: 5 Oct 1917

Subject: Ruby Hess

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Oct 1917, p. 6

Ruby Hess, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hess, died at the home of her parents, 2626 South Fourth street Thursday night.

Date of death: 19 Sep 1906

Subject: Luther J. Hickerson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Sep 1906, p. 6

Luther J. Hickerson, thirty-one years old, died at 11 o'clock today at 2603 Patee street, of Bright's disease. The dead man I survived by a wife to whom he was married less than a year ago. The body will be taken to Savannah for burial.

Date of death: 26 Jan 1903

Subject: Vance Hicks*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Jan 1903, p. 7

Vance Hicks, colored, six years old, died at 10:40 Monday night at the home of his father Morgan Hicks.

Date of death: 22 Mar 1912

Subject: Lenora Bell Higgins

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Mar 1912, p. 1

Louise [sic], three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Higgins, 3021 North Ninth street, probably was fatally burned about 10 o'clock this morning while playing with matches. The child's clothing caught fire while the mother was in the back yard, and she was badly burned all over the body before the blaze was extinguished by Mrs. Higgins. Dr. J. T. Stamey attended the little girl and he says she will not recover.

same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Mar 1912, p. 6

Lenora Higgins, three years old, who was burned March 4, while playing with matches, died at 12 o'clock last night at St. Joseph's Hospital. The body has been removed to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Higgins, 3021 North Ninth street.

Date of death: 12 Feb 1914

Subject: Robert E. Higgins

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Feb 1914, p. 6

Robert E. Higgins, three-year-old son of William Higgins, an engineer for the Swift Packing Company, died at 2 o'clock this morning at the home of his father, 5647 South Third street.

Date of death: 6 Mar 1914

Subject: Santford Higgins

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Mar 1914, p. 6

Santford Higgins, 4-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Higgins, died late Friday night at the home of the parents, 5647 South Third street. This is the second death in the family within three weeks. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the residence.

Date of death: 5 May 1892

Subject: Joseph Hill*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 6 May 1892, p. 5

Another Sunday killing has been added to the long list that have taken place in St. Joseph during the last few years.

Joseph Hill, a negro porter, was shot at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning by Charles Zimmer, at the latter's saloon, corner of Fifth and Angelique streets, and died at the city hospital at 6:30 o'clock this morning from the effects of the wound.

The ball entered Hill's stomach on the left side and ranged downward, producing a ghastly wound.

Immediately after the shooting the wounded man was conveyed to the city hospital and Zimmer was arrested by Officer Jack O'Meara and locked up.

While his victim was writhing in agony upon the saloon floor and before the arrival of the police, Zimmer left his place of business, walking north on Fifth the Angelique and east to Sixth. Here he was overtaken by Officer Jack O'Meara, placed under arrest and taken to the Central Police Station, where he was locked in a cell.

When Zimmer saw O'Meara approaching he made a movement as if to draw a revolver, but was quickly commanded to drop his hands from his pockets under penalty of death.

The shooting was the result of a drunken quarrel between Zimmer and Hill. The latter was in his slayer's employ and yesterday morning both were drinking freely.

After Hill had completed the work of cleaning up the saloon he asked Zimmer for his week's wages. Hill received \$4 a week and Zimmer claimed that he had drawn \$2. This was disputed by Hill and some harsh words were exchanged during which Zimmer ordered Hill to leave the house. This Hill refused to do and Zimmer walked behind the bar and placed his revolver in his pocket.

Zimmer than came close to where Hill was standing and only a few feet in front of the bar and a second time ordered the porter to quit the place. Again Hill refused to comply with his employer's command and according to the statements of Zimmer and a number of eye witnesses, Hill advanced toward him as if to strike him. Zimmer retreated until he reached the side wall and then commanded Hill to halt. Hill did not obey and without another word of warning the saloon keeper drew his revolver and fired.

Hill staggered to the bar, where he supported himself for a few seconds, then fell to the floor in a heap, exclaiming: "I am dead; oh! I am a dead man."

Marshall Smith, G. W. Anderson, William Baker and Nat Talbott were in Zimmer's place at the time of the shooting and were all eye witnesses to the tragedy. They were arrested and held at the Central Police Station for several hours to await the result of Hill's wound. Late in the afternoon all made written statements as to what they saw and heard, and were released. The statements of the four witnesses to the killing correspond with Zimmer's version of the shooting.

After Hill was taken to the hospital he suffered mortal agony, and it required the combined efforts of four men to hold him while Assistant City Physician Elam probed the wound for the ball. After an hour's work the bullet could not be located and the search for it was discontinued.

During the afternoon hundreds of Hill's friends called at the hospital to see him. Among the visitors was his wife, who insisted upon having her husband removed to his home, but was finally convinced that such action would be unwise.

Hill was about thirty years of age and was the father of three children, aged three, five and seven years.

Zimmer was also visited at the Central Police Station by a large number of friends. Mrs. Zimmer, who called at the prison at 3 o'clock, was greatly affected at first, but after an interview with her husband, who assured her that he would come out of the trouble all right, she became more collected.

At 10 o'clock this morning a warrant charging Zimmer with murder in the first degree was issued upon information filed by Officer Robert Mancy, and the prisoner was taken from the Central Police Station to Justice Mitchell's court. Owing to the fact that the coroner's inquest over the remains of Hill was to be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon and the witnesses needed at the examination in the justice court were summoned to testify before the coroner's jury, the preliminary hearing was set for 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Zimmer was turned over to the state authorities and locked up in the county jail.

Zimmer's attorneys have no idea of securing the prisoner's discharge by the justice of the peace, but hope that after hearing the evidence that officer will consent to his release upon bond.

The remains were removed to Heaton's undertaking parlors, where an inquest was held this afternoon and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts in the case.

Date of death: 21 Apr 1909

Subject: William Hill

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Apr 1909, p. 3

William Hill, twenty-six years old, died Wednesday morning, at a local hospital, of tuberculosis.

Date of death: 2 Jul 1902

Subject: Edwin H. Hines

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Jul 1902, p. 5

Edwin H. Hines, aged forty-five years, died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, at his home, 513 North Thirteenth street. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be in the city cemetery.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Jul 1902, p. 9

Mrs. Edwin H. Hines says the report that her husband, who died July 2, was buried in the city cemetery was a mistake. The burial was at Oakland cemetery, she says.

Date of death: 25 Oct 1907

Subject: Wilma Hira

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Oct 1907, p. 2

Wilma Hira, six weeks old, who had lived more than a month without a mother, died Friday afternoon at the Sheltering Arms Home, 2711 Patee street. The baby was taken to the home about a month ago. Mrs. Leda Hall, matron of the home, had kept the baby alive in an improvised incubator of wool and cotton. The infant was buried in the city cemetery this morning.

Date of death: 24 Nov 1907

Subject: Sophia (Hobson) Purviance

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Nov 1907, p. 7

Savannah, Mo., Nov. 25.—Mrs. Sofia [sic] Purviance, aged sixty-six years, died of pneumonia, at her home in this city at 3 p.m. yesterday. She was born in Chesterfield, Ill., was educated at Jacksonville Female seminary and had lived here many years. Her husband, W. H. Purviance, who was one of the early merchants of this city, died twenty-two years ago. Mrs. Purviance, who possesses considerable wealth, was a leader in church and temperance work. Her two daughters, Mrs. Paul F. Limerick and Mrs. Walter G. Cooper, are residents of this city.

The funeral will be held from the First M. E. Church, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Date of death: 11 Aug 1915

Subject: J. C. Holley*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Aug 1915, p. 2

J. C. Holley, a negro, thirty-two years old, was fatally cut by another negro known as "Kentucky Slim" Woods in a row late last night at a Burlington bunk car just north of the Francis street station.

Holley's jugular vein was severed and he died within ten minutes after he was cut. Woods escaped, but a negro answering to his description is under arrest at Forest City, Mo.

The police and Dr. Thomas J. Lynch, coroner, were summoned to the scene by other negroes who had witnessed the cutting. Jesse Griffin and James Harris, negroes who were in the bunch car with Holley and Woods, told the police that all of them had been in a poker game and that Woods had asked Holley for a nickel. When Holley refused to give him any money Woods left the car and dared Holley to follow him. Holley accepted the challenge and Woods drew a knife from his pocket and stabbed Holley. In the excitement that followed Woods disappeared.

None of the negroes lives in St. Joseph. They had been employed by the Burlington at repairing flood damage. Holley's home was at Moberly, Mo.

Coroner Lynch sent the dead negro's body to Ramsey's undertaking establishment, where an inquest was announced for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

A telephone message to The News-Press this forenoon said that Fred Cook, a deputy sheriff, had arrested a negro in a box car at Forest City, Mo., at 2:30 o'clock this morning, who corresponded with the description of Woods sent out by the police. He said his name is Lawrence Hubbard and denied any knowledge of the killing.

Date of death: 3 May 1906

Subject: Lewis Allen Holt

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 May 1906, p. 7

Savannah, Mo., May 14.—Louis Holt, an old pioneer citizen of Andrew County, but late of Arkansas City, Kan., was brought here for burial Saturday.

Date of death: 12 Apr 1920

Subject: Ruby E. Holt

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Apr 1920, p. 5

Ruby, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Holt, 5204 1/2 King Hill avenue, died Monday morning of lobar pneumonia. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

Date of death: 10 Dec 1904

Subject: Mrs. Alice Howard*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Dec 1904, p. 8

Alice Howard, colored, aged 38 years, wife of Charles Howard, died at 12:15 o'clock at her home, 604 North Second street. The time of funeral has not yet been announced. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 23 Mar 1904

Subject: Elizabeth Howard*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Mar 1904, p. 7

Elizabeth Howard, colored, aged 41 years, died at 3 o'clock yesterday morning at the home, 514 Duncan street. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Date of death: 24 Jan 1903

Subject: Marie Howard*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Jan 1903, p. 7

Marie Howard, colored, daughter of Mrs. Annie Howard, died at the family home, No. 297 North Seventh street, at 9:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. She was 19 years of age. The funeral will be held from the African Methodist Episcopal church at 2:30 p.m. today.

Date of death: 7 Mar 1901

Subject: Levine L. Howell

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 8 Mar 1901, p. 7

Levin L. Howell, age 52 years, died at the residence of John B. Howell, No. 1522 St. Joseph avenue yesterday morning. The funeral will take place from the residence Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Body will be taken to Savannah, Mo., with hearse and carriages for burial. Friends invited.

Date of death: 5 Oct 1907

Subject: John M. Howendobler

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Oct 1907, p. 11

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 5.—John Howendobler, who, until six years ago, had been engaged in the drug business in Maryville for thirty years or more, died at his home here yesterday afternoon. Mr. Howendobler was unmarried and made his home with relatives here. The funeral services will be held in Maryville tomorrow.

Date of death: 9 Apr 1914

Subject: H. G. Hubbard (aka William Hubbard)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Apr 1914, p. 6

H. G. Hubbard, fifty-five years old and a cook, died at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a hospital. The body is held at Rock & Clark's pending word from relatives out of town.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Apr 1914, p. 6

H. G. Hubbard, 55 years old, who lived at Fourth and Charles streets, died yesterday afternoon at a local hospital. He was taken to the hospital a week ago. Hubbard is survived by two sisters, one living in St. Joseph, and another living in Bellaire, Ohio. The body is being held at Rock & Clark's undertaking establishment until word can be received from relatives.

Date of death: 16 Feb 1910

Subject: James or (Edie W.) Hubble

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Dec 1908, p. 4

James Hubble, the three-year-old son of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Moffitt Twelfth street and Grand avenue, died at 12:30 o'clock last night from burns sustained by playing with the fire in the kitchen stove while alone in the house of William Stancliff, 1516 North Twelfth street.

Dr. B. W. Toothaker, who lives near the Stancliff home, arrived at the house ten minutes after the accident, but human aid was of no avail. The child's clothing was almost entirely consumed and its body was fairly roasted.

The mother of the little boy is a widow and there are five other children. She is employed at the Jet White laundry, and was not aware of the accident until she returned home from her day's work. After the accident the little boy, who was suffering terribly, called for his mother continuously until her arrival.

It had been Mrs. Moffitt's custom to leave the little one with Mrs. Stancliff while she was at work. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Stancliff left the child alone in the kitchen while she went into the yard on an errand. It is supposed that he went to the stove and pulled out some coals.

Mrs. Stancliff saw the little fellow run out to the kitchen porch, a mass of flames and uttering agonizing screams. She grasped a blanket and threw it about the boy, but it was too late to give much relief.

The child will be buried tomorrow afternoon in the city cemetery.

same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Feb 1910, p. 4

Mrs. Elizabeth Maffit [sic], aged forty years, died at 4:05 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at her home, 1515 North Twelfth street, of paralysis. She had been sick for a year and had been confined to her bed two months. Mrs. Maffit was the mother of James Hubbel, the three-year-old child who was burned to death December 9, 1908, while playing in the kitchen at the home of William Stancliff, 1516 North Twelfth street. She is survived by four sons.

Date of death: 7 Feb 1922

Subject: Robert Huddleston

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 8 Feb 1922, p. 2

Robert Huddleston, fifty-five years old, was found dead in bed in the old Burnes home, Ayr Lawn, on the South Eleventh street road, late yesterday, by neighbors. Huddleston was employed as caretaker of the place and also had been working at wood chopping. He had not been seen since Saturday and an investigation was made.

Dr. A. R. Timerman, coroner, viewed the body and said death was due to heart disease. It was sent to Fleeman-McNeills'. He was unmarried and as far as is known had no relatives.

Date of death: 26 May 1903

Subject: Milton Huff

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 27 May 1903, p. 1

The Dead. ... Milton Huff, farmer. Gus Huff, his son....

Maryville Mo., May 27.—Eight persons killed outright ... fatally, one of whom has ... two missing marks the fatal work of a cyclone that struck ... Elmo, a town of 200 about ... west of Maryville on the Wa..., yesterday afternoon.

The giant twister came without warning out of the southwest, where it had already ... a Free Methodist church in ... district, and struck the Wabash depot at ... Agent Mc... realized ... was happening. He was sitting in his operation room [*several lines illegible*]

[Long article, mainly illegible]

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Date of death: [22] Jul 1905

Subject: Andrew J. "Jack" Hughes*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Jul 1905, p. 2

Faithful Negro Janitor is Dead

"Jack" Hughes, an Old Employe of Rock Island, to Be Buried at Expense of White Men.

M. C. ... freight agent of the Rock Island yesterday received a telegram ... Denver ... Announcing the death ... Hughes, commonly known ... railroad men as Jack, an ... negro ... Rock Island.

Hughes has been in the employ of the Rock Island for the past seventeen years ... greater ... of the time engaged ... work and as general handy man ... He was a gen... employs of the office... recipient of many favors ... his strong popularity.

For ... months past he had been ... trouble. A month ago ... vacation which request ... weeks ago he returned ... apparently benefited in ... during the past week ... was evident ... Thursday for Denver.

... officers are of the opinion ... change in altitude proved ... The Denver authorities were notified ... body to St. Joseph for ...

... Hughes ... 42 years old and is survived ... and daughter, living at Twenty- ... and Jones street.

Employs of the offices have completed the funeral arrangements and services will be conducted at the family residence Monday afternoon.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Jul 1905, p. 2

The body of Andrew J. Hughes, colored, arrived last night from Colorado Springs, where he died of consumption, last Saturday, and was removed to the family home, Twenty-fifth and Jones streets. Hughes was 42 years old, and was janitor at the Rock Island freight offices for the last seventeen years. He was a familiar figure about the building, and was known personally by all of the high officials of the company. His wife and daughter survive him.

Date of death: 18 Sep 1901

Subject: William Hughes*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 20 Sep 1901, p. 5

William Hughes, ... unique negro characters of St. Joseph, died Wednesday of general debility. He was known among politicians as "Old Bill" Hughes, but he was not very old, only forty-eight years. The burial will take place today in the city cemetery ... his friends ... collected enough money to defray the funeral expenses.

Hughes was known chiefly among the politicians ... of the diligent manner in which he ... funds to bury his wife. During the past four or five years he periodically circulated a petition, stating that his wife was dead and that he wanted to get money to bury her. He would go to different politicians and with tears in his eyes and ... over his cheeks would ask for a small donation so as to be able to give her a decent burial. ... money enough to keep ... for a few weeks. Finally his wife did die. That was six months ago. There was no mistake about it and Hughes made his last melancholy trip to his pensioners. Some of them had grown wary and had refused assistance, but after being convinced that Mrs. Hughes was actually dead they subscribed enough to give her a burial.

Now 'Bill' is dead. Friends are performing a work in which he was such an adept and ... hope to get money enough to ... body out of the hands of the anatomical board.

Date of death: 28 May 1903

Subject: Gustav Hunsinger

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Jun 1903, p. 6

Gustave [sic] Hunsinger, a well known huckster and produce dealer, who had a stand on market square for some years, is dead at the age of 53 years. He was born in Ohio, but lived in this state for 48 years. The body was taken to Amazonia yesterday morning for burial. He was not married.

Date of death: 28 Feb 1901

Subject: Madge Hunt

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 03 Mar 1901, p. 2

[Savannah, Mo.]—Madge Hunt, the two-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Hunt, died of scarletina Thursday afternoon at 1:30. The funeral services were held at the home at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Rev. Chilton of St. Joseph conducting the services.

Date of death: 16 May 1906

Subject: Sarah M. (Hunt) Dickson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 May 1906, p. 12

Savannah, Mo., May 18.—Mrs. Sarah M. Dixon [sic] died at her home, seven miles east of Savannah, Wednesday morning, aged forty-nine years. The funeral took place from the first Baptist Church in Savannah, at 11 o'clock this morning.

Date of death: 29 Jul 1908

Subject: Alexander Hunter

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Jul 1908, p. 2

Alexander Hunter, seventy-five years old, died at his home, 5812 Lake avenue, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, of a complication of diseases. He leaves a wife and daughter. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and burial will be in the city cemetery.

'Uncle Alex,' as he was called, was a familiar character in the South End and ... [*much illegible*] peanuts ... stockmen ... a purse of \$5 which they gave him as a mark of respect.

Date of death: 26 May 1905

Subject: Mrs. Eliza A. Hunterson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 May 1905, p. 6

Mrs. Eliza A. Hunterson, aged forty-three years, died at a local hospital at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The body will probably be forwarded to Parnell, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 12 Dec 1915

Subject: Mrs. Martha Hurndal*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Jan 1916, p. 4

Do people of St. Joseph live to be a greater age than in most cities?

Statistics of the health board for 1915 seem to indicate this. W. E. Harrington, clerk of the board, thinks that he issued one of the most unusual burial permits ever given out in the state, for Mrs. Martha Hurndal, who was 119 years and 12 days old at the time of her death, Dec. 12.

Mrs. Hurndal was born in one century, lived entirely through another and got a good start on the third, getting over a seventh of it before overtaken by death. She was born Dec. 1, 1796. She lived at 903 Douglas street at the time of her death.

Although the former slave was probably the oldest person who ever lived in St. Joseph and one of the oldest in Missouri, during the past year many persons died who were between 75 and 100 years old. [*More information on death statistics.*]

Date of death: 11 Apr 1902

Subject: Mrs. Be--- Hurst*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 Apr 1902, p. 5

Mrs. Be... Hurst, colored, wife of Alexander Hurst of 721 South Twenty-first street, died at ... o'clock Friday while attending a meeting at Queen Mary's Tabernacle ... [*two lines illegible*].

Mrs. Hurst ... a short ... being ... but in ... the door... died ... was summoned, but ... to be of assistance.

Coroner D... was called and the body was taken to ... morgue. Mrs. Hurst had been ... lately. She had been a member of ... about two years. She is survived by her husband and ...

... autopsy ... night and found that ... heart trouble. The services will be held at Heaton's morgue this afternoon.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 13 Apr 1902, p. 5

The inquest over the death of Mrs. Be... Hurst, who died suddenly in the K...s and Daughters of the Tabor hall at Third and Michel streets Friday night was held at Heaton's morgue Saturday afternoon. The jury returned a verdict that the woman came to her death through organic heart trouble. The funeral will be held from the residence, 721 South Twenty-first street, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with interment in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 1 Mar 1903

Subject: Edward D. Hurst*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Mar 1903, p. 5

Edward Hurst, colored, aged 20, died yesterday morning at the residence of his father, John Hurst, South Sixteenth street. Funeral services will be held today at Mount Mora cemetery.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Mar 1903, p. 4

Edward Hurst died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Edward Hurst was the son of John Hurst, No. 510 South Sixteenth street. The burial will be in Antioch, Mo.

Date of death: Aug 1906

Subject: George Hurst*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Aug 1906, p. 1

Pursued by his son-in-law, who was rapidly emptying the chambers of his revolver as he ran, George Hurst, a negro junk dealer, fell at Third and Michel streets last night with a wound in his right thigh. Five out of six shots fired by the son-in-law, William Harris, went wild and caused terror among residents of the neighborhood.

A bullet passed but a few inches over the head of the little daughter of John W. Stewart, who was sitting with her older sister on the front porch of the house, 902 North Third street, It completely destroyed the glass window of the door behind them and imbedded itself in the wall of the parlor.

Harris escaped. When he saw his father-in-law fall he shoved the smoking revolver in his pocket and started west on Michel street. He ran south in an alley and disappeared. Harris, a young fellow, is employed in a drug store.

There had been trouble between the men before. Two weeks ago they engaged in a fight on Second street and Harris was arrested by Patrolman Hetherington. He was fined \$5 for peace disturbance.

Hurst keeps his horse in a barn a few hundred feet east of Third and Michel streets and he was sitting in the place, talking to Jack Lewis, another negro, when the trouble occurred. Lewis heard somebody calling, and going out, found Harris. He said he wanted to speak to Hurst.

Returning into the barn, Lewis a few seconds later heard the firing of a gun. He ran out and saw Hurst running toward the corner, he says, with his son-in-law following and shooting. Bullets were flying about in all directions.

Hurst was struck in the thigh as he reached the corner. He turned and ran back, falling at the curbstone. Harris ran on. The wounded man was carried to the city work house and from there was taken to his home, 114 West Lewis street, in the police ambulance.

Dr. J. H. Sampson attended him and does not believe the injury will result fatally.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Aug 1906, p. 1

"George Hurst died from the shock sustained from the heavy bullet.

"He was shot through the loin on the right side, the bullet coming out in the lower part of the back.

"This would not have killed him of itself, as enough time had not elapsed for complication of diseases.

"There are many nerve ends and centers in the loin, and these being shocked severely, coupled with the natural effect fear has on a negro brought about Hurst's death."—J. J. Bansbach

Sitting at his desk at police headquarters, Inspector Kelley last night followed by telephone the flight of Will, or Jacie Harris, slayer of his father-in-law, from St. Joseph to Clarinda, Ia. Gaining almost absolute evidence that the negro and his wife were in that town, he telegraphed the city marshal to make the arrest. Reply is expected this morning.

It was learned yesterday that the wife of Harris went with him to the barn ... commenced firing at George Hurst ... night and screamed again and again ... to kill her father.

"... him," she cried, and when Hurst ... Third and Michel streets with ... in his thigh the negress ran with her husband to the dark alley down which they disappeared.

Boarding a passenger train at the Francis street station shortly after midnight, Harris and his wife went to Napier, Mo. There at 7 o'clock yesterday morning they purchased tickets to Bigelow and took a freight train for that station.

Inspector Kelley ...ed to the station... Bigelow and learned that the ... gone to Clarinda. At Clarinda ... is a Chautauqua and it was necessary for the station operator last night to go to the grounds and get the ... He said Harris and his wife ... train there.

A telegram was sent to the city ... him to put...

... .41 caliber C... it is believed ... thus obtaining ... transportation. His wife ... according to those who ... couple.

... George Hurst, 48 years old ... death from the effects of a bullet fired from a weapon in the hands of Will Harris was reached by the coroner's jury yesterday afternoon.

Trouble ... several weeks ago ... a harness was shown to have been the cause of the shooting. It was thought at first that the difficulty had ... over Hurst's daughter.

... witnesses were examined. Jack Lewis, the negro in the barn where Hurst kept his horse, gave the most important testimony, He told a story as ... in The Gazette yesterday morning, saying that Harris put Hurst to flight and then fired a chance shot as he was running, this being the only bullet to take effect.

Mrs. Addie Jackson and her daughter, Golda Jackson, testified that feeling had not been good between the two men and Harris had threatened to kill his father-in-law. William Hensley, a white shoemaker living in the neighborhood, Worley A. Stewart, Oliver Knight and James Mansfield testified as to the bad reputation of the fugitive.

Coroner J. J. Bansbach is of the opinion that Hurst died as the result of fright, and not from injuries caused directly by the bullet that struck him in the right thigh.

A warrant charging Harris with murder in the first degree was issued yesterday from Justice Walker's court.

Date of death: 23 Feb 1902

Subject: Josephine Hurst*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 24 Feb 1902, p. 5

Josephine Hurst, a colored girl, nine years old, died at the family home, 721 South Twenty-first street, Sunday evening at 5 o'clock.

Date of death: 21 Jan 1915

Subject: Mary (Hutchison) Jones

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Jan 1915, p. 4

Mrs. Mary Jones, 40 years old, wife of R. M. Jones of Denver, died Thursday night at a local hospital. The body is at the Rock and Clark undertaking rooms pending funeral arrangements.

**I & J Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 11 Apr 1909

Subject: Sr. Mary Georgia Ineichen

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Apr 1909, p. 4

Maryville, Mo., April 12.—Sister Mary Georgia, aged forty-seven, died at the Convent of Perpetual Adoration at Conception, Mo., yesterday. She was a sister of the Rev. Father Anselm Rneichen [sic], pastor of St. Mary's Church of this city. Sister Mary Georgia was born in the canton of Luzerne, Switzerland and came to Conception in 1890. The funeral services were held there this morning.

Date of death: 31 Mar 1902

Subject: Charles Irvin*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Apr 1902, p. 4

Charles Irvin, a negro died in an omnibus at 1:45 o'clock Monday afternoon, while being transferred from the Union passenger station to the Ensworth Hospital. Irvin was brought to St. Joseph from White Cloud, Kan., and was to have been operated upon for appendicitis at the Ensworth Hospital. He was accompanied by Dr. J. H. Hobson of White Cloud, who was with him at the time of death. The body was removed to Heaton's morgue, and will be sent to White Cloud for burial this morning.

Date of death: 20 May 1908

Subject: James Irvine (or Irvin)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 May 1908, p. 1

An unidentified man, believed to have borne the name of James Irvine, was ground to pieces under the wheels of a Burlington passenger train one mile north of the Francis street station a few minutes before 2 o'clock this afternoon.

He stepped off of one track to avoid a northbound train, and was struck by passenger train No. 20, southbound. The Burlington has a double track at that point.

Death was instantaneous. The body was horribly mutilated and scattered along the track. The shapeless pieces of flesh were picked up and conveyed to a boxcar where they were placed in the baggage room.

A Burlington employe says the dead man is James Irvine, a laborer. He says Irvine was directed at noon to go to a riprapping camp north of St. Joseph for employment. He says Irvine had been employed as a laborer in and about St. Joseph recently, but he did not know anything of the man's antecedents or family ties.

The train which struck Irvine was in charge of conductor Jerry Potter and Engineer John Donald.

Date of death: Apr 1903

Subject: Charles Jackson*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Apr 1903, p. 5

The body of Charles Jackson, colored, arrived from Chicago yesterday morning and was taken in charge by his brother, William Jackson. The man was struck and killed by a locomotive in Chicago last week. The funeral services were held at Francis Street Baptist church and conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Coren, yesterday afternoon. The interment was at Mt. Mora cemetery.

Date of death: 18 Jan 1905

Subject: Hattie Jackson*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 Jan 1905, p. 6

Hattie Jackson, colored, aged 20 years, died at 6:20 o'clock yesterday morning at her residence, 814 Sacramento street.

Date of death: [23 Aug] 1910

Subject: J. Jackson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Aug 1910, p. 4

An unknown man was instantly killed by inbound ... 14, about ... o'clock this morning, a... water works pumping station ... walking north ... track and was in full view of ... and ... seemingly made no effort ...

The body was picked up and brought to the union passenger station, where Coroner Byrd viewed it and ordered it moved to Heaton's morgue where the inquest will be held.

The train was in charge of R. Ri..., conductor, W. Duntz, engineer, and R. H. Gourley, fireman. According to Engineer Duntz, when he first saw the man he blew the locomotive whistle several times, expecting him to step off the track, but the stranger paid no attention. By the time it was seen that he was not going to get off the track, it was too late to do anything to save him.

The walker was hurled against the side of a box car on a siding. The train was stopped and the mangled corpse was placed in the baggage car and brought to the city.

In one of the dead man's pockets was found a piece of note paper upon which there was some scribbling containing the name "Jauck." Nothing else could be deciphered.

It was learned that he had been at one time employed on a Rock Island section gang, and had applied for work with a Burlington construction force working near the scene of his death. He was about thirty-five years old.

Date of death: 18 Mar 1909

Subject: John Lewis Jackson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Mar 1909, p. 4

John L. Jackson, seventy-four years old, died at 4:30 o'clock this morning, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. P. Davidson, 422 1/2 North Sixth street. He is also survived by another daughter, Mrs. A. Crouch of Los Angeles, and three sons, Lee Jackson of Covina, Cal., and Frank and M. W. Jackson of St. Joseph. The body will be taken to Savannah, Mo. for burial.

Date of death: 3 Apr 1918

Subject: Lester Chauncy Jackson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Apr 1918, p. 6

Lester Jackson, forty-nine years old, a teamster, died late yesterday afternoon at his home, 2429 South Ninth street. He is survived by the widow, three daughters, Mrs. Martha Layman, Mason City, Iowa; Miss May Jackson, Omaha, and Mrs. Laura Elsworth, and a son, William Jackson, both of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 17 Mar 1917

Subject: Matt James*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Mar 1917, p. 2

Matt James, a negro adjudged insane by the county court two weeks ago, was found dead in the padded cell at the county jail at 9:30 o'clock. The corpse was discovered only a few minutes after Dr. E. H. Bullock, superintendent of State Hospital No. 2, had notified the county court that room for James had been made at the institution and that he could be admitted.

James doubtless died of exhaustion, as the only nourishment he had taken since his incarceration was by forced feeding. Dr. C. R. Woodson gave him his dinner through a tube last night, but had not arrived to give his breakfast when the body was found.

Sheriff Isaacson had been in constant fear that James would injure himself, as he was continually attempting to climb to an electric lamp on the ceiling of the cell, which he declared was "the light of heaven."

Before he was taken into custody, James lived at 326 West Missouri avenue. Until today the state hospital authorities would not admit him to the institution because the two male negro wards there were crowded.

Elmer Woodson, the negro letter carrier who was adjudged insane by the county court a week ago and who also was refused admission to the state hospital, yesterday was removed to the home of his sister, at 1863 Felix street, where arrangements have been made to care for him. It is said that Woodson is rational much of the time.

Date of death: 27 Mar 1906

Subject: Forester Mercer Jenkins

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Mar 1906, p. 7

Savannah, Mo., March 28.—O. A. Jenkins, better known as 'Foster' Jenkins, dropped dead at his home about five miles northwest of Rosendale yesterday morning about aa o'clock, of heart

failure. Mr. Jenkins had been in the best of health and the death was a great shock to his family. He was an old resident in this ... having been born and raised west ... He was sixty years old and is ... his widow, four sons and ... daughters.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Date of death: 4 Jan 1903

Subject: Samuel Jenkins*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 6 Jan 1903, p. 6

Samuel Jenkins, colored, died at his residence in the rear of No. 541 North Second street, January 4, at 1 o'clock p.m., aged thirty years. Funeral this afternoon at 2 o'clock; burial at city cemetery.

Date of death: 30 May 1922

Subject: Charles Jobe

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Jun 1922, p. 9

Charles Jobe, sixty-one years old, a painter, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a local hospital.

Date of death: 18 May 1903

Subject: [Mrs.] Anna Johnson*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 May 1903, p. 8

Anna Johnson, the young negro woman who was so badly burned about 2 o'clock yesterday morning, died about 8 o'clock at St. Joseph's hospital as a result of her injuries. It was learned that she had poured coal oil over her clothing and had burned while she laughed like a demon. She was addicted to the use of morphine and string [sic] drink. The woman was about 23 years old and lived with her monther [sic] at Seventh and Powell streets.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 18 May 1903, p. 6

A terrible death was that chosen by Anna Johnson, a young colored woman, who committed suicide this morning.

The young woman, who lived with her husband and his mother at Tenth and Powell streets, arose from her bed about 2 o'clock this morning and saturated her underclothing with coal oil, which, it is presumed, she ignited with a match, with intent to burn herself up.

As soon the flames burst out all about her the young woman regretted what she had done and called to her mother-in-law in an adjoining room. Together they tried to ... the flames. Her husband was also aroused, but the burning woman ran into the yard and nearly every stitch of clothing was burned from her body.

Dr. H. L. Walker was summoned and he ordered the woman removed to St. Joseph's hospital where she suffered the most agonizing pain until her death, at ... o'clock.

The Johnson woman had been a slave to morphine and strong drink for several years and was not considered responsible. She had repeatedly threatened to kill herself and had been closely watched for some time.

The house in which the negroes lived was almost completely burned up, together with all its contents.

Coroner Doyle summoned a jury to view the body and will hold an inquest tomorrow.

Date of death: 16 Jun 1920

Subject: Bernetta (Johnson) Coleman*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Jun 1920, p. 1

The nude, headless body of a woman believed to be between 20 and 25 years old was found in the water at the edge of a bridge at the northwest end of Lake Contrary shortly after noon yesterday. The head had been entirely severed from the body and so far identification has been impossible. The body bore evidence of having been in the water three or four days.

The arms were bound securely to the sides of the body with a wire clothes line, and two iron bed rails, presumably meant for sinkers were securely attached to the back, also with pieces of clothes line. The body had been caught in a wire fencing on the west side of the bridge and was barely below the surface of the water. That the young woman had been murdered was accepted as beyond a doubt according to the police and county authorities.

Two splotches of blood, evidently not more than two or three days old, were found on the floor of the bridge near the edge, and on the top rail a smaller spot was found, all on the side beneath which the body was found.

The body was first noticed yesterday morning by H. M. Rice, 2426 Penn street, a postman, who was fishing near the bridge yesterday. Rice said he noticed the object barely perceptible beneath the surface, but that it did not occur to him that it was a woman's body. It was later recognized as a human body by Phyllis Gordon, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. ?. Gordon, 1622 South Eleventh street, who, with her family, was fishing at the lake. She called her father, who later went to the home of W. T. Wheeler, deputy United [sic] States marshal, a mile east of the bridge, and notified the police. Dr. J. J. Wieser, acting coroner, took charge of the body and sent it to H. O. Sidenfaden's undertaking rooms.

Farmers living in the vicinity of the bridge were deputized by Coroner Wieser to make a search for the head of the woman and late yesterday afternoon they seined the lake near the bridge, but the head was not found. The bridge is a small one, about three feet above the water, and is situated in what is known as the upper dam of the lake.

The police learned last night that a blood-stained automobile containing bloody clothing, was found early this week at Armour Junction, twenty-... miles south of St. Joseph. Chief of Detectives Thomas A. Johnson made an effort last night to get in touch with the persons who found the car and if it is still there he will go to Armour today for an investigation. ... authorities believe that if such a car was found, it was the car which carried the body of the murdered woman to the lake. It is also believed that the woman was murdered some distance away from the place where the body was discovered and that her murderers were under the impression they were throwing her body in the river when they put it in the lake. The river is not more than 200 yards to the north of Lake Contrary at this ...

The clothesline which had been used to bind the woman was evidently ... in a hurry, as one end still carried a large spike nail in it. The ... was secure and the loose ends were neatly cut off, with the exception of the one bearing the nail.

The condition of the corpse was such that it could not be exactly determined whether the woman was a negro or white. The finger nails, one possible means of identification, indicated that the woman was white. She was comparatively short of stature and well ..., according to Sidenfaden.

The head was severed barely above the shoulders and the body bears evidence of some instrument with a ... nicked edge having been used. No other mark appears on the body, Sidenfaden said. Her age was, of course, a matter of conjecture, Sidenfaden said, but from her form it could be judged she had attained maturity.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Jun 1920, p. 1

The police were no nearer last night to the solution of the identity of the young woman, whose nude, beaten body was found in Upper Lake Contrary Wednesday afternoon. Efforts to recover the head by dragging the lake had been abandoned. The mystery was intensified during the day by the receipt of five telephone calls at the office of H. O. Sidenfaden, the undertaker at whose establishment the body is being held. All the inquirers re... to divulge ... identity. All asked for a description of the woman.

A telegram was received last night at the police station from L. B. Leeds of Indianapolis, Ind., giving a description of his daughter who disappeared from there, but the description did not tally with that of the corpse here.

A possible solution was hope for in a long distance telephone message yesterday afternoon to Chief of Police Watson, from Edwardsville, Ill., on suspicion that the murdered woman was from that place. However, the woman who disappeared there had a scar on one thigh and the woman here has no scar.

Efforts to locate the supposed "murder car," which had been reported at various small towns near here, proved fruitless. Investigation of several clues failed to develop anything. No trace of a Buick car reported abandoned near Armour was found. No traces were found at either Winthrop or Rushville.

One of the five persons who telephoned to Sidenfaden yesterday, a woman, said her daughter had disappeared. Another left a telephone number, but calling the number failed to elicit any information. A third was invited to view the body. None called. Two negroes visited the morgue, explaining that relatives of theirs had disappeared.

The coroner's inquest is announced for 7:30 o'clock this afternoon. If no further clues are discovered, the body will be buried in the city cemetery.

The police believe the murder may have been committed some distance from the lake, and the body hauled to the lake and thrown in.

Physicians who viewed the body yesterday agreed it was that of a white woman. Dr. J. J. Wisser, acting coroner, could not decide whether it was the body of a white woman or a negress, but said the death certificate would be filled out temporarily for a negress.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 Jun 1920, pp. 1 & 2

Was the head of the unidentified and decapitated body of a young woman found in the upper part of Lake Contrary Wednesday afternoon, recovered Thursday night and removed to some new place of concealment by two unknown men? Two strangers spent the greater part of the day wading out into the waters of the bayou, a mile southeast of where the body was found, apparently in search of some object in its shallow depth.

That was the latest question before the police and county authorities last night in the mysterious and revolting murder case now confronting them. The search with grappling hooks and by hand continued until late last night in the new location brought to light by the story of Harry McKinnon, a farmer who lives southwest of Lake Contrary and near the north shore of the bayou. The head had not been found last night.

McKinnon's story strengthens the theory that the head was deposited some distance from the body and that the murderers are still remaining in the vicinity of St. Joseph, keeping close track of the investigation.

Last Friday or Saturday McKinnon is not positive of the date, he said he saw a rather small dark colored roadster coming eastward on the road along the shore of the bayou and stop at the improvised landing place for his private boat about 150 yards south of his house. He was not sure about the hour, but said it was about dusk. The car came to a stop and one of the men got out. He was rather short, stickily built and appeared to be young, McKinnon said.

He carried an object in his right hand which appeared to be a woven parcel carrier often used as a shopping bag by women. The man was between McKinnon and the water and the object was well defined against the light background, McKinnon said, while he (McKinnon) was apparently concealed from the view of the man.

The man with the bag walked around the car and standing about four feet from the bank he took two swings and threw the object, McKinnon said, into the bayou. As he threw the bag the noise of a car approaching from the west reached the ears of the man and he whirled about and tried to peer around the bend of the road. He then ran to the car, McKinnon said, clambered in, started the engine with a self-starter, and sped away in a southerly direction as the second car came around the bend. McKinnon said he could not discern whether the man had a companion or not as the side toward McKinnon's house was curtained. The second car, according to McKinnon, was one which he has noticed many times within the past several weeks and he believes it is the property of a farmer who lives several miles away from the lake and uses this route in going to and from town. The road on which the two cars approached leads from the bridge on the upper dam at the northwestern end of the lake, where the body was found.

Yesterday afternoon McKinnon told Phil Slattery, assistant prosecuting attorney, and reporters, the second episode of the mysterious visits to the place where the object was thrown in, leading to the believe that the mysterious object contained the head of the young woman and was later recovered by the perpetrators of the crime.

McKinnon has been planting corn in a field not far from his house the past several days. "I went home for dinner yesterday (Thursday) and at that time first noticed two young men near my boat landing place," he said, speaking of the second visit of strangers to the place on the bayou.

"One man was in the water up to his hops, apparently fishing. The other was on the bank. I never thought anything about it as it is a place where people often come to fish. I watched them for a time, however, as persons have stolen my boat which I keep tied there, on several occasions. I was not closer to the men than 200 yards at dinner.

"I went back to the field in the afternoon and when I came back for supper the men were still there. It struck me as being pretty queer for a man to be wading in the water on a day when it was so cool. He was still in the water and the other was sort of hidden from me by some willows along the bank. No automobile was in sight. Neither man appeared to have fishing poles.

"So I yelled to him, 'Kinda chilly for wading isn't it?' and he didn't answer me. I didn't go very near the men and went on to my house. I watched them for a while but it was getting dark so I couldn't see them very well. Finally about 8 oclock [sic] I went to bed and as far as I know the men were still there when I went to bed."

"Had you heard about the body of a young woman being found on Wednesday?" McKinnon was asked. He replied that he had, but only from a brother-in-law, and had not learned any details.

A careful search was made at the ... indicated by McKinnon in his statement to the authorities yesterday afternoon.

A water jug filled with water to the approximate weight of a human head was thrown into the bayou by several persons standing in the spot indicated by McKinnon. In each trial the jug fell within a radius of twenty-five feet from the bank. The water is not deep here and by lying flat in a ... Tull McKinnon, a brother of Har... McKinnon, moved slowly about the ... feeling

carefully the bottom ... bottom he said is mud but of a depth of not more than a foot. McKinnon covered the area within which ... object is believed to have , fallen ... the mysterious ... He ...
[several paragraphs mostly illegible]

Drop "Murder" Car Clue

[Several paragraphs partly illegible] ... lake below ... continues in a ... the shores ... far as a mile west ... a road crossing ... upper lake where ... road is a ... fairly good condition ... the bridge the car ... the throwing of ... the bayou, gone west ... amusement park or ... road that goes ... the park. ... the abandoned car ... of Armour ... south of St. Joseph ..., was the murder.... Groundless yesterday ... Detectives ... message from Armour. ... abandoned because it ... The windshield ,, and one of the men re... on his hand which bled... He used an extra shirt in ... of blood and when ... was said the shirt ... The name of Chief ... informant was not disclosed ... message came from a reliable ... said.

... the blood splotches were ... the planks of the bridge ... the body is supposed to have been thrown, and will be sent by ... Slattery to a Kansas City chemist for analysis. It is believed that an analysis may disclose whether the blood was that of a negro or white woman. The question is still largely a matter of conjecture, as no exact ... is possible.

"... inquest over the body was ...:30 oclock yesterday afternoon, but when news came of ..., Acting Coroner J. ?. Wisser decided to postpone the inquest until 3:30 oclock this afternoon, hoping to find some clue in the investigation of the farmer's story. The body lies at the H. O. Sidenfaden undertaking rooms. It is blackened and beyond all possible hope of identification.

The police have been receiving numerous messages from other cities inquiring details of the crime and a description of the young woman. In several cases names of missing young women in other cities have been forwarded, giving the circumstances of their disappearance. The Atchison police ... the case of Mrs. Frank Olson, who disappeared here last Tuesday night. She has not been heard of since she came here Tuesday, presumably to meet a man.

[Other information about missing women]

Telephone inquiries ... to Sidenfaden's ... skin descriptions of the ... names were divulged.

Same

Source: St. Joseph Gazette, 20 Jun 1920, pp. 1 & 2

The iron bed rails used to weight down the nude, headless body of a young woman, found in Lake Contrary Wednesday, may point the way to the discovery of her identity and that of her murderer. Whereas the police were working blindly and without much hope Friday, and were almost ready to admit the mystery would go unsolved, Chief of Detectives Tom ...inson said last night he thought his men had a fair chance to solve the riddle.

The inquest, held yesterday afternoon at the H. O. Sidenfaden undertaking rooms, shed some light on the case, chiefly through the testimony of Mrs. Mabel Christo, 222 1/2 West Missouri

avenue, who related her experience with head and foot pieces of an iron bed, which she saw Wednesday in the alley behind her home, and which were gone when she looked for them after reading the first newspaper accounts of the gruesome find at the lake.

A post mortem examination of the body, made just before its burial in the city cemetery late yesterday, also revealed facts having a definite bearing on the case, it was said by the authorities, who declined, however, to say just what discoveries were made.

Mrs. Christo was called to the witness stand at the inquest at 7:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and told Acting Coroner J. J. Wisser and Phil Slattery, assistant prosecuting attorney, of her discovery. Mrs. Christo testified she first noticed the pieces of dismantled bed Wednesday morning, the day the body was discovered. She could not account for their appearance, she said, and following the first news of the finding of the body Wednesday afternoon, the pieces were taken away again that night.

"Two pieces of the bed," Mrs. Christo testified, "were leaning up against the shed where I keep my chickens, but were on the outside or ..., in the alley. I don't remember what time it was when I first noticed them. They appeared as if they had been recently painted a light green and bluish shade. The thought then occurred to me that some one had painted the bed and left it out in the alley to dry.

"There were no rails or side pieces in sight, just the front and foot pieces. A track which appeared to be that of a heavy wagon was not far from the pieces. I just let them stay there, thinking that they would be removed by whoever put them there. Wednesday afternoon I heard from one of my neighbors that the body of the young woman had been found with bed rails attached to it. It wasn't until that night that it occurred to me that the bed rails might have been from the bed in my alley, and on Thursday morning when I looked for the bed, it was gone."

The color of the bed rails which were attached to the body of the young woman is a light blue, the same, according to authorities, that such a bedstead as described by Mrs. Christo would have turned after having been in water several days.

Another report to the effect that the bed rails came from an abandoned cottage on the north shore of the lake formerly occupied by the late ... Theisen, reached the prosecuting attorney's office late yesterday afternoon. The report came in a round-about way but an investigation will be made by police detectives.

Phil Slattery and Police Detectives Kelley and Reynolds went to the home of Mrs. Christo late yesterday afternoon and made a careful investigation of her premises and the place where she said she found the bed. Mrs. Christo lives upstairs at the Missouri avenue address, over a business house. The alley running back of her house leads from Lake avenue and although not paved, it is in fairly good condition for vehicular traffic. The shed where the bed was found is about fifty yards from the mouth of the alley.

In the course of the investigation at the Christo house, John H. Stevens, a shoe repairer and taxi driver, who lives at 218 West Missouri avenue, told the officers of an iron bedstead, the head and

foot pieces of which he saw in a garage in the rear of his house. The garage is owned by Dr. ? N. Goodson, a negro physician, who lives upstairs at 216 1/2 West Missouri avenue. Doctor Goodson told the police he did not remember the pieces of an iron bedstead in the garage. Whether the bed is the same as the one referred to by Mrs. Christo is another phase of the mystery which is being investigated by the police and Slattery.

An anonymous message printed in ink on a small piece of paper came to the police yesterday morning. It contained the following six words:

"Body ... is Omaha woman."

The message ... sized envelope ... the address ... was postmarked ... been mailed at ... Friday night. The lettering ... message and the envelope ... and evidence ... The paper was ... paper about two by three inches in size.

Opinion as to whether the message was intended ... to ... the police on a false ... them a top which ... up the mystery... police have received ... from Omaha ... Omaha... [*rest of paragraph illegible.*]

The search for the head of the young woman ... bayou was abandoned yesterday... of two days which revealed nothing. Failure to find the shopping bag which according to Mr. McKinnon, was thrown into the bayou last Friday or Saturday, is believed to be ... either ... that was washed away ... falling water... that it was ... by the two men whom McKinnon saw Thursday.

The coroner's inquest yesterday afternoon failed to determine whether the young woman was white or a negro. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, who were at the lake when the body was discovered and removed, as well as a number of farmers, who were at the bridge when the body was taken out, testified at the inquest that the feet and lower parts of the legs were white. The white portion blackened after it was taken out of the water, it is said. The verdict returned at the inquest was that the woman came to her death by the hands of unknown persons. Acting Coroner J. J. Wisser filled out the death certificate for a negress.

[*More information on other missing women.*]

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 Jun 1920, pp. 1 & 5

Handicapped by the fact that no missing woman is known to the police that answers to the description of the nude, headless body found in Lake Contrary last Wednesday, the police and county authorities are investigation [sic] an otherwise good clue that promises to throw light upon the murder mystery within a few days. Circumstantial evidence Saturday afternoon and Sunday during an investigation of the mysterious appearance and subsequent disappearance of the head and foot pieces of an iron bed in South St. Joseph, points the way to a possible solution of the mystery, but according to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Phil Slattery, the authorities "are working on a back trail."

Such a trail, nevertheless, may prove a good starting point and the police are not overlooking its importance. The investigation so far strengthened by what was reported found by an autopsy performed on the body immediately before burial, indicates generally that the perpetrators of the crime are in the negro and Mexican colony of South St. Joseph.

A wire clothesline found in the rear of a residence in South St. Joseph Saturday is said to resemble the pieces used in binding the body of the young woman to the iron bed rails used as sinkers. Pieces of the clothesline found there were brought to the Central police station by detectives and a comparison has been made, showing the same number of strands in the wire, and evidences of each having been freshly cut, the cuts very similar according to the police. Knots in the wire found in the yard and knots in that on the body were also similar, it is said. The bed rails were placed in the middle of the woman's back and ran horizontally with the length of her body.

Additional evidence said to have considerable bearing on the mystery was the discovery of a mattress and bed springs in the rafters of a garage at the same address. Neither the springs nor mattress were old and the other pieces of the bed were not found. Sufficient explanation as accounting for the presence of these parts of a bed was not given, according to Slattery.

One person told the police that the front and rear pieces of a bed were in the same garage for several days over a week ago, and that since the body was found they disappeared. Whether this part of the bed is the same as the one referred to by Mrs. Mabel Christo in her testimony before the coroner's inquest Saturday, has not yet been determined. Mrs. Christo said she saw those parts of a bed in the alley back of her house Wednesday morning and following the discovery of the body that afternoon they had been taken away by Thursday morning. The garage in which the other bed was found is not far away from the home of Mrs. Christo, according to the authorities.

The discovery of rags and a piece of paper with red splotches on them was also made in the garage, but opinion is divided as to whether the splotches are blood or red paint.

The bed rails found on the body and the pieces of bed said to have been seen by two South Side residents correspond in color. Both were painted light blue with an almost greenish shade. The police suspect the bed rails on the body were taken from the bed which has completely disappeared. Investigation along this line would be greatly facilitated, it is said, if either the head or foot piece seen by Mrs. Christo could be found.

The head was severed from the body evidently with deliberation, and by someone with some knowledge of the most practical method of doing it.

Despite the evidence herein mentioned and additional information, withheld by the police, Tom Johnson, chief of detectives, has little faith in the course of investigation, believing that nothing will be gained along this line. His detectives are still at work on this phase of the case, but their chief believes that a solution must come beginning from an opposite source, with a knowledge of the identity of a missing woman to work from. What has been found so far is not without its value, according to the chief, as a means of attaining the other end of the thread of mystery.

That the laconic message received Saturday morning by the police to the effect that the body was that of an Omaha woman, was sent to throw the police off the track is their present belief. The message was in an envelope postmarked St. Joseph. A telegram of inquiry to the chief of police at Omaha Saturday was answered yesterday and told of the disappearance of but one Omaha girl. She was believed to be in St. Joseph, and her probable whereabouts were told. An inquiry in St. Joseph revealed the fact that the missing girl is here and in steady employment.

[Information about others missing, and about a possible reward fund.]

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Jun 1920, p. 1

Little progress was made by the police and representatives of the prosecuting attorney's office yesterday in the solution of the mystery surrounding the discovery of a nude, headless body of a young woman last Wednesday in Lake Contrary. A clue that Saturday afternoon seemed valuable is still being investigated, but little actual headway has been made. There has been considerable theorizing, in which, it is said, some very favorable comparisons have been made.

The clue referred to was the discovery of some wire clothesline which was virtually identical with that around the woman's body, according to the police, and information that the head and foot pieces of an iron bed were seen but later disappeared from the garage of F. N. Goodson, a negro physician, 216 1/2 Missouri avenue, in South St. Joseph.

Joseph Smith, a 13-year-old negro boy, employed by Doctor Goodson, was questioned by Chief of Detectives Johnson and other detectives yesterday morning concerning several discoveries at Goodson's place, which is a rooming house. Smith told the police the bed referred to by John H. Stevens, a shoe repairer who lives at 218 West Missouri avenue, in his story to the police Saturday, had been removed from the garage which Stevens shares with Goodson, and had been set up in Goodson's house. The boy further declared that the paper and a rag found in the garage containing red splotches were discolored by red paint which had been used at the Goodson place recently, and not by blood. The paper, which is an old calendar, has been saved for analysis.

Smith was shown the bedrails with which the corpse was weighted, and said he had never seen any like them before. All the beds in Goodson's house, he said, were black. The rails on the body were of a bluish-green color. Smith also said he had never seen the parts of a bed mentioned by Mrs. Mabel Christo, 222 1/2 Missouri avenue, who saw the pieces in an alley back of her house, according to her testimony at the coroner's inquest. The police are searching for a junk dealer who might have taken the pieces.

No arrests have been made yet in connection with the affair. The fact that the woman had been subjected to a criminal operation not long before her death, according to a discovery made at the autopsy before burial, is another phase which adds to its mystery. It was evident that the operation had been performed by a fairly skilful [sic] surgeon, but whether it caused the death of the woman is, of course, unable to be determined.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Jun 1920, pp. 1 & 2

A state warrant charging Fenton N. Goodson, a negro physician who lives in South St. Joseph, with the murder of the young woman whose headless body was found in Lake Contrary a week ago yesterday, will be issued from the office of Justice C. A. Loomis, in the South Side at 9 o'clock this morning, according to Phil Slattery, assistant prosecuting attorney. Goodson was arrested in a raid by police detectives led by Slattery early yesterday morning on the rooming house at 216 1/2 West Missouri avenue, which Goodson conducts, and on another rooming house at 320 1/2 West Missouri avenue.

All that remains to complete the case against Goodson, according to Chief of Detectives Tom Johnson, is the identity of the young woman, who is believed to be a negress. A close cross-examination of ten negro men and seven negro women arrested in the two simultaneous raids, failed to disclose her identity. All, with the exception of Goodson and Minnie Lewis, who conducts the rooming house at 320 1/2 West Missouri avenue, were released yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Lewis is held pending investigation by federal authorities of the discovery of a complete moonshine still and a quantity of illegally manufacturer whisky.

The missing head and foot pieces of the iron bed from which bed rails were taken to weight the body, were found Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. John Bielak, 123 Antelope street and following a test of the effect of water upon the color at the central police station yesterday were said to have tallied with the pieces found upon the body of the woman. The pieces were found in a patch of weeds in a swamp between Florence addition and the Larabee mills. Mrs. Bielak found the pieces when she made a trip to the place where her cow was tethered.

Following the grilling of the negroes and Doctor Goodson yesterday afternoon at the police station, Chief Johnson said it was the general opinion of the authorities that the woman came to St. Joseph from some other city to have a criminal operation performed by Doctor Goodson. The autopsy conducted by Acting Coroner J. J. Wisser and Deputy Coroner Tom Matney before the burial revealed that a criminal operation had been performed on the woman between three and ten days before her death. Doctor Wisser said yesterday the woman might have died during the operation.

The fact that the body has not been identified is not irreconcilable with such a theory. The woman might have told relatives she was coming to St. Joseph for the operation, to be gone several weeks, the police say, and since the discovery of the body was made a week ago, not more than three or four days after it had been thrown into the waters of the lake, it follows that her relatives might not yet have suspected fatal results, consequently making no inquiry in this direction.

The police hope to hear in the near future from the relatives of the woman who will supply the missing link in the case against the negro. As the case now stands, without the identity, Chief Johnson said yesterday afternoon, "we have enough evidence that will convince the public that Goodson caused the woman's death."

The police and Slattery have so far refused to make public any details of the evidence in the case as gathered from the grilling of the negroes yesterday. "The fact that we are going to issue a warrant for murder in the first degree should indicate that we have sufficient evidence against the negro," Slattery said last night, when asked for a statement.

The police were working on a new lead last night, Slattery said, which may lead to the discovery of the woman's identity.

Goodson was questioned for fifteen minutes yesterday afternoon behind closed doors at the central police station, but Chief Johnson refused to divulge the result of the grilling. Goodson has presented an unshaken and almost stoical front to the authorities, according to Slattery, denying any knowledge of the evidence found on his property, or any knowledge of the crime.

Goodson will be arraigned today, Slattery said, and will be held until the date of his preliminary hearing. A person held on a first degree murder charge cannot give bond until after the preliminary hearing.

The raids yesterday morning were made shortly after 6 o'clock. Led by Slattery and Chief Johnson, the raiding party of Police Detectives Boyle, White, Walsh, Kelly, Reynolds, Reichen, Thedinga, and Sergt. J. E. Kelley, left the station at 6 o'clock and went to South St. Joseph. The negroes were surprised, many of them still in bed. They were marched to the South End station and taken from there in the police patrol wagon.

[Repeated information about Mrs. Christo's sighting of the bed, and evidence found in the doctor's garage.]

Goodson has a Ford coupe which he keeps in the garage, and the police point to the testimony at the inquest by Harry G. McKinnon, a farmer who lives southwest of Lake Contrary, who declared that he saw a stickily built man drive up in a roadster and throw a heavily weighted shopping bag into the waters of the bayou... *[More repeat of details]*

Goodson is 32 years old. He was born in Carrollton, Mo., where he received his grade and high school education. Later he attended a medical college at Nashville, Tenn., and upon his graduation went to Lincoln, Neb., where he practiced his profession for nearly two years. Goodson moved to South St. Joseph more than seven years ago and is said to have a large practice among members of his own race in South St. Joseph. During the world war Goodson enlisted in the medical service and served over a year, but did not go overseas. He is large, broad shouldered, smooth shaven, and above the average member of his race in general appearance.

Goodson's wife left him six months ago and is now living with relatives in Auston, Texas, the police say.

[More details about the still and whisky discovery.]

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 25 Jun 1920, p. 1

[Information about Dr. Goodson awaiting trial for the murder of "Mary Doe." Nothing new about the identity of the dead woman.]

[Note: later editions of the newspaper are not available.]

Date of death: 14 Apr 1906

Subject: Clarence Johnson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Apr 1906, p. 2

Savannah, Mo., April 14.—A telegram was received here today stating that Clarence Johnson, who left Savannah a few weeks ago for Montana, was stricken with heart failure and died within a few hours. It is not yet known whether the body will be brought here for burial.

Date of death: 21 Jul 1907

Subject: Emma A. (Johnson) Sanborn

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Aug 1907, p. 10

Friends in St. Joseph of A. G. Sanborn, county clerk at Seneca, Kan., have been advised of the death of his wife at Seneca, which was followed closely by the death of his daughter, Lena, in Denver, Colo., where she had gone seeking relief from asthma. Mr. Sanborn had taken the child [sic] to Denver in the hope that her health would improve there, but she died within six hours after reaching the city. Mr. Sanborn has a wide acquaintance here and in Andrew County and northern Kansas. He was formerly engaged in the newspaper business and for several years was a mail agent on the Grand Island road.

Date of death: 28 Apr 1908

Subject: Flossie Johnson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Apr 1908, p. 4

Flossie, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson, 1308 South Eighth street, died of pneumonia at the family residence Tuesday noon.

Date of death: 26 May 1902

Subject: John Johnson*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 May 1902, p. 6

John Johnson, the negro who was rescued from the river at the foot of Charles street Sunday evening, died at his home 709 North Second street, at 11 o'clock Monday morning. Death was due to congestion of the brain, caused by alcohol. The shock produced by Johnson falling into the river is believed to have hurried the congestion.

Coroner Doyle viewed the remains and decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Date of death: 17 Jun 1907

Subject: Jonas Johnson*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 Jun 1907, p. 5

Coroner C. F. Byrd was called to 111 West Augusta street at 11 o'clock yesterday morning to view the body of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Johnson, negroes, who died late Monday night without medical attendance. An autopsy showed death to have been caused by acute pneumonia.

Date of death: 6 Jun 1909

Subject: R. N. Johnson

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Jun 1909, p. 7

R. N. Johnson, 92 years old, died at a local hospital Sunday night. He was a native of England and a tailor by trade, but for 38 years has been an inmate of the county farm. The infirmities of age were given as the cause of death.

Date of death: 22 Oct 1903

Subject: Thomas Johnson*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Oct 1903, p. 8

Thomas Johnson, colored, died at 516 North Second street at 3:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Johnson has no relatives in this city. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The body will be buried in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 6 Feb 1903

Subject: Benjamin Franklin Jones*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Feb 1903, p. 8

Benjamin F. Jones, aged 33, colored, died at his home, No. 215 Michel street, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the A.M.E. church at 2 o'clock Monday evening, Feb. 9. The body will be interred at Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 22 Jan 1918

Subject: Darrell Jones

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Jan 1918, p. 6

Darrell, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones, died this morning at 1 o'clock at the family home, 1619 Savannah avenue.

Date of death: 21 Oct 1909

Subject: Mathew Jones

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Oct 1909, p. 8 & *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Oct 1909, p. 4

Mathew Jones, aged 63 years, died at 10 o'clock Thursday night in a local hospital.

Date of death: 8 Sep 1916

Subject: Thomas Jefferson Jones

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 8 Sep 1916, p. 6

Thomas Jefferson Jones, seventy years old, for ... an inmate of the county farm, died at ... o'clock this morning at a local hospital.

Date of death: 5 Nov 1918

Subject: Trammel Jones

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Nov 1918, p. 6

Trammel Jones, fourteen-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jones, died at 4:30 o'clock this morning at the home of the parents, 715 Angelique street, of influenza.

Date of death: 6 Mar 1909

Subject: William A. Jones

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Mar 1909, p. 4

Maryville, Mo., March 6.—The body of W. A. Jones, aged fifty-five years, was found in the bottom of a well this morning on his farm near Pickering. A son, O. E. Jones, discovered the body.

Worry over a land deal is said to have made Mr. Jones despondent.

In addition to O. E. Jones, who lived on the farm with his father. A son, L. M. Jones, is a student at Baldwin University, Baldwin, Kan.

Date of death: 1 Dec 1902

Subject: Mrs. Lucinda (___) Jordan Smith Adams

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Dec 1902, p. 3

Lucinda Adams, wife of W. R. Adams, who resides at Twenty-first and Bell streets, died at midnight Monday night at the family residence. Death was due to pneumonia, and Mrs. Adams had been sick but six days. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and a son. The children are Miss Bessie Smith, D. M. Jordan and Mrs. Rosa Foster.

The funeral will be held from the residence at 9 o'clock this morning and interment will be made in Amazonia cemetery.

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Date of death: 13/14 Jan 1901

Subject: Edward J. Karrasch

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 14 Jan 1901, p. 6

Edward J. Karrasch, aged eighteen years, was fatally injured shortly before noon yesterday at his home eight miles north of this city by the accidental discharge of his own shotgun. The load took effects in the back of the head, crushing the skull and tearing away a portion of the brain. Death resulted last midnight.

Karrasch is the son of John Karrasch, a prominent farmer, and lived with his parents on the farm. Yesterday morning the young man and a hired man took their shotguns and went out hunting for rabbits. They spent the greater portion of the morning looking for game and then started toward home, stopping on the way at a country church to attend Sunday school. When the two reached the barn they stopped and began to examine their guns. In some unaccountable manner Karrasch's gun was accidentally discharged and the entire load entered his head.

Young Karrasch was born on the Albrecht farm on Lover's Lane near this city, which his father rented. Twelve years ago the family moved to their present location. William Karrasch, an employe of the Nave-McCord Mercantile Company, is an uncle of the dead boy, and Charles Lodholz, a grocer at 2001 North Second street, is his brother-in-law. Emil Karrasch, a brother of the deceased, works for Lodholz. He was summoned to his brother's bedside before he died. Two brothers and two sisters of the deceased live with their parents on the farm.

The young man was well known in this city, where he had many friends. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at Cumberland Ridge cemetery, north of the city.

Coroner Bever of Andrew County is holding an inquest today.

Date of death: 15 Sep 1905

Subject: Isaiah A. Kearby

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Sep 1905, p. 10

Isiah [sic] A. Kearby, aged fifty-seven years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. E. Calahan, 2504 S. 16th st., at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, of tuberculosis, leaving one son, N. H. Kearby of Lincoln, Neb., and one daughter, Mrs. A. E. Calahan of this city. Funeral services Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Remains will be taken to Union station at 9 o'clock for shipment to Bethel, Mo., via Cosby. Friends invited.

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Isaiah A. Kearby, fifty-seven years old, died yesterday at 1 o'clock at the home of a daughter, Mrs. A. E. Calahan, 2504 South Sixteenth street. The dead man is survived by a son and a daughter. The body will be taken to Cosby, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 19 May 1909

Subject: Mrs. Emma Jane Keebler*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 May 1909, p. 4

Mrs. Emma Jane Keebler, colored, fifty-two years old, died Wednesday afternoon at her home, 619 Corby street.

Date of death: 30 Dec 1906

Subject: Roberta E. Keeves

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 31 Dec 1906, p. 6

Savannah, Mo., Dec. 31.—The infant daughter of Mr. T. [sic] Keeves and wife died Sunday morning. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3:30.

Date of death: 6 Sep 1908

Subject: Elizabeth (Kelley) Bunch

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Sep 1908, p. 6

Mrs. Elizabeth Bunch, eighty-five years old, the widow of America Bunch, died at 6:45 o'clock yesterday morning at her residence, 2412 St. Joseph avenue. The body will be taken to Amazonia, Mo., for burial, tomorrow morning.

Date of death: 26 Oct 1907

Subject: Mamie E. (Kelley) Molzahn

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Oct 1907, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 29.—The funeral of Mrs. Mamie Molzahn was held this afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Kelly [sic], in this city. The Rev. Grant Robbins of the First M.E. church officiated at the services.

Mrs. Malzahn [sic] was killed at Ravenwood Saturday night during a pistol duel between her husband, Dr. E. L. Molzahn, and Charles McElvain, in which both men were wounded, neither dangerously. Dr. Molzahn is fast recovering. McElvain is in jail.

Date of death: 24 Jun 1909

Subject: Mary S. (Kelley or Haynes) Groom

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 Jun 1909, p. 4

Mrs. Mary Groom of Clarksdale, Mo., thirty-nine years old, died at 12:40 o'clock this afternoon, at Ensworth Hospital. She was a sister of U. S. Haynes, a merchant of Clarksdale, who is a brother of William H. Haynes of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 10 Oct 1908

Subject: Charles Kelley (or Kelly)

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Oct 1908, p. 12

Charles Kelly, 76 years old, died in a local hospital yesterday forenoon of diabetes. As he has no relatives the body will be buried this afternoon in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 4 Feb 1917

Subject: F. Kelly

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Feb 1917, pp. 1 & 2

Six men were asphyxiated here yesterday morning as the result of carelessness in the use of gas stoves, and one boy was saved from death only by prompt action.

J. J. Nichols, Dick Blackstone, F. Kelley [sic], and John Wolf, laborers employed at the Hammond Packing company, all about 35 years old, were found dead in their room at a lodging house at 610 Locust street at 9 o'clock yesterday morning by Mrs. Emma Herbert, their housekeeper, and at noon yesterday, Gus Kemper, 26 years old, of Cabool, Mo., and George Payne, 17 years old, a delivery boy for the Jones drug store, were found dead in the latter's room at 417 North Seventh street, by Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, who occupies the adjoining room.

The first case was reported to the police shortly after the discovery by Mrs. Herbert. Patrolmen Bauer and Fairbanks went to the house to investigate and were almost overcome by the gas when they opened the door of the room. They had to leave the door open for a few moments before they could get to the bodies of the men, who were lying in two double beds. The bodies were still warm, indicating that the men had not been dead very long. Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, was called and after viewing the bodies ordered them sent to Sidenfaden's undertaking parlors.

When Mrs. Fitzgerald discovered the odor of gas at the Seventh street rooming house yesterday noon she called some of the other roomers and they forced the transom, which had been tightly closed. The strong rush of gas coming from the room prompted them to open the door at once and they found the bodies of the two on the bed. They were cold and had probably been dead for some time.

The coroner was called and after viewing the bodies they were sent to Sidenfaden's. It is not probable that an inquest will be held in either case, according to the coroner.

Young Payne is a son of Edward Payne, 917 Grand avenue, an employe at the Burlington freighthouse. He had been working at the Jones Drug store, Eighth and Edmond streets, a little over a month. He has no other relatives here, but a sister, Maggie, and a brother, Homer, live at Versailles, Ill. The body will be taken to Versailles tonight for burial.

Later Dr. Thomas issued a warning against carelessness to all users of gas heaters, urging that no one go to sleep in a room with one of them burning and all the windows closed.

Kemper came to St. Joseph two weeks ago and enrolled in the Gard Business college, quitting a week later and going to Maryville. He returned to St. Joseph Saturday. He was a friend of Payne's and went to spend the night at the latter's room. A letter was found in a pocket of his coat addressed to Mrs. Josie Eimers at Maryville, Mo. A telegram to her brought the information that he had a brother, Herman, at Cabool. When the brother was notified, he ordered the body sent to that place today.

Of the men found at 610 Locust, Kelley and Blackstone had been there since Jan. 29, when they started to work at the packinghouse. Nothing is known of their relations. Blackstone is a member of the Industrial Workers of the World. A card of the organization was found in his pocket. He came here from Kansas City. The other two had only been at the house since Saturday when they began working at the Hammond plant.

The room in which they were found was a small one with one large window, one door, and one small window. All of these were tightly closed and the marks left by the flames on the stove showed that it had been going full blast.

The room on north Seventh street was also a very small one with two windows and one door, all closed. The stove here had been placed at the foot of the bed and showed that the flames had been rather high.

Eli Ruth, 16 years old, living at 311 North Fifth street, was rendered unconscious at 5 o'clock last night by fumes from a gas stove in the bathroom of his home. Dr. J. L. Cox, police surgeon, was called and succeeded in reviving the lad, who soon recovered. He had been taking a bath in the tightly closed room. Persons in the house became alarmed when they detected the odor and when the boy did not answer their calls they notified the police.

The peculiarities of the six cases which proved fatal make it exceedingly difficult for the authorities to place the blame for the accidents. Apparently all six of the men had gone peaceably to bed and had fallen into a sleep in which they were not even slightly disturbed. The position of the bodies, of the bedclothes, and the expression on their faces indicated that there had been no suffering.

The theory advanced by Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, is that the gas was turned high and that the pressure later became lower, putting out the flames. Then when the pressure again became higher the gas filled the room.

Officials of the gas company say this would have been impossible, and that the pressure has not been at any time low enough to extinguish these fires.

It is the theory of these officials that, with the room closed tight, the flames consumed all the oxygen in the rooms, and that the flames were out because of lack of oxygen. They contend that the gas then filled the rooms, causing the deaths.

To support their contention, they cite several cases of gas heaters left burning all Saturday night. In these cases, they say, windows were left open, and the occupants of the rooms suffered no ill effects.

Dr. Thomas said yesterday he probably would hold no inquests, as it was his belief they were not necessary.

The condition of the bodies at the two separate houses, those at the Locust street house yet warm, and those at the North Seventh street house, found some time later, quite cold, gives rise to the belief that the deaths occurred about the same time.

Date of death: 21 Nov 1912

Subject: Henry Kelly

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Nov 1912, p. 4

Henry Kelly, fifty-six years old, a railroad laborer, died at 4 o'clock this morning in a local hospital, after an illness of two days. He formerly lived at St. Charles, Mo., and has no relatives.

Date of death: Feb 1904

Subject: Mary Anna Kelly

Source: *St. Joseph News and Press*, 11 Feb 1904, p. 6

The funeral of Mrs. [sic] Mary Anna Kelley [sic], who died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Felix Brown, seven miles east of the city Tuesday, was held this afternoon. The interment was at Crosby cemetery. Mrs. Kelley had been a resident of Buchanan County thirty-five years.

Date of death: 4 Jul 1907

Subject: Mrs. Laura Kendall

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Jul 1907, p. 1

Mrs. Laura Kendall committed suicide at 2 o'clock this morning by drinking carbolic acid. She lived at the corner of Greene and Clark avenues, one block west of St. Joseph avenue. Her husband, Ora Kendall, is a teamster employed at the Dunn quarries.

Coroner Byrd found a lengthy note in Mrs. Kendall's purse, in which she said she intended to take her life because of domestic troubles. She complained of her husband's conduct and said she could not endure life with him any longer. The note was addressed to neighbors and she implored them to look after her children. Mrs. Kendall asked that she not be buried in the city cemetery. The thought of burial in the potter's field seemed to be one of her chief concerns.

"I am informed that Mrs. Kendall's husband returned home late last night, and they quarreled," said Coroner Byrd. "She arose from her bed and said she would end it all. Her husband apparently thought she was bluffing. She drank the poison and returned to the bed. Death resulted in two or three minutes. Her mouth was terribly burned by the acid."

Mrs. Kendall attempted to take her life about a week ago by drinking carbolic acid obtained from Gardner's drugstore, 3000 St. Joseph avenue. Her daughter, Florence, saved the woman's life in that instance by snatching the acid from her hand before she could drink it. The mother then remarked:

"Well, there will be other opportunities and I can take my life one time as well as another."

Mrs. Kendall is survived by her husband, a daughter, Florence, aged fourteen years, and a son, Harry, aged ten years. The dead woman was forty-six years old. The funeral will be Saturday. Coroner Byrd decided that an inquest is unnecessary. The note found by the coroner bore no date, but Doctor Byrd thinks it probably was written last night. The note, in part, was as follows:

"Dear Friends: I guess you will think I am foolish to do such a thing as I am going to do, but I can't help it. I can't possibly stand the life Orie is leading me any longer. I am too sick and weak to have to sew all the time and be tormented like he does me. I know that no woman on this earth ever led such a life as I have lived with him, but I tried to endure it until the children got big enough to take care of themselves, but I can't stand it. It is clear out of reason.

"I want you neighbors to see that he don't let the city bury me, for I don't want to be buried in the city cemetery. I think I have enough money saved to buy me a grave in a decent place, and I know that I have a right to it, for I have worked and suffered awful hard for it. I want religious services at my funeral for I never was raised to live like I have had to live with him. I always went to church until he wouldn't allow me to go any more.

"God bless my poor little children. How I hate to leave them, for I have endured so much to try to stay with them as long as I could, but I can't endure it any longer. I want you people to see that he supports and takes care of them.

"Oh, I did want to go home so bad to get a little rest and see my poor old mother once more. I want some one to write to my mother and tell her just how I have had to live, then she will know I am better off. God bless my poor children and take care of them."

Date of death: 21 Feb 1907

Subject: Alexander Buchanan Kennard

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Feb 1907, p. 7

Alexander Kennard, forty-seven years old, a boxmaker, died of pneumonia at 7 o'clock this morning at his home, 1713 South Ninth street. He is survived by his wife and four children. The body will be taken to Savannah, Mo. for burial.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Feb 1907, p. 10

Savannah, Mo., Feb. 25.—The remains of A. B. Kennard of St. Joseph were brought here Saturday and interred in the Savannah Cemetery. He formerly lived here.

Date of death: 28 May 1903

Subject: George A. Kennard

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 May 1903, p. 2

A telegram received in St. Joseph yesterday from W. T. Van Brunt from New York stated that the body of George A. Kennard, the St. Joseph man who committed suicide in New York Thursday by shooting himself, left New York yesterday. It will arrive in Chicago today.

Mrs. Kennard and daughter, Agnes, who are accompanying the body, will be met in Chicago by W. W. Minturn, a brother of Mrs. Kennard, who will come with them to St. Joseph. The body will arrive here on the Burlington "Eli" at 7:55 o'clock tomorrow morning. The date of the funeral has not been set.

That Mr. Kennard should kill himself was a great surprise to his many friends who learned of his death yesterday morning. He was of a cheerful disposition and not given to melancholy, it is said. The news of his death prostrated Mrs. Kennard. He kissed her and their daughter good-bye an hour before he killed himself. He went to the barber shop of Paul Nocilla, where he asked to be shown to the bath room. He asked the porter for some soap, and the latter then left the room. Before he had reached the front of the building the shot was heard. The door, which was found to be locked, was broken by a policeman. Kennard was found before a mirror, dead, with the revolver still clasped in his hand.

Date of death: 30 Dec 1900

Subject: Brunice Kennedy*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 1 Jan 1901, p. 6

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon by Coroner Doyle over the remains of Brunice Kennedy, the negro girl who died Sunday at the residence of Mrs. Kate Davis, 2092 South Sixth street. The jury found that the dead girl had committed suicide by taking morphine. Lucile Peery, one of the witnesses, said the Kennedy girl and Mrs. Davis had quarreled on Thursday and that Mrs. Davis had threatened the girl. But it also developed from the evidence of other witnesses that the Davis woman had been keeping the girl since she came to the city and had not charged her for her board and was, to all appearances, treating her with kindness. The deceased tried to borrow a pocket-knife when she learned that Carl Witheral, who had taken her to the home of Mrs. Davis, was about to leave the city, threatening to take her life. It is not known when or where the dead girl obtained the morphine, but it is supposed to have been Saturday afternoon during a trip up town.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 2 Jan 1901, p. 6

The funeral of Brunice Kennedy, the colored girl who committed suicide Sunday night by taking morphine, took place this afternoon at 1 o'clock from Heaton's morgue. The deceased had no friends here and interment was at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 10 Feb 1905

Subject: James Henry King

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Feb 1905, p. 6

James H. King, formerly a salesman for the A. J. August wholesale house, died at the Hesse house last night of pneumonia. He had been sick for about three weeks. He was 45 years old. He had been in St. Joseph about one year. The body will be sent to Savannah for burial.

Date of death: 21 Jan 1903

Subject: John Wesley King*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Jan 1903, p. 7

John Wesley King, a well known colored porter, formerly employed at the ... Light saloon, corner 6th and Messanie, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Louise Gordon. King is the stepson of Ralph Gordon, of the city street sweeps. Funeral will be held from the Francis street Baptist church, Friday afternoon at ... o'clock.

Date of death: 18 Oct 1907

Subject: Cyrus J. Kinnison

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Oct 1907, p. 9

Bolckow, Mo., Oct. 19.—The funeral of C. J. Kinison [sic], who died here Friday morning will be held tomorrow afternoon, from the Methodist Episcopal church. The burial will be in Bolckow cemetery.

Mr. Kinnison, who was the father of W. S. Kinnison of St. Joseph, was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in the Twenty-ninth Iowa infantry. He was born in Jackson county, Ohio, January 10, 1835, and was married to Miss Abigail Jones in Iowa in 1856. In 1865 he moved to Andrew county, where he continued to live until his death.

Date of death: 11 Sep 1905

Subject: Mrs. Elizabeth A. Kirkpatrick

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 Sep 1905, p. 8

The funeral of Mrs. E. A. Kirkpatrick will be held today at 2 p.m. from the family residence, 1 1/2 mile north of St. Joseph. Interment at Greenwich [sic] cemetery. Friends of family invited.

Date of death: 21 Jul 1901

Subject: Amaza Oretta (Kline) Houk

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 22 Jul 1901, p. 2

Mrs. Rose [sic] Houk, thirty-six years old, died at 901 North Sixth street at 6:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon after an illness of several days. She was not considered serious until during the afternoon when the extreme heat affected her condition and she died in a few hours.

Mrs. Houk was a sister of County Collector J. W. Kline of Andrew county, Postmaster T. E. [sic] Kline of Cosby and Mrs. A. Nash of this city. The funeral notice will appear later.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 23 Jul 1901, p. 5

The funeral of Mrs. Maza O. Houk, 901 North Sixth street, wife of Robert S. Houk, who died from the effects of the heat Sunday, will be held this afternoon.

Date of death: 27 Mar 1907

Subject: Charles W. Knight

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Mar 1907, p. 6

Charles W. Knight, aged 17 years, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Knight, East Hyde Park and King Hill avenues, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Death was due to an attack of pneumonia, with which he had been ill only two weeks. The funeral will be from the family residence at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery on the Rochester road.

Date of death: 8 Jul 1901

Subject: Frank V. Koch

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 11 Jul 1901, p. 8

Maryville, Mo., July 19.—Frank Koch, youngest son of Dr. C. D. Koch of this city was buried in Miriam cemetery this afternoon. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Maryville and was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Koch, Mr. and Mrs. John Koch, Victor and Bismarck Koch and Mrs. Pfeiffer of St. Joseph. Frank was taken sick Saturday at noon and died Monday noon. Death was caused by a clot of blood on the brain resulting from a broken blood vessel. It is supposed that the trouble was caused by the extreme heat. He was making preparations to enter a school of pharmacy this fall in Chicago. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and stood high in this community as a model young man. The floral pieces were said to be the most beautiful and costly of any that have ever been seen here. Floral offerings were sent here from St. Louis, St. Joseph, Council Bluffs and Mound City.

Date of death: 26 Dec 1907

Subject: Ellen E. (Krauth) Bell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Dec 1907, p. 2

Mrs. Ellen E. Bell, forty-seven years old, a resident of Cosby, Mo., died at 3 o'clock this morning at a local hospital. She is survived by her husband, William Bell, two daughters and two sons. The body was taken to Helena, Mo., this afternoon.

Date of death: 4 Mar 1907

Subject: Maria (Krull) Zimmerman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Mar 1907, p. 8

Mary Zimmerman, aged 68 years, wife of Henry Zimmerman, died March 4, at 2 a.m., at the family residence, near Cosby, Mo. Funeral from residence Tuesday, March 5, at 1:00. Services

at the German Evangelical church, near Cosby, at 1:30. Friends invited to attend. Deceased is survived by her husband, three sons, one daughter, Frank of California, William of Brewster, Kan., Henry of Sheridan, Wyo., Anna Ford of Cosby, Mo.

Date of death: 25 Jun 1913

Subject: Louise Krumrei

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Jun 1913, p. 4

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krumrei died yesterday afternoon at their home 620 Green street.

Date of death: 15 May 1911

Subject: Marguerite (Kuhner) LaFave

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 15 May 1911, p. 4

Mrs. Marguerite LaSave [sic], aged thirty-four years, of 1014 Douglas street, died at 12 o'clock today at St. Joseph's Hospital, as the result of over a year's illness with tuberculosis. She is survived by a daughter, Mabel; her mother, Mrs. Victoria Kuhner; two sisters, Mrs. George Steivel of St. Joseph and Mrs. Ella Snell of Atchison, and one brother, William Kuhner of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 12 Jan 1917

Subject: Albert Kuppel

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Jan 1917, p. 6

The body of Albert Kuppel, found dead in the alley back of the Green Tree Hotel at Sixth and Locust streets, yesterday morning, will be buried in the potters' field. Efforts to locate relatives of the dead man have been futile. An autopsy late yesterday developed that death was due to apoplexy.

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(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 16 Apr 1911

Subject: Charlotte E. Lackey

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Apr 1911, p. 4

Charlotte E., the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Lackey, 3220 Locust street, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

Date of death: 26 Apr 1917

Subject: Howard Lafavor

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Apr 1917, p. 6

Harvard [sic] Lafavor. 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lafavor, 21?? South Eighth street, died of pneumonia at 2:40 oclock yesterday morning at his home. Funeral services will be held at 2 oclock this afternoon at his home. Burial will be in Ashland cemetery.

Date of death: 7 Oct 1917

Subject: Robert Laird

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Oct 1917, p. 5

Robert Laird, 66 years old, died at a farm north of the city yesterday. He had been ill for several days. Laird was born in St. Joseph and made his home here during his entire life. No relatives survive.

Date of death: 6 Dec 1908

Subject: Michael Lally

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Dec 1908, p. 4

Michael Lally, aged seventy-five years, died at a local hospital last night of tuberculosis. He was a resident of Clinton County, Mo.

Date of death: 30 Jun 1907

Subject: Floyd Lamaster*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Jul 1907, p. 8

Floyd Lamaster [sic], aged thirteen years, died of uremic poison at Ensworth Hospital at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, June 30. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Lemaster, 715 Powell street; three brothers, Eugene, James and Herman, and one sister, Gladys. The remains will be taken from the home at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, July 2, for shipment to Fillmore, Mo.

Date of death: 31 Mar 1906

Subject: Vivian Beatrice Lamaster*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Apr 1906, p. 6

Vivian Beatrice Lamaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Lamaster, 715 Powell street, died at the family home at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The body was taken this morning to Rosendale, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 1 Aug 1907

Subject: Ira E. Lambert

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Aug 1907, p. 4

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 2.—Ira E. Lambert, manager of the Lambert Brick Company, was found death from the effect of a bullet wound in the mouth, supposedly inflicted by himself, in a small shed near the brickyards east of the city, last evening at 8 o'clock. At his side lay a 32-caliber revolver. The attending physician who is also the coroner, stated that life had been extinct about an hour and that the man had come to his death at his own hand. Lambert had been acting strangely since about two weeks ago when he became overheated on two successive days, and his friends had been watching him. He was prominent in business and social circles of the city and much regret is expressed for his untimely death. He was the son of Ephraim Lambert, with whom he lived, and with whom he was associated in business. He was thirty-eight years of age and unmarried.

Date of death: 5 May 1917

Subject: Frank Landa

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 May 1917, p. 6

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Blow on Head Fatal

Mexican Passed Away at Hospital—Does Not Reveal Attacker

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Landa's brother said ... then ... lay ... time who struck him. He went to bed. Yesterday morning he was found to be unconscious and the police were notified.

Date of death: 3 Apr 1912

Subject: Laura (Landon) Warhurst

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Apr 1912, p. 4

Mrs. Laura Warhurst, a widow, seventy-six years old, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning in a local hospital. The body is at H. O. Sidenfaden's undertaking rooms, and burial will be tomorrow morning.

Date of death: 27 Mar 1904

Subject: Mrs. Mary Lang*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Mar 1904, p. 10

Mary Lang, negro, wife of George Lang, died Sunday morning at the family home, 829 South Eighth street. The funeral will be at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be in Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 7 May 1917

Subject: Levi Langston*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 May 1917, p. 5

J. W. Wilson, a negro, 43 years old, was arrested yesterday morning and taken to central police station, charged with shooting another negro, Levi Langston, twice, once through the left ankle and then through the right side. Dr. L. J. Dandurant, who attended Langston, says there is danger that the bullet went through the kidneys, in which case he is in serious condition. Langston was taken to St. Joseph's hospital.

The police say that there has been bad blood between the two for a long time, and that they had exchanged words with each other earlier in the morning before Langston was shot.

Date of death: 30 Apr 1909

Subject: John O. Larson

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 May 1909, p. 4

J. Larson, an unknown man, was run down and instantly killed by a Burlington passenger train at the Florence crossing late last night. Switchmen in the yards found the mangled body, which had been dragged some distance under the wheels of the train. Coroner Byrd was notified and he had the body removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue.

An inquest will be held some time today. No details could be learned last night. Papers found in the dead man's pockets revealed his name, which is the only clue to his identity.

Date of death: 3 Jul 1902

Subject: George Lee*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Jul 1902, p. 4

George Lee, a negro fifty-six years old, died suddenly about 11 o'clock Thursday night at his boarding house, 514 North Third street. An undertaker was not called until ... o'clock Friday morning. Coroner Doyle viewed the body, but it is not likely that an inquest will be held. He had been ill for some weeks and was attended by Doctor Carrion. He was able to be about until Thursday night. He was a very large man weighing about 300 pounds.

Date of death: 31 Jan 1902

Subject: Leah Elizabeth Lee*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 31 Jan 1902, p. 6

Leah Elizabeth Lee, a negro girl six years old, died at the family home, 2017 Chestnut street, at 3 a.m. today.

Date of death: 16 Feb 1902

Subject: Susie Leslie*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 17 Feb 1902, p. 6

Susie Leslie, colored, aged eighteen years, died Sunday night at her home, 602 North Second street.

Date of death: 23 May 1904

Subject: John William Leidy

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 May 1904, p. 7

John W. Leidy, an aged man who lived at Crosby [sic], died at the Ensworth hospital yesterday as the result of injuries received on the Burlington railroad several days ago. His foot was badly crushed and it was necessary to amputate it. Mr. Leidy did not recover from the operation. Mr. Leidy was about 75 years of age and he leaves several relatives in Crosby. His body will be shipped there this morning for interment.

Date of death: 24 Nov 1913

Subject: Fred Lentz

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Nov 1913, p. 7

Fred Lentz, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lentz, died at 10 o'clock last night at the home of the parents, 2536 Bartlett street.

Date of death: Feb 1901

Subject: Katherine Nancy Lewellen

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 14 Feb 1901, p. 19

Savannah, Mo.—Mrs. John Crosby returned to her home in Maryville, Mo., Monday evening, having been called here on account of the death of her niece, Katie Lewellen.

Date of death: 11 Jan 1919

Subject: Charlotte Marie Lewis

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 Jan 1919, p. 6

Charlotta [sic] M. Lewis, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis, died this morning at the home of her parents, 201 South Twenty-second street.

Date of death: 30 Aug 1908

Subject: Cynthia Lewis

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Sep 1908, p. 5

Cynthia Lewis, 1 year old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis, 1701 South Eighth street, died at their home at 8:20 o'clock Sunday night. Death was due to fever. The body will be taken to Helena, Mo., today for burial.

Date of death: 16 May 1909

Subject: infant of Grace Lewis*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 May 1909, p. 3

Kirksville, Mo., May 24.—Grace Lewis, a mulatto wamon [sic], about twenty-nine years old, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary here Saturday in the circuit court for drowning her new born baby in a cistern a week ago last night. She came here May 4 from St. Joseph, her home, and was staying with her sister.

Date of death: 10 Apr 1906

Subject: Herbert J. Liesch

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 Apr 1906, p. 4

Nodaway, Mo., April 11.—Dr. H. J. Liesch, for a long time clerk in the drugstore owned by Louis Brown, was found dead in his little room on the outskirts of the town. He had reported for duty as always and spent the day at the store, but left earlier than usual. His disappearance did not occasion any surprises, but when during the evening he did not take his accustomed place at the village corner a search was made, which terminated in the finding of his body.

Little was known of the eccentric old man, who often spoke of his family in Pittsburg, Pa. No funeral arrangements have been made.

Date of death: 21 Dec 1903

Subject: Edward Lincoln*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 22 Dec 1903, p. 6

Edward Lincoln, a well-known colored man, died last night at his home, 617 Lincoln street. Typhoid pneumonia with complications proved fatal. Lincoln was thirty-five years old and was an attache of the Hotel Metropole. He was a brother-in-law of Steward Abe Quarles of the Commercial Club.

Date of death: 19 Sep 1902

Subject: Arthur O. Lindley

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 22 Sep 1902, p. 1

Savannah, Mo., Sept. 22.—Arthur Lindley, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Lindley, met with a terrible death last Saturday. He was sitting on one of the fences surrounding the street ... grounds, watching the men at work. He held in one of his hands a stick which was sharpened on one end. He lost his balance and fell from the fence, and in doing so the blunt end of the stick struck the ground and the sharp end entered the right side of his neck, almost piercing it through. The jugular vein was severed and the carotid artery punctured. He died in ten minutes after the accident.

After the accident the boy got up and pulled the stick from his neck. He then ran about thirty feet to where John Graff, superintendent of the work, was standing. He never spoke a word, but held his little hands over the wound which was spurting blood profusely. Mr. Graff carried him to a drugstore and a doctor was called, but the boy died without having spoken a word.

Date of death: 2 Jun 1901

Subject: Martha (Lindsay) Taylor

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 9 Jun 1901, p. 19

The funeral services of Mrs. John Taylor, who died Sunday, were held at the Sixth Street M. E. church Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Date of death: 23 Jul 1915

Subject: William Link

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 Jul 1915, p. 6

William Link, a laborer in the employment of the Union Terminal railway, was found dead at his home, 1919 South Fourth street, at 12:30 o'clock today.

A bottle of strychnine at his side indicated that he had committed suicide. He had been alone in the house, his wife having left him last Monday.

The body was discovered by James Henderson, a carpenter who was making some repairs on the house. Henderson happened to glance through a window as he was climbing a ladder and saw the body lying on the floor. He summoned J. Poore, a neighbor, and they forced an entrance to the house.

Dr. Thomas J. Lynch, coroner, was notified and after viewing the body he said that Link had died last night. Mrs. J. Poore, who lives next door, said that the last time she saw the dead man was yesterday morning. He was sixty years old and a native of Germany. He had been a resident of St. Joseph for twenty years. There are no children. Emil Stock, 906 South Twenty-third street, is his brother-in-law.

Date of death: 8 Sep 1902

Subject: Mary A. (Little) Greenlee

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 11 Sep 1902, p. 10

Savannah, Sept. 10.—Mrs. Mary Greenlee, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Cooper, Monday evening at 9:30, at the age of seventy-seven [sic] years.

Date of death: 5 Apr 1917

Subject: Ullisess Grant Loafman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Apr 1917, p. 6

Grant Loafman, fifty-two years old, a laborer, who formerly lived at Howard, Kan., died at 7 o'clock this morning at a local hospital. The dead man and his brothers, Daniel and Spencer Loafman, were traveling overland in a wagon and when they reached St. Joseph he became ill. Burial will be in the city cemetery. He was unmarried.

Date of death: 30 Aug 1902

Subject: Mrs. Matilda Logan*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 01 Sep 1902, p. 6

Mrs. Matilda Logan, colored, aged forty-four years, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 615 Highland avenue.

Date of death: 28 Jan 1885

Subject: Henrietta (Long) Scott

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 29 Jan 1885, p. 4

Officer Fred. Henry was yesterday detailed to visit the residence of Mrs. Serrilda Long, an aged widow lady, whose daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Scott, died during the forenoon, aged twenty years. A reporter for the Gazette accompanied the officer, and never will the scene that presented itself be forgotten by the writer.

Entering the basement of a residence on the north side of Edmond, between Ninth and Tenth streets, the visitors found two christian ladies engaged in laying out the body of Mrs. Scott, the remaining occupants of the room being the three-year-old son of the deceased and the aged mother. To the latter Officer Henry delivered \$5 which had been sent by Mayor Hartwig from the charity fund, when the bereaved lady made the following statement in relation to her condition:

'My daughter was a widow and had been ill since August last. She has been growing gradually worse for two weeks past, and at 10 o'clock this morning she died. She leaves a little son only three years old, and what is to become of us God alone knows. The mayor sent me half a cord of wood this morning, and now he has sent me \$5, for which I am indeed thankful.'

As the lady related her sad story the tears streamed down her withered cheeks, and it seemed that her burden was greater than she could bear. Here is a case that should command the sympathies of the christian ladies and gentlemen of St. Joseph. Left with her little grandchild to provide for, Mrs. Long's condition is indeed deplorable, and it is to be hoped that a helping hand will be extended to her in her double affliction.

Date of death: 26 Aug 1917

Subject: Paul T. Long

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Aug 1917, p. 5

Paul T., 5-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Long, 2914 South Eighteenth street, died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at a hospital here. No funeral arrangements have been made.

Date of death: 16 Sep 1908

Subject: William A. Long

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Sep 1908, p. 1

Not having seen her brother, William A. Long, for nearly forty years, Mrs. Clara A. Burgess of Topeka came to St. Joseph yesterday to arrange for his funeral. She refused to look at the face of her dead relative, stating that she preferred to retain the memory she had of him. Long died

yesterday morning of typhoid fever in a local hospital, where he had been taken from the Salvation army home August 30.

Long, who was 49 years old and a machinist by trade, was a native of Ohio. He drifted west many years ago and his family lost ... of him. Mrs. Burgess stated that she had not heard from him for about fifteen years.

About three weeks ago Long became ill and went to the Salvation army home. While there he wrote to his sister, Mrs. Burgess, who is a widow, asking her for aid. She assisted him as much as she could at the time. Long was removed to the hospital, where he was under the care of Dr. D. S. Ballard, city physician. Tuesday afternoon his condition changed for the worse and he died a few hours later. Interment will be made in the city cemetery, but the body may later be removed to Ohio.

Date of death: 22 Feb 1920

Subject: John Looker

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Feb 1920, p. 5

John Looker, 40 years old, died at a local hospital at 6 oclock last night. The body was taken to the Meierhoffer Undertaking company's parlors.

Date of death: 30 Jul 1914

Subject: Clemmie Love*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 31 Jul 1914, pp. 1 & 9

Clem Love, 32 years old, a negro, died yesterday afternoon at a local hospital from a bullet wound through the abdomen, received at 1 oclock yesterday morning in a struggle with William Zimmerman, 19 years old, a friend of his, who attempted to wrest a revolver from him.

An autopsy will be held this morning by T. J. Lynch, coroner, and an inquest at which Dr. J. A. Crossland, a negro physician, will be summoned as a witness will be held this afternoon.

Love was removed to the hospital early yesterday morning by Dr. Lynch and Dr. F. G. Beard, police surgeon, after lying for five hours in his room at 1009 South Eighth street with but little medical attention. Although the two physicians operated, and did all they could do save him, Love was past recovery.

According to Love's dying statement, given to Doctors Lynch and Beard at 1 oclock yesterday afternoon, and the story told by Zimmerman, Dr. Crossland was summoned immediately by Zimmerman, but at first refused to take the case unless he was guaranteed \$60. Zimmerman assured the physician of the money, he says, and when Dr. Crossland arrived, he says he paid him \$56.50.

The statement of both Love and Zimmerman is that Dr. Crossland then removed the bullet, which was just under skin, and, after placing cotton over the two wounds, departed. Early in the

morning Love was suffering so intensely that Crossland was again summoned and collected a small fee.

At about 5 oclock other roomers in the house put in a call for Dr. Beard and Dr. Lynch. When they arrived they ordered Love to the hospital and operated immediately. They found that Love's intestines were severed in several places, but that he had been so long without attention that he could not live.

In his dying statement Love exonerated Zimmerman. He said he and Zimmerman were intoxicated, and that he started out onto the street with a loaded revolver which he had just purchased. Zimmerman attempted to dissuade him, but he persisted, and his friend tried to take the revolver away from him.

In the scuffle that followed the revolver was discharged, and Love told the doctors it was his own finger that pressed the trigger.

Love also told the physicians the story that he and Zimmerman went to Chillicothe a short time ago, and while there he married a negro woman who owned a small home. A few days ago she sold the house for \$200, and he says that Wednesday he took \$150 of the money and came to St. Joseph, bringing Zimmerman with him. Zimmerman and Love came from Oklahoma and had been friends for a long time.

Zimmerman was placed under arrest shortly after 5 oclock yesterday morning by Patrolmen O'Brien and Wykert.

Date of death: 3 Oct 1909

Subject: Hugh Lucas

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Oct 1909, p. 1

Barnard, Mo., Oct. 4.—When Nannie Keenan went to visit her grandfather, Hugh Lucas, who lived alone near here, Sunday afternoon, she discovered that he had been dead several hours.

Mr. Lucas, who was eighty-one years old, was somewhat of a recluse and had little association with his neighbors or Barnard people, except his relatives.

Heart failure is supposed to have caused Mr. Lucas' death.

Date of death: 6 Feb 1902

Subject: Mary (Lutel) Moser

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 10 Feb 1902, p. 7

Amazonia, Feb. ?—Mrs. Moser of Nodaway station, died Wednesday and was buried in the Germany cemetery Friday, February 7.

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Date of death: 28 Dec 1908

Subject: Albert Mabion*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Sep 1909, p. 1

A \$5,00 suit, resulting from the drowning of a three-year-old child in an abandoned well, was filed in the court today by Elbert H. Loyd, attorney for Powell Mabion, colored, father of the child. The defendants are W... G. S. Dorsel and F. Claude, Robert and Marvin M. Davis, owners and ... respectively, of the property where the drowning occurred.

Mabion at the time lived at 1624 H... street, renting the property through Davis Brothers. In the rear of the property it is alleged, surrounded by trash and refuse, was an old disused well or cistern, covered with a sheet of thin metal. Albert Mabion, three years old, while playing in the yard December 28, last, contends the father, stepped on the ... which yielded under his weight, and the child fell into the well and was drowned.

Date of death: 4 Aug 1916

Subject: Minnie Maddox

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Aug 1916, p. 6

Minnie Maddox, nineteen years old, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Maddox, 3402 Redding avenue yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Besides her parents, she is survived by five brothers, Fred, Robert, Sherritt, Emmett and Jesse, and a sister, Mrs. Maggie Brooks, all of St. Joseph. The funeral was this afternoon.

Date of death: 15 Jul 1903

Subject: Mrs. Louise T. Madison*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 16 Jul 1903, p. 6

Louise T. Madison, aged eighty-two years, wife of B. F. Madison, colored, died at her home, 521 North Nineteenth street, at 8 o'clock on the morning of July 15. The body was shipped to Chillicothe for interment.

Date of death: 26 Mar 1918

Subject: Patrick Malay

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Mar 1918, p. 6

Patrick Malay, ninety-three years old, died this morning at 11:30 o'clock at a local hospital. He had been a county subject twenty-six years.

Date of death: 17 Aug 1903

Subject: Timothy H. Manes

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 19 Aug 1903, p. 6

Savannah, Mo., Aug. 19.—The remains of Timothy H. Manes were buried in the Bennett Lane cemetery yesterday. Mr. Manes died Monday. He was sixty-two years old and an old soldier.

Date of death: 13 Jan 1902

Subject: Sylvia A. (March) Moore

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 24 Jan 1902, p. 3

Amazonia, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Richard Moore, who has been suffering for about five years with consumption, died at her home in Amazonia last Monday and was buried in the Amazonia cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Kent at the Christian Church Tuesday, January 21, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Moore leaves a widower, six little children and an aged father to mourn her loss.

Date of death: 2 Mar 1913

Subject: Mathew C. Marion (or Marron)

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Mar 1913, p. 4

M. C. Marron, 45 years old, died at a local hospital yesterday afternoon. He was a resident of Weston, Mo. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Date of death: 8 Aug 1901

Subject: Charity Mason*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 9 Aug 1901, p. 5

Charity Mason, colored, ninety years old, who lived in this state for fifty years, died Thursday at her home, Twenty-third street and Frederick avenue.

Date of death: 7 Oct 1904

Subject: Mardicia Mason* [or Mordicia]

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Oct 1904, p. 4

The funeral of Mard... Mason, a negro aged 19 years, son of Samuel Mason, 1719 Powell street, who died Friday, will be held from the A.M.E. church tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be at Mount Mora cemetery.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News and Press*, 8 Oct 1904, p. 6

Mordicia Mason, aged nineteen years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mason, died at 7 o'clock last night at the family residence, 1719 Powell street.

Date of death: 3 Jun 1903

Subject: Mrs. Sarah Mason*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 4 Jun 1903, p. 6

Sarah Mason, colored, seventy-one years of age, died at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning at her home 709 North Twentieth street. She was the widow of Houston Mason, who died several years ago. The interment will be in Mount Mora cemetery.

Date of death: 29 Oct 1915

Subject: Virgil H. Mason

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Oct 1915, p. 6

Virgil H. Mason, 60 years old, who lived at 919 South Eighth street, committed suicide shortly before noon yesterday by shooting himself in the head. Mason, a hot tamale vender [sic], is said to have committed the deed while in a fit of melancholy.

Mason first wrote a note to his wife saying he had tried hard to support her, but had failed to make her happy. He then walked to a shed in the back yard and soon his wife heard a gunshot. She ran to the shed and found her husband in his death struggles. Dr. Thomas J. Lynch, coroner, viewed the body, and decied [sic] that an inquest was not necessary.

Date of death: 28 Jan 1905

Subject: William Mason*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Jan 1905, p. 4

William Mason died after an extended illness in a local hospital Saturday night. He was a negro laborer.

Date of death: 14 Jan 1907

Subject: Carl E. Massie

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 9 Mar 1907, p. 7

Maryville, Mo., March 9.—After an absence of six months, during which his whereabouts were unknown to his parents, who searched far and near for him, Carl Massie, aged nineteen, will return this evening to Nodaway County—but he will come home in his coffin, after having lived, suffered and died under an assumed name, and after being buried by strangers who thought him their son.

Carl Massie was the son of S. G. Massie of Hopkins. The young man ran away from home last September, for what reason the relatives and friends of the youth have never been able to learn. They only knew that he suddenly disappeared, and was only on one or two occasions thereafter heard from in an indirect manner.

The father, believing the missing boy had gone to Iowa, visited many towns in that state during the succeeding months in an endeavor to find some trace of the missing member of the family. Advertisements were sent out in every direction, but not until the winter had almost passed did any result come from these efforts.

March 4 the father was informed that an unknown young man had been buried six weeks before in Lineville, Iowa, by Robert Hursey, who thought the stranger his own missing son. After the

burial, however, the younger Hursey had returned to his home, and the family then set about trying to discover the identity of the dead youth whom they had seen laid away in his grave.

The advertisement sent out by Mr. Massie fell into the hands of the Lineville man. Mr. Massie at once went to Lineville, and after looking over the effects of the dead stranger had the body disinterred. No identification of the body could be made, but the clothing and a few articles in the pockets convinced the Hopkins father that he had at last found his runaway son.

Carl Massie had become ill while journeying to Griswold, Iowa, and after being sick for a week, without revealing his name, had died. News of the circumstances reached Hursey, who went to Griswold, decided the body was that of his son, Orville Hursey, and took it home. A few days later Orville Hursey arrived in Lineville, safe and well.

By a comparison of dates Mr. Massie found that the night his son died among strangers at Griswold he had himself been in Grinnell, Iowa, not far away, seeking some clew of the boy. Failing in this, he had returned home while his son was being taken to the grave by another anxious father.

What caused young Massie to keep his identity a secret and to fail to notify his father when he became ill will always be as much a mystery as is the cause of his leaving home.

Burial takes place in Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville immediately after the arrival of the body from Lineville, a sister of the dead youth having been laid to rest there several years ago.

Date of death: May 1903

Subject: Alexander Maxfield*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 23 May 1903, p. 15

The funeral of Rev. Alexander Maxfield, colored, was held at the A.M.E. Church at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The service was conducted by Bishop C. T. Shaffer of Kansas City. The body was brought here last night from Albuquerque, N.M., where he was pastor of an African Methodist Church. The mother of the dead preacher lives at 1810 Frederick avenue. He lived here for a good many years and was ordained here twenty years ago. He had been located in Albuquerque about two years and had been sick since last October.

Date of death: 28 May 1903

Subject: Edward Todd Maxwell

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 29 May 1903, p. 6

Edward T. Maxwell, a well-to-do farmer living five miles north of the city, died at 10:45 o'clock last night, after several months' illness of consumption. He was thirty-five years old. The funeral will be held at the home at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and the interment will be in Todd Cemetery.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 May 1903, p. 4

Edward Todd Maxwell, a well known farmer and fruit grower living about five miles north of St. Joseph, died Thursday night. He was 35 years old. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock this morning, with burial in the Maxwell cemetery.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 May 1903, p. 7

The funeral services of Edward Todd Maxwell will be at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the residence, five miles north of the city.

Date of death: 16 Mar 1914

Subject: Albert Mayhan

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Mar 1914, p. 6

Albert Mayhan, 44 years old, who had been living with his brother, John Mayhan, 1404 South Fourth street, died yesterday at a local hospital. Besides his brother he is survived by three daughters. Funeral services will be held from Rock & Clark's undertaking parlors at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Burial in Ashland cemetery.

Date of death: 16 Jul 1905

Subject: Robert McAdow

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Jul 1905, p. 5

Robert Mcadlow [sic], formerly in the employ of the St. Joseph and Grand Island as agent at Axton and Hiawatha and as cashier in the ticket office in Hastings, is dead at the home of his father, Dr. Robert [sic] McAdow, in Bolckow, Mo. A widow and two children survive.

Date of death: 14 Dec 1918

Subject: Daniel McClurg

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Dec 1918, p. 6

Daniel McClurg, fifty-two years old, died at 6 o'clock this morning in a local hospital of pneumonia. He had no known relatives.

Date of death: 30 Sep 1906

Subject: Mary Ada (McCord) Collins

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Oct 1906, pp. 1 & 2

Mrs. J. Burnett Collins of Fort Worth, Texas, daughter of the late James and Mrs. McCord of St. Joseph, died at 9:30 o'clock last night at the home of her mother, 1831 Clay street, after an illness of a little more than a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins were returning home from a vacation in Canada. They were to spend about ten days in St. Joseph. Between Cameron and this city Mrs. Collins was stricken with paralysis or a similar malady and did not rally. She appeared to be in perfect health and the best of spirits

immediately before the stroke. Upon arriving in St. Joseph she was at once removed to the family home.

Mrs. Collins was Miss Mary Ada McCord before her marriage and was born December 10, 1859, in the house at Ninth and Felix streets now occupied by the family of Dr. T. H. Doyle, which was formerly the McCord home. She lived in St. Joseph most of her life and was very popular in social circles. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Collins took place February 10, 1886, in the house in which she died. Since 1893 the Collins [sic] lived in Fort Worth, where the husband is a member of the McCord-Collins Commerce company.

James McCord, the father of Mrs. Collins, was the founder of the Nave-McCord Mercantile company. He was a Virginian by birth and came to Missouri in 1836 at the age of ten years. He left school at 14 years of age and entered the mercantile business in the lowest capacity without a penny. From Andrew county he moved to Oregon and joined with Abram Nave in a general store. The Nave-McCord Mercantile company was formed in 1857. Mr. McCord was married in 1854 to Miss Mary E. Halleck of Kentucky.

Surviving members of the family are Mrs. McCord, the mother; W. H. McCord of Omaha; J. H. McCord, Miss Susan McCord and S. S. McCord, St. Joseph; George L. McCord, of Pueblo; Robert H. McCord, of Kansas City, and Mrs. J. H. Parker, Jr., of St. Joseph.

The members of the family were here at the time of Mrs. Collins' death, with the exception of George L., whose train was ten hours later and who arrived early this morning.

The funeral arrangements have not been made, although the burial will take place in St. Joseph.

Date of death: 27 Nov 1916

Subject: William McCowen*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Nov 1916, p. 11

Following a quarrel over a woman William McCowen, thirty five years old, was fatally shot at 7:30 o'clock last night by Beverly Turner, at the home of Mamie Brown, 1426 South Eighth street. All are negroes.

McCowen died three hours after he was shot, at St. Joseph's Hospital, a bullet having pierced his heart. At midnight Turner went to Central Police Station and surrendered. The Brown woman was arrested at the hospital, where she had gone to see McCowen.

Turner says that he was visiting the woman when McCowen called and expressed a desire to fight. McCowen drew a revolver, Turner says, and in self-defense he (Turner) grasped a rifle and fired at the intruder. A revolver, said to have been McCowen's, was found at the house by the police. McCowen and Turner were on the sidewalk when the shooting took place.

Dr. Thomas J. Lynch, coroner, sent the negro's body to Ramsey's, and it was said an inquest would be held late this afternoon.

The dead man frequently had been arrested for petty offenses, the police say. Turner is thirty years old, and gave his address as 1520 South Eighth street. He is not married.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Nov 1916, p. 6

Probably never before in the history of this country has there been presented the spectacle of the prosecuting attorney, on the day he takes the witness stand to defend himself against the charge of murder, issuing two warrants charging other persons with murder. This is what Oscar D. McDaniel, prosecuting attorney of Buchanan County, was called upon to do today.

Sunday night William McCowen, negro, was fatally shot by Beverly Turner, another negro. Yesterday Matt Dugdale was shot and killed by D. C. Foglesong, a former employe. Foglesong and McCowen [sic] have been held at Central Police Station awaiting action by the prosecuting attorney's office.

Throughout his trial on the charge of wife murder, and even while he was confined in the county jail before he was released on bond McDaniel has conducted his work as prosecuting attorney. Each day after court he returns to his office on the first floor of the courthouse and winds up the day's business, which today will include the two murder warrants.

Date of death: 26 Jun 1906

Subjects: Laura (McCoy) Bettles

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Jun 1906, p. 6

B. F. McCoy of Hickory Hill, Mo., grandfather of Mrs. Alfred Bettles, who is supposed to have been murdered by her husband last Monday night, immediately preceding the suicide of Bettles, arrived in St. Joseph this morning. He at once made arrangements for the burial of the woman's body. The body of Bettles was buried yesterday afternoon in the city cemetery, and Mr. McCoy decided not to take the wife's body to her former home in Cole County, but to have it buried by the side of her husband.

Mr. McCoy was seen by a News-Press reporter today, and his voice trembling with emotion, he said: 'I don't think Laura was unfaithful. That man must have had an insane fit of jealousy. These things happen too often nowadays, and they seem to be on the increase.['] When asked concerning his granddaughter's past, Mr. McCoy said:

'Her life was just like that of any other country girl raised with good advantages. She was born on my farm in Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1880, and was the daughter of my son Louis. Louis died soon after her birth and I took care of the mother and her child. We came out to Missouri and I purchased a farm in Cole County, near Hickory Hill. Laura's mother was married again, and my wife and I practically raised the girl. About six years ago she began to travel for Swift and Company. On the road somewhere she met Albert Bettles, and they were married without my knowledge. She and her husband visited us several times and seemed about the happiest couple I ever saw.

'We never knew much of Bettles' history, but he told us that he was a graduate of some university in England. His family were large landholders in Kent, England, and he was expecting a large inheritance from that source. He seemed to be kind to his wife and I think he must have become temporarily deranged.'

Date of death: 20 Jun 1915

Subject: John McCrory

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Jun 1915, p. 6

John McCrory, sixty-one years old, died yesterday morning at a local hospital. So far as is known he had no relatives.

Date of death: 29 May 1920

Subject: Alexander McCullach

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 May 1920, p. 7

Alexander McCullach, seventy-six years old, died at 9 o'clock this morning in a local hospital. The body was removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's. The man had no known relatives.

Date of death: 28 Oct 1911

Subject: Wilbur Franklin McDonald

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Oct 1911, p. 5

An investigation into circumstances surrounded the death of the infant child of J. E. McDonald, a laborer, living at 2914 South Fourth street, is being made by Dr. C. F. Byrd, coroner. The coroner [sic] will cause an autopsy to be held this morning, and will hold an inquest this afternoon. The baby died yesterday [sic] morning.

The McDonald family, until a week ago, lived in a small house at 221 South Third street. Last Monday a force of workmen appeared and announced that they had come to move the house to a point near the bank of the Missouri river. The foreman is said to have informed McDonald that he was acting under instructions from the owner of the property, and it is declared no attention was paid to McDonald's protestations that his wife was ill, and that the baby, only three months old, was in a critical condition. The house was moved, and the McDonald family made hurried preparations for departure. They moved to the Fourth street address.

The father of the child notified Coroner Byrd and the body was taken to the morgue of H. O. Sidenfaden.

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 31 Oct 1911, p. 5

Coroner Byrd will, at 1 o'clock this afternoon, held an inquest over the body of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDonald, who, the parents believe, died as a result of the fact that a house in which the family was living was moved by its owner, over the protests of the McDonalds, a week ago. The family was compelled to go into another house, which was damp, and the baby, ill at the time, took cold.

An autopsy, conducted yesterday by Coroner Byrd, assisted by Dr. E. S. Ballard, did not reveal that the baby came to its death as a result of exposure. On the contrary, the indications were that the child's death was caused by inanition, it not being able to assimilate its food. However, the parents asked for an inquest and Dr. Byrd decided to hold one at Sidenfaden's morgue.

Date of death: 18 Jul 1908

Subject: William A. McDonald

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Jul 1908, p. 6

William A. McDonald, seventy-six years old, a farmer near Quitman, Mo., died early this morning at a local hospital. The body was taken to the dead man's former home this afternoon.

Date of death: 22 Nov 1917

Subject: Andrew E. McKee

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Nov 1917, p. 10

Andrew E. McKee, seventy-six years old, a farmer, died ... afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in a local hospital. His home was at ... Second street. Burial was in the city cemetery this afternoon. He is survived by the wife and nine children.

Date of death: 13 Apr 1903

Subject: Lorena C. (McKee) Nash

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 Apr 1903, p. 2

Savannah, Mo., April 18.—Mrs. L. C. Nash died at her home in this city Monday morning at 8:15, after a short illness. Among those from a distance who attended the funeral, which occurred at the Presbyterian church Wednesday, were John Leiber and daughter, Mrs. Gallatin Craig of Maryville; A. W. Chunning and wife, Mrs. James Borchers, Horace McKee and daughter, Miss Jennie, of Bigelow; Frank Allen and wife of Craig; Martin Baker and wife of Barnard, and Miss Barbara Bly... of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 25 Sep 1916

Subject: Christopher D. McKenzie

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Sep 1916, p. 5

C. D. McKenzie, 60 years old, a stone mason, living at the Avon hotel, was found dead in his room yesterday morning. He was last seen alive at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Death is believed to have been caused by acute alcoholism. Dr. F. H. Spencer, acting coroner, sent the body to Rock's undertaking parlors. No inquest will be held. Nothing has been learned of his relatives.

Date of death: Oct/Nov 1902

Subject: child of John McMacken

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 4 Nov 1902, p. 4

The two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John McMacken was drowning in a cellar near Whitesville a few days ago. The cellar had been excavated for a house and had been partly filled with water by the recent rains. The child was playing near the place and accidentally fell in.

Date of death: 4 Jul 1905

Subject: Mrs. Catharine McManus

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 Jul 1905, p. 3

Maryville, Mo.-- Mrs. John McManus died Tuesday, July 4, after an illness of several days. The funeral was held at 9:30 o'clock Thursday from St. Patrick's church and the remains were buried at St. Patrick's cemetery.

Date of death: 27 Aug 1913

Subject: Tiney McMullen (or McMillen)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Aug 1913, p. 2

Tom Gillette, 1408 North Twenty-second street, a police character, Lizzie Snyder, twenty-eight years old, and Mrs. Lydia McMullen, who live at Bartlett and Atchison streets, are held at Central Police Station for investigation of the death of Mrs. McMullen's three-month-old girl baby at St. Joseph's Hospital last night.

Miss Sallie Bryant, a nurse at the hospital, while on a relief trip yesterday, visited the home of C. D. McMullen and noticed that the child was very ill. She had it taken to the hospital, where it died late last night, and this morning Dr. Thomas L. Lynch, coroner, performed an autopsy at Rock & Clark's, and found that seven of the infant's ribs, on the left side, and three on the right side, had been broken. Doctor Lynch said that the injury probably had been sustained five or six days ago.

Investigation thus far has failed to reveal how the injury happened. At Doctor Lynch's direction Mrs. McMullen, the Snyder woman, who rooms at the McMullen home, and Gillette, who is said to spend much time there, were taken into custody. All three vehemently deny any knowledge of brutality toward the infant and say they are unable to account for the child's condition.

The father of the baby drives an ice wagon.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Aug 1913, p. 1

The three-month-old daughter of C. D. Mullen, an independent ice dealer, who lives at Bartlett and Atchison streets, received the injuries from which it died at St. Joseph's Hospital Tuesday night, while a drunken orgy was in progress at its parents' home. The child's father, however, is said to have had no connection with the affair.

Dr. Thomas L. Lynch, coroner, announced an inquest in the case for 1 o'clock this afternoon at Rock & Clark's undertaking establishment. The body of the infant has been at Rock & Clark's ever since its death, and it probably will be buried tomorrow.

Two more arrests have been made in the case. Late yesterday Georgia Walmsley, 5200 Lake avenue, and Ed Robinson, 1425 Bartlett street, were taken into custody. They are friends of the McMullen family.

All the persons under observation at Central Police State are kept in solitary confinement and are given no opportunity to converse with each other or with visitors.

The father of the child has not called at the police station to see his wife, and it is said by the police that he will not be permitted to converse with her if he attempts to see her. The police say, however, that they do not suspect McMullen of having had any hand in the injuries which caused the baby's death.

A revolting story was drawn out this forenoon when W. H. Hetherington, inspector of detectives, and Coroner Lynch gave the "third degree" to Mrs. Lydia McMullen, mother of the dead infant, at Central Police Station. The woman confessed that there was a drunken revelry at the McMullen home last Saturday night, and that "someone might have injury [sic] the baby, as the whole party was pretty drunk." She said her husband was not at home and that she had invited the Walmsley and Snyder women, Tom Gillette and Ed Robinson, all living in that neighborhood, to a "can-rushing" party. It was admitted that all became so drunk they didn't know what they were doing and that it is possible one of them fell on the baby while it was lying in bed, or dropped it, resulting in the breaking of ten of its ribs.

Concerning the death of the child Doctor Lynch said: "I do not doubt that one of the persons under arrest intentionally or accidentally gave the infant the blow that resulted in its death. Whether we can get at the one that committed the crime is a question. The child's father had been away from home for some time, and there is no doubt that he is innocent."

McMullen, when see by a News-Press reporter this afternoon was reticent. He admitted that he and his wife had not been getting along well together, and that of late he had not spent much of his time at home. He said that he certainly hoped the guilty person would be punished. McMullen will be a witness at the inquest.

Discovery that the McMullen baby had been injured was made by Miss Sallie Bryant, a nurse, who caused it to be sent to St. Joseph's Hospital last Tuesday, after she had called at the McMullen home on a visiting round. The arrest of the mother and others followed the baby's death.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Aug 1913, p. 2

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of the death of the three-months-old baby daughter of Mrs. Lydia McMullen, Bartlett and Atchison streets, held into yesterday, was that death was due to broken ribs, sustained in some unaccountable manner during a drunken revel at the McMullen home last Saturday afternoon and night.

William H. Sherman, assistant prosecuting attorney, conducted the examination of witnesses at the inquisition. Besides the father and mother of the infant, four other witnesses were examined, Georgia Walmsley, Ed Robinson, Tom Gillett and Lizzie Snyder. All admitted that they were at the can-rushing party, but denied that they were drunk, as Mrs. McMullen had confessed when subjected to the "third degree" at Central Police Station. None denied, however, that there had been drinking.

McMullen said he had remained at home only a short while, because it became too noisy for him. Each of the parties to the orgy, including Mrs. McMullen, disclaimed knowledge that the baby had been injured.

Tom Gillette admitted that there was so much drinking that none of the witnesses could give an accurate account of the affair. He said the child had been placed in a rocking chair. He said it was possible that some of the revelers might have sat upon it, but he could say nothing positive about that.

The jury did not consider the evidence sufficient to justify a warrant, as it was unable to fix individual responsibility. The police had released the five persons under arrest five hours before the time they had been summoned to appear at the inquest. This was made necessary, Inspector of Detectives Hetherington said, because of a law which says persons accused of a crime may not be detained longer than twenty hours without a warrant is issued.

After they were released from custody, at Gillette's suggestion, the members of the party assembled at McMullen's to consider their course at the inquest. This was admitted by Gillette at the inquest, but he said the conferees had not framed up any set tale, when asked by the assistant prosecuting attorney if they had not all agreed upon a story.

After the members of the party had been released, it is said, they assembled at McMullen's to discuss the situation.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Sherman said to a News-Press reporter this morning that he did not consider the evidence brought out at the coroner's inquest sufficient to justify him in issuing any warrants and unless there are developments, there may be no prosecutions.

"I understand that Inspector Hetherington is making further investigation," said Sherman, "and it is possible that he may obtain new evidence that will result in arrests for the infant's murder."

The baby was buried at the city cemetery this forenoon. The father and mother were the only persons who accompanied the body to the cemetery and the mother seemed deeply affected.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Sep 1913, p. 1

Edward Robinson, an ex-convict, was arrested by Police Patrolman Hill yesterday and locked up at Central Police Station to be investigated of his possible connection with the death of the three-months-old daughter of Mrs. Lydia McMullen, the baby whose ribs were broken a week ago last

Saturday night while a drunken revel was a [sic] progress at its parents' home, Bartlett and Atchison streets. The child, whose condition was discovered by Miss Sallie Bryant, a visiting nurse, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where it died of its injuries last Wednesday night.

Today a warrant charging Robinson with manslaughter was issued at the instance of the prosecuting attorney's office and Robinson will be delivered to the state authorities.

The information resulting in Robinson's arrest was furnished by Henry Snyder, a thirteen-year-old boy, who lives with his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Snyder, at 2330 Bartlett street, who, with the other persons, was held by the police last week for investigation of the case. An aunt of the Snyder boy appeared at Central Police Station yesterday and said her nephew knew something about the affair. The boy was hunted up and he told the police that two or three days before it was discovered that the baby was ill, he had seen Robinson strike it. Robinson, it is said, had been hanging about the McMullen home for some time. The boy is said to have told that he (Snyder) was at McMullen's taking care of the baby when Robinson, who was drunk, struck it. He also said that before the brutal assault, the baby was crying and that Robinson became enraged and said he wished he had some poison to give it.

The Snyder boy was held in the detention home last night and this forenoon he made a statement to Oscar D. McDaniel, assistant prosecuting attorney. He also said that the day after the child died Mrs. McMullen called him a vile name and warned him that if he told about anything he had seen at her house she would kill him. The boy said he then confided in his aunt and asked her to tell the police.

At the coroner's inquest last week the jury found that the child had come to its death at the hands of some unknown person. Eleven of the baby's ribs had been broken. The child was buried Saturday. The theory was advanced at the inquest that some member of the party at McMullen's house the night of the can-rushing festival had accidentally sat upon the baby.

Date of death: 30 Mar 1912

Subject: John Robert McNair

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Apr 1912, p. 6

John Robert McNair, a laborer, forty-six years old, died at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in a local hospital. His home was at 322 1/2 Highland avenue.

Date of death: 15 Aug 1904

Subject: Joseph McNeal*

Source: *St. Joseph News & Press*, 16 Aug 1904, p. 6

Joseph McNeal, negro laborer, who lived at 1702 Bartlett street, died suddenly at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon as a result of the excessive heat. McNeal was working with a construction gang on the Burlington road up to a short time of his death. He ... and he was ad... home.

When he ... for a basin of water ... was ... he fell over and expired ... physician arrived. Assist... Ballard was summoned ... arrival that the negro ... several minutes. McNeal ... suffered from heart ...

This is the fi... St. Joseph this summer ... prostrations were reported ... stifling humidity that pre ... time a rainstorm broke ... 7 o'clock yesterday evening, but the death of McNeal is the first due to the extreme heat.

Date of death: 22 Feb 1904

Subject: infant daughter of Grant McVey

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Feb 1904, p. 10

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McVey of 909 North Twenty-fourth street, died yesterday. The body will be taken to Rochester for burial.

Date of death: 10 Aug 1909

Subject: Frank Meard

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Aug 1909, p. 7

Frank Meard, a 5 month old infant, died at the Sheltering Arms yesterday and will be buried in the city cemetery today.

Date of death: 27 Aug 1919

Subject: John Meier

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Aug 1919, p. 2

John Meier, a laborer employed by the Burlington with an extra track gang, was instantly killed at 7 o'clock last night when he was run down by a passenger train half a mile north of the waterworks pumping station. His skull was fractured, his neck broken and both his legs cut off. The dead man was fifty-five years old. He was walking on the track when the train came along.

Meier's home is said to have been in Denver, where he had a wife. Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, will conduct an inquest at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at H. O. Sidenfaden's, where the body now lies. The widow has not yet been reached.

Date of death: 24 Sep 1913

Subject: Mary E. (Mendenhall) Brown

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Sep 1913, p. 5

Mrs. Mary E. Brown, sixty-two years old, 611 North Ninth street, died of paralysis while eating supper last night. Police Surgeons Stamey and Beard were summoned and it was thought at first that she had been choked by a piece of beefsteak, but investigation revealed that death was due to paralysis. Dr. T. J. Lynch, coroner, viewed the body and announced that an inquest would not be necessary. Mrs. Brown had been suffering from paralysis for three years.

She lived with her stepson, S. W. Brown, employed at the Davis Milling company, and they removed to St. Joseph from Wichita, Kan., several weeks ago.

Date of death: 21 May 1903

Subject: Fred Meniffee*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 22 May 1903, p. 5

Fred Meniffee, a well known colored barber, died last midnight, at his home, 413 South Sixteenth street, and will be buried at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Colorer Barber's [sic] Union, of which he was a member. The dead man was one of the most popular colored men in St. Joseph and was known by many patrons of the barbershops. He was over sixty years old and had lived here the greater part of his life. Of late years he had been in the employ of George Moore, whose shop is on Felix street, near Eighth. He was taken sick two months ago and had been confined to his home most of the time since. The pallbearers at his funeral will be well known local colored men, whose names follows: George Moore, J. A. Wilson, Matt Evans, Charles Phelps, John Casey, Harry Robinson, William Hackley and Grant Askins. A widow and three children survive.

Date of death: Mar 1901

Subject: Martin Mewes

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 2 Mar 1901, p. 5

Death of M. Mewes A City Missionary

Man Who Worked Among the Poor of St. Joseph Will be Buried in the City Cemetery.

Martin Mewes, who ... [*most of paragraph illegible*] with missionary work ... of St. Joseph ... at 2:15 o'clock ... pneumonia ... Gil ... administration ... yesterday ... any property ... All he found ... deposited in ... formerly ... South ... with the ... weeks ... administ... effects so... from ... funeral ... Miss ... her... had w... the funeral.

Date of death: 21 May 1920

Subject: Robert John Michael

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 May 1920, p. 6

Robert J. Michael, two-year-old son of Mrs. Cecil Michael, died yesterday at the home of the mother, 902 Madison avenue.

Date of death: 27 Jun 1923

Subject: Mrs. Amelia Miecndice

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 27 Jun 1923, p. 6

Mrs. Amelia Miecndice, thirty-two years old, 317 Indiana avenue, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning at a local hospital. The funeral arrangements have not been completed."

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Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Jun 1923, p. 5

Mrs. Amelia Miecndice, 32 years old, died at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at a local hospital. She lived at 317 Indiana avenue.

Date of death: 14 Nov 1907

Subject: Henry Miller

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Nov 1907, p. 6

Bolckow, Mo., Nov. 14.—Henry Miller, aged 63 years, in the presence of his aged wife, who was unable to interfere, committed suicide at his home here this morning by blowing his head off with a shotgun, the muzzle of which he placed in his mouth, discharging the weapon with his left hand.

Mr. Miller had been in poor health for a long time and realized that his mind was failing. Of late he had been acting strangely. He had lived in this section about forty years. His widow and eleven children survive.

Date of death: 18 Oct 1921

Subject: John Miller

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Oct 1921, p. 2

As the result of a friendly scuffle over a cigarette, John Miller, fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, 1318 1/2 South Fourth street, received an intestinal wound from a small rifle last Wednesday afternoon, which caused his death this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Miller and his thirteen-year-old chum, Irwin Smith, were playing on the bank of the Missouri River a few hundred yards north of the Francis Street Station, when the rifle was discharged. The wounded boy was taken to Noyes Hospital.

The body of the dead boy was removed to Fleeman-McNeill's, where it was viewed by Dr. A. R. Timerman, coroner, who announced that an inquest would be held.

The Smith boy's father, John Smith, is a packing house workman.

Date of death: 16 Mar 1912

Subject: Mrs. Mary A. (Miller) Pugh

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Mar 1912, p. 8

Mrs. Mary A. Pugh, a widow, seventy-three years old, died at 7:30 o'clock this morning at her home, one mile north of the city on the Savannah road, as a result of a stroke of paralysis several days ago. She is survived by two sons, Harrison and Edward C. Pugh of Kansas City, and a daughter, Mrs. Josie Hackney of this county.

Date of death: 16 Apr 1906

Subject: "Tink" Miller*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Apr 1906, p. 1

The presentiment of "Tink" Miller, an old slave, that he would be killed by a fall from a ladder, was fulfilled last night when he died at St. Joseph's hospital of injuries sustained in a fall from a ladder two hours before.

Slipping on the wet walk, the step ladder on which Miller stood as he washed a window of the Otten hotel, opposite the union station, dashed the negro to the pavement. He was injured about the stomach and rendered unconscious.

Miller, who was sixty years old, was removed to a room in the hotel. He received medical attendance, but because of his feeble health, died at 7 o'clock.

Miller had been a hod carrier. One day he declared that a bird told him that he would die in a fall from a ladder and he withdrew from this walk in life.

He had been a slave of Isaac Miller, who lived north of the city.

Date of death: 8 Jan 1902

Subject: Mary M. (Mischler) Michaelis

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 11 Jan 1902, p. 9

Funeral Notice. The funeral of Mrs. Mary Michaelis who died Wednesday ...ing January [8]th, will take place from the residence ... Sacramento ... afternoon at ... Friends of the family are invited.

Date of death: 3 Aug 1907

Subject: Annie Mitchell*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Aug 1907, p. 1

"You are commanded to take one corpse, the body of Annie Mitchell, deceased, of the value of ten dollars and ____ cents."

With a writ bearing this order issued from the court of Justice Nies, Deputy constable Sam Campbell yesterday siezed [sic] the body of an aged negress who died in a chair at a friend's home Saturday night, taking it from Heaton's morgue to the establishment of I. F. Ramsey, a negro undertaker, 531 South Ninth street. The body, which had been embalmed, was put in one of the customary baskets and loaded into a "dead wagon" for the trip.

One Ethel Parker, who, according to Attorney Kelley, a negro lawyer who instituted the proceeding, is a daughter of the dead woman, is named as the plaintiff in the suit, which will come up for a hearing August 15. The body was placed at Heaton's by the coroner, who was called because Annie Mitchell had died without the attendance of a physician. The daughter, it is said, desired Ramsey to have the work.

D. E. Heaton and Ramsey had a warm dispute yesterday, Heaton not desiring to give up the body unless reimbursed for embalming, and contending he had a right to hold it, having been put in charge by the coroner. Ramsey then went to the court house. He gave an indemnity bond of \$100 before obtaining the corpse.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Aug 1907, p. 6

The corpse of Annie Mitchell, a negress, valued at \$10, according to the writ served by the constable, was replevined in the Heaton undertaking rooms yesterday afternoon, and delivered to I. F. Ramsey, a negro undertaker, who gave bond in the sum of \$100 to indemnify Heaton against loss. The question as to which undertaker has the better right to the body will be tried in Justice Nies' court August 15. Meanwhile it will be buried by Ramsey.

Annie Mitchell, who was advanced in years, died suddenly Saturday evening at the home of a friend in North St. Joseph. As there was no physician in attendance, it was necessary for the coroner to view the body. This was ... Saturday night, after which Coroner Byrd turned the body over to Heaton for burial. Heaton sent for the body, and had it embalmed. Meanwhile Ramsey had heard of the incident, and through a colored lawyer, instituted proceedings to secure possession of the corpse, maintaining that it was the wish of the relatives of the deceased that he should have the business. A woman named Ethel Parker, alleged to be a daughter of the death woman, appears as plaintiff.

D. E. Heaton objected to yielding possession of the corpse, unless paid for his trip and for embalming, but gave his consent when he learned of the \$100 bond given by Ramsey.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Aug 1907, p. 10

A second legal proceeding growing out of the death of Annie Mitchell, an aged negress, was instituted in the county court today when Ethel Parker, alleged to be a relative of the dead woman, filed a paper denouncing the coroner's inquest as "without authority of law, unwarranted and unnecessary."

In the paper, which is headed "Ethel Parker against C. F. Byrd," the plaintiff complains that the inquest was a useless expense upon the estate of the deceased, and asks that the heirs of the dead woman be not required to pay the costs. It was filed by John H. Kelly, a negro attorney. In his argument to the court, Kelly said the heirs did not care to know what kind of deadness the woman had; so long as she was dead, that was enough. And he cited the court to much legal authority in support of this contention.

"This is the first we knew that she had an estate," said Presiding Judge Leonard. "We were intending to tax the costs against the county, as a matter of course."

This is the case wherein a negro undertaker replevined the corpse of the dead woman from a white undertaker, and secured possession of it after having given a bond in the sum of \$100. The case will be tried on its merits in Justice Nies' court tomorrow.

"It looks to me," said Judge Akers, "as though the relatives of that woman were determined the white folks should have no fees out of that case."

The whole trouble grew out of the fact that Annie Mitchell died at the home of a friend, where she was visiting, and the hostess had no knowledge of the dead woman's relatives. As there had been no attending physician, the coroner was called in. He held an inquest, found death had resulted from heart disease, and then turned the body over to D. E. Heaton, undertaker.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 15 Aug 1907, p. 1

The case of Lulu [sic] Parker against D. E. Heaton, wherein it is sought to replevin the corpse of the late Annie Mitchell, mother of the plaintiff, was not tried in Justice Nies' court today. When the parties appeared for trial, the magistrate, at the instance of T. B. Allen, attorney for Heaton, demanded that a larger and better bond be filed by the plaintiff. This incensed the attorney for the Plaintiff, J. H. Kelley, who took a non-suit, announcing his intention to file the case in another court.

The body was buried ten days ago by J. T. Ramsey, a negro undertaker.

Date of death: 4 Nov 1908

Subject: Tony Mitchell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Nov 1908, p. 4

Tony Mitchell, fifty-five years old, a Greek laborer, who came to St. Joseph from Texas, and was on his way to Omaha, fell on the railroad track at Seventh and Monterey streets yesterday afternoon and died instantly. It was reported to the police that the man's neck was broken, but it is believed that he died of heart disease.

Mitchell was walking with another Green whose name is unknown, toward the union passenger station, where they intended to take a train to Omaha. Mitchell was carrying a sack of bread.

Last night a young man went to central police station and stated that his name is also Tony Mitchell Jr., and that he is a son of the dead man. He said his father was subject to heart disease, and that his death from that cause was not a surprise.

The body of Mitchell was removed to Heaton's. No inquest will be held.

Date of death: 9 Sep 1922

Subject: Chellmer E. Molloy, Jr.

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 9 Sep 1922, p. 6

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chellmer E. Molloy, died at 4:15 o'clock this morning at the home, 2133 St. Joseph avenue.

Date of death: 26 Aug 1904

Subject: James S. Montgomery

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Aug 1904, p. 2

James S. Montgomery, aged 59 years, died yesterday morning one mile east of Avenue City. He had lived in the community all his life. His wife, two daughters, Mrs. George Wagenblast and Miss Nora, and one son, George, survive him. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Fairview church. Burial will be at Fairview cemetery.

Date of death: 7 Aug 1902

Subject: Benny Moore*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 97 Aug 1902, p. 6

Benny Moore, a negro boy fourteen years of age, died at an early hour this morning at his home, 541 North Second street.

Date of death: 24 Dec 1905

Subject: Louis Moore

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Dec 1905, p. 7

Louis Moore, aged 52 years, died December 22 at 2 p.m. The funeral will be held at the late residence, 1405 Main st., this morning, Dec. 24, at 11 o'clock. Interment at Green cemetery.

Date of death: 30 Sep 1907

Subject: Nettie M. Moore

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Oct 1907, p. 9

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 1.—Miss Nettie Moore, who for a number of years has been a buyer and saleswoman for the D. R. Ebersole Dry Goods Company, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Miss Moore suffered a cerebral hemorrhage about three weeks ago, but had practically recovered when she suddenly grew worse yesterday morning.

Miss Moore was favorably known to nearly every one in Maryville and the surrounding country and had been employed by the Ebersole company for several years. The funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow. Two brothers, Charles and Henry, survive her.

Date of death: 3 Feb 1903

Subject: Robert Moore*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Feb 1903, p. 2

Robert Moore, a well known negro character of the Pettitier addition, who has made his home in St. Joseph for over 35 years, died at his home Wednesday night, Feb. 3rd at 9:40 p.m., of congestion of the lungs.

Date of death: Apr 1903
Subject: Mrs. Sarah Moore
Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 Apr 1903

The funeral services of Mrs. Sarah Moore were held at her late residence in Richmond addition yesterday. The interment was in City cemetery.

Date of death: 27 Oct 1907
Subject: Edward Morris, Jr.
Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Oct 1907, p. 6

Edward Morris, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morris, 108 East Market street, died yesterday morning at 12:30 o'clock at the family residence.

Date of death: 17 Jul 1901
Subject: Hardin R. Morris
Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 21 Jul 1901, p. 15

Savannah, Mo.—Hardin Morris of St. Joseph who died at that place July 17, was brought here for interment Thursday afternoon.

Date of death: 7 Mar 1909
Subject: Mrs. Bathsheba Morrison
Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Mar 1909, p. 6

Mrs. Bethsheba [sic] Morrison, 73 years old, a widow, died at ... o'clock yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. Litz, 1704 Savannah avenue. She had resided in the city for twenty-five years. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Litz, Mrs. Alice Githens, Boulder, Col., and Mrs. Emma Hawkins, Algoona, Kas. Funeral will be held this morning and interment will take place at Amazonia.

Date of death: 6 Jun 1905
Subject: John Morrison*
Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Jun 1905, p. 6

John Morrison aged 63 years is dead at the family residence, 1402 Sylvanie street. He was a member of Wilkerson lodge of the colored Masons.

Date of death: 26 Feb 1915
Subject: Mrs. Sallie Morrow
Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Feb 1915, p. 5

Mrs. Sallie Morrow, 60 years old, died early yesterday morning at a local hospital.

Date of death, 9 Mar 1908
Subject: Sarah Emma Moschberger

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Mar 1908, p. 6

Sarah Emma Moschberger, nineteen years old, died of pneumonia at 9:30 p.m. Monday, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Moschberger, fourteen miles northeast of the city. Besides her parents she is survived by one brother and five sisters.

Date of death: 5 Nov 1907

Subject: William Joel Mozingo

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Nov 1907, p. 6

William James [sic] Mozingo, fifty-three years ... last night, at the 1402 North Fourth street ... of death. He is ... five children. The ... taken to Maryville, Mo., for ... tomorrow morning.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14, Nov 1907, p. 5

The will of William Joel Mozingo, a grocer at 1402 North Fourth street, who died last week, was filed for probate today. All of his property is left to the widow, Mary E. Mozingo, so long as she remains his widow, and in the event of her death or marriage the children are to inherit the estate. The children are Ada Richie, Maggie, Pearl, Joseph and Hazel Mozingo. In the will, dated October 28 last, the widow is made executrix, without bond.

Date of death: 29 Oct 1905

Subject: John Munkres

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 31 Oct 1905, p. 6

The Rev. N. R. Davis, pastor of King Hill Christian Church, was called to Savannah today to preach the funeral of John Munkers [sic], a young farmer who lived four miles west of that place, with his parents. The dead young man was about twenty-one years old and was a victim of tuberculosis. He spent the greater part of the summer in Colorado, but was not benefited. He died Sunday. He was a member of the Christian Church, having been baptized by Mr. Davis five years ago. The funeral was from the Christian Church in Savannah, and interment was in the cemetery at that place.

Date of death: 23 Jul 1904

Subject: Nellie Munsie (or Munsen)

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Jul 1904, p. 8

The funeral of Nellie Munsen, the 13-year-old girl who was drowned in the Missouri river, will be held at 9 o'clock this morning. The burial will be at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 4 May 1922

Subject: Edward J. Murray

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 May 1922, p. 14

Edward J. Murray, twenty-one years old, a laborer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, 918 South Eighth street, died at 5 o'clock this [sic] morning in a local hospital. He was born in Edgerton, Mo. and had lived in St. Joseph for eighteen years.

Date of death: 14 Jul 1903

Subject: Robert Murray

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 20 Jul 1903, p. 9

Robert Murrey [sic], aged 48 years, died July 14th, at 1 p.m. Funeral from Heaton's parlors July 21st, at 10 a.m. Interment at city cemetery.

Date of death: 14 Apr 1902

Subject: Mrs. Cora Belle Myers

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Apr 1902, p. 20

Savannah, April 19.—Mrs. Cora Belle Myers, wife of T. H. Myers, died at her home in this city at 7:45 April 14, aged twenty-two years, seven months and sixteen days.

Date of death: 22 Feb 1907

Subject: Mrs. Julia Myers

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Jul 1907, p. 5

Savannah, Mo., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Julia Myers died yesterday at the home of her son, T. H. Myers, of this city.

**N & O Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 19 Oct 1909

Subject: William Gatzell Nardin

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Oct 1909, p. 2

Savannah, Mo., Oct. 21.—Schools were closed yesterday on account of the death of little William Gatzell, one of the twin sons of Professor and Mrs. George F. Nardin.

Mrs. Nardin was called to Vandalia some weeks ago, by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. William Gatzell. Mrs. Gatzell died Thursday of last week. Previous to her death Professor Nardin, who is superintendent of schools, had been called to Vandalia on account of the sickness of his little son. Daily messages were received regarding the condition of little "Mike," as he was lovingly called. Tuesday the message bore the sad news of the little one's death. He was buried yesterday at Vandalia. Misses Alice Sutherland and Ruth Colby were sent by the school to attend the funeral and to bear messages of condolence and love to Superintendent and Mrs. Nardin. The good accomplished by Superintendent Nardin among the children of Savannah makes this great grief, which has come to him and his, deeply felt in every home in the city.

Date of death: 13 Oct 1910

Subject: Solomon Nation

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Oct 1910, p. 4

Solomon Nation, fifty-two years old, died at 4:30 o'clock this morning at the family home, 2411 Locust street. He is survived by his widow, a son and a daughter.

Date of death: [22] Feb 1901

Subject: Jake Neal*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 23 Feb 1901, p. 3

Dies in His Lonely Cabin.

Uncle Jake Neal Found Dead in Old Farm Shanty.

Venerable Negro Died as He was Upon the Very Threshold of His Hundredth Anniversary.

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Never Left Jones Family.

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... Africa... Jake ... went ... the place was fixed ... time ... of his former... an ... man was sitting at a ... wood piled in a ... sug ... his meager ... John left Uncle Jake ... Home Sweet Home in a ... When Young Jones ... latter ... when Jones went ... bed .. Uncle Jake

Date of death: 14 May 1920

Subject: James Andrew Nelson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 May 1920, p. 6

James A. Nelson, seventy-six years old, a retired farmer, died at 10:20 o'clock this forenoon at his home, 217 Clayton street. He is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter: John Nelson, Longdale, Okla.; James Nelson, St. Joseph, and Mrs. Mary Hoffman, St. Joseph. The body was removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's chapel, where the funeral will be held. Mr. Nelson was a Civil War veteran and a member of Custer Post, G.A.R.

Date of death: 29 Nov 1907

Subject: John Nelson*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Nov 1907, p. 8

That death resulted from his being struck by Burlington switch engine No. 1440, in the yards south of Florence crossing, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning was the result of the coroner's inquest over the body of John Nelson, the negro who was killed, as announced in yesterday's Gazette. Nelson was employed as a porter at a restaurant near the Union station.

Date of death: 24 Feb 1901

Subject: Fanny Marvin (Newell) Waters

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 25 Mar 1901, p. 3

Mrs. J. F. Waters Passes Away

Funeral of Wife of Well-Known Commission Merchant Today.

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Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 3 Mar 1901, p. 2

[Savannah, Mo.]—The funeral services of Mrs. J. F. Walters [sic] who died in St. Joseph Sunday morning were held at the Presbyterian church here Monday afternoon, after which the body was interred in Savannah cemetery.

Date of death: 4 Feb 1917

Subject: J. J. Nichols

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Feb 1917, pp. 1 & 2

Six men were asphyxiated here yesterday morning as the result of carelessness in the use of gas stoves, and one boy was saved from death only by prompt action.

J. J. Nichols, Dick Blackstone, F. Kelley [sic], and John Wolf, laborers employed at the Hammond Packing company, all about 35 years old, were found dead in their room at a lodging

house at 610 Locust street at 9 oclock yesterday morning by Mrs. Emma Herbert, their housekeeper, and at noon yesterday, Gus Kemper, 26 years old, of Cabool, Mo., and George Payne, 17 years old, a delivery boy for the Jones drug store, were found dead in the latter's room at 417 North Seventh street, by Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, who occupies the adjoining room.

The first case was reported to the police shortly after the discovery by Mrs. Herbert. Patrolmen Bauer and Fairbanks went to the house to investigate and were almost overcome by the gas when they opened the door of the room. They had to leave the door open for a few moments before they could get to the bodies of the men, who were lying in two double beds. The bodies were still warm, indicating that the men had not been dead very long. Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, was called and after viewing the bodies ordered them sent to Sidenfaden's undertaking parlors.

When Mrs. Fitzgerald discovered the odor of gas at the Seventh street rooming house yesterday noon she called some of the other roomers and they forced the transom, which had been tightly closed. The strong rush of gas coming from the room prompted them to open the door at once and they found the bodies of the two on the bed. They were cold and had probably been dead for some time.

The coroner was called and after viewing the bodies they were sent to Sidenfaden's. It is not probable that an inquest will be held in either case, according to the coroner.

Young Payne is a son of Edward Payne, 917 Grand avenue, an employe at the Burlington freighthouse. He had been working at the Jones Drug store, Eighth and Edmond streets, a little over a month. He has no other relatives here, but a sister, Maggie, and a brother, Homer, live at Versailles, Ill. The body will be taken to Versailles tonight for burial.

Later Dr. Thomas issued a warning against carelessness to all users of gas heaters, urging that no one go to sleep in a room with one of them burning and all the windows closed.

Kemper came to St. Joseph two weeks ago and enrolled in the Gard Business college, quitting a week later and going to Maryville. He returned to St. Joseph Saturday. He was a friend of Payne's and went to spend the night at the latter's room. A letter was found in a pocket of his coat addressed to Mrs. Josie Eimers at Maryville, Mo. A telegram to her brought the information that he had a brother, Herman, at Cabool. When the brother was notified, he ordered the body sent to that place today.

Of the men found at 610 Locust, Kelley and Blackstone had been there since Jan. 29, when they started to work at the packinghouse. Nothing is known of their relations. Blackstone is a member of the Industrial Workers of the World. A card of the organization was found in his pocket. He came here from Kansas City. The other two had only been at the house since Saturday when they began working at the Hammond plant.

The room in which they were found was a small one with one large window, one door, and one small window. All of these were tightly closed and the marks left by the flames on the stove showed that it had been going full blast.

The room on north Seventh street was also a very small one with two windows and one door, all closed. The stove here had been placed at the foot of the bed and showed that the flames had been rather high.

Eli Ruth, 16 years old, living at 311 North Fifth street, was rendered unconscious at 5 oclock last night by fumes from a gas stove in the bathroom of his home. Dr. J. L. Cox, police surgeon, was called and succeeded in reviving the lad, who soon recovered. He had been taking a bath in the tightly closed room. Persons in the house became alarmed when they detected the odor and when the boy did not answer their calls they notified the police.

The peculiarities of the six cases which proved fatal make it exceedingly difficult for the authorities to place the blame for the accidents. Apparently all six of the men had gone peaceably to bed and had fallen into a sleep in which they were not even slightly disturbed. The position of the bodies, of the bedclothes, and the expression on their faces indicated that there had been no suffering.

The theory advanced by Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, is that the gas was turned high and that the pressure later became lower, putting out the flames. Then when the pressure again became higher the gas filled the room.

Officials of the gas company say this would have been impossible, and that the pressure has not been at any time low enough to extinguish these fires.

It is the theory of these officials that, with the room closed tight, the flames consumed all the oxygen in the rooms, and that the flames were out because of lack of oxygen. They contend that the gas then filled the rooms, causing the deaths.

To support their contention, they cite several cases of gas heaters left burning all Saturday night. In these cases, they say, windows were left open, and the occupants of the rooms suffered no ill effects.

Dr. Thomas said yesterday he probably would hold no inquests, as it was his belief they were not necessary.

The condition of the bodies at the two separate houses, those at the Locust street house yet warm, and those at the North Seventh street house, found some time later, quite cold, gives rise to the belief that the deaths occurred about the same time.

Date of death: 6 May 1915

Subject: William Holt Nichols

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 May 1915, p. 5

William H. Nichols, 71 years old, died early yesterday morning at a local hospital. He is survived by one son, Louis L. Nichols, of this city, and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Soward, of Albany, Mo.

Date of death: 20 Oct 1910

Subject: August Nosman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Oct 1910, p. 4

August Nossman, aged 50 years, a farmer, died at 10 o'clock this forenoon at his home, six miles north of the city, on the Amazonia road. He is survived by his widow and three children. The dead man was a member of Humboldt Lodge No. 120, I.O.O.F.

Date of death: 10 Feb 1907

Subject: Virginia E. Nuckols

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 Feb 1907, p. 6

Miss Virginia E. Nuckols, of Savannah, Mo., died of cancer, at a local hospital at 2:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The body was taken to Savannah last night.

Date of death: 25 Feb 1917

Subject: John O'Brien

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Feb 1917, p. 6

John O'Brien, forty-five years old, died last night in a local hospital. He was unmarried and had been employed at the St. Francis Hotel. He has relatives in Montreal and the body will be sent to that city.

Date of death: 16 Jan 1913

Subject: _____ O'Connor

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Jan 1913, p. 5

An unidentified man, supposed to be a member of a section gang camping in the Burlington yards, was run over and instantly killed near Fifth and Cedar streets late last night by a string of freight cars that were being switched around. It is supposed that he attempted to jump a car in order to ride down to the camp and missed his hold. He was thrown under the car and dragged some distance, being badly mutilated. Coroner Thomas J. Lynch viewed the body and ordered it sent to Rock & Clark's undertaking establishment. A book found in the dead man's pocket is marked with the name of O'Connor.

Date of death: 31 Jan 1912

Subject: Edward O'Donnell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Feb 1912, p. 6

Mrs. Lucy Thomas and Edward O'Donnell, both of whom died suddenly yesterday morning, were victims of heart disease, in the opinion of the jury at the coroner's inquest at H. O. Sidenfaden's today. Mrs. Thomas was buried in Mount Mora Cemetery this afternoon.

Date of death: 11 Sep 1907

Subject: Mrs. Martha K. O'Reilly

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Sep 1907, p. 9

Maryville, Mo., Sept. 16.—Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. M. K. Reilly [sic], mother of Mrs. Samuel Prather, were held this afternoon by the Rev. D. Kricher [sic], pastor of the Presbyterian church. The funeral was held at Mrs. Prather's home. Mrs. O'Reilly died suddenly Saturday afternoon. She came to this section with her husband in 1865 and was about seventy years of age at the time of her death. Mr. O'Reilly, who was prominently identified with commercial interests here, died twenty years ago.

Date of death: 15 Aug 1909

Subject: Bridget E. (O'Riley) McGettigan

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Aug 1909, p. 3

Mrs. Bridget McGettigan, aged 76 years, died at 5 o'clock Sunday morning at 607 North Ninth street. The body will be taken to Conception, Mo. today for burial.

Date of death: 2 May 1909

Subject: daughter of Archie Ogle

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 May 1909, p. 3

The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ogle of Pettipier's addition, died at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ogle, 6310 Sherman street, Sunday evening, from the effects of drinking lye. The funeral was held this afternoon. Burial was in Green Cemetery. The child drank some lye last Wednesday afternoon, but it was not thought it swallowed enough to produce death. A physician was called at the time and antidotes were administered, which were thought to have relieved all danger.

Date of death: 1/2 Jul 1905

Subject: Mrs. Ida Ogle

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Jul 1905, p. 7

Mrs. Ida Ogle, who died Sunday afternoon at her home on Sparta road, was buried this morning at Green Hill [sic] Cemetery. Death was caused by consumption, and was not unexpected. She is survived by a mother, husband and a baby three weeks old.

Date of death: unknown

Subject: John O. Olds*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Aug 1906, p. 1- not an obituary

Angered because 30 cents he won at pool was not immediately paid him William Brooks, a negro, secured a revolver and shot John O. Olds, another negro, inflicting a serious wound. The shooting occurred shortly before 6 o'clock last night in the basement of the old Transit house, a negro rendezvous on West Missouri avenue, South St. Joseph.

Leaving the pool room as the crowd gathered about Olds, who had fallen to the floor, Brooks coolly walked up Missouri avenue and disappeared. The police arrived shortly after, but were given only meager [sic] information as to the direction taken by the negro.

Brooks roomed on Division street, but during the few weeks he was in South St. Joseph he hung about the old Transit house a great deal. He was employed at one of the packing houses, having come to South St. Joseph from Kansas City. Little was known of him. He had an overbearing disposition, and feeling had not been good between him and his victim recently.

Olds, who lived at the Transit house, worked at the packing house also. He has no relatives, and he came here from Omaha three years ago.

Olds lost three games in the pool hall yesterday afternoon, and he owed Brooks 30 cents. When the games were concluded Brooks demanded his money at once and knocked Olds down when he did not respond with alacrity.

"I'm going to get my 30 cents," shouted Brooks, leaving the place.

John Austin, who takes care of the pool tables, suspected nothing serious when he saw Brooks coming back a few minutes later. Austin had bene given the 30 cents, but had not opportunity to tell Brooks this, when the negro drew a big revolver and commenced shooting.

He fired two shots and one of the bullets struck Olds in the left side, just below the heart. He fell to the floor, gasping, and believing he had fired a fatal shot Brooks departed without any interference being made.

Olds was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital in the police ambulance, and Dr. W. B. Deffenbaugh attended him. His condition is pronounced serious.

Patrolmen Davis and Williams made an investigation, but could get no clue as to Brooks' whereabouts. He is described as a rather tall negro, 35 years old, and of average weight. He has a long red birthmark on the right cheek.

Date of death: 22 Oct 1901

Subject: Dollie Oliver

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 23 Oct 1901, p. 5

The body of Dollie Oliver who died of general exhaustion in the jail at Kankakee, Ill., arrived in St. Joseph at 6:20 o'clock Tues night and was taken to Heaton's undertaking rooms. From there it was removed to his former home in Avenue City.

Oliver was arrested several weeks ago at his home in Andrew county. He was a partner with James Cox in the blacksmith business in Avenue City. He was charged with ... in the murder of Dennis Reardon on the night of November 10, 1906. Oliver lived in St. Joseph most of his life.

When Oliver was arrested by Sheriff Glass of Kankakee, he was suffering with malaria. His physician ... he had not taken from ... at the time as he was not ... addition to stand ... [*several lines illegible*] journey. Th... disregarded ... Oliver was taken ... He became gradually ... 5 o'clock last Sunday ...

The murder of Reardon occurred in a saloon in Kankakee. Trouble is said to have arisen between Reardon and James Nevins, the bartender, over the payment for some drinks and Nevins is alleged to have struck Reardon with a policeman's club. The dead body of Reardon was found three months later in the Kankakee river. There was no proof that Oliver had anything to do with the murder. He is alleged to have been in the saloon at the time Reardon was struck.

The friends of Oliver are very indignant over the manner in which he was treated by the authorities of Kankakee. They think that the word of the physician that Oliver was too ill to be taken away should have been considered.

Oliver is survived by his widow and one child. His father and mother came to St. Joseph Tuesday from their home in Southern Kansas. They are now at the home of Oliver in Avenue City where the burial will take place.

Date of death: 19 Apr 1902

Subject: Mrs. Emma M. Oren

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Apr 1902, p. 3

Mrs. Emma M. Oven [sic], wife of E. G. Oven of 2325 St. Joseph avenue, died Saturday morning after a long illness. The funeral will be held Sunday at the home and the remains will be taken to Amazonia, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 8 Jul 1906

Subject: Louella (Orme) Frymire

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Jul 1906, p. 6

Mrs. Luella Frimore [sic], wife of Barney Frimore, living at 504 South Twenty-fourth street, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was 35 years old. The body will be forwarded to Maryville for burial.

Date of death: 27 Sep 1909

Subject: E. Brown Ortez

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Sep 1909, p. 4

E. Ortis [sic], twenty-three years old, died at a local hospital at 2 o'clock Monday morning, of pneumonia. The body will be sent to Kenmoor, Mo.

Date of death: 7 Jun 1906

Subject: George W. Osborn

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Jun 1906, p. 6

George Osborn, aged 14 years, son of Frank M. Osborn, who lives at 519 Lady street, accidentally shot himself yesterday morning with a shotgun. While playing with the gun a barrel was discharged, one load breaking the bones in his right leg and tearing away the muscles. The

leg will be amputated by Dr. J. A. French. The lad was taken to Doctor French's Hospital, Eighth and Sylvania streets.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Jun 1906, p. 1

George W. Osborn, the fourteen-year-old son of Mrs. Frank M. Osborn, who was accidentally shot in the right leg yesterday morning by Arthur Tygart, a playmate, died at 10:30 o'clock this morning at Dr. French's hospital. The boys were playing in the yard of the Osborn home, 519 Lady street, with a loaded shotgun. The gun was discharged while in the Tygart boy's hands, and the charge of buckshot necessitated the amputation of young Osborn's right limb. He was unable to rally from the shock.

Date of death: 5 Mar 1914

Subject: Harry (or Henry) Osborn*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Mar 1914, p. 6

Henry Osburn [sic], a negro, twenty-four years old, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, 925 North Seventh street. Dr. Thomas J. Lynch, coroner, viewed the body, as the man died without medical attention, and said that an autopsy was not necessary, death having been due to erysipelas.

Date of death: 1 Oct 1905

Subject: Aubrey Osborne*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Oct 1905, p. 6

By the reckless rocking of a rowboat, Albert Mesel of Atchison, a white dishwasher, and Aubrey Osborne of St. Joseph, a negro waiter, both employed at the Lotus Club, Lake Contrary, met death in the lake at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Their bodies were recovered late in the afternoon and were removed to Faris & Barber's undertaking establishment, where an inquest was held at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Mesel and Osborne were drowned in the presence of nearly a score of sightseers who were powerless to aid them. The white man and the negro had started to row across the lake from the Goodwin pier, a short distance northwest of the Lotus Club. Both are said to have been drinking and Mesel began to rock the boat in a reckless manner when about one hundred feet from the shore.

One of the oars slipped from the oarlock of the boat when the craft was almost full of water, and Mesel tried to recover it with the other oar. He stood up in the boat and caused it to careen. Mesel lost his balance and fell into the water just as Osborne pitched headforemost into the lake. The negro caught hold of Mesel in an effort to save himself, as the white man could swim and Osborne could not. Spectators say that the men shouted for help and were holding to each other when they disappeared in the water.

Several men took a skiff and put out to where the empty boat was floating. Neither the white man nor the negro rose to the surface. Grappling hooks were secured and the body of the negro was taken from the water about two hours after the accident. Mesel's body was taken out about 6 o'clock. Coroner Hansbach had been notified in the meantime and he ordered the bodies brought to the ... Mesel was about twenty-five years old and Osborne was about twenty-one.

Mesel's home was formerly in Atchison, where he was foreman of the chemical ... of the McPike & Fox D... His wife, who has been living in Kansas City recently, and a sister, Mrs. Theresa Donovan of Leavenworth, arrived ... noon today and ... Atchison ...

... Second and Antoine ... months ago when ... He formerly ... in a drugstore ... and prior to ... as a jockey by ... He has a number ... Joseph, who will arrive

Date of death: 30 Jun 1906

Subject: Henry Outs

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 01 Jul 1906, p. 1

One man was killed outright and another seriously hurt a mile south of Arkoe at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon by the evening passenger train on the Hopkins branch of the Burlington.

The head of the dead man was torn completely off. The left limb of George Mitchell was fractured.

The body of Outs, which was put aboard the train which killed him, was left at Barnard.

[More information about George Mitchell]

The scene of the accident is one and one-half miles below Arkoe. A high hill on the west shuts off sight of the railroad. The men were coming around the foot of this hill in a lumber wagon, and were on the crossing before they saw the train.

The body of Outs was found down the track sixty feet beyond the place where he was struck, in the direction the train was going.

Mitchell was thrown across the right of way wire fence.

Both men are farmers living near Arkoe.

[Information about Mitchell]

One of the horses was killed and the wagon was torn to pieces.

The wagon was almost squarely on the rails when the train struck it.

Date of death: Mar 1901

Subject: Henry Owens*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 14 Mar 1901, p. 4

The fneral [sic] of Henry Owens, aged twenty-four years, a colored laborer, living at 1602 Grand avenue, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the church at Eighteenth and Beattie.

**P & Q Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 3 Sep 1912

Subject: Mrs. Nan Parker

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Sep 1912, p. 4

Mrs. Nan Parker, forty-four years old, died last night at 8 o'clock at a local hospital. St. Joseph was her home.

Date of death: 28 Oct 1903

Subject: Thomas K. Parker

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Oct 1903, p. 4

Thomas K. Parker, a well known farmer died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of his brother, James M. Parker, in Avenue City. He was about 57 years [sic] of age. The funeral services will occur at 11 o'clock this morning with interment in Mount Mora cemetery. He is survived by his brother James M. Parker, John Parker of Wathena, Mrs. A. Page of South St. Joseph, Mrs. H. Miller of Hyde Park, and Mrs. Mary Miller of Hyde Park.

Date of death: 28 Jan 1907

Subject: Amelia Parks (or Parker)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Jan 1907, p. 6

Amelia Park..., eighty-seven years old, died at the county farm yesterday morning. She was buried in the city cemetery this morning.

Date of death: 14 Oct 1909

Subject: James Robert Parnell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Oct 1909, p. 1

James R. Parnell, about thirty-four years old, died at St. Joseph's hospital last night, and Coroner C. F. Byrd will make a post mortem examination at the morgue of H. O. Sidenfaden.

Parnell was arrested Tuesday night by the police, for being drunk. Wednesday morning he complained of being sick and was treated by City Physician Ballard, who said the man was suffering from paralysis. The police did not know Parnell's real condition as he had been under the influence of liquor and it was presumed that he was suffering from extreme weakness.

The dead man had a wife who is employed in a hotel.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Oct 1909, p. 5

That James R. Parnell, who was found by the police at Sixth and Angelique streets Tuesday night, was the victim of a blow on the head is the conclusion reached as the result of an autopsy help last night by Coroner C. F. Byrd.

It was shown that death was due to a hemorrhage into the brain. There was a wound an inch and a half long and three-fourths of an inch wide just above and in front of the right ear, the injury showing both on the inside and outside of the skull. The injury was too severe, in the opinion of the coroner, to have been received from an ordinary fall. There were also abrasions on the fingers, forearm, wrist and elbow of the right arm.

Parnell was a plumber and came here recently from Atlanta, Ga. He had lost a leg and his wife told the police that he had been warned by doctors that unless he would quit drinking he would die of hemorrhage of the brain or boweys [sic]. He was picked up, apparently dead drunk, Tuesday night. The police say they did not observe any marks of injury about him. He was removed to the hospital where he died Wednesday night.

Date of death: 16 Jul 1900

Subject: William Henry Patterson

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 18 Jul 1900, p. 5

William Henry Patterson, the five-months-old adopted son of F. P. Patterson and wife died at their residence, 1224 South Fifth street Monday evening. Interment in city cemetery.

Date of death: 17 Mar 1907

Subject: Amanda M. (Pattison) Rea

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Mar 1907, p. 6

Savannah, Mo., March 17.—Mrs. Claud Rea died yesterday at noon at her home in this city. She was thirty-two years, eight months and seven days old. She leaves her husband, little daughter, Ruth, and son, Clifford, besides a host of relatives and friends. Mrs. Rea but recently returned from El Reno, Okla., where she had been in the hope of benefiting her health. She was an ideal wife and mother, a true home-maker, and will be greatly missed by all who claimed her as a friend.

Date of death: 10 Feb 1904

Subject: Edward Patton

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Feb 1904, p. 9

Edward Patton, 82 years old, died early yesterday morning at his home, eight miles northeast of the city. He had lived for forty years in the neighborhood and was one of the best known men in the community.

He is survived by six sons, William, Thomas, Edward, Albert, George and Charles, and two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Horton and Mrs. Sarah Keepers. Albert Patton and Mrs. Keepers live in Nodaway county, the rest living north of St. Joseph. Thomas Patton of the central fire

department, is a nephew. The funeral will take place Friday morning at the home, the Rev. John Kirby of Savannah conducting the services. Interment will be in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Date of death: 2 Jun 1901

Subject: Mary Virginia (Paulette) Bulmer

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 9 Jun 1901, p. 19

Savannah, Mo.-- Mrs. Joseph Bulmer died at her home Sunday afternoon. The funeral services were held at the Christian church Tuesday morning, after which they were taken to Savannah cemetery for interment.

Date of death: 15 Nov 1908

Subject: Watson Payne*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Nov 1908, p. 1

Following a dispute over a dime in a craps game in the home of Frank Browning, 1501 Holman street, yesterday afternoon, Matt Payne and John Harris, both negroes, engaged in a duel with knives, and as a result Payne's corpse now lies on a slab in Sidenfaden's morgue, and Harris occupies a cot at Central police station, and is in a precarious condition from the loss of blood.

The battle was the bloodiest and fiercest fought of any ever waged in the city. The two started to hack at each other, first one retreating and then the other until they had gone a block, the fight ending at Sixteenth and Holman streets. The end came when Harris sank his knife into Payne's neck three inches and swiped it down toward his chin, completely severing the jugular vein, and nearly cutting Payne's head off his shoulders.

Harris, bleeding profusely from a gash on his head, one on his cheek, and a wound that had nearly severed his left wrist from his arm, walked to his home, 410 Albemarle street, where he was later arrested by Cycle Officer Wilson, Chief Cycle Officer Wheeler and Police Detective 'Tug' Wilson. Besides his wounds from a knife, Harris sustained a dislocated shoulder. He was attended at Central police station by Dr. E. S. Ballard, city physician. He made a statement, saying that Payne started the fight, first saying that 'some carving would be done around here,' and later by pulling out his knife and attacking Harris.

Payne died almost immediately after Harris slashed his jugular vein. He was carried from the street to his home, about a block distant. Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body, and then ordered it sent to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue. An inquest will probably be held this afternoon. Payne was slashed in several places, a long cut one inch deep extending half way around his body on the right side.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Nov 1908, p. 4

Watt Payne and John Harris, negroes, fought with knives and razors Sunday afternoon, in a running battle on Holman street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth. Harris plunged his

pocketknife into Payne's neck, severing the jugular vein, and Payne sank to the sidewalk a corpse.

Harris was arrested by Police Officers Wilson, Danne and Wheeler, at the home of his mother, 410 Albermarle street, where he was receiving treatment from Dr. J. R. A. Crossland for a dislocated shoulder, sustained in the beginning of the fight and razor wounds inflicted by the man he killed. The trouble started over a craps game, in which a part of negroes, including Payne and Harris, was participating, at the home of Frank Browning, Fifteenth and Holman streets.

In the craps game, it is said, Payne charged Harris with using loaded dice. Payne drew a razor and slashed Harris across the right ribs. Harris pulled a big pocketknife and the two clinched and fell to the floor. Harris broke loose and ran to the street pursued by Payne. Payne overtook Harris and they made at each other with razor and knife, Harris retreating as they fought.

Payne cut Harris across the left side, at right angles with the wound first inflicted, and it looked as though Harris would get the worst of it. The next pass Payne made laid Harris' left cheek open, but Harris side-stepped and, as Payne lunged forward, his adversary plunged the knife to the hilt into Payne's neck, and the fight was over.

George Turner, Frank Browning, Lou Tillman and Louis Bevins, all witnesses to the fight, carried Payne's body to Browning's home, and later it was taken to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue, after having been viewed by Coroner C. F. Byrd. Besides the wound in the neck, Payne sustained a long cut extending around the body from the right shoulder across his breast, to the left hip.

Harris said to a News-Press reporter this morning: "I used a knife while Payne used a razor. I don't know just how my shoulder was dislocated. In fact I don't know how the fight began. Payne struck at me with a razor and I ran. I fell across the table, with Watt on top of me. I did the best I could to run away, after I found that he was in earnest, but nothin' doin'. He ran faster than I could. Then it was up to me to fight or be sliced. I fought."

Harris denies that the negroes were shooting craps. He says they were just having a friendly talk, when Payne began to cut. He thought Payne was joking at first, he says.

Harris is pretty badly used up, but his condition is not serious. The doctor says he will recover. He has a bad wound in the wrist and a dent in the skull.

Others in the party at Brunnin's [sic] say there was a craps game and that a dispute between Payne and Harris took place.

Payne was about nineteen years old and lived with his mother at 1316 North Eighteenth street. Harris is twenty-one, and lives with his mother. Both were packinghouse laborers.

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Wattie, son of Mrs. Rener Payne, aged nineteen years, died at the residence, 1316 N. 18th st., Nov. ... The funeral services will be ... C.M.E. Church, 18th and ... tomorrow afternoon, Nov. 17., at ... Interment at Oakland Cemetery

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Nov 1908, p. 10

Owing to the absence of important witnesses the coroner's inquest over the body of Matt Payne, the negro whose head was almost severed from the body Sunday night in a bloody fight with John Harris, another negro, over a craps game, was yesterday postponed until 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Harris, who was badly cut in the scrap whom the physicians said would probably die, was resting easily at police headquarters and it is expected that he will live. He had so far recovered yesterday as to express a desire for oyster soup, which was brought to Central station for him by relatives. Harris declines to say much about the battle except that it was a case of kill or get killed with him, as Payne had attacked him first.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 Nov 1908, p. 10

That Watson Payne, a negro, died from a knife wound inflicted by John Harris was the verdict returned by a coroner's jury which yesterday sat at the inquest conducted over the body of Payne at H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue.

Contrary to report, none of the witnesses to the battle with knives in which Payne's throat was cut from ear to ear and Harris received dangerous injuries, had left the city or failed to appear at the inquest. Although still fearful that the police would arrest them because of the craps game which preceded the killing, all the witnesses appeared at the inquest and gave clear testimony as to what occurred. With one exception the witnesses, among them Louis Bevins, brother-in-law of the dead man, gave it as their opinion that Payne had started the fatal fight. The one witness who did not agree with them said that he thought both men had started to cutting at the same time. Payne's body was buried yesterday.

John Harris, the wounded slayer, was yesterday turned over to the state authorities on a warrant charging murder in the first degree. He had been held at Central police station since Sunday and seemed to be improving rapidly. The ride to the county jail in the patrol wagon, however, seemed to aggravate his wounds and he was in bad shape when Dr. L. J. Dandurant examined him and ordered him removed to St. Joseph's hospital. Notwithstanding his cuts are healing, he is still in serious condition and may die should complications arise.

Date of death: 31 Jul 1909

Subject: Jane (Peebles) Popham

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Aug 1909, p. 3

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Jane Popham, eighty-eight years old, widow of the late Henry Popham, died Saturday night at the home of her son, Edward Popham, ten miles southwest of Maryville.

Mrs. Popham, whose maiden name was Jane Peebles, was born January 11, 1821, in Ireland. When eight years of age she came with her parents to Montreal, Canada. She was married June 19, 1839, to Henry Popham. In May of 1881 they came to Nodaway County and have since resided at or near Maryville.

Mr. Popham died November 14, 1908, since which time the aged woman made her home with her son, Edward Popham. She is survived by six sons and one daughter, William H., Nathaniel and Edward Popham of Maryville, Charles Popham of Selkirk, Manitoba; John Popham of Upton, Wyo.; George Popham of Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs. Sarah G. Disbrow of Giants Pass, Ore.

Funeral services were held at the Popham home yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. W. Wiley, pastor of the Methodist church of Graham. Interment was in Miriam Cemetery at Maryville.

Date of death: 10 Oct 1918

Subject: William Pepper

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Oct 1918, p. 1

William Pepper, whose home was in Kansas City, was picked up unconscious at Eighth and Sylvania streets at 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with a hole in his head. He was sent to Noyes Hospital, where he died early this morning without having regained consciousness.

James Doran, alias Ford, an ex-convict who formerly was employed as a barkeeper at the notorious Linton & Connors dive, Lake Contrary, is held at Central Police Station, and it is expected that he will be formally charged with the murder of Pepper before the end of the day.

Doran was arrested by Detectives Grabel and White, following information that he had been seen yesterday afternoon in the company of Pepper. Whether Pepper was robbed is not known. One Gene Hess is said to have witnessed the assault upon him. The wound indicates that he was struck with a blackjack.

Doran admitted to the police this afternoon that he had struck Pepper, but he denied that he used any instrument other than his fist, and says the blow followed a dispute.

Doran was at liberty at the time of his arrest on bond, pending the trial of a case in the criminal court in which he is charged with robbing John W. Dittmore, a Buchanan County farmer, at the Linton & Connors joint June 30, last.

Doran's case was called at the opening of the criminal court last Monday and set for trial at a later date. When Otto Theisen offered himself as surety on the \$5.000 bond, Prosecuting Attorney Bothwell objected, on the ground that Theisen was surety on another bond which had

been declared forfeited, but had not been paid. However, Judge Utz accepted Theisen and Oscar D. McDaniel, Doran's attorney, as sureties for Doran.

Prosecuting Attorney Bothwell went to Central Police Station this afternoon to question Doran.

Pepper was clad in overalls at the time of the assault, and is presumed to have been a laboring man. Upon his person was a registration card issued by board No. 16 at Kansas City.

The body was removed to Meierhoffer's, and efforts to locate the dead man's relatives are being made. He was forty years old.

Date of death: 3 Aug 1907

Subject: Henry L. Perman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Aug 1907, p. 6

Henry L. Perman, an infant, died Saturday afternoon at Second and Atchison streets. The cause of death was pneumonia. Burial was in the city cemetery this morning.

Date of death: 20 Feb 1919

Subject: Joseph Perman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Feb 1919, p. 6

Joseph Perman, sixty-eight years old, died at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a local hospital. He is survived by a brother, Charles Perman of Hartley, Texas.

Date of death: 2 Apr 1913

Subject: Mary M. Perske

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Apr 1913, p. 4

Mary M., the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Perske, 907 North Sixth street, died yesterday morning. The funeral will be held from the family home at 2:30 oclock this afternoon.

Date of death: 7/8 Nov 1908

Subject: Rufus Peter

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Nov 1908, p. 10

Rufus Peter, age 32, son of Jesse C. Peter, died in Los Angeles, Cal., after a brief illness, Nov. 7. The body will be shipped to this city and will arrive Wednesday evening. Funeral Thursday afternoon at Fairview Church. All friends invited.

Date of death: 23 Jul 1901

Subject: Fred Pettis

Source: *St. Joseph Herald-Gazette*, 25 Jul 1901, p. 5

Fred Pettis, twenty-four years old, died from being overcome by gas which accumulated in a well which he was cleaning Tuesday afternoon near Avenue City. He was working in the bottom

of the well and before the workmen above knew anything was wrong he had fainted away. He was drawn to the surface but died before a physician could arrive. An inquest was held by Coroner Beaver of Andrew county. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon.

Date of death: 26 Feb 1918

Subject: Rebecca (Pettit) Worth

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Feb 1918, p. 6

Mrs. Rebecca Worth, ninety years old, died this morning at 1 o'clock at a local hospital. A sister, Mrs. F. L. Brodbeck lives at Chillicothe, Mo.

Date of death: 22 Sep 1918

Subject: William Pettit

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Sep 1918, p. 5

William Pettit, 66 years old, was found dead in his room at the W... hotel yesterday afternoon by attendants of the hotel. Heart disease had apparently been then cause of death. He had been seen Friday night for the last time by men around the hotel. He is survived by two ..., N... Pettit of St. Joseph and W... Pettit of Vinton, Iowa.

Date of death: 3 Feb 1909

Subject: Mrs. Amanda Phelps*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Feb 1909, p. 4

Amanda Phelps, colored, 102 years old, died at 7:30 o'clock this morning at her home in the rear of 402 South Sixteenth street. She had lived in St. Joseph forty-nine years and was a member of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church for forty years. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Eliza Clark of St. Joseph, a son, Clifton Gilbert of Richmond, Ky.; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Feb 1909, p. 5

Having lived to the ripe old age of 102 years, Amanda Phelps, a negress, died yesterday morning at her late residence, 603 South Sixteenth street. She is survived by one son and one daughter, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. 'Aunt Mandy' as the aged negress was known, was very familiar with events which happened long before the civil war and up to the day of her death delighted in telling stories of her younger days.

Date of death: 25 Aug 1905

Subject: Eugene Clifford Phelps

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 25 Aug 1905, pp. 1 & 2- not an obituary

Fusillade by a Negro Will Result in Death

Assailant Says He Acted in Self Defense

Each Man Alleges that Opponent was Aggressor in Affair

Trouble Occurs Over Note

Formerly Partners in South St. Joseph Negro Gambling House.

One man lies dying at Ensworth hospital while his assailant occupies a cell in Central police station, the result of a shooting which took place on Missouri avenue about ... o'clock last night.

The w... Clifford Phelps, proprietor of a ... at 320 West Missouri ... which pla... shooting...

A ... man ... Flynn ... the Ban... Phelps ... door of ... battle ... as badly ... of his wound ... Phelps attempted to ... after he had sunk ...

The police were ... which Phelps is said to have carried. This caused some to doubt the version of Flynn ... Patrolmen Schaffer who investigated the case said last night that from what he could learn the story told by Flynn was correct.

A partner of Phelps was in the shop at the time the shooting occurred. Mrs. Hattie Tillman, who runs a negro boarding house at Colorado and Pryor avenues, is said to have been talking with Phelps when the trouble occurred.

Phelps was pierced through the left lung, the blood spurting from his mouth ... He also had three fingers ...

To Doctor Ladd, one of the attending physicians, Phelps admitted that he had shot Flynn, but he said that he fired only once and that was after Flynn had begun shooting him. The... by Phelps thought ... have been put away ... friend of the bartender ... will be ... to occur ... today.

Two revolvers ... were ... by Flynn. He fired rapidly and did not cease the volley until all chambers of both weapons were emptied.

After the shooting Flynn went to his home, 222 Clay street, where he procured a Krag-Jorg... rifle. He also reloaded his revolver. He then went to a drug store where he notified police headquarters of the shooting.

In his conversation with the police over the telephone he indicated a willingness to give himself up and asked whether the officers desired that he go to police headquarters voluntarily, or whether to remain in South St. Joseph until an officer should be sent for him.

He was advised to remain at the corner of Missouri and Lake avenues until a patrolman could be sent there. Before patrolmen from up town arrived, however, he met Officers O'Brien and Schaeffer and gave himself up.

In the meantime Phelps was rapidly losing strength from blood. Dr. Fred H. Ladd and Dr. William Carrion arrived and temporarily dressed the wounds. Phelps was then conveyed to St. Joseph's hospital in the police ambulance.

In his cell at the central police station ... [*several paragraphs illegible*]

He ... sent the receipt ... Phelps. He ... the bank ... he had given the receipt to Phelps. He was advised to get it back.

He said he ... Phelps at the barber shop last evening and approached ..., "Mr. Phelps, I would like ... receipt. I want ..."

The ... the street and Phelps, turning on his heel, is alleged to have replied, "All right, Mr. Flynn. I'll go right in and get your receipt."

Upon gaining the door of the barber shop, Phelps is said to have turned and said, "Yes, I'll get the receipt. This is your receipt." Then he fired, it is alleged. He is said to have been carrying the gun inside his waistband.

"What are you trying to do, man?" Flynn remonstrated. "Would you kill me?"

"No, I wouldn't kill you, I would just give you that ... receipt, you ...," Phelps is alleged to have said at the same time, taking another shot at Flynn.

"If that is your game I had better get in," Flynn said, drawing a revolver from his front trousers pockets [sic].

After shooting Phelps to the floor, Flynn drew a second revolver from his pocket and emptied both at the prostrate negro, shooting first one and then the other.

Flynn is a special officer around the bank. At an early hour this morning Phelps was in a precarious condition.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Aug 1905, p. 1

Negro Shot in Duel Succumbs to His Wounds

Fatal Termination of Trouble Which Took Place Over \$100 Note

[*Several paragraphs illegible*]

It was found that the bullet grazed the left ring finger ... left middle finger breaking ... and puncturing the ... of the index finger. Another bullet entered the left side of the chest below the seventh rib, passed through the chest ... entered the pleural cavity and lodged in the spinal column.

No ... has been set ... the inquest ... Prosecuting Attorney McNeely ... name the hour this morning.

The revolver used by Phelps was se... from A. H. Hines by Patrolman ... Weber yesterday morning. Three ...

[Note: there are other articles through 1905 and 1906 about this case. Flynn was acquitted for self-defense, but later killed by Eugene Clifford Phelps' son.]

Date of death: 16 Jul 1901

Subject: Major Phillips*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 17 Jul 1901, p. 3

Major Phillips, twenty-three years old, a colored man living at 517 North Second street, was drowned in the Missouri river at the mouth of Roy's branch at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The body was recovered several hours later by some of his friends. It was removed to Heaton's morgue, and an inquest will be held this morning by Coroner Doyle.

Phillips, George Curtis and Sam Ellington, colored, both of 517 North Second street, and Harry Seay, white, with several small boys, were in swimming. Phillips was in the water a short time when he appeared to be stricken with cramps. His body became rigid. His companions saw his plight, and Curtis went to his assistance. Curtis grasped the body of Phillips and tried to reach shore with it, but he became exhausted and had to let go, narrowly escaping drowning himself. Seay saw the body of Phillips rise three times and then disappear.

The swimmers left the water as soon as they could and walked to the Francis street station, where they related the story of the drowning. Later a number of men and boys went to the swimming place, where the water is deep, but there is hardly any current, and recovered the body.

Phillips was a laborer. He lived with his mother and step-father at a colored boarding house. About four years ago he was badly hurt by being hit in the head with a revolver in the hands of Fred Gibson, a colored boy. It was alleged that he had started after Gibson with a revolver, but that the latter took the weapon from Phillips and struck him on the head. The skull was fractured, and the brains began to ooze from the wound. Part of the gray matter was taken out at the Central police station. The wounded man was removed to the city hospital, where more brain matter was removed, but he recovered in a few months and did not appear to be any worse for having parted with a portion of his brains.

Date of death: 22 Feb 1904

Subject: Malinda Phillips*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Feb 1904, p. 10

Malinda Phillips, a negress aged 77 years, died at 6 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 1825 Holman street. The funeral will be held from the A.M.E. church, Third and Antoine streets, tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be at Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 14 Dec 1903

Subject: Mrs. Mollie Phillips*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 14 Dec 1903, p. 2

Mrs. Mollie Phillips, a negress, died suddenly in the street, near Eighth and Pendleton, about 9 o'clock Sunday night. Mrs. Phillips, who lives at 813 Pendleton, was returning from the business part of town and had almost reached her own door when stricken.

She died before she could be carried into the house. Coroner Doyle was summoned and made an examination of the body. He decided that no inquest was necessary, death having resulted from natural causes.

Mrs. Phillips was 43 years old. She is said to have suffered from heart disease.

Date of death: 16 Nov 1907

Subject: Samuel J. Phillips

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Nov 1907, p. 11

Samuel Phillips, aged 42 years died at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital. The body was sent to his ... in Barnard, Mo. last night

Date of death: 18 Jul 1915

Subject: Mrs. Belle Piper

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Jul 1915, p. 6

Mrs. Bell [sic] Piper, forty years old, wife of J. M. Piper, 917 Jackson street, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a local hospital. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Brock, Fort Smith, Ark., and Mrs. Hattie Fleming, St. Joseph.

Date of death: 4 Dec 1889

Subject: Kate (Pitt) Dameron

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 5 Dec 1889, p. 5

Mrs. Katie Dameron, wife of G. M. Dameron of Kansas City, died at Asylum No. 2 at 7 o'clock yesterday morning of typhoid fever. The deceased had been suffering from acute mania for some time, and it was at last decided to have her treated at the asylum. She was brought to St. Joseph Thanksgiving day. She was immediately taken down with the fever and yesterday morning death relieved her of her sufferings.

Mrs. Dameron was a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of the Platte Purchase, she being a daughter of the late John E. Pitt of Platte City. Her brother, James F. Pitt, is the prominent young attorney of this city, and she has a married sister living in Kansas City. Mrs. Dameron was the mother of three children, two of whom are dead, and one, a boy of 10 years, is living. The remains will be taken to Platte City to-day for burial.

Date of death: 10 Nov 1907

Subject: Charles J. Pixler

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Nov 1907, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., ... The body of C. J. Pixler, ... business man and former ... of Maryville, who mi... at Denver, Col., Sunday night shooting, is expected to arrive tomorrow morning. Interment will be ... Thursday afternoon ... auspices of the Elks and Knights of Pythias lodges, of which he was a member.

Mr. Pixler, who was formerly identified with local business interests and owned considerably farm land in this section, left Maryville with his family in August, expecting to spend a year in Denver. His health had been bad and he went to Colorado seeking its improvement.

According to ad... from Denver Mr. Pixler committed suicide at the family home by sending a bullet into his heart.

His wife and three children were in an adjoining room when he fired the fatal shot, and when they reached his side he had breathed his last. Mrs. Pixler called physicians, but their services were not needed. For several days Pixler had been acting strangely.

Date of death: 21 Nov 1907

Subject: George Pollard*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Nov 1907

[*Note: The article itself is illegible. Only the headlines can be read on-line.*]

Negro Dies Suddenly.

Body of George Pollard, an Ex-Slave Found in a Shed at Tenth and Sylvania Streets.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Nov 1907, p. 3

Lying on his back on the floor of a small shack in the rear of a boarding house at Tenth and Sylvania streets, George Callard [sic], 53 years old, a negro, was found dead at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. When found, Callard had been dead for several hours.

Callard had made the shack his home for many years. For the last nine years he had been employed by Mrs. Emma Mast, 503 South Ninth street, in the capacity of general helper about the house and Mrs. Mast has nothing but words of praise to speak for the old darkey.

"If ever a negro was faithful, he was," she says.

Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body, and ordered it taken to Sidenfaden's morgue. Callard had no relatives living, so far as is known.

An autopsy will be held this morning.

Little is known of Callard's history, except that he was born in slavery and was taken away from his mother and brothers by some slave traders. He lived at one time near Centralia, Mo., but later moved to Savannah, where he lived for several years.

Date of death: 20 Jan 1886

Subject: Israel and Mrs. Nancy Pollard*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Jul 1883, not an obituary

At No. 1216 North Sixth street resides an old negro woman, perhaps seventy years of age, who is affected with leukoderma, and is gradually turning white. Her name is Pollard, and she came to this county from Old Virginia before the war. Her old man is dying with the consumption. She cannot be convinced that her trouble is a disease, but believes that the "Good Lawd" is turning her white as a reward for her goodness. She commenced getting white in spots about ten years ago, and if she lives a few more years she will be white all over.

Date of death: 26 Aug 1902

Subject: James Pollard

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 27 Aug 1902, p. 5

J. Pollard, a mulatto laborer, Hal... on King Hill road south... died suddenly at 12 o'clock last night in the engine room of the plant. Coroner Doyle was notified and removed the body to Heaton's morgue, where an autopsy was held this morning, with the result that marks of violence were discovered on the body, indicating a conflict resulting in death.

Pollard, who has been employed at the yards as a laborer, entered the engine room at 11 o'clock, apparently in good health. He took a seat upon a heap of coal and without doing anything to attract attention, fell over and expired.

The autopsy by Coroner Doyle this morning revealed two bruises, one upon the right cheek and one on the forehead above the right eye which were evidently made by a blunt heavy instrument.

An inquest will be held tomorrow.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 30 Aug 1902, p. 6

The coroner's jury in the case of James Pollard, the negro found dead in a South St. Joseph brickyard, the fore part of the week, has returned a verdict to the effect that death was due to congestion of the brain.

Date of death: 8 Sep 1909

Subject: Mrs. Lucy Potts*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Sep 1909, p. 18

Mrs. Lucy Potts, aged 83 years, died in rear of 808 N. 4th st. Wednesday morning at 7:15 o'clock. She is survived by two sons, Wm. Potts of Chicago and Ben Potts of St. Joseph. Funeral from A.M.E Church, 3d and Antoine sts., Friday at 2:30 p.m. Burial at city cemetery.

Date of death: 21 Nov 1906

Subject: Martin Luther Poulsgrove

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Nov 1906, p. 10

Martin L. Paulsgrove [sic], aged 54 years, died Wednesday at 10:45 a.m., at the residence of Frank S. Philo, 2412 Duncan St. Funeral from there at 9 a.m. Friday. Funeral services at Long Branch church at 12 m. Interment at Long Branch cemetery.

Date of death: 19 Nov 1903

Subject: Franklin Powell*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 20 Nov 1903, p. 14

Franklin Powell, colored, aged sixty-five year [sic], died at 9:10 o'clock yesterday morning at his home near Twenty-second and Commercial streets. The funeral will take place from the A.M.E. Church at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Interment at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 30 Nov 1907

Subject: John William Powell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Dec 1907, p. 4

John W., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Powell, died at 8 o'clock Saturday night at the family residence, Second and Atchison streets.

Date of death: 8 Jul 1889

Subject: Emsley R. Pryor

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 9 Jul 1889, p. 4

Emsley R. Pryor, proprietor of the Diagonal house at the corner of Second and Michel, died yesterday 8 a.m. He was 57 years of age, and died of paralysis. The funeral will take place today at 3 p.m. The remains will be interred in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 4 Dec 1903

Subject: Mrs. Martha E. Purviance

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Dec 1903, p. 7

Mrs. Martha E. Purviance, widow of George Purviance, died at 6 o'clock last evening at the family home, 210 South Eleventh street. She was 66 years old. The body will be taken to King City for burial at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Date of death: 14 Dec 1908

Subject: Abraham Quarles*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Dec 1908, p. 1

Lying sick in bed, his life despaired of, Abe Quarles, for seventeen years steward of the St. Joseph Commercial club, is unable to partake of the 'possum [sic], which now reposes in the larder at his home. The 'possum is the gift of one of the editors of the Northwest Missouri Press association, which recently held its convention here.

Quarles is one of the best known negro citizens of St. Joseph. He is also one of the best citizens. The business men of the city, members of the Commercial club, all swear by Abe. He has served them faithfully and conscientiously for many years and they repose trust and confidence in him.

Several weeks ago his health began to decline. Last week he was suddenly stricken with Bright's disease in deadly form. Now he is not expected to live.

The friendship of the Northwest Missouri editors for Abe Quarles has grown to be a matter of more than sentiment. Each year when they meet here they give him some present as a token of their appreciation of his services in his [sic] behalf.

Two or three days ago one of them sent Abe a 'possum. But he has been unable to eat it, and it is fearer, never will be. During Abe's absence from the Commercial club his brother, Free Quarles, is attending to his duties as steward.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Dec 1908, p. 8

After an illness of several weeks during which little hope of his recovery has been held out by the attending physicians, Abe Quarles, for seventeen years steward of the Commercial club, died yesterday at his late residence, 617 Lincoln street. Bright's disease was the cause of death.

Quarles, who was perhaps the best known negro in St. Joseph had lived in this city forty-tree years. He was 47 years old. All but one year of his residence in this city he spent in the home where he died.

Quarles belonged to the negro Knights Templar, Royal Arch Masons and Shriners. Wilkinson Lodge No. 25 A.F. and A.M. will have charge of his funeral, which will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Francis street Baptist church, interment being made in Mount Mora cemetery. His wife, a daughter, one brother and four sisters survive him.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Dec 1908, p. 3 [with photo]

Abe Quarles is dead.

The faithful colored steward of the Commercial Club, who assumed his post the day the Clubrooms were opened, seventeen years ago, and who never was absent except when sick, succumbed to a long siege with Bright's diseases, last night at 10:40 o'clock, at his home, 617 Lincoln street. He was forty-seven years old, and had lived forty-two years of his forty-three

years' residence in St. Joseph in the house where he died. From there were buried his father, mother and brother, Anderson Quarles, for ten years a mail carrier.

Abe Quarles was regarded as one of St. Joseph's best colored citizens. He ever was identified with the movements to uplift his race, and he was prominent in lodge, church and political work. Every business man knew him, at least by sight. He was an invaluable assistant to F. W. Maxwell, commissioner of the Commercial Club, who often remarked, "Abe knows how to receive visitors and look after business men who call here, better than I do." In his well-brushed Prince Albert coat, or snowy white jacket he donned for state occasions, it was difficult to imagine a better factotum to assume the duties which Abe discharged so easily.

His wife, a daughter, Marie, one brother, Fremont, and four sisters survive. Fremont Quarles, who acted as steward for his brother after Abe became ill, formerly was a member of the police force.

Abe Quarles' death came after a long fight against the disease which finally brought about his end. Kidney trouble is chronic in the family, and Fremont Quarles' life was given up several years ago by physicians. That fact encouraged Abe, but the diseases became worse than ever after he submitted to an operation for another trouble several years ago, and when he left his post about ten days ago, it was believed that he never would return.

The funeral will be at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Francis Street Colored Baptist church, with interment in Mount Mora cemetery. The obsequies will be under the auspices of Wilkinson Lodge, No. 26, A.F. and A.M., and the Knights of Tabor. Abe Quarles was a member of the negro Knights Templars, Royal Arch Masons and Shriners.

Abe Quarles' full name was Abraham Lincoln Quarles, and he told an interesting story about the facts surrounding his christening.

"I was born in Platte County, on a farm where my mother and father worked for a Southern family. The farmer's wife wasn't very popular with the colored folks, she was so mean, and after I was born my mother met her one day.

"What are you going to name the baby?" she asked.

"That was in 1861, when Lincoln was getting talked about by everyone, and my mother just flared up and said, 'I'm going to name him Abraham Lincoln.'

"And she did too."

Addressed to Abe Quarles, a postal card was delivered this morning at the Commercial Club. It was from F. W. Maxwell, commissioner, who left last Tuesday for Washington, and Commissioner Maxwell wrote that he would return Wednesday. A telegram was sent to him, in Chicago, telling of his steward's death, and he is expected home tomorrow.

**R Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 20 Aug 1907

Subject: Ralph Rains

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 Aug 1907, p. 8

Ralph Rains, infant son of Mrs. Hattie ... East ... died... Sheltering Arms... funeral was held yesterday afternoon with interment ... cemetery. [*mostly illegible*]

same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Aug 1907, p. 6

Ralph Rains, infant son of Mrs. And Mrs. H. Rains ... at the Sheltering Arms ... city cemetery. [*mostly illegible*]

Date of death: 10 Apr 1910

Subject: "Buster" Ramirez

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 Apr 1910, p. 4

The seven-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ramirez died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at the family home, 1721 1/2 Frederick ave.

Date of death: 1 Sep 1913

Subject: Leora (or Leona) May Randall

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Sep 1913, p. 6

Leona May, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Randall, died at 11 o'clock last night at the home of the parents, 4904 King Hill avenue.

Date of death: 21 Oct 1918

Subject: Veronica (Ranisjewski) Ciolek

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Oct 1918, p. 6

Mrs. Veronica Ciolek, thirty-one years old, wife of Andrew Ciolek, a car carpenter in the employ of the Grant Island, died early this morning at her home, 513 South Twenty-third street, of pneumonia. Besides her husband, she is survived by four sons, John, Louis, Edward and Lawrence, all at home.

Date of death: 30 Sep 1918

Subject: Lewis Ray*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Oct 1918, p. 1

An unidentified man was burned to death in a small outbuilding adjoining the old Missouri Pacific freight house, which was destroyed by fire at ...:10 o'clock this morning. The body was not found until the fire was nearly extinguished by city firemen. The body was taken from the

fire, but life was extinct. Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, was notified and the body was removed to the H. O. Sidenfaden chapel.

The fire caught several small buildings adjoining which were filled with coal, and burned them to the ground. The origin of the blaze has not been definitely determined. There was an opinion prevalent that the buildings, which were frame, may have been set fire by a spark from a passing railroad locomotive. The damage probably will exceed \$10,000.

The old freight house is owned by the Union terminal railroad, and was used only temporarily by the Missouri Pacific while their new freight house was being built. For the last six years the John S. Brittain Dry Goods company had used the building for a box factory and warehouse. Several hundred dollars worth of lumber was piled in the building. Coal, which was stored in the adjoining buildings, belonged to the Artesian Ice and Coal Storage company. About fifty tons was burned to cinders.

Date of death: 12 Jan 1905

Subject: Bettie Rea

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 13 Jan 1905, p. 3

Savannah, Mo., Jan. 12.—Miss Bettie Rea, youngest daughter of Judge Joseph Rea, this city, attempted suicide by taking two ounces of laudanum yesterday evening. Several doctors were with her all night. She died this morning at 10:30.

She was out driving in the afternoon, and apparently in good health, but she has lately been subject to epilepsy.

Date of death: 27 Sep 1913

Subject: Charles C. Redfield

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 27 Sep 1913, p. 2

An unidentified man was run over and killed by a southbound Burlington freight train at Fifth and Doniphan avenue early this morning. The body, frightfully mutilated, was found by J. W. Thomas, 413 Doniphan avenue, an employe of the Standard Oil Company, at 4:30 o'clock. Thomas was on his way to work when he discovered part of a man's trunk between the tracks. It is supposed that the man was run over by a freight train that arrived at 4 o'clock.

All the Burlington trainmen have been accounted for and it is presumed the dead man was a fair visitor or a tramp. Marks in the center of the track indicated that he had been dragged about 150 yards. It is thought he was riding under a car and caught hold of a brake rod when he fell.

The man's head was torn off about the eyes and his legs were severed just below the hips. Coroner T. J. Lunch viewed the corpse and sent it to Rock & Clark's. It is in such a mangle condition that it cannot be held long. The dead man was about forty-five years old, partly gray, with a sandy mustache. He was about five feet eight inches and weighed about 140 pounds. He had false teeth and wore tan shoes.

Date of death: 10 May 1906

Subject: Lucy A. Redman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 May 1906, p. 6

Stanberry, Mo., May 10.—Despondent because of continued ill health Miss Lucie Redmond [sic], twenty years old, and well known here, took "rough on rats" at 7 o'clock this morning. Miss Redmond was the daughter of Mrs. John Redmond, a widow, and lived with her mother in the suburbs. She was an operator in the employe [sic] of the Stanberry Herald. Her rash act has aroused considerable comment and has shocked the community in which she was held in high esteem.

Date of death: 23 Jun 1916

Subject: Mrs. Mary Redmond

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Jun 1916, p. 6

Mrs. Mary Redmond, a widow sixty years old, was found dead at her home, 514 Sylvania street, by the police this morning. Neighbors summoned the officers, when it was noticed that the woman had not appeared this morning as usual, and, her doors were locked. A skeleton key was used to gain an entrance. The woman lived alone.

Dr. J. J. Wisser, acting coroner, viewed the body and said that death was due to heart disease. Mrs. Redmond was seen by neighbors yesterday afternoon about the premises. Doctor Wisser said that she had been dead for a number of hours when he reached the house. Her only survivor is a son, John Redmond of Maryville, Mo., who was notified. The body is at Rock's.

Date of death: 11 Aug 1904

Subject: George Reed

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 13 Aug 1904, p. 2

The body of George Reid [sic], aged 81, who died Thursday at a local hospital, was sent from the family residence at 901 North Second street, to Amazonia yesterday for burial.

Date of death: 2 Apr 1906

Subject: John F. Reed

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Apr 1906, p. 12

Barnard, Mo., April 3.—John Reed, of Barnard, died suddenly at about 4:30 o'clock yesterday evening while coming to town. Mr. Reed received a telephone message while at the home of his nephew, Elmer Reed, to the effect that his niece, Kate Reed, of Richmond, Kan., had died. Mr. Reed attempted to walk in to town, a distance of two miles, in an effort to catch the 5 o'clock train, and it is supposed that the excitement brought on a spell of heart trouble which resulted in his death.

The deceased was sixty-nine years of age and was a well known and respected citizen.

Date of death: 5 Aug 1902

Subject: Jordan "Buzz" Reed*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 6 Aug 1902, p. 6

Jordan Reed, Negro Bootblack, Goes Swimming for the Last Time.

Jordan Reed, commonly known as Buzz Reed, was drowned in the Missouri river yesterday afternoon near the mouth of Roys' branch, where he was bathing.

Reed, who was twenty-one years old, with his brothers conducted a shoe-shining stand on Edmond street between Fourth and Fifth streets. He lived at 419 North Eighteenth street.

Efforts are being made by relatives to recover the body, which sank in very deep and rapid water.

The accident was witnessed by two boys about thirteen years of age, who attempted to assist the drowning man by throwing him a pole, but without avail.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 7 Aug 1902, p. 6

The body of "Buzz" Reed, the negro who was drowned in the Missouri River near Roy's Branch Monday, was recovered about 8 o'clock this morning by Will and Frank Barrett, 713 Main street.

Some boys playing on the river bank saw a floating object which appeared to be a human body. The matter was reported to the Barretts, who, going out in a small boat, recovered the body in the center of the stream opposite the end of Jule street.

The body was taken to Heaton's morgue, where an inquest will be held.

Date of death: Oct 1903

Subject: William Delmar Reed

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 22 Oct 1903, p. 6

Savannah, Mo.—The remains of Will Reed, the son of Reverend Reed, who was formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church here, will be interred in the Savannah cemetery this afternoon.

Date of death: 4 Jul 1906

Subject: Ray Reese

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Jul 1906, p. 6

Burlington Junction, Mo., July 5.—While returning from the Fourth of July celebration at this place early last night Ray Reese, the seventeen-year-old son of Lanson Reese, who resides five miles east of Skidmore, was fatally injured in a runaway accident. Young Reese, in company with Claude Stults, was driving behind a spirited horse when one of the holdback straps broke allowing a part of the harness to fall on the heels of the horse which bolted. Reese and Stults jumped from the buggy, Reese alighting on the back of his head. He was alive but unconscious when picked up, and died an hour later. His neck was broken by the fall.

Young Stults was badly cut and bruised but sustained no serious injury. The body of Reese was shipped to his home at Skidmore this morning. His family is among the early settlers of Nodaway County.

Date of death: Mar 1901

Subject: William M. Rhinebalt

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 26 Mar 1901, p. 4

William M. Rhinebalt was buried Sunday at the city cemetery. He was seventy-eight years old and lived at 501 North Second street. Death was due to extreme age.

Date of death: 18 Jan 1910

Subject: Viola Richardson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Jan 1910, p. 4

Iola [sic], the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson, 1820 South Fourth street, died at 8:30 o'clock this morning at the home of the parents.

Date of death: 21 Jan 1910

Subject: Violet Richardson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Jan 1910, p. 4

Violet, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson, 1820 South Fourth street, died at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

Date of death: 25 Jan 1908

Subject: Phillip S. Richey

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Jan 1908, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., Jan. 25.—Philip [sic] S. Richey, who operated the George Baker farm, east of Maryville, swallowed carbolic acid in a driveway near his barn, at 11 a.m., from the effects of which he died half an hour later. Richey leaves a wife and two sons. No reason why he should take his life can be assigned, except that he has not been in good health for several days.

Richey passed his eldest son, who was chopping wood in the farmyard, a few moments before 11 o'clock. The father and the boy had some little conversation regarding the saddling of a horse which Richey was going to ride to town. There was no disagreement, excepting that the lad thought his father should take a better horse than the one of which he had spoken.

At about 11 o'clock a younger son, about ten years of age, was passing through a driveway of the barnyard, when he found his father lying on the ground. The face and neck was [sic] badly burned with acid, but he was not then dead. The lad told his brother and mother and then ran a quarter of a mile to a neighboring farm, where he summoned a doctor. Richey was dead when the physician arrived.

Richey was not incumbered [sic] by debts, as many renting farmers are, and there was complete happiness in his family. A note, addressed to his wife, was found pinned to the dead man's coat. He merely told her he was going to commit suicide, that he hated to bring disgrace upon her and the boys and commended her as an excellent and loving helpmeet. He urged her to use every effort to raise the boys to the right sort of living.

An inquest will probably be held this afternoon.

Date of death: 9 Oct 1898

Subject: Willie Richmond*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 10 Oct 1898, p. 6

Willie Richmond, a negro boy eleven years old, who lived with his parents at 216 North Second street, died last night of diphtheria.

Date of death: 15 Jan 1917

Subject: Matthews O. Ricketts*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Jan 1917, p. 6

Dr. Matthews O. Ricketts, prominent negro physician, died yesterday morning at a hospital here, following a brief illness. Dr. Ricketts was one of the leaders among the negro ... in this ... and won considerable fame in the early nineties when he was elected to the legislature in Nebraska, serving one term. He was ... years old and had lived in St. Joseph for the last ... years, coming here from Omaha and entering at once upon the practice of his profession.

Seven years ago he was grand master of the negro Masonic fraternity of Missouri, He is survived by his wife and a married daughter. The body is now at ...man-Heaton undertaking ... funeral arrangements have not been completed, there being ... expressed that the body be held until Sunday in order to permit of the attendance at the funeral of several grand masters of the negro Masonic order from other states. Dr. Ricketts was quite active in negro politics and was recognized as an able and influential member of his race.

Date of death: Nov 1906

Subject: Mary M. (Rider) Norris

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Nov 1906, p. 5

Savannah, Mo., Nov. 20.—The body of Grandma Norris was brought here yesterday from Illinois, where she had been making her home with a daughter. Burial took place from the home of her son, E. M. Norris.

Date of death: 31 Jul 1907

Subject: Joseph Ritter

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 31 Jul 1907, p. 6

Joseph Ritter, eighty-five years old, died at 6 o'clock this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. ... Schneider, in Avenue City. He was a ... is survived by four sons and three daughters.

Date of death: 28 Dec 1902

Subject: Joseph Roberts*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 31 Dec 1902, p. 6

Joseph Roberts, colored, aged 30 years, died in Kansas City Sunday. The body was shipped to St. Joseph yesterday and was taken to the home of the deceased's brother, William Roberts, No. 815 South Seventh street. The funeral was held from the residence at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and interment was made in Mt. Mora cemetery.

Date of death: 13 Aug 1883

Subject: Watt Robinson*

Source: *The Atchison [KS] Daily Champion*, 14 Aug 1883, Tuesday, p. 1

St. Joseph, Missouri, August 13.-- Watt Robinson, a colored barber of this city, was instantly killed at 2 o'clock this afternoon by falling between the wheels of a passenger train on the K.C., St. Jo. & C.B. R.R. He attempted to board the train while it was in motion, a short distance below the Francis street depot and fell between the cars. He was dragged some distance, the wheels pressing diagonally across his breast, crushing and mutilating him in a horrible manner. His heart was torn out and lay apart from his body. Watt Robinson was 25 years of age and has a wife but no children. His wife is at Pueblo, Colorado, and has been notified of his death. The victim was a brother of Professor Harry Robinson, one of the best known colored men of this city.

Date of death: 27 Dec 1911

Subject: Mrs. Lydia Rodgers

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Dec 1911, p. 6

Mrs. Lydia Rodgers, a widow, seventy-three years old, died at 11:10 o'clock last night at the family home, 513 1/2 South Eighth street.

Date of death: 9 Mar 1905

Subject: Howard Rollins*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 Mar 1905, p. 8

Howard Rollins, aged 55 years, died March 9 at his residence, 112 West Augusta street. Funeral services will be held at Ebenezer A.M.E. church, cor 3d and Antoine streets, Sunday at 1:30. Friends invited to attend.

Date of death: 18 Aug 1918

Subject: Joseph Romero

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 Aug 1918, p. 5

Joseph Romero, 22 years old, died yesterday afternoon at a hospital here following a brief illness. The body was removed to 517 Lake avenue, where his funeral [sic] services will be conducted this afternoon. He was born in Mexico and had no relatives here.

Date of death: Sep 1910

Subject: Sallie Roper*

Source: *Abilene [KS] Daily Reflector*, 8 Sep 1910, Thursday, p. 1

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 8-- An autopsy on the body of Sallie Roper, a negro woman who died at a local hospital of kidney disease, revealed a remarkable collection of junk in her stomach some of which had been there for years. The collection weighed five pounds and included 125 nails of assorted sizes, three iron nuts, two iron bolts, 50 safety pins, 150 hairpins, 47 buttons, 40 pebbles, 30 common pins, 40 carpet tacks, ten prune stones, one motor car tag.

Date of death: 26 Apr 1919

Subject: Hilario Rosas

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Apr 1919, p. 1

A Mexican laborer, supposedly named Hilario Rosas, was shot five times at about 9:30 oclock last night on the railroad tracks near the Larabee mills, and died an hour later in Noyes hospital where he had been removed by the police. One of the bullets, evidently from a revolver, passed through his head and the others through various parts of his body.

The body was found lying squarely on the track by a Missouri Pacific train crew. Members of the crew picked up the man who was nearly dead at the time, and removed him to the office of the St. Joseph Terminal company. The South Side police station was then called and notified of the discovery. Upon the arrival of the police the man was taken to Noyes hospital where he died a half hour later. The man never regained consciousness. His identity is thought to have been established by a paper found in his pocket.

According to the police Rosas was seen late yesterday afternoon in the vicinity of the Larabee mills. Robbery might have been the motive that led his assailant to take the man's life for the victim was found stropped of his valuables. Yet it is hardly likely that his assailant would have been pressed to the point of firing five shots into the Mexican, the police say. No clue was found by detectives who examined the place last night. The body was removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's parlors last night. The address of the Mexican was not learned.

Date of death: 10 Mar 1904

Subject: Mrs. Rebecca Ross*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 Mar 1904, p. 2

Rebecca Ross, negro, 75 years old, died Thursday at the family home, Sixteenth and Sylvania streets. The funeral will be from the Francis street Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 19 Jan 1913

Subject: Thomas Roy*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Jan 1913, p. 4

Thomas Roy, a negro seventy years old, for a long time employed by James A. Gibson, public administrator, died of paralysis yesterday afternoon at a local hospital. "Tom Mose," as the old man was called, was stricken last Friday. He was born a slave and had lived in St. Joseph sixty years.

Date of death: 8 Mar 1908

Subject: Andrew Alburn Rucker

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 9 Mar 1908, p. 6

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Rucker died at the home ... miles northeast of the city early this morning.

Date of death: 1 Feb 1914

Subject: Charles Ruehl (or Reuhl)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Feb 1914, p. 3

Charles Reuhl, forty-seven years old, who lived at 519 1/2 Messanie street, died at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital. He has no relatives in St. Joseph but it is thought that he has a sister in Dayton, Ohio. The body will be held at the Rock-Clark morgue until the sister has been located.

Date of death: 18 Jul 1909

Subject: Fay Rusk

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Jul 1909, p. 5

Maryville, Mo., July 19.—Fay Rusk, seventeen years of age, whose parents reside at Hopkins, was drowned while bathing yesterday afternoon in the Nodaway River, near Braddyville, Mo. [sic] The body was recovered.

Date of death: 6 Nov 1918

Subject: John Ryder

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Nov 1918, p. 6

John Ryder, fifty-three years old, died at 10 o'clock today in a local hospital. He had no known relatives.

**S Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 17 Jul 1901

Subject: Emma A. (Sanborn) Grems

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 19 Jul 1901, p. 3

Maryville, Mo., July 18.—Mrs. John G. Grems, wife of Postmaster Grems, died yesterday forenoon at her home on East First street, after an illness of nineteen weeks, during which time she was a great sufferer. Her health had been poor for several years. A husband, two sons and two daughters survive her. The children all live in Maryville, and are named Adella, [Louis], Charles and Luella. Mrs. Grems' maiden name was Emma Sanborn. She was born in Lowell, Mass., April 26, 1847, and was married to John G. Grems ... at Owatonna, Minn., ... thirty four years ago. ... were proprietors of the ... Hotel and Central Hotel both of which have been torn down long ago. The burial will occur from the family residence Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and will be conducted by Rev. E. B. Lyt... Methodist Episcopal ... she was a de... will be in the Miriam Cemetery.

Date of death: 1 Aug 1907

Subject: Emma Salena Sanborn

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Aug 1907, p. 10

Friends in St. Joseph of A. G. Sanborn, county clerk at Seneca, Kan., have been advised of the death of his wife at Seneca, which was followed closely by the death of his daughter, Lena, in Denver, Colo., where she had gone seeking relief from asthma. Mr. Sanborn had taken the child [sic] to Denver in the hope that her health would improve there, but she died within six hours after reaching the city. Mr. Sanborn has a wide acquaintance here and in Andrew County and northern Kansas. He was formerly engaged in the newspaper business and for several years was a mail agent on the Grand Island road.

Date of death: 7 Apr 1905

Subject: Mrs. Rosa Lee Sanders

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Apr 1905, p. 2

Mrs. Rosa Lee Sanders, aged 23 years, wife of George W. Sanders, died yesterday morning at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Martha Copeland, 513 South Tenth street.

The funeral will be conducted from the First Christian church at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Burial will be at Green graveyard, north of the city.

Date of death: 12 Nov 1907

Subject: Jewell Sarver

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Nov 1907, p. 6

Mrs. George W. Sarvers [sic] died at 11 o'clock today, at the family residence, 2218 South Twenty-second street. The infant son of the dead woman died yesterday evening. The body of

the infant was taken to Union Star, Mo., this morning, and was being interred at the time of the mother's death.

Date of death 6 Feb 1903

Subject: Mrs. Isabelle Saxton

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Feb 1903, p. 7

Isabel Saxton, wife of Paul Saxton, aged 46 years, died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital of heart failure after operation. The body will be sent to Maryville, her home, for burial.

Date of death: 30 May 1904

Subject: Ulrich Scheidegger

Source: *St. Joseph News and Press*, 30 May 1904, p. 9

Ulrich Scheidegger, aged seventy-eight years, died of a complication of diseases at his country home, nine miles east of the city, at 5 o'clock this morning. He was an old resident of this county, having lived near St. Joseph for over forty years. He is survived by a widow and two sons, Christian and Andrew, and one daughter, Anna.

Date of death: 3 May 1909

Subject: John Schindler

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 May 1909, p. 8

There is a mystery connected with the trunk of the late John Schindler. Schindler, who was an aged gardener, died the first of the week at the home of a relative, Albert Schneider, about seven miles northeast of the city.

For eight or nine years Schindler had been a boarder at the Blum hotel, Second and Felix streets. He lived in a most humble way and no one suspected that he had much property. During his last illness he was removed to the home of his relative from the hotel. He insisted that the trunk be taken with him.

Since his death it has been learned that he owned stock in the German-American Bank company, that he had money on deposit with the Bartlett Trust company, and that he had money loaned to substantial farmers of the county. So far about \$3,000 worth of property has been found. That more evidence of wealth may be contained in the trunk is the theory of friends.

Schindler was about 75 years old. He was a fruit tree trimmer and general farmer and gardener. Application will be made for letters of administration by relatives.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 May 1909, p. 1

Papers representing a value of nearly \$5,000 were found in a trunk belonging to John Schindler, who lived the life of a recluse at the Blum hotel for the past seven or eight years.

Schindler died a few days ago at the home of his nephew, Albert J. Schneider, northeast of St. Joseph. He made a request that special care be taken of the trunk. When this was opened it was found to contain a lot of old clothing and his papers which show that he was worth about \$4,800. There were two notes for \$1,500 each and one for \$1,000, all secured, and one \$500 note and another \$150 note not secured. Besides he had about \$160 in the German-American National bank and Bartlett Trust Co.

Schindler was a bachelor but he left numerous relatives. He is survived by a brother and half brother in Doniphan county, Kas., four or five children of a deceased sister and some of her grandchildren in Doniphan county, three nieces and four nephews, children of a deceased sister, living in Buchanan and Andrew counties and six children of a deceased daughter of this dead sister.

The tax on the estate for the state seminary fun [sic] will be 5 per cent. The estate has been admitted to probate by Judge Imel.

Date of death: 4 May 1905

Subject: Mary Rosina Schneider

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 May 1905, p. 6

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Schneider died at 12 o'clock today at the family residence, nine miles northeast of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 14 Apr 1903

Subject: Conrad H. Schottel

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 16 Apr 1903, p. 6

H. C. Shottell [sic], a pioneer farmer who lived twelve miles east of St. Joseph, died at noon Tuesday and was buried this afternoon at the cemetery of the German Evangelical Church, three miles south of Cosby. Mr. Shottell was eighty-six years of age and is survived by eight children. He had been a resident of Buchanan County for fifty years.

Date of death: 17 May 1913

Subject: August Schultse

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 May 1913, p. 4

August Schultse, ... years old, died yesterday at the county farm where he will be buried today.

Date of death: 28 Jan 1918

Subject: Allen Earl Scott

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Jan 1918, p. 6

Allen Earl, the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scott, 19?? South Fourth street, died last night at a local hospital.

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Jan 1918, p. 6

Allen Earl, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scott, 190? South Fourth street, died last night at a local hospital. Services will be at ... with burial in Green cemetery.

Date of death: 18 Oct 1918

Subject: Dorothy R. Scott

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Oct 1918, p. 6

Dorothy, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Scott, died at the home of the parents, 725 1/2 South Ninth street, last night, of influenza.

Date of death: 24 Nov 1902

Subject: Emma Scott*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 25 Nov 1902, p. 6

Emma Scott, colored, single, aged fifty-six years, died yesterday at her home, St. Paul and Wat....

Date of death: 20 Oct 1918

Subject: Frederick H. Scott

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Oct 1918, p. 6

Frederick, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott, died Sunday afternoon at the home of the parents, 727 South Ninth street, of influenza.

Date of death: 7 Aug 1907

Subject: James M. Scott

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Aug 1907, p. 6

James M. Scott, fifty years old, died this morning at 9:50 o'clock at 1902 Lafayette street. Tuberculosis was the cause of death. He was buried in the city cemetery this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Date of death: 15 Jan 1906

Subject: Thomas J. Scott

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Jan 1906, p. 7

Helena, Mo., Jan. 21.—J. Tom Scott, formerly of Rochester, but now of Amizonia [sic], died Monday morning and the body was brought to this place yesterday morning. It was taken to Rochester cemetery for burial.

Date of death: 16 Jun 1900

Subject: William H. Scott

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 17 Jun 1900, p. 6

W. H. Scott died yesterday morning at 4:30 o'clock at his home near Avenue City, in Andrew county. Mr. Scott was 85 years old, and had lived in Andrew county for more than half a century. Death was caused by inanition due to his extreme age.

Mr. Scott was born in West Virginia in 1815. In 1844 he came from that state to Missouri, settling in Platte county. He was one of the earliest settlers in the Platte purchase. After living in Platte county for a few years he moved to Andrew county, near the present site of Avenue City, where he remained until his death. Six children, four sons and two daughters, survive him. His wife died several years ago. The funeral will be held from Bedford Chapel, near Mr. Scott's former home, tomorrow afternoon.

Date of death: 18 May 1909

Subject: Gutierrez Sebastian

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 May 1909, p. 4

G. Sebastian, forty years old, died last night at 6 o'clock. He had been working with a section gang on the Rock Island railroad and contracted pneumonia.

Date of death: 12 Feb 1901

Subject: Oliver B. Seers (or Sees)

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 13 Feb 1901, p. 2

Oliver Sees [sic], thirty-three years old, died a short distance south of the stock yards at 8 o'clock last night. He was in destitute circumstances and his death was due to consumption. County Physician Morton had been treating him for some time and the county court had supplied the family with provisions for several weeks. A report was made to the South St. Joseph police station that three hours after the man's death the body was left lying in exactly the same position it was in when the end came, the family being too poor to employ an undertaker.

This report proved to be erroneous. County Physician Morton was informed of the man's death and as the neighbors expressed a willingness to care for the boy it was decided not to send an undertaker to the house until this morning. Sees leaves a wife and two children, a boy aged eight and a girl aged five years. So far as the county authorities have been able to ascertain the family has no relatives in this part of the country. Sees' remains will be buried by the county today.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 14 Feb 1901, p. 5

The funeral of O. B. Seers, aged thirty-two years, of South St. Joseph, was held yesterday afternoon. The burial was in the city cemetery north of the city.

Date of death: 9 Aug 1906

Subject: Mrs. Laura V. Seever

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Aug 1906, p. 8

Mrs. Lula B. Seavers [sic] died yesterday morning at a local hospital. She lived at Savannah, Mo., and the body will be forwarded there for burial. She is survived by her husband and one child.

Date of death: 20 Feb 1907

Subject: Mahala J. Selecman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Feb 1907, p. 5

Savannah, Mo., Feb. 23—Miss Mahala Selecman died at the home of her brother, A. B. Selecman of near Rea, Wednesday, and will be buried here today.

Date of death: 24 Feb 1899

Subject: Mary E. (Selecman) Bedford

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 25 Feb 1899, p. 5

Mrs. Mary A. [sic] Bedford, aged 69 years, died at Asylum No. 2 yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. She was the wife of A. M. Bedford, a wealthy farmer living near Savannah, Mo.

Date of death: 25 Apr 1893

Subject: Armsted Selectman*

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 26 Apr 1893, p. 3

Armsted Selectman, one of the oldest colored men in the city, died at his home at 901 Douglass [sic] street, at 2:25 a.m. yesterday. The funeral will be at the A.M.E. church on North Third street at 2 p.m. today.

Date of death: 28 Feb 1893

Subject: Mrs. Eliza Sewall

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Mar 1893, p. 3

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Sewall, the unfortunate old lady who devoted her life and finally gave it up for her demented son, occurred yesterday from Thornton & Pegan's undertaking rooms, Rev. Bushnell conducting the services, which were quite largely attended. King ladies of the city had secured sufficient funds to give the deceased a good burial, and the remains were tenderly laid away, a said [sic] commentary on the neglect and selfishness of the people who should have extended needed air to one most deserving.

Date of death: 19 Oct 1917

Subject: Charles Shaw

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Oct 1917, p. 6

Charles Shaw, 73 years old, died yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, while being taken to a hospital. The aged man had lived at the Salvation Army hotel for the last ten years, where he was janitor. Yesterday morning he complained of feeling bad but attended to his regular duties, that of calling the guests and making the beds. At noon the clerk noticed the man apparently suffering and summoned Police Surgeon V. R. Wilson, who later called the public welfare physician, who

found the man almost beyond medical aid. An ambulance was called and the man started to Noyes hospital, but he died on the way. Coroner Thomas was notified and ordered the body taken to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue. Attaches of the hotel said last night that Shaw had a son in Omaha and two sons in Chillicothe, Mo.

Date of death: 18 Mar 1923

Subject: Charles Shivel

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Mar 1923, p. 5

Charles Shivel, 65 years old, died Sunday night at a local hospital. The body is at Heaton-BeGole's.

Date of death: 5 Sep 1906

Subject: Mrs. Shoemaker*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Sep 1906, p. 8

Mrs. Shoemaker, an aged colored woman, died at a local hospital yesterday afternoon of tuberculosis.

Date of death: 27 Jun 1905

Subject: William T. Silvers

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 27 Jun 1905, p. 6

The lifeless body of W. T. Silvers, an inmate of State Hospital No. 2, was found early this morning lying in a heap on the floor of his ward, his head and torso being suspended in the air by a rag roped and drawn tightly about his neck and ... the head of the bed ... hands ... abrasions ... being ... use. [*Several lines illegible*] The body was removed to the undertaking establishment of Faris & Barber, by order of Coroner Bansbach, who held an inquest late this afternoon. The body will be forwarded to Cosby, Mo. for burial.

Silvers, who was a farmer near Cosby, was admitted to the hospital thirteen months ago, suffering from abject melancholia. He was watched closely, as it was suspected that given the opportunity he might take ... was ... patient and ... regarded as dangerous.

... night at ... locked into the ... rooms ... 12 o'clock last night when Silvers apparently was sleeping. The attendance ... lifeless body.

Silvers is supposed to have taken the rag on one of his hands and to have looped it about his neck, after securing it to the top of the bedpost. By placing the full weight of his body on the rag he slowly strangled himself to death.

The dead man was fifty-seven years of age and was born near Cosby in Andrew County, in which vicinity he spent the greater part of his life. His widow survives him.

Date of death: 18 Aug 1907

Subject: Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Aug 1907, p. 6

Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, seventy-eight years old, widow of George Simmons, died this morning at a local hospital. The cause of death was senility. Burial was in the city cemetery this afternoon.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Aug 1907, p. 8

Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, aged 78 years, widow of George Simmons, died yesterday morning in a local hospital. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon. Interment was in City cemetery.

Date of death: 24 Feb 1903

Subject: William Simmons

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Apr 1904, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., April 19.—Dr. O. C. Kessler, for the past ten years a practicing physician and proprietor of a drug store at Ravenwood, was arrested in his store today by Deputy Sheriff William Tilson on an indictment charging him with murder in the first degree.

The information against him is to the effect that he was directly responsible for the death of William Simmons, a poultry dealer at Ravenwood, Feb. 24, 1903, Simmons having died on that date as a result of strychnine poisoning.

The cause of death was never questions by the physicians who attended Simmons in his last moments and there was never any thought that the man intentionally took his own life, but notwithstanding those facts no post mortem examination was ever made over the body and no inquest was held. The body was laid in the ground more than a year ago and the arrest of Dr. Kessler today is the first step that has ever been taken to throw any light on the affair.

On the day of the tragedy Simmons entered the drug store of Dr. Kessler and went behind the prescription case. The store at that time was in charge of a fourteen-year-old negro boy, Harry Schooling, the proprietor of the place being absent on a professional visit.

Simmons was in the store but a few minutes and left for his poultry house, about two blocks distant. Arriving there, he was suddenly taken sick and was in such pain that he summons Dr. George Douglas. When the physician arrived he found every indication of strychnine poisoning. The unfortunate man died within twenty-five minutes after he had taken the fatal dose.

No inquest was held and the body was finally taken to the home of the man's father, Jonathan Simmons, at Sheridan, where it was interred and the incident apparently soon forgotten.

The grand jury which met at the court house in Maryville February last took up the matter, and an indictment was returned which has been in the hands of the clerk of the court since that time. It is understood Dr. Kessler was not arrested any sooner in order that the prosecuting attorney, W. A. Blagg, might gather all the evidence possible before taking him into custody.

The arrest today created no little excitement in both Ravenwood and Maryville and there has been a good deal of talk about the tragedy of a year ago.

Probably one of the important witnesses at the trial of Dr. Kessler will be Alex. Smith, a farmer living near Ravenwood. Smith stated today that he nearly lost his life as the result of strychnine poisoning a day or two before Simmons died. He claims that he and a friend entered the store and in the absence of the doctor helped themselves to a drink out of a bottle that usually contained whiskey. They took but one drink and after leaving the store mounted their horses and rode away.

They had gone but a short distance when they suddenly became dizzy and their limbs began to cramp. Both supposed that they had been poisoned and they staggered into a farm house to secure some milk. They both drank several glasses, vomited freely and although they were sick for several days, they finally recovered.

It seems that several of the citizens of Ravenwood had been in the habit of entering the Kessler drug store in the absence of the doctor and helping themselves to drinks and it is claimed that the proprietor of the place some time before the Simmons tragedy made a statement to the effect that if they didn't "stop coming in here and running over his n---¹ that they would drunk out of the bottle for the last time."

Although Dr. Kessler has been one of the most prominent residents of Ravenwood since his residence there, he is not a stranger in the criminal court of the county. The last grand jury indicted him on three counts for selling liquor without a license and he pleaded guilty to all, being fined \$10 in each instance.

Date of death: 15 Dec 1912

Subject: George W. Simpson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Dec 1912, p. 4

G. W. Simpson, forty-eight years old, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a local hospital. Not much is known of the dead man or his relatives and the body is held at H. O. Sidenfaden's.

Date of death: 1 Feb 1915

Subject: Sadie (Slaughter) Fredricks*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Mar 1915, p. 3

Sadie Fredericks [sic], a negro woman, had provided insurance money not only for her two former husbands and one of her mothers-in-law, but for her sweetheart at the time of her death. She left probably \$400 or \$500 insurance, and yet about \$40 in debts of her estate remain unpaid.

The woman died in February and left nothing except household goods. One of her former husbands, who inherited some of the life insurance, paid for part of the funeral expenses. The

¹ The newspaper uses the full word.

estate was put in the probate court yesterday so an administrator could be named and an effort made to realize enough from the household goods to pay for the remainder of her debts.

Date of death: 17 May 1890

Subject: William T. Smallwood

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 18 May 1890, p. 3

The officers and members of Chester Harding Post No. 182, G.A.R., are hereby requested to meet at their Post Hall on Edmond street, at 2 o'clock sharp this afternoon, Sunday, May 18, to attend the funeral of their late comrade, Wm. Smallwood. The members of Custer No. 7 and John Whalen Post No. 453, are respectfully invited. P. V. Wise, Commander, I. Taylor, Adjutant.

Date of death: 17 Feb 1903

Subject: Charles D. Smith*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Feb 1903, p. 1

One man was killed and two were seriously injured as the result of a Burlington wreck which occurred at water works station about two and a half miles north of the city, about 6:40 o'clock yesterday evening ... dining car on the Portland-Billings ... 42, from the northwest, was ...

[The dead] man is:

Charles D. Smith, Chicago, negro waiter.

[The injured] are:

... Bowen, negro waiter, right arm ... chest scalded.

... dining car conductor, badly ...

... time of the wreck only the attendants were in the car. Supper has [sic] just ... passengers had gone to the ... coaches. The dining care was the last in seven. It was probably owing to the late hour that no more serious losses ... resulted.

The wreck is said to have been caused by the rear truck leaving the rails. From what could be learned from members of the wrecking party, the last ... was switched to a side track in some manner and in this way turned the car over.

Aside from the man who was killed and the injured men, the occupants of the car were negro attendants named Walter, Green and Harvey. They escaped without injury.

Dr. J. C. Ferguson, the companys' [sic] physician, was a passenger on the train. He attended the injured men, who were brought to St. Joseph as quickly as possible. Bowen, who was hurt

seriously, was taken in an ambulance to the Ensworth hospital. Blood was able to leave without assistance.

Superintendent A. T. Perkins of the Burlington was on train 32, which immediately followed the wrecked train. The Burlington has established a telegraph station at the water works station and word was immediately sent to this city for a wrecking train. No. 42 was delayed only twenty minutes. The dead and injured were brought to this city and Superintendent Perkins left ... wrecking train a short time later.

It took until 11 o'clock to clear the wreckage. Train No. 31 to Creston was delayed three hours, No. 41 to Billings, two hours and No. 26 from Omaha one hour.

After he had returned from the wreck, Superintendent Perkins positively refused to discuss the wreck or the cause.

When called upon at his residence he said:

"Good night. I won't talk to you now."

None of the passengers of the train were injured, although those in the car adjoining the diner were shaken up by the shock of the car being thrown from the track.

Smith, the death waiter, was about forty-five years old. His home was in Chicago where he is survived by an invalid widow. He was well known in St. Joseph, having run out of here several years.

Coroner Doyle will hold an inquest probably tomorrow. Just what caused Smith's death ... by a hasty examination ... the coroner. The only ... a cut on the right ear ... back of the car. Death ... resulted from internal injury or injury in the brain.

Date of death: 21 Jul 1901

Subject: Cicero Smith*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 28 Jul 1901, p. 3

Because he could not bury his brother the same day that he was taken to Sparta cemetery, eight miles south of St. Joseph last Monday, Homer Smith, who lives at Olive street between Eighty and Ninth streets, was Saturday afternoon arrested on a charge of "executing a nuisance." The warrant was sworn out by S. D. Gann, a prominent farmer of Center township.

The warrant was taken to Chief Frans of the police department Saturday morning by a son of Gann, who is a deputy constable. Chief Frans sent for the negro, who had been a slave belonging to the chief's grandfather, and told him of the warrant. The chief instructed Smith to go to Justice Warburton and give himself up, which he did about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Justice Warburton set the case for August 3.

The body of Cicero Smith was the cause of his brother's troubles. Cicero died of consumption Sunday night at a farm near Bee Creek Junction where he was staying for his health. Home took his brother's body to the entrance of the Sparta cemetery Monday morning. He was compelled to have it unloaded from the wagon in which it was brought, at the cemetery gate.

Homer then searched in vain for some one to assist him in digging a grave. He spent most of the afternoon in trying for help but had to give up at night. He allowed the body to remain at the cemetery as he could not take it to any of the adjoining farm-houses. He came to St. Joseph and Tuesday found someone willing to assist him. It was afternoon before Cicero was finally laid to his last rest. The misfortune of Homer stirred some of the farmers to wrath. The warrant for his arrest was the outcome. Homer is forty-nine years old and has lived in the county practically all his life. He is a hard working negro. Cicero was forty-five years old and lived with his brother here until he went on the farm for his health.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 23 Jul 1901, p. 7

Because of the superstitious dread of negroes, the body of Cicero Smith, who died Sunday morning at Agency remained from noon Monday until the same hour today at the entrance to the cemetery at Sparta, eight miles south of St. Joseph, waiting for some one to bury it.

County Physician Graham, who was notified this morning, sent a man to Sparta to dig a grave for the dead negro. The body was not embalmed and the plain black coffin in which it was encased was insufficient to keep the hot sun from having its effect on the remains.

Cicero Smith and his brother Homer, at whose home the former died, are well known characters in Buchanan County. Their parents were slaves of the grandfather of Chief of Police Frans near Agency in antebellum days, and they have resided in that neighborhood all their lives. Cicero was the victim of matrimonial misfortunes which ended in reducing him to abject want and sickness. Last winter he was found in an ... house near Agency, suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia. He was taken care of by County Physician Graham, who had him admitted to the country farm. Consumption developed and Smith's chances for recovery grew less day by day.

His brother Homer, who was very much attached to him, took the sick man home some weeks ago. During a recent visit to the city Homer Smith met Doctor Graham and the latter asked him how Cicero was faring.

"He's gettin' along mighty fine, Doctah," said Homer. "He's takin' coal oil for his consumption and int's [sic] doin' him good."

Sunday morning Cicero Smith died. He was to be buried yesterday. The faithful brother bought the best coffin he could afford and the negroes of the neighborhood were notified that the funeral would be held Monday. But no one appeared to attend. The two brothers had always been regarded with awe and dread among the people of their color and it was broadly hinted at times that they practiced voodooism—negro witchcraft.

At the appointed hour Homer placed the rough coffin into the wagon and drove away toward Sparta cemetery. Country graveyards have no sexton, the neighbors usually officiating in that capacity. When the forsaken funeral procession arrived at the cemetery Homer Smith found himself in a predicament. There was no one on the spot save the members of his own family—women and children. The coffin was deposited on the ground and the bereaved brother made an effort to find a grave digger.

Men of his own color fled at his approach and white men would not consent to perform this act of charity for a poor black brother. Between superstition and race prejudice, Homer Smith had no choice but to leave the body on the ground until he could come to St. Joseph and apply to his old friend Doctor Graham. Tears streamed down his furrowed cheeks as he told his story.

"Doctah," he said, "cain't git nobody to bury ma poh brother, an' I ain't strong enough to do hit m'self."

A white man was found in the city willing to undertake the burial for the proper remuneration, and he left for Sparta accompanied by Homer Smith. By this time earth covers all that was mortal of Cicero Smith.

Date of death: 25 Jul 1905

Subject: George Smith*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Jul 1905, p. 8

George Smith, a negro, aged 26 years, died at his residence, 1632 Frederick avenue, early yesterday morning.

Date of death: 24 Aug 1905

Subject: John Smith

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Aug 1905, p. 8

The verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest over the body of John Smith who was killed by a Burlington train, north of the Francis street station Thursday night, returned a verdict in substance that he came to his death by contact with Burlington train No. 18. The body was buried yesterday afternoon from Faris & Farber's undertaking parlors. Interment in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 30 Nov 1909

Subject: John Q./O. Smith*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Dec 1909, p. 5

The undersigned desire to publicly express their appreciation and heartfelt thanks to their friends and neighbors for their many acts and expressions of kindness and sympathy extended during the last illness and death of their father, John Q. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith, 1801 N. 2d st.

Date of death: 16 Apr 1907

Subject: Lucy (Smith) Colburn Carr

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Apr 1907, p. 2

Maryville, Mo., April 18.—Nodaway County's richest woman was buried here today when the body of Mrs. Charles C. Carr, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Whitnack, in Lincoln, Neb., Tuesday, was interred in Miriam Cemetery, after funeral services had been held at the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Carr died while the guest of her daughter, the mother having gone to Lincoln last fall to spend the winter. C. C. Carr accompanied his wife, and he died there suddenly two months ago, and his body was brought to this city for burial, just as in the case of his wife's funeral today.

The couple were pioneer residents of Nodaway County, and owned jointly nearly 1,000 acres of land in different sections of the county. In addition, each had bank stock and personal property of other classes which made them both among the wealthiest of the county's residents. When Carr died his estate was reputed to be worth a quarter of a million dollars, and Mrs. Carr was supposed to possess almost half as much in her own right, in addition to her share in her husband's estate. All of the wealth of the couple goes to five children living in this state and in Nebraska.

Date of death: 12 Dec 1909

Subject: Sarah (Smith) Manorgan

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 14 Dec 1909, p. 8

Mrs. Sarah Manorgan, 42 years old, died at 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning at a local hospital. The body was taken to Quitman, Mo., yesterday morning for burial.

Date of death: 22 Mar 1902

Subject: Stephen Smith*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 24 Mar 1902, p. 2

Stephen Smith, aged ninety-six years, one of the oldest negro residents of the state, died Saturday at his home, 511 South Twentieth street.

Date of death: 27 Oct 1918

Subject: Mrs. Susie Smith

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Oct 1918, p. 6

Mrs. Susie Smith, forty years old, who lived at 1804 Bartlett street, died at 9:30 o'clock last night, of influenza, in a local hospital.

Date of death: 31 Oct 1909

Subject: infant daughter of J. W. Snipes

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Nov 1909, p. 4

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Snipes died at 8 o'clock last night at their home, 1213 South Fifteenth street.

Date of death: 13 Nov 1903

Subject: Mary C. (Speaker) Simpson

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 14 Nov 1903, p. 10

Mrs. Frank Simpson died at Flag Springs, Mo., Thursday morning at 2:30 o'clock and was buried at that place yesterday. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Speaker of St. Joseph, and the parents and other relatives here attended the funeral. Mrs. Simpson, who formerly lived in St. Joseph is survived by her husband and one child.

Date of death: 19 Dec 1915

Subject: John Henry Speece

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Dec 1915, p. 5

John Henry Speece, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Speece, 2429 South Fourth street, died of diphtheria at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at the family home. Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Rebecca and Eva Speece, and two half brothers, Herbert and Roye Munson.

Date of death: 30 Nov 1905

Subject: Mrs. Mattie Spence*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Dec 1905, p. 2

Ripping her throat from ear to ear, then turning his pistol on himself, falling dead at the feet of his defenseless victim, John Stout, alias Lewis, a negro, at 6:50 o'clock yesterday morning killed Mrs. Mattie Spence, a negress employed as a cook at the Memorial home, and then took his own life. The police at first worked on the theory that the man and woman had fought a street duel, one killing the other. Developments later indicated a clear case of murder and suicide.

The tragedy occurred at Main and Poulin streets. There were no witnesses to the killing.

Stout was a packing house laborer living at 519 North Third street. Coroner Bansbach will hold an inquest over the dead bodies at 10 o'clock this morning, at Faris & Barber's morgue.

Insane jealousy is generally believed to have been responsible for the double tragedy. The woman and Stout are said to have been on intimate ... and her consequen... ing his affection... believed ... the killing.

Mrs. Spence was en route to her place of employment when she met Stout at the northwest corner of Main and Paulin [sic] streets. A heated argument in which Stout vainly pleaded with the woman to consider her ... and return to him is supposed to have resulted.

Her evident refusal brought about the determination on Stout's part, it is believed, to take her life. Pulling a .38 calibre pistol from his pocket Stout is supposed to have fired the bullet taking effect in the woman's temple. Falling to the pavement, her head resting on the curbstone, she lay

insensible. The theory advanced by the police is that Stout then drew a pocket knife and slashed his victim's throat from ear to ear.

It was then realizing that his designs were complete, that he turned his gun upon himself.

William McGee, a negro porter living at 1101 Main street opposite the scene of the tragedy was the first to reach the lifeless bodies.

Hearing two shots about thirty seconds apart, McGee rushed to the doorway of his home. Both lay on the ground. Stout was seen to move slightly. When McGee reached his side, life was extinct.

He notified the police. Before the arrival of the officers, C. S. Morgan, a guard at the city workhouse, reached the scene. At the side of the dead woman, he found a .32 caliber [sic] revolver, fully loaded. At Stout's side, he found a 38 caliber gun with two empty chambers.

Stout, the police say, during the past six weeks has threatened the life of the Spence woman. She was known by her friends to entertain fear for her life and carried a pistol.

That she attempted to use the gun when threatened by Stout yesterday morning the police believe caused the man to shoot the woman and then slash her throat with a pocket knife, which, three hours later was picked up sixty feet north of the scene of the crime.

No evidence of a struggle was discovered by the officers. The woman lay in the spot where she evidently had fallen when shot.

Stout lay a few feet away face downward.

Mrs. Spence was twice married. Raymond Spence, a 14 year old son and a daughter, Ada Bruce, 16 years old, survive. The dead woman was 38 years old.

Stout had something of a reputation as a prize fighter. Two years ago he took part in a preliminary bout before the Buchanan Athletic club in Turner hall. He was 35 years old. A wife, from whom he was estranged, lived at Sixteenth and Messanie streets.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Dec 1905, p. 8

A coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder and suicide yesterday forenoon in the case of John Stout, also known as Lewis, a negro, and Mattie Spence, a negress, it having been found that the man killed the woman and then shot himself. The tragedy occurred Thanksgiving morning. The woman's funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Messick's undertaking rooms. Rev. J. C. Caldwell will have charge. No arrangements have been made for the man's funeral.

Date of death: 6 Nov 1916

Subject: Edgar C. Spencer

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Nov 1916, p. 5

Edgar C. Spencer, 43 years old, 314 Edmond street, died at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning at a hospital here. He was a painter and was born in Scotland. The body is at the H. O. Sidenfaden undertaking rooms. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Date of death: 9 Feb 1903

Subject: Frances Benton Spencer

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 10 Feb 1903, p. 9

Savannah, Mo., Feb 10.—The little daughter of Doctor and Mrs. J. J. Spencer died Monday morning at Mound City and the remains were brought to Savannah Tuesday and placed in the Savannah cemetery. Mrs. Spencer was visiting her parents at Mound City.

Date of death: 14 Mar 1918

Subject: Marvina Sperry

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Mar 1918, p. 6

Mrs. Hazel Sperry of Trenton, Mo., brought her baby daughter, who was suffering with a cold, to St. Joseph yesterday evening to place the child in the custody of the humane officer. She engaged a room at the National Hotel, 218 Francis street, and when she awoke at 4 o'clock this morning the child was dead. Pneumonia had developed, according to Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner.

Mrs. Sperry had been living with her grandfather at Trenton, and came here to seek work. Her husband, Clifford Sperry, is a private in the One Hundred Thirty-ninth Infantry at Fort Sill, Okla. She has a little daughter in the Sheltering Arms Home, brought here last fall. The mother is nineteen years old. She will return to Trenton tonight. No arrangements for burial have yet been made.

Date of death: 17 Aug 1906

Subject: Felix Spugnardi

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Aug 1906, p. 6

The body of Felix Spugnardi, the boy who was drowned Friday evening in the Missouri river at the foot of Charles street, was found yesterday morning by a fisherman four miles below the bridge. It had been washed ashore, and had caught on some low hanging bushes.

The finder of the body notified the coroner, and did not give his name. When he asks for it the reward of \$50 offered by friends of the boy for the recovery of the body will be given to him.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the father's home, Second and Francis streets, to the Cathedral and thence to the city cemetery.

Members of the band composed of Italian boys, of which Spugnardi [sic] was a member, will march in the funeral procession in their suits. The uniforms arrived yesterday. The one belonging

to the body of Felix Spungnardi will be put on the coffin, and will be buried with the body. The band will not play on the way to the burial, but will give a few marches on the way back.

Date of death: 4 Dec 1906

Subject: George W. Sroufe

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Dec 1906, p. 6

Savannah, Mo., Dec. 6.—George Sroufe, an aged citizen, died here yesterday. The funeral will take place today from the residence of his son, Jesse Sroufe.

Date of death: 17 Mar 1911

Subject: Darinka Stafanovic

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Mar 1911, p. 4

Darinka Stafanovic, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stafanovic, gypsies, died at 7 o'clock last night at 2215 South Eleventh street.

Date of death: 16 Feb 1910

Subject: Elizabeth (Stancliff) Maffitt

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Feb 1910, p. 4

Mrs. Elizabeth Maffit [sic], aged forty years, died at 4:05 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at her home, 1515 North Twelfth street, of paralysis. She had been sick for a year and had been confined to her bed two months. Mrs. Maffit was the mother of James Hubbel, the three-year-old child who was burned to death December 9, 1908, while playing in the kitchen at the home of William Stancliff, 1516 North Twelfth street. She is survived by four sons.

Date of death: 15 Nov 1908

Subject: Ella C. Stancliff

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Nov 1908, p. 6

Miss Ella Stancliff, aged 17 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stancliff, 1516 North Twelfth street, died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral services will probably be held this afternoon.

Date of death: 10 May 1909

Subject: Dock Stanford*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 May 1909, p. 7

Fearing that he was to be done bodily harm, Fay Stanford, a negro, 16 years old, drew a revolver and shot and probably fatally wounded his father, Dock Stanford, 50 years old, yesterday afternoon in front of their home at 1705 Beattie street. The older Stanford is in St. Joseph's hospital with a bullet through his right lung, and his son is a prisoner at Central police station, having surrendered to Patrolman Lee Hill immediately after the shooting.

The affray yesterday afternoon was the result of a heated quarrel the night before, which became so prolonged that the police were twice sent to put an end to it. Dock Stanford objected because the grocery bill had been too large during the week. His stepmother retaliated by saying that he couldn't expect her to feed a boarder for the same money that she did the family alone. A negro bachelor has been boarding at the house for the past week.

The argument is said [sic] to have lasted during the greater portion of the night and to have been resumed yesterday morning. Dock Stanford is said to have been drinking and to have been in a quarrelsome mood. As he left the house he caught sight of his son, who, meanwhile, had armed himself with a revolver.

"That's the _____ that I'm after," yelled Stanford, according to witnesses. Then he started for young Fay who promptly drew the revolver and began shooting. Two shots went wild but the third lodged in his father's chest and penetrated the right lung. Dr. E. S. Ballard said that the wound would probably prove fatal. Fay Stanofrd [sic] is known as a hard working boy and has not been in trouble before. His father has been under arrest frequently for drunkenness and peace disturbance.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 May 1909, p. 6

Dock Stanford, the negro who was shot by his sixteen year old son, Fay, in front of their home at 1705 Beattie street, Sunday afternoon, died last night at St. Joseph's hospital. Two bullet holes punctured his right lung. Fay Stanford, who has been held by the police, will not learn until today that he is a murderer. Information charging him with first degree murder, will be filed in the criminal court today.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 May 1909, p. 8

A verdict that Dock Stanford, 50 years old, had met his death at the hands of his 17-year-old son, Fay, who shot him Sunday afternoon, was reached yesterday by a coroner's jury which held an inquest yesterday afternoon at Ramsey's undertaking rooms. A warrant, charging the youth with first degree murder was issued yesterday from Justice Nies' court. Fray Stanford was arraigned late in the afternoon and his hearing set for next Tuesday.

An autopsy was held yesterday by Coroner C. F. Byrd, who found where both bullets had lodged in the dead man's body. One was lodged in the breast bone and the other in the spinal column. The decedent is survived by a widow and seven stepchildren and by his own child, Fay Stanford, who shot him.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 May 1909, p. 4

That Fay Stanford, who shot and killed his father, Doc [sic] Stanford, May 9, did so while his father stood leaning against a fence, with the hand of an arresting officer on his shoulder, was evidence adduced yesterday at the preliminary hearing of the young negro before Justice Nies.

Stanford was held to the criminal court on a charge of murder in the first degree.

Two witnesses were introduced by Stanford. One was Porter Boyd, who said that Stanford tried to give him a revolver, at the same time telling him to go and shoot Stanford's father. The youth's other witness, Lee Mitchell, was no more favorable. The state introduced as witnesses, Dr. W. S. Carrion, W. H. Lewis and Walter Sample. Lewis is a special officer and had Doc Stanford under arrest when the shooting took place. Lewis stated that Doc made a remark, addressed to his son, that he would get even.

"You will, will you?" Fal [sic] is alleged to have replied and then to have fired.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Oct 1909, p. 10

Declaring that her husband had often threatened her son, Mrs. Laura Stanford yesterday took the witness stand in defense of the 17-year-old negro boy, who shot his father dead at the family home, 1705 Beattie street, the afternoon of Sunday, May 9, last.

The story of the mother, so far as the shooting was concerned, was rather confusing. She said herself that she was so excited that she hardly knew how it happened. Her husband was learning against the front fence in charge of W. H. Lewis, a special officer, who had arrested him for drunkenness and peace disturbance, when the son came up. The trouble started at once and the son began to shoot, emptying a revolver and killing his father.

Several times Judge Ryan had to stop the mother from talking too much. She volunteered considerable information in defense of her son.

Stanford, who was 16 years old at the time of the shooting, was on the stand a short time only. In answer to questions by his attorney, John S. Boyer, he said that he shot his father, that he believed his father intended to kill him, and he described how the shooting was done. Cross examination by Prosecuting Attorney Keller did not change the testimony of the boy materially.

The youth said that when he came home, after having been out shooting birds, his father was standing at the front fence. When he saw the son, the boy said, his father threatened him and reached for his hip pocket as though he had a weapon. He also started toward the boy, the latter said, and when he feared for his life he began to shoot, continuing as his father advanced toward him.

A number of witnesses were examined by both sides, the object of the state being to prove that the boy was in no particular danger because the father was under arrest with the hand of the special officer on his shoulder.

The jury is composed of Victor C. Sommers, William E. Jamieson, William Richards, Richard Mason, Lon Pauley, H. W. Wever, F. Danbeck, Earl J. Cody, C. L. Custer, W. H. Huffman, Ora Rapp and T. J. Kiley.

The arguments will be made this morning.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Oct 1909, p. 4

After the jury in the Fay Stanford murder case had deliberated three and a half hours yesterday the jury announced its verdict of not guilty through its foreman, W. E. Jamieson.

Stanford, a negro youth of 17, was charged with the murder of his father the afternoon of May 9. His father had been arrested for disturbing the peace and was at the front fence in custody of an officer when Fay reached his home on Beattie street. The father is alleged to have made a threatening remark and to have reached toward his hip pocket. Believing the father had a weapon, the boy said he fired, three shots taking effect. "Doc" Stanford, the father, died the next day.

Following the announcement of the verdict Judge Ryan gave Stanford a brief lecture and said he hoped he would lead an exemplary life in the future.

Date of death: 20 Dec 1909

Subject: Mrs. Laura Stanford*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 Dec 1909, p. 8

Laura Stamford [sic], aged 49 years, widow of Dock Stamford, died at 2:45 o'clock Sunday morning at the residence, 1705 Beattie street. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the residence. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 16 Jun 1905

Subject: John W. Stephenson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Jun 1905, p. 7

Savannah, Mo., June 17.—J. W. Stephenson, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel in this city, was hit by a Chicago Great Western train Friday morning about 3 o'clock and injured so that he died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Stephenson was a night watch and policeman and was on duty when the accident occurred. Passenger trains Nos. 9 and 4 on the Chicago Great Western Railway, meet here and he was watching some suspicious characters when a train backed into him. He was cut and bruised badly. Soon as possible he was carried to the hotel and medical aid summoned and he was given relief as far as could be, but his injuries were too great and he died at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. An inquest is being held today.

Date of death: 6 Sep 1898

Subject: Missouri (Stevens) Gage*

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 7 Sep 1898, p. 5

A middle aged negro woman, whose name is given as Missouri Gage, dropped dead, presumably from heart disease, at the home of George Knapp, Eighteenth and Felix streets at 10 o'clock last night. The body was removed to Heaton's undertaking establishment where the coroner will view the remains this morning. It is thought that an inquest will not be necessary. The deceased has no relatives in the city with the exception of a brother, John Stevens, who is employed as a porter at Lee's saloon, at the Missouri side of the river bridge. The dead woman was employed as a domestic in the Knapp household.

Date of death: 27 Jan 1909

Subject: Lizona S. Stevenson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Jan 1909, p. 4

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Stevenson, 1208 South Eighth street, died at 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Date of death: 18 Apr 1906

Subject: John Joseph Stewart

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Apr 1906, p. 7

Bolckow, Mo., April 19.—John Stewart [sic], a well known farmer and cattle raised of Nodaway County, died suddenly at his home near here yesterday morning. The funeral was held this afternoon from the late home.

Date of death: Nov 1909

Subject: _____ Stewart*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 25 Nov 1909, p. 4

With a sentence of 100 days in the workhouse hanging over his head "Snowball" Stewart, a negro police character, braved the mandate of the law yesterday and came to town when he heard that his mother was dead. "Snowball" came to the police station and asked Inspector Gibson's permission to stay in the city until his mother was buried. Upon his promise to stay sober and behave himself the inspector gave the negro permission to stay until after the funeral.

Stewart has continually been in trouble and a short time ago was fined \$100 which fine was stayed on the promise that he would get out of the city. Since that time the man has been employed on a railroad track gang.

Date of death: 25 Mar 1906

Subject: A. Wellington Stewart

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Mar 1906, p. 2

Savannah, Mo., March 26.—A. W. Stewart, a Savannah poultry buyer, was killed in a railroad wreck yesterday morning.

Mrs. Stewart received a telegram yesterday that he had been killed at Coatsville, Penn. Mr. Stewart left here about March 17, with a carload of poultry, for New York City. Mrs. Stewart received a postal card Monday stating that he was in good health. That was the last heard from him until the telegram came notifying her of his death.

No further details have yet been received.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Mar 1906, p. 7

The Body of Poultry Man Killed Near Coatesville, Pa., to Arrive Tomorrow

Savannah, Mo., March ... the body of A. W. Stewart who was killed at Coatesville, Pa., ... will be brought ... day... funeral will be conducted ... the Christian Church Thursday ... Reverend Bowling of St. Joseph.

T... was ... by Mrs. ... mistake. Mr. Stewart ... a wreck but was riding on a freight ... of poultry on his way to New York City.

Mr. Stewart was an experienced poultry man, having been employed by some of the largest poultry houses in the United States. The dead man leaves his widow and two children, his father and mother and one brother, all of Valley Falls, Kan.; a brother in Barnard, two brothers in California and one sister in Barnard.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Mar 1906, p. 15

Savannah, Mo., March 30.—The funeral of A. W. Stewart, who was killed by falling from a train in Pennsylvania Sunday, was held yesterday at the First M. E. Church. The funeral was largely attended and the body was laid to rest in the Savannah Cemetery.

Date of death: 27 Jan 1919

Subject: Ellsworth Franklin Stewart

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Jan 1919, p. 6

Ellsworth F. Stewart, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stewart, 715 Angelique street, died at 6 o'clock last night in a local hospital.

Date of death: 6 Nov 1916

Subject: Robert M. Stewart

Source: *Brown County [KS] World*, 10 Nov 1916, Friday, p. 9

Robert M. Stewart, one of the best known and most respected citizens of Brown county, died at his home at Reserve Monday morning, Nov. 6, after an illness of several years. Mr. Stewart was 71 years of age. Both of his parents died when he was young and he was raised by an uncle near Savannah, Mo. After the Civil war in which he served as a volunteer in the 43rd Missouri

Infantry, Mr. Stewart came to Brown county and settled on a farm north of Padonia. He was one of the early settlers of the county. Shortly after coming to Brown county Mr. Stewart married Mary Jane Hart, a daughter of Thomas Hart. Four children were born to them, Misses Anna and Martha Stewart, Sam who runs the business in Reserve and manages the farms, and R. M. Stewart, Jr., of Council Bluffs, Ia. For a number of years Mr. Stewart ran the elevator at Padonia. He moved to Reserve 17 years ago and established the elevator and implement business which his son now carries on. In addition to his wife and children, Mr. Stewart is survived by one brother, Sam, of Savannah, Mo. Mr. Stewart had suffered with diabetes. Later he was seized with a paralytic stroke. During the summer of 1915 his condition became very critical but he rallied and in large measure regained his health. A few weeks ago he had another stroke which was the immediate cause of his death. The funeral will be held at the home in Reserve Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Burial in Mount Hope cemetery. In the passing of Bob Stewart Brown county loses one of its very finished men. Bob Stewart spent an average life time in the north part of Brown county and accumulated a considerable portion of this world's goods. But his greatest gain during the long stretch of years in Brown county was the sincere admiration and confidence of all his acquaintances. The name of Bob Stewart has always commanded the utmost respect in Brown county. Mr. Stewart was one of those pioneers that came to Brown county right after the Civil war, in which he had fought to save the Union. And afterwards in every day life he strove to develop a new country and he builded [sic] well. It is such men as Bob Stewart that have made Brown county what it is. Those of the younger generation are now reaping the harvest of the crop of industry, integrity and neighborly good will sown by Bob Stewart and the others who came years ago to cast their fortunes with what was then regarded as a far western county. Bob Stewart, kindly, helpful man, has gone on, but the results of his 40 years or more of residence in Brown county will live forever. Because of what he has done during all his years with us, the death of Bob Stewart will be personally felt by people all over the county, and all the people of Reserve and vicinity feel the loss most keenly. Mr. Stewart had made himself so much a part of the community that his absence will be greatly noticed now, and in the years to come. But his friends and relatives can gain comfort from the knowledge that he fulfilled the obligation of a good citizen-- the greatest thing anybody can do. And Mr. Stewart raised a family of good citizens. His wife, his sons, Sam and Robert, Jr., and the two daughters are potent community factors and the Stewart children, and their children after them, will continue to upbuild Brown county and help Brown county people as Bob Stewart did before them. Thus the work and example of Bob Stewart will continue in this county for all time to come.

Date of death: 17/18 Feb 1902

Subject: Gertrude L. (Stiles) Hardy

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 18 Feb 1902, p. 6

Gertrude L. Hardy, wife of James T. Hardy, died at 5:45 o'clock Monday afternoon at the family residence, 2222 Faraon street. Mrs. Hardy was forty years of age and had lived in Missouri her entire lifetime. She was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stiles, of North Twelfth street. She leaves a surviving husband, James T. Hardy, a commercial traveler, her parents and brothers. Two brothers, Dr. H. W. Stiles and L. G. Stiles, city passenger agent of the Santa Fe, who reside in St. Joseph. A brother, S. S. Stiles, lives in San Francisco. The body was taken to Savannah, her birthplace, for burial.

Date of death: 6 Jul 1901

Subject: Mary Laura (Stilfield) Gordon

Source: St. Joseph Gazette-Herald, 07 Jul 1901, p. 7

Mary L. Gordon, age 52 years, widow of Charles H. Gordon, died Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Funeral will take place from her late residence, Park Ave. Hotel, South St. Joseph, Tuesday afternoon, July 9th, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Green cemetery.

Date of death: 22 Oct 1907

Subject: James W. Storm

Source: St. Joseph News-Press, 22 Oct 1907, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 22.—James Storm, a pioneer resident of Maryville, died this morning at the age of sixty-five years. A wife and three grown children survive him.

The funeral will be held from the Christian church Thursday.

Date of death: 30 Nov 1905

Subject: John Stout (aka John Lewis)*

Source: St. Joseph Gazette, 1 Dec 1905, p. 2

Ripping her throat from ear to ear, then turning his pistol on himself, falling dead at the feet of his defenseless victim, John Stout, alias Lewis, a negro, at 6:50 o'clock yesterday morning killed Mrs. Mattie Spence, a negress employed as a cook at the Memorial home, and then took his own life. The police at first worked on the theory that the man and woman had fought a street duel, one killing the other. Developments later indicated a clear case of murder and suicide.

The tragedy occurred at Main and Poulin streets. There were no witnesses to the killing.

Stout was a packing house laborer living at 519 North Third street. Coroner Bansbach will hold an inquest over the dead bodies at 10 o'clock this morning, at Faris & Barber's morgue.

Insane jealousy is generally believed to have been responsible for the double tragedy. The woman and Stout are said to have been on intimate ... and her consequen... ing his affection... believed ... the killing.

Mrs. Spence was en route to her place of employment when she met Stout at the northwest corner of Main and Paulin [sic] streets. A heated argument in which Stout vainly pleaded with the woman to consider her ... and return to him is supposed to have resulted.

Her evident refusal brought about the determination on Stout's part, it is believed, to take her life. Pulling a .38 calibre pistol from his pocket Stout is supposed to have fired the bullet taking effect in the woman's temple. Falling to the pavement, her head resting on the curbstone, she lay insensible. The theory advanced by the police is that Stout then drew a pocket knife and slashed his victim's throat from ear to ear.

It was then realizing that his designs were complete, that he turned his gun upon himself.

William McGee, a negro porter living at 1101 Main street opposite the scene of the tragedy was the first to reach the lifeless bodies.

Hearing two shots about thirty seconds apart, McGee rushed to the doorway of his home. Both lay on the ground. Stout was seen to move slightly. When McGee reached his side, life was extinct.

He notified the police. Before the arrival of the officers, C. S. Morgan, a guard at the city workhouse, reached the scene. At the side of the dead woman, he found a .32 caliber [sic] revolver, fully loaded. At Stout's side, he found a 38 caliber gun with two empty chambers.

Stout, the police say, during the past six weeks has threatened the life of the Spence woman. She was known by her friends to entertain fear for her life and carried a pistol.

That she attempted to use the gun when threatened by Stout yesterday morning the police believe caused the man to shoot the woman and then slash her throat with a pocket knife, which, three hours later was picked up sixty feet north of the scene of the crime.

No evidence of a struggle was discovered by the officers. The woman lay in the spot where she evidently had fallen when shot.

Stout lay a few feet away face downward.

Mrs. Spence was twice married. Raymond Spence, a 14 year old son and a daughter, Ada Bruce, 16 years old, survive. The dead woman was 38 years old.

Stout had something of a reputation as a prize fighter. Two years ago he took part in a preliminary bout before the Buchanan Athletic club in Turner hall. He was 35 years old. A wife, from whom he was estranged, lived at Sixteenth and Messanie streets.

Date of death: 3 Jul 1907

Subject: Watson Strauss*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Jul 1907, p. 5

Watson Strauss, 15 years old, a negro, the son of Walter Strauss, 626 South Eighth street, is believed to have been drowned in the Missouri river near Roy's branch on the Burlington yesterday. He and a party of friends, including Dudley Lyle, 214 Francis street, had gone to the backwaters of the river to go swimming, against his father's command.

His parent says he cannot swim, and that he had told him time and again not to go to the river. The Lyle boy reported the case to central police station, and the father was notified from there. The father and one small sister survive him. No trace of the body has been discovered.

Date of death: 18 Dec 1918

Subject: John Stumpf

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Dec 1918, p. 6

John Stumpf, seventy-one years old, died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, 2415 South Second street, of influenza. He is survived by his widow and three sons and two daughters, as follows: Frank Stumpf, Kansas City; Edward and Fred Stumpf, Twin Falls, Idaho; Mrs. Harry Milleson, Marysville, Kan., and Mrs. Agnes Brogner, Kansas City.

Date of death: 30 Oct 1906

Subject: Peter Allen Stumpf

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 31 Oct 1906, p. 6

Peter Allen Stumpf, aged ... years and 5 months, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stumpf, Second and Atchison streets, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 31 Oct 1906, p. 4

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stumpf died yesterday afternoon of ... at the family home, Second and Atchison streets.

Date of death: 25 Aug 1907

Subject: Oscar B. Summers

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Aug 1907, p. 2

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 29.—Although careful investigation has been made no positive reason has yet been assigned for the suicide of Oscar Somers [sic], a prosperous farmer who drank carbolic acid with fatal effect at his home near Barnard Sunday morning. Three brothers of the dead man who reside near Stanberry took the body to that place where the burial occurred Monday afternoon.

John Ramey, a renter, lived with his family on the Somers farm, and the owner made his home with them. Sunday forenoon the Rameys prepared to go to church, and as they drove away told Somers that his dinner had been prepared for him and was on the table. He answered "all right" and when Ramey and his wife returned home they found him dead. An empty one-ounce bottle was found on the bed beside the suicide and the label indicated that it had contained carbolic acid.

Somers claimed to be a single man but there is a rumor to the effect that he had a wife residing in Stanberry with whom he attempted to effect a reconciliation when he visited his mother there several days before he took his life. Somers, however, always stoutly maintained that he was a single man and had never married.

Date of death: 22 Mar 1912

Subject: Lois Irene Surles

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Mar 1912, p. 6

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Surles, 2818 South Twenty-first street, died at 12 o'clock last night in a local hospital.

Date of death: 30 Dec 1908

Subject: Martha (Surnett/ Susnette) Morton*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 31 Dec 1908

Martha Morton, a negress, 66 years old, died suddenly yesterday at her late residence, 1318 Buchanan avenue. Coroner Byrd decided that death was due to heart disease. The dead woman was once a slave and her mother, 100 years old, survives her.

Date of death: 4 Feb 1919

Subject: Gus Swan²

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Feb 1919, p. 10

Gus Swan, seventy-eight years old, died at 8 o'clock this morning in a local hospital. He has no known relatives.

² Not in MSE Database, but in City Cemetery Project.

**T Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 6 Aug 1907

Subject: Clifford Elmer Talbot

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Aug 1907, p. 10

The ... Clifford Elmer Talbot, the ... of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Talbot, ... South Twelfth street, who died Tuesday night ... yesterday afternoon at the ... Interment was in Long Branch cemetery.

Date of death: 21 Jan 1913

Subject: George Dee Tarter

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Jan 1913, p. 4

George Dee, 1 month old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Tarter, died yesterday at the family home, 2695 South Twelfth street and burial was made in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 16 Oct 1901

Subject: Ann Taylor*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 17 Oct 1901, p. 5

"White Folks" Will Bury Her

Aunt Ann Taylor Dies at the County Infirmary

Age was Hundred and Nine

Oldest Woman in the State Breathes Her Last—Body Will Be Laid to Rest at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

"When I'se dead I know ... white folks will bury me."

When her rheumatism was unusually severe and when her strength seemed to be gradually leaving her shriveled little body, the foregoing was a favorite expression of Aunt Ann Taylor, who died at the county ... Wednesday morning at ... [*Much of several paragraphs is illegible*]...

Five Years at the Farm.

Her... safe to allow... [*paragraph illegible*]

... She often ... would all be ... the ...posal of her "white folks."

The pension never came but the old woman imagined it did. She drew gilded pictures of ease and luxury in her day dreams. She was always in the background and her "white folks" were enjoying themselves ... her pension.

Smoked in Bed.

... she became ... inmate of the county farm, she ... most of her time upon ... the wards. Her pipe was her only companion much of the time and she smoked it when she was too weak to raise her head from her pillow. Her balm in time of sickness, be the ailment every so slight, was a drink of whisky.

A Gazette-Herald reporter visited the county farm a few weeks ago and exchanged a few words with the old woman ... an interrogation, she said:

... Virginia ... from ... Virginia."

"Did you know George Washington?" was asked jestingly.

"... wif him ... he died."

Date of death: 27 May 1909

Subject: Henry H. Taylor*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 May 1909, p. 6

Henry Taylor, colored, aged 62, died in Leavenworth, May 27, after a short illness. He was a member of Co. B, 65th regiment U.S. (colored). Funeral at 3 p.m. tomorrow from family home, 3024 Penn st. Interment in Mount Mora Cemetery.

Date of death: Oct 1903

Subject: John Clayton "Clate" Taylor

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Mar 1904, p. 4

Through the identification of a bandit killed in a battle following the holdup of an electric train in the suburbs of Aurora, Ill., on the night in last October, as Clate Taylor of Nodaway Station, by Chief Frans and local detectives yesterday, it is believed that the responsibility of many of the holdups in the neighborhood of St. Joseph during the past year and of several near Council Bluffs and Lincoln, have been definitely placed to the credit of Taylor, Pate Crowe and their gang.

Although being suspected of complicity in nearly every train robbery in this part of the state and of many in adjoining states for a period of something like eight years, always escaping without arrest because of an apparent alibi, Clate Taylor, known to be a close friend of Pat Crowe, was nevertheless, for all that the Pinkertons could prove, a peaceful hard working farmer of Nodaway station. He met his death while attempting a job that the Pinkertons and the local officers believed too small for him to bother with.

With two other men, Thomas and James Conway, well known to the police of Chicago, Taylor held up the electric train just outside Aurora. They believed [sic] the passengers and the crew of all their valuables and returned to Aurora. A little later they boarded a train for Chicago. The

train was overtaken by an electric car in charge of a squad of police at a substation and in the battle that took place, Taylor was killed.

Since that time the police in Aurora had been trying to secure an identification of the dead man whom his captured pals refused to identify.

Several days ago, Detective Pat Ryan, of the St. Joseph force, heard that Clate Taylor, well known to the police here, had been killed in Chicago.

Chief Frans at once began going through the files of the "Detective," a police and secret service journal published in that city.

In the November issue he found a picture of the dead bandit, connected with the Aurora robbery. Ryan and the other detective pronounced it to be the picture of Taylor.

In the information accompanying the picture of the dead bandit was the fact that the revolver taken from the body was a blue steel 41-calbre Colt's of improved pattern. It was also stated that the underwear of the man was marked "Reaner." This convinced the officers more than ever that the man was Taylor. Charles Renner, for whose name "Reaner" might be a misspelling [sic], was known to be a close friend of Taylor's and had frequently stayed at his home. The gun answered the same general description as that of the one taken from Renner. Chief Frans remembered that he had taken the number of the revolver carried by Renner at the time the latter was being held here for investigation in connection with the murder of James Piles, a Frederick Avenue saloon keeper several years ago. The number of the revolver was found to be 160,685. Chief Frans then wrote to Chief Charles Michels of Aurora, asking for the number of the revolver, and a reinspection of the name on the underclothing. Chief Michels was still convinced that the name on the garment was "Reaner" but gave the number of the revolver as 160,685, thus establishing beyond doubt that the gun was the one carried here by Renner.

Unconvicted of any crime, having been arrested, but never for a ... offense, Clate Taylor, the farmer of Nodaway Station, was known to the Pinkertons as a ... man. It was thought that he would not engage in a small undertaking. W... crime, it is believed, ... Crowe. ... [*Several lines illegible*] the "French Bottoms" ... In ... served a term in the state penitentiary for burglary of a st... Blockton. At that time he did ... Pat ... criminal used it.

When he settled at Nodaway Station, he married and ... he met Pat ... believed that Crowe ... train robbery from ... the country ... man of ner... [*Quite a bit of paragraph illegible*]

It was not ... Crowe would ... Other persons sup... of the gang would ... up saloons, and go after ... Taylor, however, kept ... crimes ... occur.

Taylor, upon which ... [*paragraph illegible*].

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Mar 1904, p. 5

The relatives of Clate Taylor will claim the body, which is now buried in a cemetery at Aurora, Ills.

George C. Taylor, a brother of the dead bandit, who lives in the French Bottoms, yesterday went over the descriptions and photographs of the man in the possession of Chief Frans, and said that he no longer doubted that the man was Clate Taylor.

Last night Chief Frans sent a telegram to Chief Michels of Aurora asking if the relatives might have the body.

If the reply is affirmative, George C. Taylor will probably start for Aurora today.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Mar 1904, p. 5

Chief of Police Frans yesterday received a telegram from Chief Michaels [sic] at Aurora, Ill., stating that relatives of Clate Taylor, the bandit killed while engaged in the robbery of an electric train near that place last October, could secure the body by claiming it.

George T. Taylor, a brother of the dead man left today for Aurora. Whether the body will be brought here for burial he did not know. The parents of the dead man are anxious that the son be buried near St. Joseph. Before he left, Taylor was shown a photograph of the dead man and stated that without a doubt it was his brother.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 Apr 1904, p. 5

Brothers of Clate Taylor, who was shot at Aurora, Ill., while attempting to hold up a street car, yesterday secured a permit from Clerk Hartigan of the board of health to have the body brought to this city from Aurora. The laws of Illinois require such a permission, which was known at the time the body was exhumed about two weeks ago. The body will be brought here as soon as possible. Taylor was formerly a farmer in French Bottoms.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Apr 1904, p. 4

The body of Clate Taylor, the bandit killed while attempting to hold up a street car in Aurora, Ill., reached the city yesterday and was buried in the afternoon from Heaton's morgue, interment taking place in Green cemetery.

Taylor and a number of his relatives lived at the French bottoms and those who survive the bandit are respected citizens. When Taylor was killed at Aurora he could not be identified and it was not until his picture appeared in a police department publication [and] was recognized by some of the local patrolmen that it was known who he was.

His body had been buried at Aurora but his relatives immediately made preparations to have it exhumed and brought here.

Date of death: 15 Feb 1907

Subject: Ruth E. Tee

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Feb 1907, p. 7

Miss Ruth E. Tee, aged 16 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tee and niece of Chief of Police Frans, died ... midnight yesterday morning at the home of her parents. The father is the superintendent of the city cemetery and has his residence there. Miss Tee died ... after a short illness.

She was a stenographer employed by a commission firm in the stock exchange of South St. Joseph. She recently graduated from a commercial college. She was taken ill last Sunday night and rapidly grew worse, losing consciousness on Wednesday. The funeral will be held from the family residence at ... o'clock ...day afternoon.

Date of death: 6 Apr 1909

Subject: Aaron A. Teegarden

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Apr 1909, p. 4

Aaron A. Teegarden, sixty-two years old, died at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, at his home, two miles north of the city. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter, E. C. Teegarden of St. Louis and Mrs. S. R. Gaines of Andrew County. The body will be forwarded to Hopkins, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 25 Jan 1905

Subject: Clarence Terrell*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Jan 1905, p. 6

Clarence Terrell, colored, aged 12 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Terell [sic], died of tuberculosis at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the family residence, 814 Sacramento street.

Date of death: 20 Oct 1902

Subject: Flora Isabelle (Terrell) Clarke

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 27 Oct 1902, p. 5

Savannah, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Flora Isabella [sic] Clark [sic], wife of William D. Clark, died at their home in this city Monday, October 20, at the age of fifty-six years, ten months and thirteen days.

Date of death: 6 Nov 1905

Subject: George Terry

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Nov 1905, p. 6

'Money is the God of many,' is an expression as old as the hills, but it probably never was better exemplified than in the case of George Terry, the farmhand who was killed by a Burlington freight train near Dug Cut two weeks ago last night.

Terry's body lay on a slab in the undertaking establishment of Faris & Barber four days before it was identified. Then a man was found who had known Terry in the days when he was prosperous. This man told the undertakers Terry's divorced wife lives at Albany, Mo., and that he had a daughter in St. Louis. The daughter, Mrs. A. Ferrell, finally was located, and she came to St. Joseph last Saturday and arranged for the burial of her father yesterday.

Before the daughter had been located a former friend of the dead man called at the undertakers' and told Frank Faris that Terry soon would have come into possession of an estate valued at \$6,000. This was published in The News-Press and a few days later inquiries began to pour in on the undertakers and the coroner from almost every quarter of the globe. Coroner Bansbach began to believe that Terry had been a great man once and that he had relatives in many places.

Every person who made inquiry concerning the dead man was more anxious to know the value of his estate, whether cash or realty, than how he met death, or to know the expenses of the funeral. A physician at Parnell, Mo., came to St. Joseph and identified the body as that of a relative of his wife. He was sure Terry was an uncle or a cousin of his wife, but when he was asked to pay the expenses of burial, he refused.

'I'm positive the body is that of a relative of my wife,' said the physician.

'Then you will arrange for its burial,' suggested Faris.

'H-m-m, hardly,' replied the physician. 'I was anxious to learn about the estate.'

Faris said today that the next mail brought three or four letters from persons in Kansas and Nebraska, inclosing clippings from The News-Press. A few days later a telephone message was received from Barnard, Mo., from an unknown person, wanting to know about the estate Terry is supposed to have left. Today two men from Moray, Kan., called to inquire about the estate and were told that the body had been buried in the city cemetery yesterday; that it had been identified by the man's daughter, who lives in St. Louis, and that the expenses of burial were paid from insurance which Terry carried.

Terry's daughter said he would soon have come into possession of an estate value[d] at about \$6,000. He had an interest in about 500 acres of tobacco and coal land in Virginia that will soon be sold and the proceeds will be divided among a dozen heirs. Mrs. Ferrell will receive her father's share.

Date of death: 23 Jul 1914

Subject: Antonio Teson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 Jul 1914, p. 2

Anton Teson, sixty-five years old, a former resident of St. Joseph, died suddenly yesterday morning at his home in Kansas City of apoplexy. He was born in St. Louis and was of French descent. He located in St. Joseph in 1864 and was a driver for Dave Holliday, who operated the famous overland line. He gave up driving and served on the police force under the old system, and when the metropolitan system was introduced in 1887 he dropped out.

For many years thereafter he drove his own hack and was a familiar figure on Third street and about the old Pacific House, where he "stood." Nine years ago he removed to Kansas City.

Besides his wife Teson is survived by two sons, Benjamin and George of Kansas City. The body was brought to St. Joseph last night and taken to the Meierhoffer undertaking parlors, where the funeral service was said at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Burial was at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Date of death: Mar 1901

Subject: Alexander A. Thomas*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 20 Mar 1901, p. 2

The funeral of Alexander Thomas, colored, aged twenty years, will take place this forenoon from his late home, 515 South Sixteenth street. The burial will be in Antioch cemetery.

Date of death: 14 Dec 1903

Subject: Mary Thompson

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Dec 1903, p. 9

Mary Thompson, 17 years old, died shortly after midnight yesterday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. ?. Thompson, 2020 Charles street, of consumption. Funeral services will be held at the home at 9 o'clock this morning, after which the body will be taken to Flay Springs, Mo. for burial.

Date of death: 20 Jul 1903

Subject: Squire M. Thompson

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 23 Jul 1903, p. 3

Maryville, Mo., July 22.—Squire Thompson, born in Greencastle, Ind., December 16, 1832, died at his home near Bedison, Mo., July 20. He was prominently identified with the Christian Church in Nodaway County, having been connected with its management since 1871. The decedent had thirteen children, nine boys and four girls, two of whom are now dead. Of the remaining children, all except John F. Thompson, Minot, N.D., and Mrs. Cynthia Edwards, Miami, I.T., attended the funeral, which was held in the Lone Branch Christian Church, near Bedison, burial being in the Swinford cemetery.

Date of death: 9 Dec 1912

Subject: Mrs. Synthia Thompson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Dec 1912, p. 4

Mrs. Cynthia [sic] Thompson, seventy years old, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the county farm, where she had been for two weeks with her husband, Thomas Thompson. They had lived many years near Lake Station, this county. Besides the husband, a son survives. The body is at H. O. Sidenfaden's, and funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Date of death: 17 Nov 1908

Subject: Anne Thurman*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Nov 1908, p. 7

Anne Thurman, colored, aged eighty-six years, died at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night at the county farm.

Date of death: 5 Feb 1918

Subject: Bertha L. Timmons

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Feb 1918, p. 7

Bertha L., the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben P. Timmons, died this morning at 2 o'clock at the family home, 614 Angeliue street.

Date of death: Aug 1906

Subject: Robert W. Tinsley

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Aug 1906, p. 7

Robert W. Tinsley, aged 1 year and 9 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Tinsley, Bartlett and Monterey streets, will be buried at the city cemetery at 9 o'clock this morning.

Date of death: 6 Dec 1923

Subject: Harold Titus

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Dec 1923, p. 5

Harold Titus, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Titus, died at 4:30 oclock Thursday morning at the home, 2407 South Third street.

Date of death: 5 Apr 1909

Subject: Dan Tivis*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Apr 1909, p. 4

Dan Tivit [sic], a negro horse trader, fifty-two years old, was found dead about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in his room at 2213 South Sixth street. Tivit did not leave his room yesterday morning because one of his knees was swollen from a slight sprain. The injury was not considered serious, however. When a colored woman, who lives at the same number, entered the house about 5 o'clock in the afternoon she heard a noise in Tivit's apartment, and, running to the room, she found him on the floor, dead.

It was said by Dr. C. F. Byrd, coroner, who viewed the body that Tivit probably died of bloodpoisoning.

Tivit lived in St. Joseph about four years. His father lives in California and he has brothers and sisters here. The body was taken to Ramsey's undertaking establishment.

Date of death: 25 Nov 1917

Subject: John Tobin (or Toblin)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Nov 1917, p. 5

John Toblin, fifty-five years old, was found dead in bed in his room at the Green Tree Hotel, 703 South Sixth street, last night. Toblin had been ill for several days, and a physician attended him yesterday. Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, viewed the body and sent it to H. O. Sidenfaden's. The man had been living at the hotel a year, but nothing is known of his antecedents.

Date of death: 28 Mar 1909

Subject: Mrs. Bell Todd*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Mar 1909, p. 8

Charging that her husband was lavishing his affections upon another woman, Belle Todd, a negress, living at 823 Lincoln street, attempted to kill herself about 10:15 o'clock today by shooting herself in the right side.

The bullet entered the abdomen a few inches above the point of the hip bone, penetrating and tearing the intestines. According to the physicians, the wound is a fatal one.

At the time of the shooting the woman was alone in the house. After the shot was fired she ran into the street, moaning and screaming.

Dr. S. E. Cloud chanced to be passing and he led her back to the house, and Cycle Officer Wilson was called from central police station. Dr. E. S. Ballard, city physician came a few minutes later, and called the police ambulance. Drs. George Senn and J. R. A. Crossland also were called.

A letter written by the would-be suicide said she was going to kill herself because her husband was too fond of other women.

The woman's husband, William Todd, conducted a saloon at 627 South Sixth street. Officer Wilson located Todd, in bed, in a room on South Fifth street. When informed by the officer of what had occurred, he remarked that he "couldn't do any good now," and refused to get up.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Mar 1909, p. 8

Mrs. Belle Todd, a negress 51 years of age, and wife of William Todd, shot herself about 10:20 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 823 Lincoln street, and at a late hour last night was in critical condition, with slight hopes of recovery.

The woman shot herself while at the telephone talking to her daughter. The revolver was found lying near the instrument, but when ... Officer Wilson arrived the woman was in the yard. Dr. S. E. Cloud, who was passing, assisted the officer in getting the woman into the house, and the police ambulance was called to take her husband, one for her daughter who had arrived objected, and called Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, who with Dr. George Senn took charge of the case. [sic]

It was found that the ball had penetrated the right side just above the hip joint and passing through the intestine had fallen into the left groin whence it was removed about 4 o'clock. The woman was resting easily last night but the chances are against her recover, the intestines having been penetrated in ... a dozen places.

Mrs. Todd left three letters, one for her husband, one for her daughter, Viola, better known as 'Sophy,' and one ... In the latter she ... woman ... having ... her husband's affections and says that ... Todd, wa... only ... love... led her ...

It is said ... [*two paragraphs mainly illegible*].

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Mar 1909, p. 6

The condition of Mrs. Belle Todd, the negress who shot herself Friday, was slightly improved last night. Mrs. Viola Phelps of St. Paul, Minn. is with her mother. She says the report that Mrs. Todd was ever jealous of her daughter is unfounded.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Mar 1909, p. 1

Bella Todd, the negro woman who shot herself Friday morning, at 823 Lincoln street, died at 10 o'clock Sunday night. Before firing the fatal shot, the woman wrote three notes, one to her husband, William Todd, a saloon keeper, another to her daughter, and one addressed to the public. In these she said that another woman had robbed her of the affections of her husband, and that she had nothing to live for.

Date of death: 21 Oct 1906

Subject: Henry Toel

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Oct 1906, p. 8

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 22.—Henry Toel, one of Maryville's oldest and best respected citizens, died at his home on West Fourth street at 3:30 Sunday morning. Mr. Toel has been connected with many enterprises in this city and of late years has conducted a collection and insurance office. He was [a] highly respected and progressive citizen.

Date of death: 19 Jul 1913

Subject: Michael Toohey

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Jul 1913, p. 4

Michael Toohey, forty-five years old, died at 5 a.m. today at a local hospital.

Date of death: 16 Nov 1917

Subject: Peter Toothman

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Nov 1917, p. 6

Peter Toothman, 62 years old, died last night at the home of Albert Green, 1802 Bartlett street. He is survived by one son, Russel Toothman of St. Joseph. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Date of death: 9 May 1907

Subject: Cora L. (____) Lewis Trimble

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 May 1907, p. 6

Cora L. Trimble, wife of W. M. Trimble, died at 9:40 o'clock last night, at a local hospital. The body will be taken to Union Star, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 28 Nov 1907

Subject: Alexander Trosper*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Nov 1907, p. 3

The body of Alexander Trosber [sic], who was found dead in his house on Elk street in Florence addition Thursday morning, seems to be a bone of contention just at present. Coroner Byrd, after viewing the remains, ordered the body removed to the Rock undertaking parlors in the South End. Shortly after the body had been removed, I. F. Ramsey, a negro undertaker, came to the house with his wagon and wanted the body. Coroner Byrd told him that he had ordered the body removed to the Rock parlors and that was where it had to remain.

Yesterday morning Ramsey called at Rock's and presented an order from the officers of a lodge to which Trosber had belonged and stated that he wanted the body. He was told he could have the body if he would pay the expenses already incurred, which were for an ambulance call and embalming. This amount Ramsey refused to pay. He was then told that he could not have the body.

Last in the day Ramsey appeared and, armed with a writ [sic] of replevin, took the body. Mr. Rock said that he would endeavor to get what expense he had already incurred. In all probability an interesting case is in store for the curious.

same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Nov 1907, p. 11

Alex Crosby [sic], a negro, sixty years old, who was employed as a janitor by the Hammond Packing Company, was found dead at 9 o'clock this morning, in his home at 102 East Elk street, where he lived alone. A rag was tied about his neck and it is supposed that a hemorrhage caused his death.

When found, Crosby was lying on his side in the middle of the floor of the front room of the two room house.

Crosby told his foreman last Tuesday that he was not feeling well and went home. He had not been seen by his neighbors for two days and some negroes who occupy the adjoining house became alarmed this morning and investigated. They peered through a window and saw the body of the janitor lying on the floor. Patrolmen Cunerty and Van Meter were summoned and they forced open a door. Coroner C. F. Byrd was notified and he viewed the body at 10:30 o'clock.

Crosby's body was removed, by order of the coroner, to Rock's undertaking establishment.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Nov 1907, p. 10

Coroner Byrd held an autopsy on the body of Alex Trasper [sic], the old negro, who was found dead in his home in Florence addition Thursday morning, and pronounced death due to the rupturing of a blood vessel of the heart. The autopsy was held at the undertaking rooms of Thomas Rock. Burial will not take place until after the arrival of a sister from Chicago.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Nov 1907, p. 1

When Alexander Trosper, an old negro recluse, died at 103 Elk street ...day, he raised a legal question ... involve several fine points ... rival undertakes profess to ... upon the body, and their ... adjudicated in Justice Nies' ... December 9.

One question to be settled ... is: Has a dead body a pro... Another is: Has a secret fraternity any legal claim upon the body ... member?

The case is entitled, "Dr. W... et al against Thomas Rock." ... white undertaker is I. F. Ramsey... Carrion is an officer of the ... Tabor, a negro organization, of which the dead man was a member ... contends that, in default of any relatives, the society has the right... the body. Trosper is underst... died possessed of some property.

The Trosper case originally ... for the coroner, as no one ... at the time of his death, a... was found after life had ... several days. After viewing ... the coroner sent it to Rock ... instructions to embalm it, and ... word could be obtained from ... any existed.

"I did so," said Rock, ... "and next day Ramsey called ... said he was coming for the ... '... right,' I says, 'but I have a ... against it, and after you've ... you may take it.' I never ... to do anything to that body, ...sey, 'and I am coming to...'

"Well, Ramsey came, acc... several other negroes, who ... were officers of a lodge of which ... had been a member, and the ... me an order from the lodge ... the body. I told them the ... look good to me. Then they ... the body, and it's now at Ramsey's. But I haven't got my money yet."

Rock has retained Elliott ... to represent him, and Ramsey ... will be defended by L. C. ...

"My position is," said Spalding, "that a dead body has no property value, and so is not subject to replevin. I expect to recover possession on that ..."

Meanwhile the body will ... Ramsey's place, where the ... embalming fluid used by Rock ... put to a crucial test.

Negroes who knew Trosper ... time say he has a sister in Chicago ... efforts are now being made ... her address.

Two other cases very similar ... have been in the justice court ... last few months, and Ramsey ... both of them. As the issues ... exactly the same, however, the ... precedent to guide in the present ... last previous instance of a ... corpse, the value was fixed ... Ramsey was required to give ... in the sum of \$100 to obtain po....

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 9 Dec 1907, p. 6

The attachment suit of Willis Williams, Dr. W. S. Carrion and Matt Tillman, officers of the Knights of Tabor, a negro secret society, against Thomas Rock, undertaker, to get possession of the dead body of Alexander Crasper [sic], negro hermit, was dismissed by the plaintiffs in Justice Nies' court this morning, and the question of whether a corpse has property value must go unanswered for the present.

The corpse was buried by I. F. Ramsey, a negro undertaker, about a week ago. Thomas Rock, a white undertaker, had the body originally, having received it from the coroner. He embalmed it. The negro undertaker, through the officers of the society of which the dead man was a member, replevined the body, giving bond to the justice. Elliott Spalding, attorney for Rock, says his client will now collect from the bondsmen the amount of his claim for embalming.

Date of death: 17 Feb 1903

Subject: Peter Turner*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Feb 1903, p. 4

Peter Turner, colored, aged 80 years, died at Lake Station at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral was held at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Date of death: 22 Nov 1908

Subject: Wilson (or William) Turner*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Nov 1908, p. 4

William Turner, colored, aged seventy-seven years, died yesterday at the home of his son-in-law, George LeMaster, 608 Pendleton street.

Date of death: 10 Dec 1918

Subject: Helen M. Twyman & Susan Prysila Twyman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 Dec 1918, p. 6

Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Twyman, 3903 North Eighth street, died of influenza last night at the home. Susan, three years old, died at 9 o'clock, and Helen, one year old, followed her sister at 10:30 o'clock. Both were buried this afternoon, when the two coffins were conveyed to the cemetery in one hearse.

Date of death: 1 Feb 1901

Subject: John Tyler*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 2 Feb 1901, p. 5

John Tyler, colored, aged thirty-five years, an employe of the Burlington Railroad Company and member of the Volunteer Relief Association of that road, died at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, 1717 Messanie street. The funeral will take place from the Francis Street Baptist Church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The burial will be in Mount Mora cemetery.

**U & V Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 10 Oct 1908

Subject: Anthony Wayne Umbanhower

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Oct 1908, p. 12

Wayne Umbanhower [sic], 64 years old, died in a local hospital yesterday morning. The body was taken to Hopkins, Mo., last night for burial.

The body is at the Heaton-Bowman mortuary.

Date of death: [found 2 Jun 1907]

Subject: unknown infant

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Jun 1907, p. 1

Its head crushed, apparently with a blunt instrument, minus arms and lower limbs, the body of an infant was found on the city dump yesterday afternoon by George Roberts, a youth sporting with his playmates on the river bank. Coroner Byrd was called. An investigation will be inaugurated today.

The skeleton was found in a pile of cinders, delivered to the dump Saturday by C. A. Odell and J. A. Moore, garbage haulers. The refuse was collected in the rounds of the Patee Park district in the morning. The body will be buried today in the city cemetery. The find is believed to be a medical specimen.

Date of death: ca. 29 Jan 1913

Subject: unknown infant female

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Jan 1913, p. 5

Wrapped in an old shirt, a piece of toweling, and a newspaper, dated Jan. 7, the dead body of a girl baby was found yesterday morning on the river bank at the foot of Jule street by Louis Montez, a Mexican. Montez, after telling George Norris, an engineer at the street railway company's power house of what he had found, went to the courthouse, where he told Sergeant C. E. Smith and Detective A. B. Cooper of the corpse, and guided them to the place.

Cycle Officer Deaton was there by the time the others arrived and the coroner was notified. He views the body and ordered it sent to H. O. Sidenfaden's, where an inquest will be held today.

From all appearances the body had been lying where found for several days. Coroner Lynch is positive that the infant was alive when thrown away and said, while it was hard to tell, he thought it had been discarded soon after birth. It is the body of a well formed child and one that would weight about ten pounds. At first it was thought to have been of Mexican parentage and Montez was held several hours for investigation, but was released late in the afternoon.

Date of death: (found 6 Nov 1907)

Subject: unknown infant female

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Nov 1907, p. 3

Rushing up to [a] crowd of men standing in front of a store yesterday, Sam Jones, a youngster, explained in accents wild the discovery of a baby in a bunch of weeds in a lot between Second and Third streets and between East Hyde Park avenue and Vassar streets. The police were notified and Patrolmen O'Brien and Davis were detailed to the spot to guard the find until the arrival of the coroner, who had been notified.

Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body and ordered it removed to Rock's morgue. The child had been wrapped up in a bundle of newspapers and was about ten inches long. Coroner Byrd will make a thorough investigation of the case today.

Date of death: ca. 16 Jun 1913

Subject: unknown infant male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Jun 1913, p. 1

The naked body of a boy baby about four days old was found in the sand on the bank of the Missouri River, at the foot of Francis street at 7 o'clock this morning, by John Hoberstock, 103 Francis street.

Hoberstock, who is an engineer on a sand boat, noticed something white at the water's edge, and an investigation revealed that it was the partially decomposed body of an infant.

Central Police Station was notified, and the body of the infant was taken to the Rock and Clark morgue by Cycle Officer Rostetter, where Coroner Lynch, after an autopsy, said death was due to drowning. There were no marks of violence on the tiny body, but the head was wrapped up in a white cloth, which indicated premeditated murder.

The police have been investigating, but have no clue yet to the guilty person or persons.

The infant will be buried in the city cemetery this afternoon.

Coroner Lynch said:

"It is certainly a diabolical crime to murder infants, and there has been too much of it in St. Joseph lately. Whenever possible, I intend to make every investigation to apprehend the guilty parties. This case, however, is one which I am afraid will always be a mystery. The body was found just at the outlet of Blacksnake sewer and probably was thrown into one of the many manholes."

Date of death: ca. 12 Mar 1913

Subject: unknown infant male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Mar 1913, p. 1

A boy baby, weighing ten pounds, with the back of its head crushed and partly wrapped in a copy of The News-Press dated March 3, was found in one end of a long shed in the rear of the home of Henry Bauman, 732 South Sixteenth street, at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

The tiny corpse, naked except for the paper in which it was wrapped, was discovered by a number of boys who were playing about the shed. Bauman's six-year-old son, Irvin, was leading in a chase after a cat that had hidden among a lot of timbers used by his father in house-moving and stored in the shed, when the gruesome [sic] find was made. The boys told Bauman, who notified the police, and Detectives Linck and Reichen were detailed on the case.

Coroner Thomas J. Lynch, after viewing the body, said that the child was of natural birth and that it undoubtedly had been murdered. He found that the newspaper had been pressed tightly about the baby's neck, probably to keep it from making a noise, and that death had resulted from the wound on its head which he thought had been caused by throwing it on the timbers, as the edge of one of the planks indicated. It is the coroner's opinion that the child had not been dead more than two days, and said that the guilty person or persons live not far from where the body was found, as one not familiar with the premises probably would have selected a more out-of-the-way place.

A crowd of women gathered at the scene this morning and expressed their horror and indignation. They said they know of no one in that neighborhood who was likely to have committed the deed, but said that they would spare no pains to find out who it was if possible. Coroner Lynch suggested the forming of a committee to probe the case. He said this was the fifth case of the kind since Jan. 1 and urged that everything possible be done to expose the culprit. He sent the body to Ross & Clark's and held an autopsy there this afternoon. An inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

"This is a plain case of murder and we propose to keep at work until we can find the guilty persons," W. P. Gibson, inspector of detectives, said this afternoon. "While we have no definite clew, we are in possession of certain facts that assist us, and it would not surprise me if arrests were made within a few hours."

Date of death: [found 22 Aug 1907]

Subject: unknown infant male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Aug 1907, p. 4

The dead body of a baby, presumably about five months old, was found yesterday morning in the high weeds, near where the old horse and mule market was situated. The body was found by J. F. Parker and William Cain, laborers in the employ of the Stock Yards company. They were engaged in cutting the weeds when they made the discovery.

Coroner Byrd was notified. He ordered the body removed to the Rock morgue, where he viewed it.

No clue has yet been obtained regarding the identity of the parents of the child.

Date of death: ca. 2 Sep 1921

Subject: unknown male¹

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Sep 1921, p. 1

The body of an unidentified man about 35 years old, believed to have been a dope fiend, was found in an unused areaway of the old Board of Trade building basement, Third and Edmond streets, at 11:05 o'clock last night by Detectives Raphael and McAllister. There was nothing about his person to indicate his identity. A needle, obviously used in administering dope, was found on his person.

Raphael and McAllister were passing the place and noting a broken window, turned a flashlight on it, revealing the body lying on the floor. They investigated and found that the man was dead, and called Fleeman-McNeill's. Coroner A. R. Timerman viewed the body at the undertaking rooms. He said that he thought the man had been dead from 36 to 48 hours. His theory is that the man took a shot of dope and went in the place to sleep, dying from the effects of the drug.

The man wore overalls with trousers underneath. An inquest will be [*end of article*]

Date of death: ca. 14 May 1917

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 May 1917, p. 1

The body of the man which was seen floating down the river near the Mitchell avenue sewer last Thursday afternoon, by an Elwood man, was recovered yesterday evening at the Grand Island bridge by men guarding the structure.

The body was taken to the H. O. Sidenfaden undertaking rooms where it was examined for marks of identification. No laundry marks could be deciphered as the body had been in the mud and water for two weeks or more, but a day book of the Newark Shoe company was found in a pocket containing an envelope from the Schollhamer Drug company at Eighth and Locust streets, with the name "T. H. Holm" on the back.

The man is described as being between 50 and 55 years old with gray hair and mustache, about 5 feet 8 inches in height, and weighing about 165 pounds. He had on an ordinary cloth coat over an overall jumper with overalls over trousers.

Date of death: 8 Apr 1917

Subject: unknown male*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Apr 1917, p. 6

With nothing on his clothing by which he could be identified, an unknown negro was found in the Burlington yards, near Missouri avenue, with his head severed. The body was viewed by Coroner Thomas. It was then sent to Ramsey's undertaking rooms. It is thought the man was killed Sunday morning by a yard engine. The negro was about 25 years old. The body was found by M. E. Loyd, a Burlington car inspector.

¹ Not in MSE Database, but in City Cemetery Project

Date of death: 25 Mar 1915

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Mar 1915, pp. 1 & 2

After buying a complete outfit of new clothing ... day, a man about ... years ... went to ... house at ... wood street and ... [*several lines illegible*] before sunrise.

The man apparently had planned his death deliberately and made ... his identity. The only things which would indicate who he was were a copy of the new ... had started to write ... postcard accident policy issued at Salt Lake City last Sunday. In ... the initials "D. E. S." ... in referring to the writer.

He had \$69.77? ... a diamond stickpin, and ... he wore were purchased ... from the Ideal Clothing ... 16-18 Edmond street.

Besides the ... postcard ... only ... paper ... circular letter issued ... St. Joseph March 6... But ...

The ... morning in ... where he ... saw him ... street. Apparently ... picked ... the house in which he wanted to die and went away to make his other arrangements.

He next appeared ... Ideal Clothing company store... told ... Just ... wanted ... He ... \$60... suit... two collars, necktie ... and white plaited bos...

He had little to say while making his purchase. The attempts of the clerk to engage him in conversation were rebuffed, and he would speak only when it was necessary to indicate what he wanted to buy.

The only provision he made was that the suit and coat be black. The trousers of the suit were a little too long, and he asked that they be altered while he was picking out the furnishings, so that he could take the whole order with him.

The attention of Mr. E. H. Lahrer, the manager of the store, was attracted by the manner of the stranger ... although he says the man appeared sane, and did not seem to be mentally oppressed. "We got the impression that he was from the west," said Lahrman, "and that he was about to be married. I didn't talk to him ... Mr. Just, who waited on him, told me he said nothing that did not ... the act... goods.

About ... man appeared ... carrying a ... and the ... cording ... across the street ... street. He came ... minutes, and asked if he could borrow a shovel.

He spent ... the shovel clearing ... of plas... [*the rest, on p. 2, is illegible except for the headline "Tidy Stranger Tries Suicide in a Vacant House."*]

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Mar 1915, p. 3

'D. E. S.' is to be given a Christian burial and will not have to rest in the potter's field.

The affairs of 'D. E. S.' were taken up yesterday in the probate court by Judge A. B. Duncan, who put the estate in charge of Miss Mary A. Williams, public administrator.

'D. E. S.' is the man who committed suicide in a vacant house on Elwood street last week, after buying a new suit of clothes, an overcoat and a pair of shoes.

The identity of the man has not been established, so he appears on the court records as 'D. E. S.,' initials found on his clothing.

The estate consists of \$69.75 in cash, an overcoat which cost \$20 and was never worn, a pair of shoes which cost \$5 and have not been worn, a second hand revolver with which the shooting was done which ended his life, and an old suit bag, each worth possible \$1.

The burial has not yet been ordered by the administration, but there will be money enough to buy a grave and have the body put away decently.

Date of death: [17] Apr 1914

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Apr 1914, p. 6

The body of the man who was found on the river bank at the foot of Messanie street April 15 [sic] by William Marsh was buried at the city cemetery this afternoon.

Date of death: 12 Aug 1911

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Aug 1911, p. 1

An unknown man was found dead in a second story room at 812 1/2 South Sixth street about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, by John West, a barber, whose shop is on the ground floor. The dead man had occupied the room three days, during which time he apparently was under the influence of liquor. No letters or other means of identification were found in his clothes. West discovered the corpse when he went to collect rent for the use of the room.

Patrolmen Van Hoozier and Smith were sent to take charge of the body until Coroner Byrd arrived. A box containing morphine was found in the room, and it is the theory of the police that the dead man, who evidently was a laborer, and about sixty years old, committed suicide.

Date of death: 26 Jun 1911

Subject: unknown male² (possible J. Hillman)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 27 Jun 1911, p. 1

² Not in MSE Database, but in City Cemetery Project

An unknown man was instantly killed by a southbound Burlington passenger train at a point about a mile and a half north of the city at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The man is said to have stepped from the northbound track, upon which a freight train was approaching, in front of the passenger on the southbound track. The train was running about fifty miles an hour, and the stranger was hurled more than a hundred feet. Members of the train crew placed the corpse in the baggage car, and it was brought to the Francis street station. At the order of Mrs. C. F. Byrd, acting coroner, the body was removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's. There will be no inquest.

Two linen collars found on the dead man bore the name "J. Hillman," and the letter "H" is stamped in his hat. Two pairs of shears, needles, and other articles used by tailors were found in his pockets, also cards from tailor shops in Topeka, Wichita and other Kansas towns. H. O. Sidenfaden has written to the proprietors of several of the shops in an effort to learn the man's identity. He was about fifty-five years old, five feet four inches in height and weighs almost 175 pounds. He has dark brown hair and a mustache.

Date of death: 4 Sep 1911

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Sep 1911, p. 1

Dragged for more than two blocks under the wheels of a swiftly moving southbound Rock Island passenger train, an unidentified man was ground and torn to death near the Illinois crossing at 8 o'clock last night. The train was stopped at the South End station, when the firemen said that he thought a man had been hit, and upon investigation the mangled body was found just under the front truck of the baggage car.

One leg was severed from the body, and the other was hanging by only the skin. The corpse was generally bruised and mutilated and there were deep jagged cuts in each side. Coroner Byrd was summoned and had the body removed to Rock & Clark's undertaking establishment. When the man's clothing was searched no clue to his identity was found.

No one saw the man before he was hit, except the fireman. It was growing dark, and according to the fireman's story he saw a form on the tracks just as the train reached the spot. He was given no opportunity to have the engine stopped in time, he said, but did not explain why he did not have the train stopped sooner than it was. The engineer said that he had not seen anyone.

It was impossible to exactly locate the spot on the tracks where the man was hit. Little blood was found but at intervals for more than a block and a half bits of clothing, a sock, a bit of flesh, and the like were strewn.

The train was Rock Island No. 24, and was in charge of Conductor B. L. Magie and Engineer Walker. It is probably that an inquest will be held.

Date of death: 19 Mar 1889

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 20 Mar 1889, p. 5

An unknown man was killed by an incoming St. Joseph, St. Louis and Santa Fe passenger train yesterday morning about 7 o'clock. The accident occurred just beyond the stockyards, where the Rock Island track runs alongside the track of the Santa Fe. The engineer noticed the man walking on the Santa Fe track, and when the engine was almost to him, he stepped across in front of it and was killed instantly. Whether he intended to commit suicide or thoughts [sic] the train was on the Rock Island track, will never be known. The trainmen who were the only witnesses to his death, believe he intended committing suicide. The man was about 30 years of age, and dressed in workingman's clothes. The body was removed to Dible & White's undertaking establishment and Coroner Whittington held an inquest. The verdict of the jury was that the man came to his death by his own negligence in stepping upon the wrong track. The remains were viewed by many but not recognized.

Date of death: 23 Aug 1907

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 25 Aug 1907, p. 4

The body of the unknown man who was found near the Burlington tracks south of Cosby Friday morning was buried yesterday morning in city cemetery. He was supposed to have been a tramp from his appearance and no one claimed the body.

Date of death: unknown

Subject: unknown [male]

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Oct 1907, p. 10

Decay, and wrapped in a gunny sack, lying near a box containing bones from a human body, a part of a trunk of a body was unearthed on the lot just north of the Ensworth hospital at noon yesterday by workmen who were engaged in excavating for the new addition.

Dr. H. S. Forgrave, acting coroner, was notified and after viewing the bones and body decided that they had been buried there by students from the medical college after having been used in the dissecting room.

The college ...ty says that no bodies from the college are ever buried in the lot but are always taken to the city cemetery for interment. The body was turned over to the college authorities to be taken to the city cemetery.

Date of death: 16 Oct 1907

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Oct 1907, p. 8

[Note: article is illegible except for headlines]

Train Hits, As Man Dons Coat

Unknown Victim Dies in Hospital—Delay in Removing Him.

Date of death: 1 May 1908

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 May 1908, p. 4

An unknown man, evidently a laborer, was found about 10 o'clock last night under a coal chute in the Terminal yards, at Seventh and Sycamore streets. He was unconscious and seemed to be badly injured. The police were notified and Dr. L. A. Todd was summoned, but the man died before the physician arrived.

William Geiger, a trackman, and Van Hagen, a switch tender who found the man, were attracted by his groans. Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body and ordered it removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue. There were no wounds or marks on the body that would lead to a supposition of foul play. It is thought the stranger may have been drugged and taken to the railroad yards and robbed.

There is no clue to the identity of the dead man. His clothes are very old and bear the tag of a clothing house which five years ago became the Derge-Bodenhausen Clothing Company. The initials L. P. D. appear upon his underwear. He was about thirty-five years old, five feet eight inches in height and weighs about 150 pounds. The only articles in his pockets were an empty vial, a medicine dropper and a box of capsules. An autopsy to determine the cause of death will be performed this afternoon.

Date of death: 7 Jan 1903

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Jan 1903, p. 8

The unknown young man who was killed by a Burlington passenger train near Rushville on the evening of January 9, was buried yesterday afternoon in the City cemetery. Many people have called to see the dead man but no one has been able to identify the body. Considerable mystery surrounds the case. A note was found upon his person addressed to 'Riley,' but the signature was illegible. The note referred to an occurrence at 'Miller's rooming house' in Kansas City.

An investigation was made in that city, but no light was shed upon the identity of the dead man.

Date of death: 22 May 1901 (found)

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 24 May 1901, p. 4

The body of the unknown man, found Wednesday near Francis street staion was buried in the city cemetery Thursday morning. There were no means of identification. An inquest was held Thursday afternoon by Coroner Doyle. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.

Date of death: unknown

Subject: unknown male, female and child

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Sep 1906, p. 4

The bodies of three persons were unearthed yesterday in a lot near Tenth and Richardson streets by F. R. Bullock, in charge of a grading gang at work at that place. The position of the bodies indicates that they were regularly prepared by an undertaker, the hands being folded across the breast and on the hands of one of the corpses gloves were found. It is supposed that they were left there in the early days in some private burying ground. No one has yet furnished any information which will disclose the identity of the bodies.

They were evidently the remains of a man, woman and child. The bones were encased in coffins of black walnut, which crumbled, easily indicating a long period of time since they were placed there. Coroner Bansbach was notified and the bones will be buried in the city cemetery. The lot where they were unearthed is owned by James F. Wright.

Date of death: [17] Apr 1914

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Apr 1914, p. 6

The body of the man who was found on the river bank at the foot of Messanie street April 15 [sic] by William Marsh was buried at the city cemetery this afternoon.

Date of death: 24 Aug 1903

Subject: Cinderella V. (Upp) Chittenden

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 24 Aug 1903, p. 6

Mrs. A. S. Chittenden, aged sixty-four years, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning of peritonitis at her home, 2001 Mulberry street. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, as follows: T. M. [sic] and W. D. Chittenden, and Mrs. Irene Bucklin of St. Joseph and T. Annie Chittenden of Kansas City. The remains will be taken to Savannah tomorrow afternoon for interment.

Date of death: 11 Jul 1906

Subject: Mrs. Almyra VanCuren

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Jul 1906, p. 6

Mrs. Almyra Van Curen, aged thirty-three years, died at 10 o'clock last night at the family home, 817 North Main street. She is survived by her husband, C. C. Van Curen, four sisters and two brothers. The body will be forwarded to Maryville, Mo., tomorrow evening.

Date of death: 8 Sep 1901

Subject: James W. Vanlaningham

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 8 Sep 1901, p. 3

James W. Vanlaningham, who lived with his wife at 1012 North Thirteenth street, had his skull fractured and Rev. D. D. Monfort was internally injured, at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night, by being thrown from a wagon driving by Mr. Vanlaningham, who was delivering groceries in South St. Joseph.

The accident occurred in the rear of police sub-station No. 1, in the alley between Missouri and Colorado avenue near Park avenue. The wagon was being driven west. It is not known just how the runaway was caused but it is believed the horse stepped in a lot of wire which frightened it.

Vanlaningham [sic] was thrown in front of the house of A. Schism and struck his head on a stone step leading to the door. A deep gash was cut above the right ear and he was rendered unconscious. Rev. Mr. Monfort, who is a well known city missionary, was bruised about the body, and was probably internally hurt. No bones were broken, but as he is an old man the result of his injuries cannot be predicted. He lives in Fleeman addition to South St. Joseph. He was carried into the Schism house. It was thought best not to move him to his home Saturday night.

Patrolmen Weber and Gordon and citizens carried Mr. Vanlaningham into the police station and Dr. J. L. Byrne was called. He pronounced the injury of Mr. Vanlaningham dangerous and said there were indications of a fractured skull. The injured man was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in the police ambulance.

Vanlaningham has been a grocery clerk in St. Joseph for five years, having come here from Graham, Mo. He was working for S. S. Allen until Friday when he quit to become a partner with G. B. Collier on Missouri avenue in South St. Joseph, under the style of G. B. Collier Grocery company. He is about fifty years old.

Mrs. Clarence W. Christian of 1302 North Twenty-first street, is a daughter of Mr. Vanlaningham.

At an early hour this morning the injured man was reported as very low.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 10 Sep 1901, p. 5

Coroner Doyle has decided that it will not be necessary to hold an inquest on the body of James W. Vanlaningham of 1013 North Thirteenth street, who was injured in a runaway Saturday night and died twenty-eight hours later.

Date of death: 5 Nov 1905

Subject: Holland (Vanschoiack) Ridgeway

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Nov 1905, p. 8

Ridgeway ... widow of Thomas Ridgeway ... 8:35 a.m., aged 54... take place from ... Joseph avenue ... at 1 o'clock. Interment at Vanschoiack cemetery.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Nov 1905, p. 8

Mrs. H. D. Ridgeway, aged 50 years, died at 8:35 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Winters, 2317 St. Joseph avenue. The body will be forwarded to Ridgeway, Mo., for burial.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Nov 1905, p. 9

Mrs. Holland D. Ridgeway, widow of Thomas Ridgeway, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. D. Winters, 1317 St. Joseph avenue, at 8:35 o'clock Sunday morning, aged fifty-three years, after a brief illness. The interment will be in Vanskoick [sic] Cemetery, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Date of death: 29 Nov 1907

Subject: Amelia C. Veraguth

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Dec 1907, p. 5

Aurelia [sic] Veraguth, aged 20 years, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Veraguth, died Friday at the residence of her parents, near Cosby, Mo. Death resulted from consumption. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at the Evangelical church, near Cosby.

Date of death: 30 Oct 1904

Subject: Marie M. Veraguth

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 31 Oct 1904, p. 3

Cosby, Mo., Oct. 30.—While watching her young brother who was shooting rats, little Marie Veraguth, aged 2 years, daughter of a prominent farmer living near this place, sustained a wound from a rifle bullet yesterday afternoon, which results in her death this morning.

Young Veraguth was firing at the barn on the premises, and his sister was playing nearby. He fired at a rat, and killed it, and without noticing that his baby sister had approached, fired at another.

At that moment, however, the child darted into range and received the bullet.

Date of death: 12 Apr 1908

Subject: Emily (Vessar) Roberts

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Apr 1908, p. 9

Mrs. Emily Roberts, eighty-four years old, died Sunday evening at 9:15 at the home of Mrs. J. B. Coleman, Ninth and Garden streets, Hyde Park. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Coleman, and a son, Isaac Roberts.

**W Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 13 Feb 1910

Subject: Charles Wagner

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Feb 1910, p. 4

Charles Wagner, aged sixty years, died at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon of pulmonary tuberculosis. He was a patient at the county infirmary.

Date of death: 31 Jan 1918

Subject: Charles Wagner (or Waggoner)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Feb 1918, p. 6

Charles Waggoner, sixty-seven years old, died yesterday forenoon at a local hospital. He is survived by a brother, William Waggoner.

Date of death: 25 Apr 1909

Subject: Barton Walker*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Apr 1909, p. 6

Coroner Byrd was called to 2210 Mulberry street yesterday morning to view the body of Barton Walker, a negro, 50 years old, who died while seated in his home, reading a paper. The coroner believes apoplexy caused death.

Date of death: 11 Jun 1910

Subject: Eugene Lincoln Walker

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 Jun 1910, p. 8

Eugene Lincoln Walker aged five days, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Walker, living at 210 Atchison street, died yesterday morning at the home of his parents. Death resulted from whooping cough.

Date of death: 29 Jan 1902

Subject: Mayhew Walker*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 30 Jan 1902, p. 6

Mayhew Walker, colored, aged five years, died at the family home, 213 South Second street, of smallpox yesterday afternoon. Though there has been a number of cases of the dreaded disease in St. Joseph this winter this is the first death that has been reported as due to it. The body was buried last night, every precaution being taken to avoid the spread of the disease.

Date of death: 22 May 1903

Subject: Laura Wallace*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 23 May 1903, p. 6

Laura Wallace, colored, twenty-four years of age, died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at her home, 507 North Second street. The body will be taken to Leavenworth at 8:30 o'clock this evening.

Date of death: 11 May 1915

Subject: William Wallace

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 May 1915, p. 2

William Wallace, fifty years old, a laborer, committed suicide at 8 o'clock last night at his home, 4803 Lake avenue, South End, by drinking carbolic acid. His wife found her husband lying on the bed shortly before 8 o'clock, suffering from pains in the stomach, and summoned Dr. F. H. Ladd, but Wallace died before the physician came. Dr. Thomas J. Lynch, coroner, found the vial which had contained the poison.

Wallace and his wife had been having trouble, it is said, and this may have caused him to kill himself. Besides the wife, five children, none of them living at the parents' home, survive.

The family had formerly lived at St. Charles, Mo., and removed to St. Joseph two years ago. The body is at the Rock undertaking establishment.

Date of death: 18 Aug 1903

Subject: Thornton Walters*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 21 Aug 1903, p. 6

The funeral of Thornton Walters, the negro porter who was drowned at Lake Contrary Tuesday night, will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Date of death: 23 Jan 1891

Subject: Mrs. Mary Warburton

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Jan 1891, p. 5

Mrs. Mary Warburton died at her residence, corner of Robidoux and Levee streets, yesterday, at the age of 80 years. She has resided in St. Joseph since 1856, and is the widow of Thomas Warburton, who died in this sick while home on a sick furlough. She leaves three children, John, Peter and Mrs. M. A. Duncan, all of this city. Her death was the indirect result of a fall sustained on December 4, last, when she dislocated her left hip. She was out last Sunday for the first time and took cold, resulting in her death.

Date of death: 19 Jan 1908

Subject: Mollie Rebecca "Maude" Ward*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Jan 1908, p. 7

In a fire which destroyed a one-story frame residence at 1216 North Third street about 12 o'clock last night Mollie Rebecca Ward, known to the police as Maude Ward, a negro girl, was burned to death. As far as can be learned, the girl was in the house alone at the time of the fire.

Until last Saturday the house was occupied by George Crockett, a negro employed as a porter at Shafer's saloon on St. Joseph avenue. When it was found by the firemen that the girl had been burned to death in the house, Coroner Byrd was notified and he had the body removed to Heaton's morgue. He ordered that Crockett be arrested and held for investigation.

Crockett says he left the house Saturday and turned it over to Harrison Westfield and his son, Miles Westfield, who have since occupied it. Crockett owned the furniture in the little house.

No one knows how the fire started, but it may have been started by the girl herself, who was a police character and was known to be addicted to the use of cocaine. Crockett says she had ... been allowed to go into ... Miles Westfield, who is tw... old, but the police ... Westfield as ... girl's presence there.

Crockett has told police ... he knew the Ward girl ... with her ... another woman... Saturday.

Coroner Byrd ... of ... earlier in the night ...ing, and that the ... mat... thrown ... turned lamp. Crockett ... the home. Andy Mi... Second street ... and ... He told the police ... as ten persons were... that they all saw him ... house is on ... district ... house in which ... by death.

Crockett says ... the firemen ... from Mil... short time ... where she was to begin work cleaning the ... says he made ... sight ... get away...

When the fire was extinguished the firemen did not know that anybody had been in the house at the time. One of the firemen stumbled over the body of the girl. She had been in the midst of the fire and the body was badly burned when it was found.

The house was owned by R. Sige... was damaged to the extent of \$75... fire. The damage to the ... \$30. Coroner Byrd will ... on the body of the Ward girl this afternoon.

Suspicion is growing ... was killed before the ... burned body was ... Coroner Byrd ... body of the ... and will ...

Miles Westfall ... is said to have ... the Ward girl ... arrested this ... Louis streets ... is now in the ... tion, where no one ... Westfield is said ... about the place earlier ... the fire broke out.

George Crockett is still held ... police and will be kept until ... inquest. He told the police that ... Westfield was in the house before the fire, but his statements have not yet been verified. Westfield denies all knowledge of the fire.

The autopsy that is being held by the coroner this afternoon is expected to reveal any injuries that may have been inflicted on the girl before she was burned, if she had been rendered unconscious before the house was set on fire.

Westfield is a police character, having been arrested a number of times. He was released from the county jail a short time ago.

Westfield told the police this forenoon that he was in the house with the War girl when the fire started. He says he awoke and was nearly smothered by the smoke. He managed to get out of the house, but did not think of trying to save the girl.

The negro's hands are burned and this leads the police to believe, when taken in connection with his flight from the house, that he knows more than he has told about the origin of the fire and the death of the girl.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Jan 1908, p. 2

Miles Westfield and George Crockett, the negroes held for investigation in the case of Mollie Rebecca Ward, the negro girl burned to death Sunday night in the house on North Third street, were released from Central police station this morning and told to appear this afternoon at [sic] witnesses at the coroner's inquest.

Coroner Byrd performed an autopsy on the body of the dead girl last night, assisted by Dr. S. F. Kessler and Dr. H. S. Forgrave. They found no indication of violence and decided that the girl had died from inhaling the flames. The origin of the fire still is unknown.

Westfield says he went to bed in the back room of the house at 8 o'clock Sunday night, and did not know the Ward girl was in the building. Some time in the night he awoke, almost overcome by the smoke, and seizing his overcoat, went out at the back door. He ran down the alley, he said, where he met people running to the fire. As he had no clothing on except the overcoat, he went to his grandfather's house and found some garments. He did not go back to the fire. He accounts for his hands being burned by saying they were scorched as he was trying to get out of the building.

After the autopsy last night Prosecuting Attorney Keller said that he would not issue a warrant for any of the negroes held by the police. There is no evidence that the girl was murdered.

Westfield says when he went to sleep Sunday night he left a candle burning in his room. He thinks the fire may have started from it. The police do not believe he has told the truth about not knowing the girl was in the house, but there is no evidence that he injured the young woman intentionally.

George Crockett told the officers that he owed Westfield and was allowing the father and son to use his furniture to pay the debt. He said he had not seen the Ward girl for several days.

Coroner Byrd held an inquest this afternoon and a large number of witnesses were [sic] called.

Date of death: 21 Mar 1905

Subject: George Washington*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Mar 1905, p. 3

Insane from several weeks of serious illness from pneumonia, George Washington, a negro of 510 North Third street, was taken to the Central police station Monday afternoon and died there yesterday morning.

Doctor L. F. Bode attended the raving madman several times during the latter part of Monday night. His death was not discovered for about a half hour after it occurred.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Mar 1905, p. 6

George Washington, a negro porter who was removed from a boardinghouse at 510 North Third street to Central police station at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Assistant County Physician J... a cell at the station between 4:30 and ... o'clock this morning. The body was taken to Meierhoffer's morgue where an inquest was held by Coroner Bansbach this afternoon. Washington suffered from a severe attack of pneumonia. When Doctor Bode was summoned yesterday afternoon he found the negro wil...

Bareheaded and barefooted, the negro escaped from those who were standing guard over him at his boardinghouse and it was some time before he was caught and restrained. The doctor called at the station twice last night ...

When ... man Wright ... cells at 4:30 ... was asleep. [*Most of the last paragraph illegible.*]

Date of death: 15 Jul 1901

Subject: Sarah (Washington) Bundy*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 16 Jul 1901, p. 5

Sarah Washington Bunty [sic], ninety years old, died Monday at the home of her grand-daughter, Mary Bundy, 1716 Messanie street, of typhoid-pneumonia fever. She was over ninety years old and had been a slave in Buchanan County many years. She came to this county before St. Joseph was more than a small village and lived here over sixty years.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 17 Jul 1901, p. 6

Sarah Washington, aged ninety years, who died Monday at 1716 Messanie street, was buried today in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 25 Apr 1909

Subject: Darton Watkins*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Apr 1909, p. 4

Darton Watkins, a negro, sixty years old, died very suddenly Sunday morning at his home, 2210 Mulberry street. He apparently was in good health when he left the house about 8:30 to get a paper but when he returned a half hour later he fell over on a couch and expired. Coroner C. F. Byrd views the body and said that death was due to apoplexy.

Date of death: 29 Apr 1904

Subject: George W. Watson

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Apr 1904, p. 2

A man who registered at the Laclede hotel, 305 Jule street, a few days ago under the name of George W. Watson, Chicago, died yesterday afternoon at the hostelry of pneumonia, after an illness of a few days.

Watson was a traveling salesman and it is thought he sold goods for two Chicago houses, but neither the firms nor any of the man's friends could be located last night. Proprietor Beeler telegraphed the chief of police at Chicago for information concerning Watson, who is about 50 years of age.

The body is temporarily at Heaton's morgue.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 May 1905, p. 4

The body of George W. Watson, the traveling salesman who died in the Laclede hotel about a month ago, was buried in the city cemetery yesterday afternoon, the funeral taking place from Heaton's undertaking rooms. Although it was known that Watson lived in Chicago, all efforts to locate his relatives failed.

Date of death: 21 Jul 1904

Subject: Hezekiah B. Watson

Source: *St. Joseph News & Press*, 22 Jul 1904, p. 5

Rosendale, Mo., July 23 [sic].—Hezekiah Watson, vice-president of the Bank of Rosendale and a pioneer of Andrew County, died at his home at 7 o'clock this morning, aged seventy-seven years. The funeral will be held Sunday at the Christian Church in Rosendale, the Rev. W. A. Chapman officiating, and the interment will be at Savannah at 2 o'clock p.m. the same day. The services at the grave will be conducted by Rosendale Lodge No. 400, A.F. & A.M., of which Mr. Watson was a member.

Hezekiah Watson was prominent in the affairs of Andrew County for many years. He was a Republican and a veteran of the Civil War, having espoused the cause of the union. He was for several years a member of the Andrew County Court.

Mr. Watson is survived by his wife and eight children—six daughters and two sons. His sons are James H. Watson, formerly with Hirsch Brothers, St. Joseph, and Charles N. Watson, with the Standard Oil Company, St. Joseph. One daughter, Mrs. G. F. Kellogg, is employed by Hirsch Brothers, St. Joseph.

Date of death: 29 Mar 1913

Subject: Lula (Watson) Page

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 31 Mar 1913, p. 5

Lola [sic] Page, ... years old, of Lincoln, Neb., died after a short illness Saturday night at the home of friends, 704 North Fourth street. A post mortem examination conducted by Coroner T. J. Lynch yesterday afternoon revealed the fact that death was due to natural causes.

Date of death: 11/12 Apr 1912

Subject: Sarah E. (Watts) Weber

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Apr 1912, p. 6

Funeral Notices. Sarah E. Weber, died at St. Joseph's Hospital April 11th, aged 84 years. Funeral services will be held at H. O. Sidenfaden's Chapel, Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Friends invited.

Date of death: 2 Feb 1908

Subject: Charles Webber

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Feb 1908, p. 4

Charles Webber, eighty-six years old, died of pneumonia at a local hospital at 2:15 yesterday afternoon. He and his wife lived at 615 Monroe street, and as both have been sick for several days and were dependent on the charity of their neighbors, Humane Officer Ziemendorff sent them to the hospital. The widow is very ill. The dead man was a day laborer.

Date of death: 31 Jan 1918

Subject: infant daughter of Thomas Weir

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 31 Jan 1918, p. 6

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Weir died this morning at 4 o'clock at the family home in Kirschner's Addition.

Date of death: 12 Aug 1914

Subject: Benjamin West

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 13 Aug 1914, p. 6

The body of a man identified by a Missouri Pacific identification ... as Ben West of Atchison, a track laborer for the railroad company, was found on the Burlington right of way, a short distance south of the south end station on Illinois avenue about 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

West is thought to have been struck by a train during the night. His body was badly mangled.

The body was removed to the undertaking rooms of William Fleeman after it was viewed by Dr. T. J. Lynch, coroner. An inquest will be held. The body was discovered by a ... West was about 25 years old. He was fairly well dressed.

Date of death: Mar 1907

Subject: Samuel Weston*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Mar 1907, p. 6

A slight dispute which arose between Petry & Rock, undertakers, and I. F. Ramsey, negro undertaker, Thursday afternoon over the burial of the body of Samuel West [sic], an aged negro, was amiably settled. Relatives of the dead man ordered the negro undertaker and friends called in Petry & Rock. The negro, however, buried the body, after going to the trouble to redress and place it in a casket provided to him after it had been dressed and laid out in a casket supplied by Petry & Rock.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Mar 1907, p. 7

An attempt was made in South St. Joseph yesterday afternoon to conduct two funerals with only one corpse. It was not a success, and resulted in the central figure having practically no funeral at all.

Two undertakers, two graves, two hearses, two coffins, two trains of carriages, two preachers, two sets of pallbearers and a request for the presence of two policemen, characterized the arrangements for the burial of Samuel Weston, a negro, sixty-one years old, who finally was interred in one grave in Oakland Cemetery, without any funeral service.

The unusual circumstances were due, first, to a misunderstanding between the friends and relatives of the dead man, rival undertakers having been employed by them, and the unwillingness of either undertaker to retire from the case.

Weston, who worked on the farm of A. W. Robinson, south of the city, for many years, died Tuesday evening at the home of Elizah Clark, colored, at 129 Division street, South St. Joseph. She at once called in Isaac F. Ramsey, a negro undertaker, to take charge of the funeral arrangements.

Wednesday morning A. W. Robinson and Rufus H. Coy authorized Rock & Co., undertakers, to direct the funeral and bury the old negro. Weston had left in trust money for that purpose with Coy.

Ramsey had embalmed the body when Rock reached the house and a dispute followed. Ramsey put the body in a coffin furnished from his establishment, Wednesday morning, and Rock took a coffin to the house and transferred the body to it, Wednesday afternoon. Wednesday evening Ramsey shifted the corpse back into his coffin and the next morning Rock again transferred it.

Yesterday afternoon Ramsey appealed to the police, and asked that two policemen be sent to the Clark woman's house while he made another juggle of the corpse, as he feared Rock would undertake to prevent, by force, its further handling by him. No policemen were furnished. However, Ramsey again took possession of the body and placed it in the original burial receptacle. Rock made no effort to restrain him.

Then, owing to the confusion that had existed and a fear of more trouble, Ramsey had the body driven hurriedly to Oakland Cemetery, where it was interred, with a simple prayer. The negro

preacher engaged by Rock was informed by the mourners, all of whom sided with the colored undertaker, that his services would not be needed, and he retired, as the white undertaker's hearse and carriages drove away empty and returned to the barn. The grave in Oakland Cemetery dug by order of Rock was filled up later in the day and Weston's body at last accounts reposed in peace.

Weston is reported to have left considerable money when he died. He was a sort of hermit and for a number of years he lived alone in a cabin on the banks of Lake Contrary. His acquaintances, especially the negroes, say he was a miser and that for many years he had hoarded his earnings. He had some money in the Bank of Commerce, which recently suspended.

C. F. Rock, who knew the old man well, does not believe he had as much money as others appear to believe he had. Rock says Weston had kept several thousand dollars in bills hidden in a cigar box and that the money had been destroyed by mice.

Nettie Crowley, who claims to be a niece of the dead man, lives at 622 South Sixteenth street, and she asserts that she is sole heir to Weston's estate.

According to Undertaker Rock, Weston had left instructions for his funeral and had deposited with Rufus Coy, cashier of the Citizen's Bank of St. Joseph, money with which to defray the expenses.

Ramsey told the old negro's friends that he would bury Weston and take chances on getting his pay.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Mar 1907, p. 2

City warrants were issued this morning for the arrest of Isaac F. Ramsey, a negro undertaker, and James L. Donly, sexton at Oakland cemetery, on a charge of failing to procure a permit from the board of health for the interment of the body of Samuel Weston, the aged negro who died several days ago and over whose burial Ramsey and C. F. Rock, a white undertaker, had a spirited controversy. W. H. Hartigan, clerk of the board of health, swore to the information upon which the warrant was issued.

In the wrangle over the right to conduct Weston's funeral, the necessary burial permit was not applied for by the undertakers, or there possibly would have been two of the documents, inasmuch as there was double provision for everything else in connection with the obsequies.

When Ramsey, who had hurried the body away from the house in South St. Joseph when Weston died, reached Oakland, Sexton Donly called for the burial permit. Ramsey didn't have it and there was a halt in the proceedings until he called the board of health office by telephone. Nobody responded, and rather than place the body in the receiving vault, Donly buried it, Ramsey, according to the sexton, having assured him that he would "fix it up" with the health department today.

Clark Hartigan said to a News-Press reporter today that neither Rock nor Ramsey had applied for a burial permit, and that he had not been in communication with either of the undertakers. He said he did not cause the arrest at the instigation of any business rival of Ramsey.

The case will come up in police court Monday morning, and City Attorney Mosman will summon all persons who had a part in the funeral arrangements, as witnesses.

Ramsey said to a News-Press reporter today that Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, the negro physician, who attended Weston, refused to sign the death certificate, necessary to secure a burial permit, because he was not sure which undertaker had the right to bury the man. Ramsey said he telephoned this information to the board of health office Thursday.

J. H. Kelley, the negro lawyer, was appointed administrator of Weston's estate, by the probate court, yesterday. Weston's negro friends claim that, besides the money he had on deposit in the Citizens' Bank in South St. Joseph, he claimed to have about \$600 in case of a South End saloonkeeper. The name of the saloonkeeper is said to be unknown, but an effort will be made to locate the money.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Apr 1907, p. 6

The sequel to the wrangle between Undertakers C. F. Rock and Isaac F. Ramsay over the body of Samuel Weston, an aged negro, who died March 19, occurred in police court this morning when Ramsay, who is a negro and who won out in the original controversy with Rock, was convicted of failing to procure a permit for the burial of Weston's body and was fined \$5.

James F. Donly, sexton at Oakland Cemetery where Weston was buried, who was jointly accused with Ramsay, was convicted, but he was granted a stay of execution.

W. T. Hartigan, clerk of the board of health, who caused the arrests, testified that a burial permit in the case has not yet been issued, because no death certificate has been filed.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 8 May 1907, p. 7

The probate court, yesterday afternoon, gave some of its attention to proving claims against the estate of Sam West [sic], the negro miser, who died at 127 Division street, March 19, last, and was given two funerals. From the statement of J. H. Kelly, administrator, it was evident that West's affairs are in a badly confused state.

"He was superstitious about banks," said Kelly, "and I can find no record of his having deposited more than \$221.50, and that was in the late Bank of Commerce. Most of his money was loaned out, but I can't find any notes or other evidence of such loans. His relatives believe that at least \$900 of his money is now in the hands of certain white men.

"West used to keep his money lying around in odd corners. Once he had a cigar box nearly full of greenbacks in the garret, and the rats got in and ate the money."

For many years West worked on the Robertson farm, near Lake Contrary.

Date of death: Nov 1909

Subject: John F. Wheeler

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Nov 1909, p. 4

Savannah, Mo., Nov. 29.—The body of John Wheeler, who was accidentally killed at Rivington, Wyoming, will arrive here tomorrow or Wednesday for burial. Mr. Wheeler, who had a ranch near Rivington, had built a house on his ranch, then returned here, and shipped his stock and household goods to Rivington. It was in hauling his goods to the ranch that he met his death. He fell from the top of a load, breaking his neck, dying instantly.

Mr. Wheeler was at one time in the furniture and undertaking business here and had been a well-known farmer and stockman in this vicinity and at Bethany, Mo.

Mrs. Wheeler and her son, Charles, were visiting Mrs. Wheeler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Hurst, of this city, and were to have left here tomorrow for their new home. Mrs. Wheeler's brother, J. A. Hurst, was with Mr. Wheeler at the time of the accident, and will accompany the body here for burial.

Date of death: 28 Nov 1904

Subject: Emily (Whidbey?) Ewing*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Nov 1904, p. 6

Emily Wh...ey Ewing, colored, aged 64 years, widow of Henry ?. Ewing, died yesterday at her home in Dalton, Mo. The body was brought to St. Joseph. The funeral will be at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the New Hope Baptist church.

Date of death: 14 Oct 1904

Subject: Robert Whitacre*

Source: *St. Joseph News & Press*, 15 Oct 1904, p. 6

Robert Whitacre, the negro jockey who was ... being thrown from his ... the last race Thursday at Lake Contrary, died at ... o'clock last night at St. Joseph Hospital. Whitacre did not regain consciousness after he was picked up from the race track. He was thirty years of age ... woman who claimed to be his wife accompanied him to the hospital Thursday night. She has not been seen since then at the hospital and has not appeared at Heaton's morgue where the body now lies.

Despite the many ... of rough riding there is no doubt in the minds of those who saw the mishap that it was purely accidental. Whitacre was called to the judges' stand ... and was cautioned against using ugly tactics. He was allowed to ride without paying his entry fee. As his horse was the last one in the field it would have been impossible for him to do any rough riding had he so desired. Coroner Doyle will hold an inquest Monday.

Date of death: 18 Apr 1908

Subject: Bert White*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Apr 1908, p. 4

Bert White, about forty years old, was fatally shot Saturday afternoon by George Easter with whom he quarreled over a crap game. White died a few hours after having been removed to St. Joseph's Hospital. Both are negroes.

The shooting occurred at White's home on King Hill avenue near Division street. Easter fled, but was captured by Deputy Sheriff Rogan, who heard the shot and jumped off a street car to chase the fleeing man, whom he soon overtook.

According to Easter, who was locked up at central police station, he had returned from a ... expedition, when he met White... in the railroad yards. A crap game was started and White lost \$15. White accused Easter of cheating, knocked him down and kicked him in the face. They parted, and a few minutes later as Easter was passing White's house, White again attacked him. Easter then raised the shotgun he was carrying and discharged the contents in White's face. White's eyes were shot out and his face was riddled with the shot. He barely lived to reach the hospital.

Easter talks freely of the killing and insists that he was justified. He says it was a case of kill or get killed. He has a wife, but his victim was unmarried. Easter has been working at the Phoenix brick plant on King Hill avenue. Easter will be delivered to the state authorities today on a warrant charging first degree murder.

White's body was removed to Heaton's morgue Saturday night, where an inquest will be conducted this afternoon.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Apr 1908, p. 10

George W. Easter, colored, charged with murder in the first degree, was arraigned in Justice Burke's court ... today. His preliminary hearing was set for 10 a.m. tomorrow, and he was committed to jail without bond to await the hearing.

He is charged with having shot and killed Bert White, another negro, at the door of his (White's) home in South St. Joseph last Saturday evening, as a result of a crap game.

It was learned yesterday that White was, at the time of his death, a member of the Swift Employees' Benefit Association, in which his life was insured. He became a member of the association April 2, just sixteen days before his death. There seems to be some question of the amount of the insurance on White's life, though other members say it is ...

James A. Gibson, public administrator, and Jerry Grider, the negro politician, appeared before Judge Imel of the probate court yesterday, both demanding to be appointed administrator of the

man's estate. Grider argued that he should be named, as the dead man was his ..., but Gibson was appointed.

Mr. Gibson said that if White has relatives living, he does not know them. In the certificate of membership in the association no beneficiaries were named.

same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 May 1909, p. 4

George W. Easter, colored, charged with murder in the first degree, was permitted to plead guilty to first degree manslaughter in the criminal court this morning, and was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary.

Easter, on Easter eve, 1908, shot and killed Bert White, another negro. The homicide followed a game of craps in which the negroes had quarreled and fought, when Easter was worsted by White. Easter procured a shotgun, followed White to his boarding house and shot him as he stood in the doorway. A single shot, about the size of a pinhead, entered the brain through the eyeball, causing instant death, the doctors said.

Date of death: 6 Jun 1909

Subject: Fifine White

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Jun 1909, p. 3

Fifine White, aged 15 years, died at a local hospital. The remains were sent to Bolckow yesterday for interment. Her parents, four brothers and four sisters survive her.

Date of death: 10 Dec 1908

Subject: Harry White

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Dec 1908, p. 8

Failing to get off the tracks in time, Harry White, 35 years old, section hand on the Burlington near Helena, Mo., was run down by a passenger train and instantly killed. The body, horribly mangled and almost unrecognizable, was brought to St. Joseph, White was unmarried and no relatives are known. He will be buried in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 6 Jun 1904

Subject: Edith Matilda (Whitman) Moser

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Jun 1904, p. 9

Edith T. Moser, aged 31 years, wife of Wm. J. Moser, died Monday morning at ... home five miles east of cit. She was [sister] of Mrs. George Tolson and Mrs. H. B. Shale of this city. Funeral from residence on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Ashland.

Date of death: 13 May 1920

Subject: Charles Whitmore

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 May 1920, p. 1

Charles Whitmore, thirty-four years old, a Burlington fireman, was killed at 2:45 o'clock this morning when he fell from the cab of an engine into Platte River, three miles south of Union Star, Mo. The body was recovered. Whitmore, who was married, lived in St. Joseph at the National Hotel. He had been on a freight run between here and Albany, Mo. His parents live at Amazonia, Mo., and the body will reach St. Joseph late this afternoon and be taken to Amazonia for burial.

Henry J. Morin, engineer of the train, did not miss Whitmore until the train was two miles this side of the bridge, through which the fireman fell. Torches were used and the body was discovered floating in an eddy. It was taken to Union Star, where the DeKalb County coroner viewed it.

It is not known how Whitmore happened to fall from the cab, but one theory is that he was leaning from the window and was struck by a beam of the bridge. Besides his widow and parents, a brother, who is a station agent for the Burlington at Watson, Mo., survives him.

Date of death: 4 Aug 1909

Subject: Fred John Wiedman

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Aug 1909, p. 7

Fred John Wiedmann [sic], aged 50, died at a local hospital at 9 p.m. Wednesday. He lived at 714 South Eighth street. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Henry Stuber, Mrs. Chas. F. Slitter, Mrs. Ida E. Ewing and Mrs. Maude Davis, all of this city.

Date of death: 28 Jun 1900

Subject: Charles Williams*

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 29 Jun 1900, p. 5

Charles, Williams, colored, living at 603 South Eighteenth street, died yesterday afternoon at his residence. Deceased had for many years been a teamster for the Studebaker company of this city, and was well known by many citizens.

Date of death: 6 Jun 1912

Subject: James Williams

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Jun 1912, p. 5

James Williams, fifty years old, died yesterday evening at 6 o'clock at a local hospital where he had been sent yesterday from Central Police Station. Williams was picked up yesterday morning by a street car crew on the lake line. He was unable to walk and said he had been lying where he was found for two days. The body is at H. O. Sidenfaden's.

Date of death: 16 Apr 1902

Subject: John J. Williams*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Apr 1902, p. 2

John J. Williams, colored, janitor at the German-American bank building, died Wednesday morning at his home, 1505 Olive street. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon with interment in Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 2 Jun 1920

Subject: Lucy Williams

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Jun 1920, p. 6

Miss Lucy Williams, seventeen years old, died at 9 o'clock last night at the home of her father, James E. Williams, 1405 South Fifth street. Besides her father, she is survived by six brothers and one sister, as follows: Walter Williams, Hale, Mo.; Bell Williams, Chillicothe, Mo., and Oscar, Clay, Russell, Virgil and Anna May Williams of St. Joseph. The body will be taken to Utica, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 18 May 1906

Subject: Mellissa A. (Williams) Denney

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 May 1906, p. 11

Mrs. Melissa [sic] A. Denney, wife of J. P. Denney, a retired farmer at Rosendale, Mo., died at a local hospital, at 6 o'clock last night, as the result of an operation. She was fifty-eight years of age. The body was forwarded to Rosendale this morning.

Date of death: Jun 1900

Subject: Thomas Williams*

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 13 Jun 1900, p. 5

An inquest was held yesterday on the body of Thomas Williams, the negro boy drowned in a pond three miles northeast of the city, near the farm of John S. Lemon. The verdict was that the boy had come to his death by drowning, and his companions were held blameless. Several boys were with him at the time. The Williams boy was 15 years old, and lived with his mother, Mrs. Anna Williams, at No. 4, Bean Row. The burial will take place at the city cemetery today.

Date of death: 5 Jan 1913

Subject: William Williams*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Jan 1913, p. 4

William Williams, a negro driver for the Parrish-Erickson Hardware Company, whose spine was seriously injured Christmas eve when he fell from his wagon at Sixth and Hall streets, died last night at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Date of death: 22 May 1904

Subject: Frank Wilson*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 May 1904, p. 1

Frank Wilson, a negro, aged 38, employed at the street railway power house, was shot and instantly killed by Will Ferman, a porter employed at Whitaker and Crites' saloon, Fourth and

Messanie streets, at Andy Brown's rooming house, 812 South Sixth street, at 11 o'clock last night.

Ferman surrendered to Andy Brown, who went with him to the police station giving him into custody of Sergeant Kelly.

Ferman told the police that the shooting was accidental.

Patrolmen Campbell and Smith hurried to the scene and investigated the matter, being ... followed by Patrolman Moore.

According to the story told by Eddie Brown, who occupied the same room with Ferman and Wilson, the two who were ... mates had quarreled.

Ferman last night entered the room. Eddie Brown says that he was in bed at the time, but heard Ferman say:

"I'm going to kill you."

"Quit fooling with that gun; it might go off," Wilson replied.

"You ..., you think I won't shoot," young Brown says was Ferman's next remark. This was followed by a shot, says the boy, and Ferman then came toward Brown's bed.

Brown feigned sleep and Ferman went down stairs and gave himself up.

His victim fell over on the floor, dead. The bullet had passed through his heart.

Wilson was a quiet and industrious negro, and in the two years he had been in St. Joseph had not been in trouble.

Ferman had been before the police before, having stabbed Charley Willis, another negro, almost to death last winter.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 May 1904, p. 5

William Ferman, the negro who shot and killed his room-mate, Frank Wilson, in Andy Brown's boarding house Sunday night, protests that he is innocent of murder and that the killing was purely accidental.

"Wilson and I were pals," he said yesterday, "and I wouldn't kill him. The gun just went off before I knew it, that's all. Wilson was lying on the bed and I was sitting beside him. I pulled out the revolver and we got to fooling with it. I had my thumb on the hammer and I must have pulled it back, but I didn't mean to. It went off and Wilson jumped off the bed and fell down dead.

"Wilson and I didn't have any trouble. We didn't have a cross word and anybody that says we did don't know what they are talking about.

"Ed Brown was in the room at the time of the shooting and if he says I said I would kill Wilson he don't know what he's talking about. I never made any threat and there was no talking about shooting anybody. If Wilson hadn't died instantly he would have told that the shooting was an accident."

Ferman was a porter in the employ of Frank Whitacre, whose saloon was wrecked by dynamite early yesterday morning, and he says the revolver with which he shot Wilson belongs to R. L. Crites, one of the bartenders in the saloon who is being held for investigation in connection with the safe blowing affair.

He says he slipped the revolver in his pocket when he left the saloon Sunday night as a protection against footpads.

Ferman is still locked up.

Date of death: 11 Aug 1902

Subject: Mrs. Lillie Ann Wilson

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 12 Aug 1902, p. 6

Mrs. Lillie Ann Wilson, aged thirty-four years, wife of William N. Wilson, died yesterday at the family home, 412 Middleton street.

Deceased was a native of Indiana, but had lived in St. Joseph since childhood. Her surviving relatives are a sister, Mrs. Cora L. Pierce of Kansas City, and an aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Murnan of St. Joseph. She was a member of Olive council, No. 300, Knights and Ladies of Security; Modern Brotherhood of America, and Zenobia Hive, No. 9, L.O.T.M.

The body will be taken to Bolckow for burial.

Date of death: 7 Sep 1918

Subject: Samuel H. Winders

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Sep 1918, p. 6

Samuel H. Winders, 52 years old, of Nevada, Mo., died yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Scott, 727 South Ninth street. He had been in failing health, and while sitting in a chair yesterday fell dead of heart disease. The body will be taken to Nevada for burial.

Date of death: 11 Nov 1908

Subject: Mrs. Katrina Winter

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 Nov 1908, p. 3

The death of Mrs. Katherine Wenter [sic], 61 years old, occurred yesterday at a local hospital. The body will be taken to Savannah for burial today.

Date of death: Jul 1902

Subject: John Wintersmith*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Jul 1902, p. 4

Negro Dies from Excessive Heat

John ... [*much of article is illegible*] ... Frank ... Felix street ... morning. He ... 211 South Second ... at ... o'clock... ness.

Wintersmith ... for many ... called 'Ral... H... pairing a ... saloon. He ... fifteen minutes ... prostrated. It ... heat was ... is the first ...

Coroner De... inquest over....

Date of death: 9 Jan 1918

Subject: William Witcher

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Jan 1918, p. 8

William, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Witcher, 1311 South Fourth street, died this [sic] morning at 3:15 o'clock at the family home.

Date of death: 18 Nov 1905

Subject: Lyom (or Leon) W. Wolfers

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 Nov 1905, p. 1

Hopkins, Mo., Nov. 18.—While hunting rabbits in the orchard on his father's property this afternoon, Leon Wolfers, the fourteen year old son of E. C. Wolfers, a banker here, was instantly killed by a shot from the rifle of a comrade, Harvey Lindsay.

Lindsay, who was of the same aged as the dead boy, hurriedly summoned medical assistance, but young Wolfers had died instantly, the bullet entering the base of his brain.

The shooting occurred at 3:45 o'clock and a coroner's inquest was held soon afterward. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death and Lindsay was not held by the authorities.

Young Lindsay and his parents are greatly broken up over the sad termination of the afternoon's pleasure.

Date of death: 4 Jan 1917

Subject: Samuel Wood

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Jan 1917, p. 6

Samuel Wood, sixty years old, died last night at a local hospital. He had no known relatives.

Date of death: 14 Nov 1902

Subject: Mrs. Katie H. Woodson*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Nov 1902, p. 6

Katie Woodson, colored, aged 48 years, died at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning at her home 1611 South Eighth street. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Third street A.M.E. church.

Date of death: 22 Jul 1904

Subject: Charles Wyatt

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Aug 1904, p. 8

Savannah, Mo., July 31.—Charles Wyatt of Silver City, Idaho, son of Samuel Wyatt of Fontainbleau, died on July 22. His body was brought to Savannah for interment.

**Y & Z Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 24 Mar 1905

Subject: George W. Yates

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 01 Apr 1905, p. 5

Helena, Mo., April 1.—George W. Yates, a helpless paralytic for over three years, died at his home four miles east of here Friday, March 24. He was born in Buchanan County, near Agency, February 10, 1842, and moved to the farm on which he died in DeKalb County, February 21, 1875. Mr. Yates became a Mason at the age of twenty-one, and was an honored member of Helena lodge at the time of his death. He was an active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was married August 29, 1865, to Miss Sallie Riley, who with five sons of two daughters, survives him. He was partially paralyzed December 17, 1901, and later his entire body became helpless. He lay on his back over three years unable to talk the greater part of the time. A very large crowd attended the funeral at Union Chapel Sunday. The Rev. John Clark preached, and the body was laid to rest by the Masons, in the chapel burying ground. The children were all present at the funeral. They are Ernest Yates and Mrs. Dr. Bennett of St. Louis; Dr. D. D. Yates, Stilwater, Okla.; Frank P. Yates, Clarksdale; Hattie Yates, St. Joseph; James W. Yates and Charley C. Yates of Helena.

Date of death: 16 Nov 1905

Subject: Emma F. (Yeaman) Mathis

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Nov 1905, p. 12

Mrs. Emma F. Mathis, wife of Littleton Mathis, 1614 South Eleventh street, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Yeaman, Maryville, Mo., November 16. Burial at Maryville Saturday morning.

Date of death: 6 Aug 1901

Subject: Luttie J. (Yeamans) McMahan

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 12 Aug 1901, p. 5

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 10.—Mrs. James McMahan died at her home on South Market street Tuesday after a three days' illness. She was thirty-nine years old, and left a husband and four children. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Yeaman [sic] of this place are her parents.

Date of death: 22 Jun 1903

Subject: Corning Yingst

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 23 Jun 1903, p. 6

Corning Yingst, twenty-seven years old, died yesterday afternoon at a local hospital. He was a candymaker by trade, but had been confined to the hospital for some time. He was a widower and had no relatives living. The body was shipped this morning to Flag Springs, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 17 Aug 1908

Subject: Mrs. Blanche Young*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Aug 1908, p. 4

Blanche Young, colored, who was severely burned Thursday afternoon by a fire in a gasoline stove, at Thirteenth and Holman streets, was much improved this morning, and she probably will recover.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Aug 1908, p. 6

The wife of William Young, colored, Thirteenth and Holman streets, who was burned Thursday afternoon while attempting to carry a blazing gasoline stove out of the house, died about 1 o'clock this morning. The woman's clothing was burned from her body and there was little chance for recovery from the first. Her husband is a saloon porter.

Same

Source: same, p. 8

... Mrs. William Young, aged 22 years ... her home, 1309 N. 13th ...ning. Mrs. Young re... the result of the ex... a few days ago. ..., a son Oscar ... relatives. She ... Court No. 12, and Golden Gate ... No. 47. All members of each order are requested to be present at the funeral Tuesday, August 18, at ... p.m., from the A.M.E Church Third and Antoine sts. Burial at city cemetery.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Aug 1908, p. 6

The wife of William Young, the saloon porter, who lives at Thirteenth and Holman streets, died yesterday morning from burns she received last Thursday while attempting to carry a blazing gasoline stove from the house.

Date of death: 10 Apr 1909

Subject: Dora Young*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Apr 1909, p. 8

Domestic troubles last night led Dora Young, a negress, to shoot herself with a revolver in her room over Charles Phelps' saloon, 214 Francis street. A peculiar feature of the case is that the bullet entered her body through her back, causing a wound which Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, who attended her, says will not prove serious.

The unusual wound led the police to make a rigid investigation into the affair on the theory that someone else had fired the revolver. The woman, however, insisted that she had attempted suicide.

'Ah had trouble with mah man,' she told the police.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Apr 1909, p. 6

Negress Suicide Heir to Thousands

Disagreement Over Estate and Grief Alleged Causes of Woman Taking Life.

After ... heir to... [*several lines illegible*]

... shooting herself ... Francis street, as ... she died early yesterday morning.

The woman's parents and her brother, Manny Young live in Wichita, where she went to try to settle the estate. She returned from there last Monday, disappointed, her acquaintances say, because her visit did not have the desired result. She is said to have brooded over the matter until she decided to take her life. She fired four shots, ... which took effect, in ... the heart.

The body of the woman was removed to Sidenfaden's morgue from where the funeral will take place tomorrow.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Apr 1909, p. 4

Dora Young, the negro woman who shot herself Thursday and who died in a hospital Saturday morning, was an heir to half of an estate valued at \$20,000, it is stated by her brother, Manny Young, who came here from Wichita after he learned of the death of his sister. It is said the woman was having trouble over the estate and she is supposed to have been despondent. She had returned from Wichita several days before she shot herself.

Manny Young told the police detectives that his sister would have inherited half of the property of their parents, had she lived. The shooting was at 214 Francis street, and four shots were fired, only one of which inflicted a wound. The brother denies that his sister had any trouble with him about the division of the property.

Dr. M. O. Ricketts, the colored physician who attended Dora Young, says the report that the woman shot herself in the back was incorrect. The ball entered the left side, two inches below the nipple.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 14 Apr 1909, p. 8

That Dora Young, the negress who committed suicide on Second street a few days ago, did not shoot herself because she had had trouble with her brother about their estate was the assertion of Mrs. Ella Ewing of Wichita, Kas., who came to St. Joseph to attend the funeral. Mrs. Ewing, who was a warm personal friend of the Young woman, says they had no estate to quarrel over, though a suit is pending for the division of their father's property. If there was cause for the woman to shoot herself it arose in St. Joseph, says Mrs. Ewing.

Date of death: 5 Feb 1909

Subject: Joe Young*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Feb 1909, p. 6

Fifteen minutes after he ceased wrestling with Dennis Hayes, a saloon keeper, in a saloon at Seventeenth and Messanie streets, Joe Young, a negro laborer, died alone in a back room of the saloon, it is believed, from heart trouble brought on my excessive drinking and over exertion.

The negro sat down in the barroom after playfully tussling with Hayes, and it was thought he was in a drunken stupor. He was taken in a back room to sleep it off. Later it was decided to take him home, and it was discovered he was dead.

Coroner Byrd viewed the body and ordered it removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue. An inquest will be held, but Coroner Byrd stated that he thought the negro had died of heart trouble. Young lived at 1719 Messanie street.

Date of death: 5 Aug 1905

Subject: John M. "Jack" Young

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Aug 1905, p. 2

Savannah, Mo., Aug. 6.—A man named Josh [sic] Young, a farm hand, aged 45 years, was struck by lightning and killed on Clay Brown's premises near Savannah, early this morning.

Young had fallen asleep in the driveway of Brown's barn and was killed while asleep.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 8 Aug 1905, p. 8

Savannah, Mo., Aug. 8.—Jack Young, aged fifty-five years, was killed by lightning Saturday night. Young was working for M. P. Brown, two miles south of Savannah, and on account of the hot night had gone up into the haymow of the barn to sleep. During the night a storm came up and lightning struck the barn, tearing a hole in the roof, striking Mr. Young on the head, singeing his hair and mustache, and going on down through the hay to the ground. Strangely it set neither the barn nor the hay on fire.

Mr. Young was a distant relative of Judge C. M. Daily and will be buried today in the Daily cemetery.

Date of death: 4 Mar 1903

Subject: Logan D. Young

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 4 Mar 1903, p. 6

Quitman, Mo., March ... Logan Young, aged eighty-seven ... this morning. He was born ...ber 3, 1815, and ... ty, Mo., in 1844. He ... farmer in Nodaway ... 1870. Three sons and two daughters survive him. The remains will be buried at Maryville.

Date of death: 6 Dec 1902

Subject: Mrs. Louisa Young*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Dec 1902, p. 8

Louisa Young, colored, died at her home, No. 911 Pendleton street, early yesterday morning. The funeral will be held from the residence at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and interment will be made in Ashland cemetery.

Date of death: 1 Apr 1889

Subject: Mrs. Lucy Young*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 2 Apr 1889, p. 4

Mrs. Thomas Young died yesterday at her residence on Sixth and Powell. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon from the Francis Street Baptist Church.

Date of death: 8 Aug 1904

Subject: Robert S. Young

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Aug 1904, p. 6

Savannah, Mo., Aug. 14.—Robt. Young died at his home, about two miles south of this city, Aug. 8. He was 70 years old and had lived in Andrew county all his life.

Date of death: 24 Jul 1907

Subject: Arnold Ziegler

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Jul 1907, p. 2

Arnold Ziegler, aged forty-four years, died yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at a local hospital. He was unmarried and is survived by one brother. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Savannah, Mo. Interment will be at Oak Ridge cemetery, Sunday.

Date of death: 8 Aug 1903

Subject: Jacob Ziegler

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 10 Aug 1903, p. 6

Jacob Ziegler, aged eighty-three years, died at 11 o'clock Saturday night at the family home, twelve miles northeast of this city, of old age. The deceased had been a resident of Buchanan County for a good many years, and was pastor of the German Church in the Schneider settlement until nine years ago. Two sons survive. The funeral services will be conducted at the residence at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. Interment will be at Oak Ridge cemetery.