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DECORATION DAY SERVICES AT UNION HILL CEMETERY SOUTHEAST OF WEST PLAINS

"The following old soldiers are buried here: Lewis P. Gordon, who enlisted July 1, 1862, in Co. D, 1st Reg. Arkansas infantry, under Capt. L. D. Tonney and was discharged at St. Louis, Dec. 31, 1862. He removed from Arkansas to Missouri in 1871.

Edwin C. Smalley, a private in Capt. John Chambers' company G, 2nd Reg. mounted infantry, Tennessee troops, enlisted Dec. 1, 1863, and was discharged Dec. 28, 1864. He died Aug. 11, 1894.

Geo. W. Burrell, a private in Co. I, 40th Reg. Illinois volunteers, enlisted July 25, 1861, was wounded at Jackson, Miss., and was discharged at Louisville, Ky., July 24, 1865.

Henry Giles Rideout, a private in Co. H, 18th Reg. Kentucky infantry in fall of 1861 and was discharged in March, 1863.

There was an old soldier by the name of Smith, but as the family have removed from the state no military history is available."

(Gazette - June 2, 1904)

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John Adkins died at his home on West Main Street on Monday night at 9 o'clock aged 87 years.

Mr. Adkins was a veteran of the Civil War and fought upon the Union side. For many years he has been totally blind. Heart failure was the cause of death. He is survived by a widow and two married daughters who reside elsewhere.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at the residence, Rev. G. G. Horne, officiating. Interment followed at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

(Journal - Sept. 26, 1907)

James Adams, one of the oldest residents of this section, died at his home on Howell Valley, seven miles east of West Plains, on Wednesday night of last week of heart trouble. He had been in failing health for several years and dropped dead while greeting his grandson at the gate.

"Uncle Jimmy" Adams, as he was familiarly known to a great many warm friends, came to Southern Missouri and located in Oregon County more than 70 years ago, when what is known now as Howell County was embraced within the borders of Oregon County. Later Mr. Adams moved on a farm in Howell Valley. He was 83 years old at the time of his death.

Ten years ago his wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Huff, passed away. Ten children were born to them, six of whom survive. They are J. L. Adams, J. W. Adams, and T. F. Adams, farmers of Howell Valley; Mrs. Rufus McClelland of Thayer; Mrs. Sam Lock of South Fork, and Mrs. Ab Lyder of Howell Valley. A number of grandchildren are included among the bereaved relatives.

Mr. Adams served in the Confederate army during the Civil War, joining in Oregon County. He was a member of the M. E. Church and one of the early members of the Knights of Pythias order. The funeral services were held at the home of deceased, conducted by Rev. T. J. Winstead, under the auspices of the Crotona Lodge Knights of Pythias of this city. The remains were laid to rest in the Chapin cemetery beside those of his wife.

(Gazette - Sept. 21, 1911)

Nathan B. Aldridge, prominent Union veteran of West Plains, who had the honor of being in General Sherman's march to the sea, died at his home in West Plains Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock, after a long illness incident with old age. He was aged 82 years.

Born in Posey County, Indiana, January 1, 1844, Mr. Aldridge spent his life on the farm until the call to arms was made in the spring of 1861. He enlisted at that time in Company F, 25th Indiana volunteer Infantry and soon was sent to the front. He was twice wounded at the Battle of Corinth, in Mississippi, and later was with Sherman in his march to the sea. When the war ended Mr. Aldridge returned to Indiana.

On April 21, 1869, he was married in Posey County, Indiana, to Miss Jane Martin, who survives him. He also leaves three sons and a daughter, Nathan Aldridge, Jr., Will F. Aldridge, James Aldridge, and Mrs. Dick Myers, who resides in the southeast part of the county. All of them were with him when he passed away. There also survive fifteen grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren.

The funeral services were held at the family home on Cherry Street Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. B. R. Clarkson, pastor of the Christian Church. Members of John R. Rollins Post G.A.R. attended in a body and performed the last services in Oak Lawn cemetery.
(Gazette - Aug. 5, 1926)

Jones Adler, a former resident of this city, died at San Louis Obispo, California, last Saturday morning, where he was making his home for the benefit of his health. He died at the home of Mrs. Adler's brother, James Findley, where he had been for several months. Heart trouble is given as the cause of death.

Mr. Adler was born in Perry County, Missouri, and was 66 years old at the time of his death. He came to West Plains fourteen years ago from Wallace, Kansas, and was a painter and sign writer. He was a Union veteran and a prominent member of the G.A.R. Post of this city. Last year when his health became alarming he went to Colorado, and after a short stay in the mountains went to California, hoping that the climate would prove beneficial. He grew worse and his death while a great shock to his friends was not unexpected.

Mr. Adler is survived by a wife, three daughters and one son. They are Mrs. Wm. Langston and Mrs. E. H. Hungerford, of this city; Mrs. Greel Gilbert, of Washington, Iowa; and Dr. Robert Adler, of Denver, Col. The remains were interred at San Louis Obispo.

(Gazette - June 24, 1909)

Many of the older settlers of Howell County remember J. P. Allen who left here 35 years ago and located at Metz, Vernon County, where he died a few days ago at the age of 75 years. He was born at Ben Salem, North Carolina, March 3, 1845, and was married to Isabel Seawell May 9, 1865, sixty years ago last month. Nine children were born to them as follows: Nettie Floyd, Cle Elum, Wash.; John F. Allen, at home; Raleigh S. Allen, who died at the age of 29 years; Wm. Franklin, who died at the age of two years; Martha C. Bockins, Webb City, Mo.; Minnie Cassidy, Spokane, Wash.; Maggie M. McKnight, Webb City, Mo.; Laura F. Daffield, who died at the age of 22 years; and Connie A. Allen, of the home. He is also survived by two brothers, James and Josiah Allen, who reside in North Carolina, fifteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

During the Civil War Mr. Allen served in the Confederate army. He was a member of the Masonic order and had the distinction of establishing the first bank in Metz. He was an intimate friend of P. W. Lynch, Peace Valley livestock dealer, and the first car of cattle that Mr. Lynch ever sold was bought by Mr. Allen.
(Gazette - June 18, 1925)

In the death of W. A. Alexander, who passed away March 16th, at his home near Fruitville, Howell County loses a prominent citizen. Mr. Alexander was 77 years of age. He moved to Howell County many years ago from Hickory County and for a time resided on a farm east of West Plains. Later he moved to this city, and resided here until a few years ago when he moved to the southeastern part of the county to make his home with his son.

Mr. Alexander had been in failing health for some time. On the day of his death he was feeling poorly. A physician was summoned from West Plains and found Mr. Alexander in bed. While the physician was there, Mr. Alexander passed away. He was a Union veteran and well known in this city.

Three sons, Bert and Ben Alexander, who reside near Fruitville, U. M. Alexander of Fort Worth, Texas, and one daughter, Mrs. Belle Walker, of Blythville, Ark., survive the deceased. The funeral services were held last Thursday and interment was in the Radle cemetery near Chapin, beside the body of Mr. Alexander's wife who died several years ago.
(Gazette - March 23, 1916)

Christopher S. Alvord, Union veteran of the Civil War, died suddenly at the County farm six miles southeast of West Plains Tuesday night. He has recently been making his home at Burnham and was brought to the farm Monday to be cared for. Mr. Alvord was 85 years old. He fought in the Union army during the Civil War. A number of years ago he and his wife moved to West Plains. He served as coroner of this county at one time. Ten years ago he and his wife moved on a small farm near Burnham. Mrs. Alvord died a few months ago. Recently Mr. Alvord became very feeble and his mind failed and he was brought to the county farm for treatment. He was buried in the cemetery on the county farm.

(Gazette - May 21, 1931)

In the death of Richard C. Alred which occurred at his home at Siloam Springs a few days ago, Howell County loses one of the best citizens. He died after a short illness of the la grippe, aged 75 years.

"Uncle Dick", as he was affectionately called by his many friends and neighbors, came to Howell County from Tennessee in 1875 and located at Siloam Springs. He was a fine Southern gentleman, who had served in the Confederate army and after laying down his arms was for the union of the states. He took a great interest in public affairs, but never was a candidate for public office.

The deceased leaves a widow and six children, Will and Charles Alred of Oklahoma, John Alred of Arkansas, Mrs. Hal Gilbert of Utah, Mrs. Robert House of Oregon, Mrs. Clint Wilson of Arkansas.
(Gazette, Feb. 3, 1917)

John S. Andrews of Willow Springs, aged 74 years and 24 days, died at his home in that place August 12th. He served in the Union army three years, 7 months and two days and was a member of Company I, Missouri cavalry. He was married to Miss Clarissa Banta April 18, 1867, and they lived happily together until death separated them at the dawn of their golden wedding anniversary. He leaves besides his wife, a son, W. T. Andrews, of Mansfield, Mo., and one brother, H. J. Andrews, of Elk Creek, Howell County, Mo. He was a Christian man and had many warm friends. The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church at Willow Springs, conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. A. Prater. Interment was in the Willow Springs cemetery.
(Gazette - Aug. 17, 1916)

W. C. Amerman, age 87, one of Koshkonong's oldest and best known citizens, died at his home in that place Monday after a short illness of pleurisy and infirmities incident to old age. For several years he has been in frail health and recently he became confined to his home.

Mr. Amerman was born in New York and when a boy moved with his parents to Illinois. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the Union army and served until the close of that memorable conflict that preserved the union of the states. On October 7, 1866, he was married at Lake Mills, Wis., to Miss Harriett Kilburn, who died at Koshkonong last November at a ripe old age.

In 1884 Mr. and Mrs. Amerman and family moved from Illinois to Howell County and located on a farm near South Fork, which Mr. Amerman still owned at the time of his death. In 1900 they moved to Winona, where they resided until 1896 when Mr. and Mrs. Amerman moved to Koshkonong. Mr. Amerman engaged in the loan and insurance business at Koshkonong. He was a member of the Methodist church and a Mason.

Three sons survive the deceased. They are Alba B. Amerman, who was at Koshkonong with his father when he passed away, and Isaac Amerman, of Carthage, and Frank Amerman of Eagle Rock, Calif. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters, P. M. Amerman, South Fork, Mo.; Peter Amerman, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. J. W. Miller, Pasadena, Cal.; and Miss Charlotte M. Amerman, Long Beach, Cal.

The funeral services were held at Koshkonong Wednesday and burial was in the Koshkonong cemetery under auspices of Big Apple Lodge A.F. & A.M.

(Gazette - Feb. 12, 1931)

J. H. Anglin, aged 80 years, died on Thursday afternoon of last week at his home on East Cleveland avenue, of old age. He had been in a feeble condition for some time and recently was unable to leave his home. The funeral was held Friday afternoon at the family residence, conducted by Rev. C. E. Atkins, pastor of the M. E. Church, South. Interment was in Oaklawn cemetery.

"Uncle Jack" Anglin for many years has been a familiar figure on West Plains streets. Before the advent of the auto truck he had a one-horse dray and did a good business. Owing to his feeble condition and advanced age Mr. Anglin was forced to retire two years ago.

An aged wife and five sons and daughters survive. They are J. Homer Anglin, Long Beach, Cal.; Kenneth Anglin, Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. C. P. Grissett, Thayer, Mo.; Mrs. J. H. Jacksom, Bristow, Okla.; and Mrs. Walter Fry, Oklahoma City, Okla. Mrs. Grissett and family, Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Jackson came to attend the funeral.
(Gazette - Dec. 18, 1918)

Henry J. Andrews, a pioneer of this county, died Monday, June 7th, at his home near Cull in the eastern part of Howell County.

Mr. Andrews was born September 13, 1845, in Catalla County, North Carolina. He came to Missouri in 1849 with his parents, and they settled in Crawford County. He grew to manhood. When the Civil War broke out and the governor of the state issued a call for troops, Mr. Andrews joined the state militia, and served his country during the war.

He professed faith in Christ at the age of 20 years and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He was married February 14, 1867, to Jane Banta, and to this union eight children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Two sons and four daughters survive. They are M. J. Andrews and John H. Andrews of Cull; Mrs. D. R. Lynch of Peace Valley; Mrs. Chas. W. McCann, West Plains; Mrs. Osco Mountree, Cull; and Mrs. Silas Chapin, Independence, Missouri. All of his children were with him when he passed away. He was aged 80 years, 8 months, and 23 days.

"Uncle Henry", as he was affectionately called, was a devout Christian and faithful Sabbath school worker, having been superintendent of his Sunday School for many years and was teacher of the advanced Bible class at the time of his death. He was an inspiration to his family and community and will be greatly missed. He made his home at Cull with his youngest son, John Andrews.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. D. Boles, of West Plains. His favorite songs were given by a select choir. Many beautiful floral offerings were presented by sympathizing friends.

The remains were laid to rest in Elk Creek cemetery by the side of his wife who preceded him to the grave nineteen years ago.
(Gazette - June 10, 1926)

Phillip Augustus Arbogast, a well known Confederate veteran of the Civil War, died at his home five miles east of Thomasville in Oregon county at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the advanced age of 76 years.

Mr. Arbogast had been a sufferer from heart trouble for several years and although he had been in quite a serious condition for some time, his death yesterday came rather unexpectedly. His daughter, Mrs. C. S. Hill, of this city, has been with him much of the time the past few weeks, but had been in West Plains the past two days and she and Mrs. Thomas Walker, another daughter of the decedent, who arrived here yesterday from Los Angeles, Calif., were enroute from this city to Thomasville when the aged man's death occurred.

The decedent was born in Scranton, Pa., in 1838 and came to Missouri several years before the beginning of the Civil War. He located on a farm in Oregon county, near Thomasville. In 1860 he was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Howell, daughter of Erasamus Howell, and niece of Thomas Howell, a prominent pioneer settler for whom Howell county was named. Mrs. Arbogast's death occurred twenty-three years ago.

At the close of the war Mr. Arbogast moved with his family to West Plains and for some time conducted the West Plains House, the oldest hotel now in existence in the city. However, he moved back to Thomasville a few years later and has since resided at that place.

The decedent is survived by five children, Mrs. Hill of this city, Mrs. Walker of Los Angeles, Mrs. Wm. Barnett of Joplin and James and Ed Arbogast of Stroudsburgh, Pa.

Funeral services for the aged veteran will be held at Thomasville this afternoon and interment will be made in the Thomasville cemetery.

Daily Quill - May 5, 1914

Seth Bacon, an old time resident of West Plains, died Monday morning at 9:45 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Cooper, in the southeast part of town, where he has been making his home since coming back here a few months ago. Asthma and dropsy caused his death.

Seth Bacon was well-known throughout this section. He was born in a little log cabin just northeast of West Plains. He served in the Confederate army and at the close of the war came to West Plains. At one time he was deputy United States Marshal of this district and proved to be an excellent official. Afterwards he was street commissioner of West Plains. He left here about twelve years ago and went to Springfield. Since that time he has been connected with a railroad contracting firm and had charge of a number of grading contracts on western railroads.

Mr. Bacon was 68 years old. He is survived by two sons, Dick and Charles Bacon of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Cooper, of this place, and Miss Pearl Bacon, of Muncie, Ind. He also is survived by a brother, Charles Bacon, of Mt. Summit, Ind.

The funeral services were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cooper, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. T. J. Phillips, after which the remains were laid to rest in Oak Grove cemetery.
(Gazette - April 6, 1911)

(from Galiton, Tenn., News)

"Relatives in this city received the word on Friday of the death of Hiram Auten, which occurred at Johnson City, Tenn., on February 11th.

The deceased was born and raised near Galiton and about thirty-one years ago, he went to Iowa and later to Missouri. He was a veteran of the Civil War, being with the 34th Ohio Infantry. Last summer Mr. Auten made two visits with Galiton relatives and friends, and then went to Johnson City, where he had resided about one year. Mrs. Cynthia Kern, of South Street, and Mrs. Rebecca Pensinger, of Leesvillw are sisters and John English a life long friend."

Mr. Auten was for several years a resident of West Plains, and did some extensive prospecting for gold on his property on the hill in the South part of the city.
(Daily Quill - Mar. 21, 1908)

John Jacob Barger, Union veteran and pioneer citizen of Howell County, died Friday morning at his home on Cherry Street in West Plains from kidney trouble from which he has been suffering for a long time. He was 83 years of age.

Mr. Barger was born in Latrobe, Penn., in 1838. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted with the Pennsylvania troops and fought for the Stars and Stripes until the close of the war. He went West just after the close of the war to grow up with the country. He located near Paola, Kansas, which was then on the extreme western border of civilization and the ruthless pot hunter exterminated the game. Mr. Barger, like all true hunters and sportsmen, was deeply grieved. Even up to his old age he delighted to hunt and fish in this country.

He is survived by his wife and four sons and one daughter, Harvey Barger, Paola, Kan.; John and Ernest Barger, Wichita, Kan.; William Barger and Mrs. Lee Dudley, of this city.

Mr. Barger resided for a number of years on a farm near Lebo, in the southern part of Howell County, coming here in 1908. He was an active member of John Rollins Post G.A.R. of this city. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the family home, Rev. W. L. Clark, pastor of the Pentecostal church, being in charge. Members of John Rollins Post G.A.R. held services at the grave in Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Gazette - Sept. 8, 1921)

Dr. George A. Baker died at his home near Cottbus, six miles southeast of this city Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. Baker had been ill for a long time with chronic dysentery, contracted during the Civil War. Three years ago he moved to Howell County from Iowa. He was a member of the Odd Fellows order, and the members of this city cared for him. The remains were shipped from here to the old home at Salina, Iowa, to be interred in the family burial lot.
(Gazette, May 5, 1910)

DEATH OF UNCLE DALLAS BARNETT

WAS A DEACON IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR 55 YEARS.

He Saved The Life Of Captain J. J. Sitton of Oregon County At The Battle of Big Blue.

For more than 55 years James Dallas Barnett, of Peace Valley, was a deacon in the Baptist church of Howell county. Friday morning, October 21, his spirit passed to that church on high where he will have eternal membership. Elder D. W. Epley, pioneer Howell county Baptist minister, conducted funeral services Saturday afternoon at New Hope church at Peace Valley after which the body was laid to rest in New Hope cemetary.

James Dallas Barnett, affectionately known as "Uncle Dallas" was aged 76 years, 10 months and 11 days. He was born December 10, 1844, in McMinn county, Tennessee, and came to Howell county in 1859 with his parents, Rev. Nathaniel and Martha Barnett. He was the oldest child in the family which settled on Gunter's Valley, 8 miles northeast of West Plains. Here Rev. Nathaniel Barnett died in 1887 and his wife passed away two years later.

When the Civil War broke out Dallas Barnett was a lad of 17. The following year he joined an Arkansas regiment when an enlisting officer for the Southern Confederacy came through Howell county seeking recruits. He was in the battle of Helena and afterwards went on a raiding trip into Southeast Missouri, which terminated in Cape Girardeau county.

In the spring of 1864 he returned to Howell county while on a furlough, and while here was married to Tennessee Gunter, the daughter of Samuel Gunter, after whom Gunter's Valley was named. Mr. Barnett did not go back to the Arkansas regiment, in which he had enlisted, but joined the company of Captain J. J. Sitton, of Oregon county. His brother, Rev. O. N. Barnett, now of West Plains, also was a member of this company, which joined General J. O. Shelby's brigade.

Mr. Barnett took part in several memorable battles with Shelby's brigade. He was at the battle of Pilot Knob, Independence, Big Blue and in the last fight in which the brigade took part in Southwest Missouri near the Indian Territory line. In 1866 he surrendered at Jacksonport, Ark.

It was in the battle of Big Blue near Kansas City, when Dallas Barnett displayed unusual bravery and saved the life of Captain Sitton. In a skirmish Captain Sitton was severely wounded and left on the battle field. Mr. Barnett and David George, of Oregon county, went back and amid a shower of Federal bullets carried their beloved captain from the field. Captain Sitton recovered, returned to Oregon county at the close of the war and married David George's sister. Capt. Sitton kept a diary in which he chronicled the events of his company and in this book, now in the hands of relatives, he highly praises the bravery of Dallas Barnett, who saved his life.

Dallas Barnett leaves two sons and three daughters. They are James H. Barnett, Mrs. Alvin Smith and Mrs. Frank Sams, of Peace Valley; Victor Barnett, of Boliver, Mo. and Mrs. Hattie Austin, of Burley Idaho. He also leaves two brothers Rev. O. N. Barnett, of West Plains and George Barnett of Soragosa Texas, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Killman of Greenville, Texas. His wife died four years ago and two years later he was married to Mrs. Allie Adams who survives him.

Ten weeks ago Mr. Barnett burned his leg while riding to town on the top of a wagon load of hogs. Blood poisoning developed and he suffered terrible agony. Everything possible was done to relieve his suffering. The old veteran bore his pain with christian fortitude and was ready to go when the summons came.

Gazette - Oct. 27, 19

Comrade Battis of the G.A.R. at this place, died suddenly at his home Thursday night. Welkin M. Battis was born in Benington, Vermont, in 1841, entered the service June 1, 1861, in Co. C, 9th Illinois infantry, and served two years and three months. He leaves a wife and three children, the latter all grown. (Willow Springs news)

(Journal - June 21, 1906)

Rev. Obed Nathaniel Barnett, pioneer Baptist minister of Howell County, and widely known throughout this section of the state died at his home in West Plains Wednesday morning from stomach trouble. Had he lived until April 29th he would have been 76 years old.

Rev. Barnett, who was born in Tennessee, came to Howell County at the age of ten years with his father, Rev. Nathaniel Barnett, the first Baptist minister of this section. The family located on Gunter's Valley, northeast of West Plains. At the age of 16 years Rev. Barnett and his brother, the late Dallas Barnett, joined Captain J. J. Sitton's company in Oregon County and fought in the Confederate army under General Sterling Price until the close of the war, surrendering July 5, at Jacksonport. Rev. Barnett was in the battle of Little Blue, near Independence, where his brother carried Captain Sitton, who was wounded, from the battlefield and saved his life.

Immediately following the close of the war Rev. Barnett married Miss Mary Henry, sister of the late Sam H. Henry, pioneer lumberman of this city. She with one son, Will F. Barnett, survive. Mrs. James P. Morgan, of this city, is his neice and foster daughter. He also leaves one brother, George W. Barnett, of Yletta, Texas, and a sister, Mrs. Sarah Killiom, of Greenville, Texas.

He was converted at an early age and joined the Baptist church. In 1886 he was licensed to preach and since that time has devoted much of his time as missionary for the Baptist church. He kept a record of his work, which showed that he preached 3,604 sermons, baptized 325 persons, married 230 couples, organized seven churches and assisted in the ordination of eight ministers and twenty-five deacons.

Rev. Barnett was one of the old-time preachers of this county. In early days of the county he would saddle his horse on the Sabbath, put his Bible in the saddlebags, and often ride fifty miles to preach a sermon. He believed in the Golden Rule, and if he had an enemy on earth no one knew it.

The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. L. Huckell. Interment will be in Oak Lawn cemetery.
(Gazette - Apr. [illegible], 1924)

O. A. Beebe was born at New Berlin, Chenango County, New York, July 4, 1839, and entered into rest at Fordland, Webster Co., Missouri, on June 28, 1907.

Mr. Beebe spent the early part of his life in his native state with his parents but came with them to Waverly, Iowa, when a young man. Here he lived until the war came, when he enlisted and made a good record as a soldier. He was wounded at Pea Ridge and because of this he was disabled in such a way that it was impossible for him to render service and he was honorably discharged. In 1864 he was married to Miss Helen J. Acken at Bremer City, Bremer County, Iowa. About four years after his marriage or in 1868, he located near Booneville, Cooper County, Missouri, and after spending a few years there on a farm he moved to Shelby County where he became manager of the Easton Stock Farm. Here as a result of careful and persistent work he succeeded in taking many valuable premiums thereby making himself known as a specialist in his work. After spending eight years here he disposed of his interests and moved to Carthage, Mo., where he was employed by the Fort Scott and Memphis R.R. Soon after he was made Claim Agent and continued to serve in this capacity for a period of twenty-five years, his term of service continuing for some time after the railroad passed into the hands of the Frisco. During this time he was engaged in other interests along the line, and finally located at West Plains in 1884, where he continued in business for the next eleven years. But at the end of this time he realized he must rest from the active duties and responsibilities of business and hence sought a quiet location. For this purpose he chose Fordland as his home, set out and cultivated the Beebe Fruit Farm at this place. His long and active career in business and in public service was peculiarly noted for strict honesty and integrity.

Mr. Beebe's early training in the home and his environment was such as to instill high ideals of home and home-life. The home with its beautiful ties of affection and love was rest to him, earth's sacred haven to which the busy man could come in quiet retreat from his many burdens and cares. He loved the home and its congenial association. Here with those who knew him best and loved him most did he confide his sympathy, love and devotion, and these were given as a rich heritage from his gentle and quiet life. He was a good father and a kind and devoted husband.

Mr. Beebe was baptized by Dr. Lawson, who was the first rector of the All Saints Church at West Plains. He was a great admirer of a true Christian life, and was himself responsive to all true and worthy efforts that were made to help mankind. He was a friend to the young men and rejoiced in his success financially, morally and spiritually. The last conversation the writer had with Mr. Beebe was in regard to the best methods of reaching young men and interesting them in the Christian life.

Mr. Beebe leaves a wife and one daughter and one son, besides other relatives and friends who regret to part with him but who amid the tears and sorrows of our bereavement rejoice that God has promised to bring all his children to Himself in Heaven where their associations will be continued throughout eternity.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. D. White, pastor of the Presbyterian church who kindly used the burial service of the Episcopal Church of which Mrs. Beebe and daughters are members.

The body was laid to rest in the Fordland cemetery on June 30th, 1907. (Gazette - July 25, 1907)

In the death of J. W. Benton, which occurred at his home on Webster Ave. last Friday evening at 7 o'clock, West Plains loses one of the pioneer residents of the city. For some time he had been in feeble health, suffering from Bright's disease. He was 83 years old.

"Dad" Benton was a friend to everyone. Those who knew him best affectionately called him by this name. He was one of the pioneer contractors and builders of this city and for many years was a partner of the late Thos. Amos, the father of Mrs. J. P. Harlin, of this city. The firm of Amos and Benton was widely known. They erected many of the best building in this part of the state and took several contracts in Arkansas. One of these was the erection of the Baker block at Mtn. Home. The plate glass and much of the building material was hauled from West Plains, over rough and rugged roads, a distance of 50 miles to Mountain Home. No contract was too large for this firm and no undertaking stopped them.

Joseph W. Benton was born December 1, 1833, near Paris, Tenn. He moved from there to Paducah, Ky., when a young man. When the Civil War began he enlisted in the Confederate army and served until the close of the war, going through the many hardships until the final surrender came. In 1882 he moved to West Plains and engaged in the contracting business. Old age and infirmities caused him to retire a number of years ago.

Mr. Benton was twice married. His first wife died before he came here. In 1884 he was married to Mrs. Mollie Bass, of this city, who survives him. He also leaves five daughters, Mrs. Georgia Fitzgerald of St. Louis, a daughter by his first wife, and four daughters by his last marriage, Mrs. Norman Proffitt, Mrs. Curry Claxton, and Misses Mary and Alice Benton, all of this city.

Rev. H. P. Pope, pastor of the Christian church, of which Mr. Benton had long been a member, conducted the funeral services, held Sunday afternoon at the family residence. Many friends attended to pay a last tribute to this prominent citizen. The remains were laid to rest in Oak Lawn cemetery.
(Gazette -- Nov. 16, 1916)

J. C. Benfield, one of the old residents of this city, died Sunday afternoon at the home of his son, Jack Benfield, in this city. He was 65 years old, and a Confederate veteran. Besides a wife, four sons are left to mourn his departure. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon and interment was in the Galloway cemetery two miles northwest of town.
(Gazette - Dec. 10, 1908)

Funeral Of Dr. N. C. Berry Held Yesterday

Pioneer Pysician Remembered As Prominent Figure In Early History Of City And County.

The funeral of Dr. Norbourne Courtney Berry, whose death occurred in Nevada Monday, was held yesterday afternoon in the First Presbyterian church in this city. The services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Ashley of the Christian Church and were attended by many old time friends of the pioneer physician who remembered him as a prominent figure in the early history of West Plains and Howell county.

The members of the local I. O. O. F. lodge, of which the decedent was a charter member, attended the services and had charge of the last rites at the grave when interment was made in Oak Lawn cemetery following the services at the church. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

For many years Dr. Berry was one of the leading physicians of West Plains and he was also one of the most widely known practioners of Howell and the adjoining counties.

Dr. Berry was born in Union county, Kentucky, April 5, 1838, being a scion of one of the staunch old southern families of ante bellum days. He was a typical Kentuckian and made many warm friends among his associates. He possessed a keen sense of humor and a spontaneous wit, which made him always the center of a crowd of jovial good fellows.

A man of splendid education and fine intellect Dr. Berry was a successful physician and surgeon. He received his early education in the public schools of Kentucky, finishing in one of the old colleges in Philadelphia. Later he studied medicine under his father, Dr. John T. Berry and still later he returned to Philadelphia where he studied in and graduated from one of the then leading medical colleges of the east.

Soon after his graduation from medical college the Civil War opened and Dr. Berry entered the confederate service as an army surgeon. He served until the surrender of General Lee.

At the close of the war the army surgeon returned to Henderson, Ky., where he practiced medicine for a number of years before moving to West Plains in 1871.

Three years before his advent to West Plains, Dr. Berry was married to Mrs. Sue Green, widow of Col. Henry D Green, a noted Confederate hero, who gave his life to the lost cause, and who is the father of Judge Henry D. Green of West Plains, one of the most prominent criminal attorneys of this section of the state.

To Dr. and Mrs. Berry were born three children, Ernestine Berry, who became Mrs Edward Healy and whose death occurred in West Plains a number of years ago, Willie Berry, who died in infancy, and Sudye Berry, who became Mrs. Robert Kennon and who is now Mrs. Harvey C. Clarke of Nevada, Mo.

Upon their arrival in West Plains Dr. Berry and his wife and children and Mrs. Berry's children by her former marriage became prominent in social circles here. Mrs. Berry, whose death occurred at Koshkonong 3 years ago, like her husband, was a typical southerner and possessed a quaint charm which made her beloved by many friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Berry continued to reside in West Plains until 1907, when they moved to Koshkonong, where Dr. Berry continued to practice medicine until his wife's death. Since that time the aged physician has been with his daughter at Nevada, but owing to his ill health he has been in a private sanitarium at that place much of the time.

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William J. Bess, one of the best known citizens of the northern part of Howell County, died at his home in Mountain View Tuesday, February 18th, following an illness of several weeks. He was 76 years old. Mr. Bess was a veteran of the Civil War, and had the distinction of belonging to the only Union regiment of Alabama soldiers. He was a retired Baptist minister and preached the gospel in this section of the country many years ago. He was the father of ex-Prosecuting Attorney J. L. Bess, of this city, who was at his father's bedside when he passed away. A wife and eight sons and daughters survive the deceased.
(Gazette - Feb. 27, 1919)

The remains of N. Bodine, who died at his home in Brandsville, on April 14, were shipped from this city to Anaheim, Calif., Sunday. The body was accompanied by the widow and her daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Dickman, of Anaheim, Calif., and son-in-law, Henry Duncan, of McGill, Nevada.

Mr. Bodine was 83 years old. He was born in Ohio, but spent his early life in Iowa. In 1874 he was married to Miss Emma Stewart, who survives him. He is also survived by four sons and daughters, Lawrence and Mark Bodine, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Myrtle Dickman, Anaheim, Cal.; and Mrs. Inez Duncan, McGill, Nev. Mr. Bodine served three years in the Union army during the Civil War. Some forty years ago the family moved from Ohio to a farm near Simmons, in Texas County, where they resided until three years ago, when they moved to Brandsville. Mr. Bodine was a devout member of the Methodist church and a fine old Christian gentleman. His death was caused by uraemic poisoning. The remains were brought to West Plains and prepared for shipment by the McFarland Undertaking Co.

(Gazette - Apr. 26, 1923)

William Blair died at his home in this city Friday night, 8th inst., after suffering for several months from paralysis which affected his throat and vocal organs. He was in his 69th year, and is survived by his aged wife. He came here about twelve years ago from Kansas City, where he had been on the police force, and bought a farm near this city, later moving to town, and for one term serving as Police Judge. He was a Mason and a member of the local G.A.R., which organization took part in the obsequies. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. M. Livingston at the family residence Sunday afternoon and burial was had at Oaklawn cemetery.
(Journal - Apr. 14, 1910)

(another obit. in Gazette, Apr. 14, 1910)

Wm. C. Black, father of John F. Black, of this city, died at Amy early Sunday morning, 9th inst., in the 89th year of his age. Funeral services were had on Monday and interment took place at Mount Zion cemetery. Mr. Black was one of the oldest residents of this section, having located here in 1840. He served in the Confederate army, where he contracted epilepsy, from which he has been a sufferer for the past 35 years - being for the most part of that time entirely helpless and requiring close and constant attention.
(Howell County News - May 14, 1897)

Another one of Howell county's oldest and most respected citizens, Theodore Boss, Sr., has passed away. For some time Mr. Boss has made his home in the Catholic school building at White Church, where he lived happily and contented. He was extremely jovial and everybody was his friend.

Saturday afternoon at five o'clock a neighbor who called to see Mr. Boss found the old man dead on the floor of his room. A sudden attack of heart trouble is believed to have caused his death. Rev. Fr. Stocking, of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of which Mr. Boss had for more than 40 years been a member, conducted the services Sunday and the body was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery at White Church.

Theodore Boss, Sr., was 84 years of age. He was a Frenchman, and was born in Alsace-Lorraine, which country was taken from France by the Germans in 1873. Mr. Boss lived to see his native land returned to the country from which it was taken in the Franco-Prussian war. He was intensely patriotic to the stars and stripes. He served in the Union army in the Civil War and was noted for his loyalty to this country. He came to Howell County in 1879 from Gasconade County, Missouri, and was a member of the Catholic colony that located around White Church. He will be missed by those who knew him so well and who will always cherish fond memories of him.
(Gazette - May 1, 1919)

John Bollinger, aged 77 years, a Union veteran, died November 12, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amanda Kidwell, near Rolla, Mo. The remains were brought to West Plains and taken to New Liberty cemetery where they were interred in the family burial plot. Members of John Rollins Post G.A.R., of which Mr. Bollinger was a member, met the body at the train and accompanied the remains to their last resting place.

Mr. Bollinger was born in Stoddard County, this state, in 1845. He joined the Union army August 16, 1862, and was discharged June 12, 1865. He was at the seige of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Gettysburg, and Ringgold, Ga. He served under General John A. Logan and was with General Sherman on the famous march to the sea. After his discharge from the army he married Nancy Smith, at Iron Mountain, Mo., September 6, 1867.

Following the Civil War, Mr. Bollinger moved to Howell County and homesteaded a farm near New Liberty, nine miles northwest of this city. There he reared his family and resided until 1898, when he moved to Willow Springs. He was totally blind, and had been for many years. He was the father of ten children, five of whom survive. These are William B., of Floris, Kan.; Mrs. Amanda Kidwell, Rolla, Mo.; Mrs. T. J. Gordon, Willow Springs; and Mrs. Martha Dow, Springfield. The son from Kansas, the daughter from Willow Springs, and other relatives accompanied the remains to this city.

(Gazette - Nov. 23, 1922)

The funeral of John Bowsman, one of the old residents of West Plains, who died from an operation at the Frisco hospital in St. Louis, took place at his home in the western suburbs of this city last Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. R. A. Mitchell, pastor of the First M. E. church, of which the deceased was a devout member, preached the sermon. Many sorrowing friends joined the large concourse to Oak Lawn cemetery, where the interment took place. John W. Rollins Post G.A.R. of which Mr. Bowsman was a member attended the services in a body.

Mr. Bowsman was born in Upsher County, Ohio, on June 15, 1834. In 1879 he was married at Eaton, Ohio, to Miss Mary E. Gard. In 1889 he moved with his family to West Plains. Mr. Bowsman served in the Union army during the Civil War. His aged wife is in poor health and is suffering with a fractured hip resulting from a fall several weeks ago. Mr. Bowsman also is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Robert S. Spears and Miss Ruth Bowsman, and a son, James Bowsman, of this city. Another son, Ralph Bowsman, whose home is in Kansas City was unable to attend the funeral owing to the serious illness of his wife.
(Gazette - Oct. 19, 1911)

John B. Bowen, who has lived in this city for twenty-seven years, and was well-known and greatly respected, died of a complication of diseases, at his home in this city, at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Father R. J. Belt, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, and the remains interred in Oak Lawn cemetery. The service was attended by a large number of friends of the deceased and the G. A. R. was present in a body. The floral offerings were very beautiful.

Mr. Bowen was born in Troy, Illinois, July 9, 1840. He was a Union veteran and an old resident of West Plains, having come here in 1884. For a number of years he conducted a meat market and grocery store here, but of late years had retired from that business and was selected as a justice of the peace. He was married to Miss Sarah Cross, who survives him, in 1866. Besides his wife the deceased is survived by four children, and by three brothers, R. E. Bowen of Hamilton, Ill.; T. J. Bowen of Sterling, Kansas; and Wm. H. Bowen of Clarence, Missouri; and a sister, Mrs. R. H. Dodson, of Decatur, Ill.

With Mr. Bowen at the time of his death were his wife, three daughters, a son and one brother. The other two brothers arrived here in time to attend the funeral. The three daughters of Mr. Bowen, Mrs. George Ledbetter of St. Louis, Mrs. Joe McClellan of Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Marshall McCulley of Aline, Oklahoma; and a son, Henry Bowen, who was in Oklahoma when his father became ill, were all summoned to his bedside a few days before his death.
(Journal - Aug. 3, 1911)

Obit. for John Benson Bowen. Died at his home, 502 St. Louis St., Saturday.
(Gazette - Aug 3, 1911)

James Knox Polk Bray, who died last week at his home on the Siloam Springs road, eight miles northwest of West Plains, served under General Morgan, the noted Confederate raider, in the Civil War. He was known as one of the most daring men under Morgan's command. He was born in the mountains of Kentucky and enlisted in the Confederate army at Louisville when hostilities broke out. He came to Howell County soon after the close of the Civil War and saw the country grow from a wilderness to one of happy homes and contented families. Before the railroad was builded through this country Mr. Bray drove a freighter's wagon between West Plains and Rolla. For many years Mr. Bray has been a familiar sight on the streets of West Plains. He drove a span of jennets and hauled wood to town and he said he did not want a team of mules or horses. He leaves a widow and seven children.

(Gazette - July 28, 1921)

George Washington Bradley, said to have been the oldest Confederate veteran, died in St. Louis one day last week, while on a visit to the World's Fair. Mr. Bradley lived in Houston, Texas, and served in a Missouri infantry regiment during the Civil War. He has visited West Plains several times, while making a tour of the state. At all the reunions he was a prominent figure, always being decorated with medals.

(Gazette - Sept. 29, 1904)

J. W. Breedlove was born in St. Francois County near Three Rivers, Nov. 15, 1841, died Dec. 15, 1908, aged 67 years and one month. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 14 and united with the Missionary Baptist Church in 1865, of which he remained a consistent member until death. In August 1862, he joined the volunteers of Co. E, 32nd Mo. Infantry, serving his country faithfully three years. He was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea, and was honorably discharged when the war was ended. He was married in 1865 to Mrs. Eliza Jane Wilson. To this union, fourteen children were born, of whom twelve, with the widow, survive him, all being present at the funeral sefvices, which were conducted by his pastor, Rev. D. W. Epley, at Blue Mound cemetery, near Pottersville.

(Journal - Jan. 7, 1909)

John W. Brayton, Union veteran of the Civil War, died Sunday morning at 9:40 o'clock at his home near Homeland from chronic heart trouble. His remains were laid to rest Tuesday in Homeland cemetery.

Mr. Brayton was born February 13, 1843, in Franklin County, New York. He was 83 years old at the time of his death. At the outbreak of the Civil War he joined the Union army and fought for the Stars and Stripes until the close of the memorable conflict. Later he moved to Iowa and thirty years ago came with his family to Howell County. He was twice married, his first wife dying here a number of years ago and later he was married here to Miss Alice Taylor, who survives him. He also leaves two daughters, Misses Gladys and Stella Brayton by his second wife, and one son, Arthur Brayton, who is in North Dakota, by his first wife.

For many years Mr. Brayton carried the mail between Lebo and West Plains and became well known in this city and the Lebo country. His funeral was held Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Roy Brown of this city. Burial was in Homeland cemetery.

(Gazette - Jan. 27, 1927)

After a long illness of a complication of diseases, Captain John F. Brinegar, a former resident of West Plains, died at a hospital in Nevada Friday, April 30th. The remains were brought to this city and interred in Oak Lawn cemetery Sunday afternoon under the auspices of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 327, A.F. & A.M. of which Captain Brinegar was a member.

Captain John F. Brinegar was 78 years of age. He was born in Estella County, Kentucky, where he grew to young manhood. He served in the Union army during the Civil War in the 4th Kentucky infantry under Colonel D. S. Fry. At the Battle of Chickamauga he was severely wounded and never truly recovered.

After the war closed Captain Brinegar went to Gallatin, Davies County, Missouri, where he resided on a farm. He was a close personal friend of former Governor A. M. Dockery, now third assistant postmaster general, a former resident of Gallatin.

In 1890 Captain Brinegar moved from Davies County to West Plains. He became interested in the Howell County Bank and for many years was one of the principal stockholders in this splendid financial institution. He took a prominent part in every enterprise that helped build up the town and community.

When Joseph W. Folk became governor of Missouri he appointed Captain Brinegar superintendent of the Federal Soldiers Home at St. James in February, 1907. The institution was not in the best of condition when he took charge, but he soon had things running in a smooth manner. The old veterans learned to love and respect Captain Brinegar and they regretted it when ill health forced him to retire.

In June, 1913, Captain Brinegar was again appointed superintendent of the Federal Soldiers Home by Governor Elliott W. Major. He had spent the winter in San Antonio, Texas, and came back to Missouri in excellent health. His return to the Soldiers Home was heralded with joy by the inmates. After three years of service Captain Brinegar resigned and his place was taken by Captain John Halstead, formerly of West Plains.

After leaving the Home, Captain Brinegar went to Eldorado Springs, to make his home with a neice. When he recently became ill, he was taken to a hospital at Nevada for treatment. His condition became serious and his son, Ed Brinegar, of New York City, and daughter, Mrs. Minnie Chapman, of Chicago, were summoned to his bedside. They were with him when he passed away.

The remains were brought to West Plains and interred Sunday afternoon in Oak Lawn cemetery beside the body of his wife who died here several years ago.

(Gazette - May 6, 1920)

Death ended the career Monday night of Thomas Brisco, one of the old settlers of Howell County, at his home twelve miles south of West Plains. For several years he has been ill with kidney trouble, which was the cause of his demise. He was 80 years of age, and was well and hearty until stricken with the infirmities incident to old age.

In 1859 "Uncle Tom" Brisco and wife, Mrs. Susan Lamons Brisco, came to Howell County and converted the wilderness into a fertile field and made a happy home. When the Civil War broke out Mr. Brisco, who was born in the South, took up arms for the Union and joined the Union army. He fought until the close of the war, when he went to Rolla, to which place his family had flown to escape the ravages of marauding bands of bushwhackers and border outlaws. They came back to Howell County to find the country in ruins and the farms devastated. Through their untiring efforts they rebuilt their home and in a short time prosperity again favored them.

Mr. Brisco took a prominent part in the upbuilding of the county. He always stood for that which he thought was right. He reared a family of six sons and daughters, all of whom have become prominent citizens of the community in which they reside. They are J. Henry Brisco, of West Plains, assessor of Howell County; James Brisco, Mrs. W. C. McGinty and Mrs. Oscar Kelley, all of whom reside near the old home, and Mrs. L. M. Sachs, wife of a prominent merchant of Thayer. All of them together with the aged wife were with Mr. Brisco in his last hours.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the family home, conducted by Elder O. N. Barnett of West Plains, a pioneer minister of this county, in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends. Interment was in the Evergreen cemetery.

(Gazette - Mar. 23, 1916)

After an illness of several months with Brights disease, David D. Brooks, aged 84 years, a well known citizen of this place, died at his home Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Rev. W. T. Farley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, preached the funeral sermon at the home on Leyda Avenue Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Services at the grave in Oak Lawn cemetery were conducted by the G.A.R. post.

Mr. Brooks came to West Plains some twelve years ago from Nebraska with his family and located on a farm in the western suburbs of town. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Brooks went to Kansas City, where they spent the winter with their son and daughter. A few weeks ago they returned and moved to their Leyda Avenue home.

Mr. Brooks is survived by his aged wife and two stepchildren, Mrs. A. C. Crossley and Harry Forbes, both of Kansas City. Mrs. Crossley, who formerly was Miss Myrtle Forbes, arrived here Sunday.
(Gazette - May 29, 1919)

John Brodhackfler, a farmer residing on the West Plains and Siloam Springs road, three miles northwest of this city, died Wednesday morning at his home of heart trouble. He was 75 years old and had resided in this county for the last six years.

Mr. Brodhacker was a native of Germany, being born at Darmstadt, September 28, 1847. When a boy of 6 years he came to America with his parents. They settled at East Prairie, Mississippi County, this state, where Mr. Brodhacker resided until he moved to Howell County in 1916 and purchased the farm on which he since has resided. He joined the Union army during the Civil War and served one year.

His first wife was Miss Belle Hogan, and to this union four children were born. After the death of his first wife Mr. Broadhacker married Mrs. Martha Jane Greer, who survives him. They have two children.

Besides his widow Mr. Brodhacker is survived by five sons, Arthur Brodhacker, East Prairie, Mo.; Luther Brodhacker, West Plains; Herman and Louis Brodhacker, Kansas City; Bernie Brodhacker, Springfield; one daughter, Mrs. Florence Woods, East Prairie, a step-son, Alonzo Greer, Kansas City, and two step-daughters, Mrs. Lydia Sanders and Mrs. Elsie Wester, of Poplar Bluff. He also is survived by seven grandchildren.

For many years Mr. Brodhacker has been a member of the Methodist church. He was a fine old gentleman and well liked by his neighbors and the many friends whom he had made here. Rev. L. G. Harlin, pastor of the M. E. church, South, conducted the services at the family home this (Thursday afternoon) and burial was in Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Gazette - June 29, 1922)

Gen. Egbert B. Brown, 87 years of age, died this morning at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of his grandson, J. H. McFarland. Gen. Brown was born at Toledo, Ohio, and his boyhood and early manhood were spent there.

He was engaged in the mercantile business, and afterward in the shipping of grain on the Lakes. He removed to St. Louis where he was connected with the Transfer Company for a number of years.

Gen. Brown had made several large fortunes, at one time being worth about a quarter of a million dollars. He lost heavily by endorsing for friends, paying at one time one hundred and ten thousand dollars.

He was engaged in the late Civil War in the Union army, and was noted and promoted for bravery and faithful service. He was wounded at Springfield, was at one time in command at Jefferson City where he defeated Gen. Marmaduke in an engagement, and had the credit of having fought in the last battle of the rebellion at Brazos, Texas.

His wife and two children composed his family, all of whom are now dead.

His remains will be taken to Cuba, Missouri, for interment where he will be buried next Thursday afternoon. His grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McFarland, will accompany the remains to Cuba.

(Journal - Mar. 13, 1902)

Daniel W. Brown, who for many years was a resident of West Plains, died a few days ago at his home at Van Buren, Mo. He was born July 20, 1838, in Gallatin County, Illinois. He married Miss Mary Corder, June 2, 1858. Eleven children were born to this union, five of whom survive, and the aged couple celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary June 2, 1920. Mr. Brown served in the Union army during the Civil War, losing his left leg at Fort Donaldson, Tennessee. In 1869 they moved to Fulton County, Arkansas, later residing in the vicinity of Moody for some time and also in West Plains. Failing in health, Mr. Brown did a lot of traveling, going to Oklahoma, Texas, Western Arkansas, and finally locating in Dickinson County, Tennessee, where he lived nine years. In 1918 he returned to the Ozarks, locating on a farm on Current river in Carter County, near Van Buren, Mo. He died January 31, 1921, aged 82 years, 6 months and 11 days. He is survived by his aged widow and five sons, Joe M. Brown, Austin, Ark.; James F. Brown, McCurtain County, Oklahoma; John T. Brown, Bald Hill, Okla.; Shermin Brown, Pineville, Mo.; and Aaron Brown, who has always remained in the parental home, and a sister, Mrs. Sarah E. Cowan, of Ott, Fulton County, Ark.; and a half-brother, M. D. Garris, of El Dorado, Illinois.

(Gazette - Feb. 10, 1921)

The end of a well-spent useful life came last week to Thomas Brownlee, of Willow Springs, who for many years was a mail clerk on the Current River Railroad. He was for 30 years in the government service and 12 years ago retired from his run on the Current River Railroad to lead a contented life at his country home north of Willow Springs. He was a veteran of the Civil War and a well-known citizen of the county. His body was laid to rest in the City cemetery at Willow Springs.
(Gazette, July 19, 1917)

The funeral of John W. Brownell, pioneer West Plains citizen and ex-Confederate veteran, at his home on West Broadway, Friday afternoon, was largely attended. Rev. S. L. Roper, his pastor, conducted services.

John W. Brownell was the son of Dr. Richard Brownell, and was born at Paducah, Ky., April 16, 1841. He died in this city August 28, at the advanced age of 83 years. Mr. Brownell moved when a young man with his father to New Madrid, Mo., where he grew to manhood. At the beginning of the Civil War he joined the Confederate army and fought under General Sterling Price until the close of the memorable conflict, rising from the ranks to the office of first lieutenant.

In 1866 Mr. Brownell was married at New Madrid to Miss Elizabeth Biggins, of that place, whose death occurred a few years later. Afterwards he wedded Mrs. Nannie W. Buford, widow of Dr. B. L. Buford, one of the best known physicians of Southeast Missouri. She came from a prominent pioneer family of Southeast Missouri, Dunklin county being named for her father. She died in this city a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Brownell and family moved to Howell County in 1885 and located on a farm near here. Afterwards they moved to this city. Then they moved to St. Louis and remained there several years, returning to West Plains, to spend their declining years.

Mr. Brownell is survived by three daughters and two sons. These are Mrs. W. A. Chapin, of this city; Mrs. C. B. Hopper, of Chicago; Mrs. C. B. Bradier, Sanburn, Minn.; William Brownell, New York City; and Lynn Brownell, Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. J. Ed Toler, of this city, is his step-daughter. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. C. W. Watson, wife of a prominent physician of Denver, Colo.

Mr. Brownell was a fine Southern gentleman, and his kind are fast disappearing. He came from one of America's oldest and most prominent families, tracing his ancestorship to Priscilla and John Alden, of the Plymouth Rock colony.

(Gazette - Sept. 4, 1924)

Daniel Webster Buck, better known to his scores of friends and acquaintances as "Uncle Dan," a Civil War veteran and long-time deputy circuit clerk of the county, passed away last night at his farm home one mile northwest of West Plains, his death following an illness of only a few days.

Although he was 87 years of age, and his health had been frail for some time, Uncle Dan was able to be down town last week mingling with his old friends, and his death came rather as a shock.

He was a bachelor and his only near relatives surviving are one sister, Mrs. Frances Perkins of West Plains, two neices, Mrs. James Cull of West Plains and Mrs. Ina Buck Savage of Colter, Cal., and two nephews, Ben Perkins of Koshkonong, Mo., and Stanton Buck of Portland, Ore.

Uncle Dan, who was born in Jackson County, Tenn. Jan 16, 1847, came of one of the prominent early pioneer families of Howell County, having come to West Plains with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Z. Buck, when a lad of eleven years. The family first settled on a farm near South Fork, but later "homesteaded" a place two miles north of West Plains, where Mr. Buck's father erected a log home, which still is standing. The log house is now sixty-seven years old. It is located just across the road from Devil's Sink, in which the Buck spring is located. The spring, which formerly had a large flow, supplied water for the Buck family and others of the community for many years.

During the Civil War when Howell county was in the path of marauding troops of both armies, the little town of West Plains and the surrounding rural districts were deserted, and the Buck family was among those who found it wise to leave.

The Bucks went to Iron county, where Daniel Buck joined the Union troops, serving with Company G, 47th Missouri Infantry. He was mustered out of service at St. Louis, Mo., April 1, 1865. From St. Louis he went to Potters Knob, Mo., where he clerked in a drug store until the fall of 1865, returning to West Plains in February, 1886. From that time he continued his residence here uninterrupted.

He returned just in time to be one of the earlier members of the John Rollins G.A.R. post, organized in 1886, and at his death was one of the four or five surviving members of the post, which for many years was a leading patriotic organization of the city.

For years Uncle Dan was a proud participant in every Decoration Day parade of the Civil War veterans, and among his most prized possessions are to be found his old uniform, badges, flags, and various mementoes of those happy days.

Although he did a bit of farming, and also clerked in a drug store and other stores during the years when he first returned to West Plains after the war, Uncle Dan soon became more or less of a permanent fixture around the courthouse where he served as deputy circuit clerk for nearly forty years. He also was a notary public for more than forty years.

His mind was always clear on the early history of West Plains and Howell County, and when it was desired to learn anything about some event of pioneer days, particularly concerning court matters, Uncle Dan was immediately sought for an interview. He was especially good on remembering dates, and even up until his death could be relied upon to give accurate information concerning matters with which he was familiar.

When his deputyship ceased in 1932, he continued to make his headquarters in the courthouse and besides his notary business, often gave assistance with various kinds of documents.

He was of a very quiet and unobtrusive disposition, and read much, keeping himself informed on many topics of current interest. He also possessed a keen sense of humor, and delighted in spinning yarns of the early days in which there was an element of humor.

Buck, cont.

Funeral services for Mr. Buck will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Methodist church on West Main Street, and will be in charge of the Rev. W. L. Meyer, pastor of the church.

The I.O.O.F. lodge, of which Uncle Dan had been a member for forty years, will attend the services in a body, and will take part in the final rites at Oak Lawn cemetery.

The few old G.A.R. members also will attend, and although funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed, it is probable that the body will be laid to rest with full military honors. The local Howitzer company and other patriotic groups will pay tribute to the old soldier.

The body has been taken to the Robertson Mortuary on court square, where it will remain until time for the funeral, and where friends may call to view the body at any time.

(Daily Quill - Aug. 3, 1934)

Daniel Webster Buck, 87 years old, Civil War veteran and for many years deputy circuit clerk of Howell County, died at his farm home north of West Plains, Thursday night.

"Uncle Dan", as he was familiarly and affectionately known, had been in frail health for some time. His feeble condition, however, was not considered serious, and he had been downtown a week before his death.

Uncle Dan was born in Jackson County, Tennessee, January 16, 1847. He came to Howell County with his parents when he was eleven years old and lived here practically ever since. The family located on a farm in the South Fork community in 1858.

During the war, he and his family, being Union sympathizers, were forced to leave this county and went from here to Iron County. He joined the Union army at that place and served throughout the Civil War. He was discharged from the army at St. Louis April 1, 1865. From there he went to Potters Knob where he clerked in a drug store for a few months and the next year he came back to Howell County. Since that time he had been a resident of Howell County continually and had only been out of the county for short periods of time.

When he first returned to this section he engaged in farming but later came to West Plains where he clerked in a drug store and other stores for several years.

He had been a notary public for more than forty years, and had also acted as deputy circuit clerk during most of that period. He became well known as an expert in remembering dates and was considered an authority on happenings in this section many years ago.

In 1868 he was elected constable of Howell township and in 1874 was elected coroner of Howell County. He also served as deputy sheriff.

Mr. Buck spent much of the time in his later years reading, and always kept up with the happenings of the day. He was a good-natured old gentleman, and will be missed by many people.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Frances Perkins of West Plains, two neices, Mrs. James Cull of West Plains and Mrs. Ina Savage of Colter, Calif., and two nephews, Ben Perkins of Koshkonong, and Stanton Buck of Portland, Oregon. He had never married. A brother, Jim Buck, also a bachelor, died at the old Buck home, north of West Plains, several years ago.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist Church and were in charge of the Rev. W. L. Meyer. The Manze quartet gave a number of beautiful selections. The active pallbearers were J. F. Kellett, A. W. Landis, A. S. Morris, C. S. Wheeler, O. M. Davis, and A. E. Seiberling. Honorary pallbearers were J. W. Hill, J. P. Harlin, Graybille Brown, Will Myers, Harry Seiberling, and Phil Powles.

The I.O.O.F. lodge of which Mr. Buck had long been a member had charge of the final rites at the grave. The American Legion post gave the military salute, and a bugler sounded taps at the grave.

Mr. Buck had been very active in the local G.A.R. post of West Plains, and was one of the few remaining members who turned their flag over to the American Legion. (Picture included)

(Journal - Aug. 9, 1934)

C. R. Buell, an old Union veteran, died at his home in the Ramsey addition last Thursday night after an illness of only a few days. He had been in failing health for some time, suffering with rheumatism, but his condition was not thought to be serious until a few days before his death. On February 6th, he was 75 years of age, and was able to be about at the time. His old comrades did not think that he would soon be summoned to the great beyond to answer the last roll call.

Mr. Buell was a man of much knowledge and had considerable property. He came here from Pennsylvania a number of years ago and with his wife made their home in the northwestern suburbs of the city, also owning a farm near town. They have one daughter, Mrs. Kinion, residing near the city. The funeral services were conducted at the residence Friday morning by Rev. Chas. W. Powell, pastor of the Baptist church. The G.A.R. post, of which the deceased was a member, marched in a body as an escort to the cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed.

(Gazette - Mar. 4, 1909)

Uncle Jerry Burgess, beloved husband of Julia Burgess, died of dropsy at his home near Leota, Saturday, January 26, 1924, aged 80 years and 12 days. He was born in Ohio in 1844 and was married to Julia McGee early in life and came to this country in their early married life. To this union 17 children were born, 14 are living. These are Bert Burgess, Mrs. Etna Hall, Mrs. Della Lair, John and Albert, Mrs. Liza Vaughan, Mrs. Ida Fetters, all of Leota, Mrs. Mary McCandless, Flora, Ark.; were all there during the last days of his illness; Henry Burgess spent a few days with him, some few days ago, but returned to his home before his father's death. Thomas Burgess, whereabouts unknown; William and Joe Burgess, of Hallett, Okla.; Dave Burgess of Evanston, Ill.; survive. He was blessed with 53 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He also leaves a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Burgess was a soldier in the civil war. He also obeyed the gospel 24 or 25 years ago and was baptized by J. Will Henley and has lived a devoted Christian life ever since.

He had been ill for the past 2 years and bore his sickness with much patience. Funeral services were held at Free Union at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Song service was conducted by R. A. Rogers and the funeral sermon was conducted by Rev. J. D. Phillips of Kansas City. The body was laid to rest in the Free Union cemetery, beside that of his daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Balderson, to await resurection.
(Gazette - Feb. 7, 1924)

Thomas O. Bugg, 78 years old, died Friday morning at 7 o'clock at Christa Hogan Hospital. Two weeks ago he was operated on for hernia, but his advanced age and feeble condition were against him and he did not recover.

Mr. Bugg, who was a native of Virginia, came to West Plains from McCune, Kan. in 1909. He did not engage in any business here, being a retired farmer.

The deceased is survived by five daughters and two sons, Mrs. C. W. Munn, of Kansas City, and Mrs. E. E. Cannon, of Dewey, Ok., who were with their father when he passed away; Mrs. C. W. Waterman and Mrs. R. W. Erskin, of Pittsburg, Kan., Mrs. E. C. Kitchings, of Tulsa, Ok., Ben Bugg and Thomas Bugg, Jr., of Robsart, Canada.

The funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. L. Roper. Members of John Rollins Post G.A.R., of which Mr. Bugg was a member, attended the services in a body. Burial was in Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Gazette - Aug. 24, 1922)

N. S. BURGESS DEAD

He Saw the First Steamboat Ever Built.

Was A Hero of the Black Hawk Indian War and Showed Great Bravery At Battle of New Ulm.

Nehemiah S. Burgess, who died last Friday morning at the home of his son, E. Burgess, two miles northwest of West Plains, was one of the oldest men in the state. His age was 96 years, and until recently he had been in good health. His death was due to an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Burgess was born in 1813, near Poughkeepsie, New York. His early life was spent along the Hudson river, where he had the distinction of seeing the first steamboat, invented by Robert Fulton. Upon reaching manhood Mr. Burgess went west and located in Minnesota. During the Black Hawk Indian uprising he lived at Altona, Le Suer county, Minnesota, and assisted in the defense of New Ulm against a band of renegade Indians. Buck's History of Indian Outbreaks pays a glowing tribute to the bravery of Mr. Burgess at this battle, and says:

"There is one unmentioned name which ought to be rescued from oblivion before those who were at the battle of New Ulm and know the facts pass away, and that is the name of Nehemiah S. Burgess, who did the bravest deed at New Ulm. At the most critical period of the defense, when the besiegers were in full force, and the besieged were all hidden within the barricades from the murderous fire of the foe, two buildings remained unburned outside the barricaded fort. It was feared that they would be taken possession of by the Indians in the night, which would give them a commanding view of the barricaded street and thus render the defeuse hopeless. It was a case of life or death. These buildings must be burned, and a call was made for some one to volunteer for the forlorn hope. Among all these brave men no one answered the call. It seemed sure death, for the open ground to be crossed to reach the buildings was in easy range of the enemy's bullet, and how was escape possible? At last one man, Nehemiah S. Burgess, stepped out and said, 'I will go.' He prepared his kindlings and went forth. As soon as he appeared outside the barricades the Indians opened fire, and bullets fell around him like hailstones until he disappeared behind the buildings. On his way back after firing the buildings the same fire assailed him. When safe inside the barracks he turned to look, expecting to see the buildings all in flames, but the buildings were wet with recent rains, and the fire had gone out. Undismayed he prepared another lot of kindling and crossed the gulf. This time he waited until he saw the buildings wrapped in flames, and again returned through the relentless fire of the foe unhurt."

Mr. Burgess served through the Black Hawk Indian war and during a later skirmish was shot in the right arm. He did not take part in the Civil war. In 1844 he was married to Miss Margaret Perkins and ten children were born to them, five of whom survive. They are Mrs. H. C. Shuttee, Mrs. C. T. Bolin and E. Burgess, of West Plains; John and James Burgess, of Gorham, N. Y. In 1870 Mr. Burgess came to Howell county from Illinois. He resided in West Plains until 1886, when he and his wife went to New York. She died there a short time afterwards. During his residence in West Plains Mr. Burgess was an architect and contractor and erected some of the first residences and business houses.

Mr. Burgess was a man of fine intellect, well educated and possessed of all his mental faculties in his last days. He was a constant reader and was well posted on the topics of the day. His death is regretted by a wide circle of friends who will miss him. The funeral services were conducted at the home of E. Burgess Saturday afternoon by Rev. A. M. Livingston. The remains were then taken to the Frisco depot and shipped to his old home at Gorham, N. Y., to be interred beside those of his departed wife. E. Burgess and Mrs. H. C. Shuttee accompanied the body to New York.

Howell County Gazette - Apr. 15, 1909

J. O. Burroughs, universally known among his many acquaintances as "Uncle Jim", died at his home at Peace Valley Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. He had been ill for some time with typhoid fever which, combined with old age and infirmities, caused his death.

Mr. Burroughs was 67 years old. He was the last of six brothers, who with their children and grandchildren became prominent in the affairs of Howell County. These brothers were Thomas, Aaron, George, Henry, John, and James Burroughs, who came from a family of sturdy Tennesseans. One sister, Mrs. George Henry, resides at Peace Valley. Mr. Burroughs also is survived by an aged wife who is a daughter of the late Samuel Gunter, a pioneer citizen of Gunters Valley, and two daughters, Mrs. Robert Thompson and Mrs. Ed Brown, of Peace Valley. The late Mrs. P. W. Lynch also was a daughter of Mr. Burroughs.

Mr. Burroughs came to Peace Valley from Greene County early in the '60's. When the Civil War broke out he joined the Confederate army and when the struggle ended he came back and soon married Melvina Gunter, who survives him. For many years he lived a happy and contented life on the farm, but about twenty years ago he entered the mercantile business at Peace Valley, which he has continued since that time.

The death of "Uncle Jim" Burroughs takes a picturesque character from the community. He was well liked by everyone and his word was his bond. He had no known enemies and was universally respected. During his residence here he has watched the country grow from a wilderness to its present flourishing condition. He did much to help bring this about and was one of the few men still living who helped hew the way through the wilderness.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon and was largely attended. Interment was in New Hope Cemetery at Peace Valley.
(Gazette - Nov. 9, 1911)

Robert Burr, familiarly known to his many friends in Howell and Oregon Counties, died a few days ago at the Confederate Soldier's Home in Arkansas. He was a native of Arkansas, but had lived in Missouri for the last 60 years, most of the time in Oregon County and some of the time in West Plains. In recent years Uncle Robert made his home in Thayer, and three years ago went to the soldiers home. He was a man of positive convictions, rather quaint in his ways, but a kindly, upright gentleman. He had reached the advanced age of 89 years.

(Gazette - Apr. 12, 1923)

Alvin Calmes, 87 years of age, veteran of the Civil War, died at his home on East Cleveland avenue, at six o'clock Friday afternoon, following a long illness.

Two years ago Mr. Calmes suffered an infection of his toe, the infection spreading until it became necessary to amputate his leg. He has also been suffering a long time from Bright's disease.

Mr. Calmes, who was a native of Kentucky, came to Howell County thirty-five years ago from Red Cloud, Nebr., where he had been engaged in farming. After coming to this county he farmed for a few years, later moving to West Plains.

His first wife died here many years ago, and sixteen years ago he was married to Mrs. Lydia Cole, who survives him.

Mr. Calmes served during the Civil War with the Union forces, being a member of Company A, 21st Illinois Infantry, enlisting at Springfield, Ill. Since his residence in West Plains he has been an active member of the local G.A.R.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Ben Bugg and Mrs. M. Proctor, both of whom reside in the West. With him at the time of his death were Mrs. Calmes, a grandson, Sidney Proctor, and his step-daughter, Mrs. Barney Oldfield of Tulsa, Okla., and her children, Barney, Jr., and Virginia, and step-grandson, George Cole, Jr., of Detroit, Mich.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church, the Rev. O. C. Wilcoxson conducting the services. Addresses were made by Judge Will H. D. Green and Rev. J. D. Boles, the members of the G.A.R., and its auxiliary organization, the W.R.C. attending in a body.

(Journal - Dec. 12, 1929)

J. P. Campbell, a veteran of the Civil War and prominent member of John Rollins Post, G.A.R., died of appoplexy at his home on Walker street at nine o'clock this morning. He had been in poor health for some time but was as well as usual until only a short time before his death this morning.

The decedent was born in Pennsylvania Nov. 10, 1843, and was reared in Pennsylvania and Iowa. In 1880 he was married to Miss Sarah Mitchell, who survives him. Twenty-one years ago Mr. and Mrs. Campbell came to Howell County and after residing on a farm for a number of years moved to West Plains nine years ago.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed. Mrs. Jake Bowers of St. Joseph and Mrs. Manley Pardue of Gravity, Ia., nieces of Mrs. Campbell, will come here to attend the funeral and the hour for the services will be set as soon as the time of their arrival is learned.
(Daily Quill - Apr. 15, 1914)

The funeral of J. P. Campbell, who died yesterday morning will be conducted at the Christian church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Wm. Freeze. Interment will be made at Oak Lawn cemetery.
(Daily Quill - Apr. 16, 1914)

Rev. J. A. Carlock, Congregational Methodist minister of West Plains, died at his home on Locust Street Thursday morning, March 27, at 6:30 o'clock. He was 83 years old and died from a complication of diseases. For more than thirty years he had resided in Howell County and was a highly respected citizen.

The deceased was born October 14, 1841, in Madison County, Illinois. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the 6th Illinois Cavalry and served under the Stars and Stripes until the memorable conflict was over. After the close of the war he returned to his Illinois home. March 1, 1866, he was married at Lima, Ill., to Miss Sophronia Elizabeth McAdams, who died in 1887. In 1890 he married Miss Mary F. Sipe, of Lima, Ill., who survives. A few years later Mr. Carlock and family moved to Table Rock, Neb., where he served for many years as postmaster. In 1895 he moved to Howell County, first locating on a farm near Blue Mound, six miles west of here, and later moving to this city.

There survive the deceased his widow, three sons and three daughters by his first marriage and one son by his last marriage. His children by his first wife are Mrs. Anna Hoig, Pullman, Wash.; Mrs. Julia Fisher, Bonner's Ferry, Idaho; Mrs. Nettie Hanson, Pawnee City, Neb.; Lee Carlock, St. Mary's, Idaho; Wm. W. Carlock, Bonner's Ferry, Idaho; and Achres B. Carlock, Madison, Neb. Also by one son by his last marriage, John S. Carlock, of West Plains. Deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Martha Lamar, of Salina, Kansas.

The funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church on Washington Avenue Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. C. Wadlow, assisted by Rev. J. D. Boles. Burial was in Oak Lawn cemetery. (Gazette - Apr. 3, 1924)

William H. Capshaw, aged 80 years, died Monday morning at his home in Brandsville after a short illness with influenza. He had made his home in Brandsville for 18 years, moving there from the southern part of Howell County, where he and his family had made their home on a farm since 1868.

Mr. Capshaw was born in Tennessee. A young man when the Civil War broke out, he enlisted under the Stars and Stripes in Co. K, 4th Tennessee Infantry, and fought until the close of that memorable conflict between the North and the South.

Surviving the deceased are his widow and eight children, Robert J. Capshaw and Mrs. J. M. Arnold, of Commerce, Okla.; Edward Capshaw, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. C. P. Cresup, of Brandsville, I. H. Capshaw, Chaffe, Mo.; Darrel Capshaw, Kansas City; Mrs. Frank Range, Thayer; and Miss Romilla Capshaw, who resides at the family home in Brandsville.

Funeral services were held at the family home Tuesday, conducted by Rev. C. B. Patrick. Burial was in the Brandsville cemetery. All of the sons and daughters with the exception of the son in Tulsa attended the funeral. (Gazette - Mar. 26, 1926)

Mr. J. N. Carner was born in the state of Kentucky, Dec. 8, 1838, and lived there until 1882, when he moved to Ripley Co., Mo., and lived there five years and then moved to Howell County, where he has spent the last thirty years of his life, when death claimed him as its victim on April 15, 1919. He was a member of the Baptist Church and preached for that church for fifty-two years.

He served as a soldier in the Union army in the years of 1861 and 1862 in the 8th Kentucky Cavalry. He is survived by his wife and eight children, I. N. Carner of Koshkonong, Mo.; W. N. Carner of Coweta, Okla.; J. J. Carner of Checotah, Okla.; Joe Carner of Clan King, Ariz.; Mrs. Cornelia Evans of Coweta, Okla.; Mrs. Ada Sherry of Koshkonong, Mo.; and Mrs. Dora Horn of Coweta. All were at his bedside when death came, except one daughter, who resides in Oklahoma and a son who resides in Arizona, who were unable to be present.
(Journal - May 1, 1919)

Benjamin B. Carter, a pioneer merchant of West Plains, died in a hospital at Nevada, Sunday night, where he had been for several weeks receiving treatment. With him when he passed away were his daughter, Mrs. Stella Rowe, of Willow Springs, and two sons-in-law, Grover C. Davis of West Plains, and Alan C. Dunlop of Springfield. The remains were brought to this city Monday night.

"Uncle Ben" Carter, as he was affectionately known to a great many people, came to West Plains soon after the close of the Civil War from Auburn, Penn., where he was born and reared. He served in the Union army during the Civil War and was in many memorable battles, being in the siege of Vicksburg.

Mr. Carter and his brother, Joe Carter, engaged in the merchantile business here for several years as Carter Bros. Afterwards George H. Carter joined them. The firm was in later years dissolved. Ben Carter engaged in the hardware business and George Carter became a banker. Ill health forced Ben Carter to retire from business.

Mr. Carter was one of the charter members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and remained true to the faith until the last. He was one of the oldest members of Mt. Zion Lodge A. F. & A. M. and also belonged to the Royal Arch Chapter.

Mr. Carter was married soon after coming to West Plains to Miss Johanna Dunnivan, the daughter of a prominent citizen of Rolla, Mo. Besides his wife Mr. Carter leaves five children. They are Mrs. Stella Rowe of Willow Springs; Mrs. Alan C. Dunlop, Springfield; Rufus J. Carter, Sulphur, Okla.; Mrs. Edgar Rowe, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. Grover Davis, West Plains; and Ben Carter, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Funeral services were held at the family residence on West Cleveland Avenue Tuesday afternoon in the presence of many sorrowing friends. Rev. F. C. Moore, pastor of the First Methodist church, conducted the services. The body was laid to rest in the Masonic plot in Oak Lawn cemetery, the Masonic order holding services at the grave.
(Gazette, June 28, 1917)

Dr. John Madison Casey, of Mt. Home, Ark., one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer physicians of northern Arkansas and the southern Ozarks, died in West Plains at 5 o'clock this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Harlin on Summit street. Although the aged physician had been ill for several weeks his death this morning came rather unexpectedly. He suffered a severe attack of pneumonia several weeks ago and was unable to recuperate from the effects.

The decedent, who was 76 years old, was known to many friends here, particularly among to the older residents, and during the last few years spent much of his time here. Besides his wife, who was with him at the time of his death, he is survived by six children, Albert M. Casey, of Batesville, Ark., Don J. Casey, of Cotter, Emmett Y. Casey and Miss Beulah Casey, of Mt. Home and John R. Casey and Mrs. W. T. Harlin, of West Plains, the three latter being at his bedside at the time of his death.

Dr. Casey was born in Bolivar, Tenn., but had been a resident of Mt. Home for nearly sixty years, having located at that place in 1855. Soon after his coming the postoffice was established and he became the first postmaster of the town. He also was the first merchant and the first physician of Mt. Home.

Dr. Casey's early life as a pioneer was filled with adventurous experiences and many were the interesting tales he could tell when drawn out by his admiring friends. Early in 1860 after having studied for some time at a night school in Norfork, Ark., he started to ride horseback from Mt. Home via West Plains, to St. Louis to enter medical college, and after a hazzardous journey reached Pilot Knob, at that time the terminus of the Iron Mountain railroad. There he boarded a train for the remainder of the journey and soon was in St. Louis mastering his chosen profession.

During the Civil War Dr. Casey became a surgeon in the 14th North Arkansas regiment of the Confederate army. However, his work during the war was not confined strictly to the men of his own regiment, for his kindly disposition and sympathy, which were among his chief characteristics even during his declining years, caused him to administer alike to every sufferer whom he found, whether they wore the blue or the gray. Also during the great conflict he administered to women and children everywhere, when he found them in need of medical attention, and his kindly deeds caused him to be loved and admired wherever his duties took him.

In September, 1862, Dr. Casey was married to Miss Mollie Wolf, daughter of Major Wolf, a prominent pioneer of Norfork, Ark., the marriage being solemnized in a log house which had been built in 1810 by Major Wolf, with the assistance of friendly Indians, who were at that time almost the only neigbors. The log cabin still is standing today and is one of the most prized possessions of the Wolf family, as well as a cherished spot to the Caseys.

After the war Dr. Casey established a general merchandise store at Mt. Home and he was for years one of the leading and most successful merchants of that place.

BODY WILL BE TAKEN TO MT. HOME.

The body of the late physician will be taken to Mt. Home for interment. Members of the family from here who will accompany the body to Mt. Home will depart tonight, the trip being made via Springfield and Cotter, thence to Mt. Home overland. The relatives from here will be met at Cotter by the remainder of the family.

Daily Quill - June 4 1915

D. A. (Buck) Carter, widely known throughout Howell and Oregon counties by the older settlers, died last Thursday morning at the home of his brother, Lewis A. Carter, near Koshkonong. He was 79 years old and was a veteran of the Civil War. His death was caused by bronchial pneumonia. Mr. Carter resided almost all his life in the neighborhood where he died. He was never married. His nephew, Fred J. Carter, of Tulsa, Okla., and another nephew, Harry Carter, manager of the Red Ranch in the southeast corner of Howell County, were with him when he died. His remains were laid to rest in the Koshkonong cemetery.

(Gazette - Dec. 21, 1922)

Jason Asbury Cates, who formerly was a well-known resident of this county, died Friday at the Federal Soldiers Home at Leavenworth, Kan. He was aged 86 years and had for some time been in failing health. The remains were shipped to West Plains, arriving here Sunday from Leavenworth. The body was laid to rest in Oak Lawn cemetery beside his wife, who died here several years ago.

Mr. Cates was brother-in-law of Ben Skinner, of Dripping Springs. For many years he made his home on a farm near Pottersville. Later he moved to this city and resided on Missouri Avenue. After the death of his wife he went to the Federal Soldiers Home, where he since has resided.

The funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. D. Boles, a life-long friend of deceased. Mr. Cates had long been a member of this church. He also was a member of the I.O.O.F. order, which attended the funeral in a body.

The deceased is survived by four sons and three daughters, Henry Cates, Portland, Ore.; Walter Cates, Asbury Cates, and Turner Cates, of Springfield; Mrs. Stella Phillips, Linneus, Mo.; Mrs. Emma McGoldrick, Springfield; Mrs. Dora Everson, Kansas City. All were present at the funeral here Sunday with the exception of the son in Oregon.
(Gazette - Feb. 18, 1926)

O. H. P. CATRON DEAD

A Prominent Citizen And Confederate Veteran

The Funeral Last Sunday Was One Of the Largest Held In This City

In the death of O. H P Catron, which occurred at his home on West Main street last Thursday evening at 6 o'clock, West Plains loses one of the most enterprising and best known citizens. For a week he had been ill, suffering with pheumonia, and struggling hard to overcome the disease Eagerly his friends inquired each day as to his condition and there was universal sorrow when the sad news became known that Mr Catron was no more.

Oliver Hazzard Perry Catron was born near Lexington, Lafayette county, Mo., December 27, 1842, his father and grandfather having moved there years before and were among the first settlers of that section. He was educated in the schools of the county and at Shelby College. He enlisted June 22, 1861, in the Missouri State Guard, but in August of the following year, when 19 years old, joined the Confederate service as a member of Company C, 4 Cavalry's regiment, Shelby's brigade, and served with [illegible] the close of the war. He was in the following battles: Carthage, Dug Springs, Wilson's Creek, Lexington, Newtonia, Prairie Grove, Springfield, Hartville, Cape Girardeau, Brownsville, Little Rock, Byrneville, Boonville, Marshall, Westport, [illegible] battles of the Price raid into Missouri. He was paroled at Shreveport, La., June 15, 1865.



At the close of the war Mr. Catron returned to his home at Waverly, Mo He was a blacksmith and worked at the trade. In 1867 he married Miss C. Goodwin, of Waverly. In 1881 Mr. and Mrs. Catron and son, Lee, came to West Plains, and have since made this place their home. Mr. Catron dealt in real estate and engaged in banking, and by his untiring efforts acquired considerable property. He owned the opera house block, and had other interests in the city. It was with great pride that he watched for the upbuilding of West Plains, and every public enterprise for the betterment of the city always found his hearty support.

Mr. Catron took a great interest in ex Confederate affairs. At the time of his death he was brigadier general commanding the Eastern Brigade of the Missouri Division, United Confederate Veterans, and also was commander of Jo O Shelby Camp, United Confederate

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Veterans of this city. He was one of the first to assist in the establishment of the Confederate Home at Higginsville and for years was a member of the board of trustees. He attended all the reunions of his old comrades and was well known by a great many of them. While he loved the flag of the Lost Cause, he respected and lived under the greatest flag of all, the stars and stripes. He was brave and true to his friends, and it is not necessary to consult the annals of the Civil war to know that he achieved distinction by bravery and honorable service.

For many years Mr. Catron resided at his handsome home on West Main street. His wife, who was noted for her great charm of manner and all the endearing qualities of a woman of the best type, passed away in 1901. Lee M. Catron, cashier of the First National Bank, is their only son. The other relatives are three brothers and two sisters, who are: W. J. Catron, Kansas City; R. S. Catron, Butler; C. C. Catron, Carthage; Mrs. G. B. Fletcher, Higginsville, and Mrs. H. D. Brown, Richmond. Mrs. L. C. Catron, their step-mother, resides at Richmond. Last summer the family held a reunion in West Plains, at which all of them were present.

The funeral services were held at the residence on West Main street Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives. Rev. C. N. Clark, of Ferguson, Mo., formerly pastor of the M. E. church, South, of this city, and a close personal friend of Mr. Catron, preached the funeral sermon in a most feeling manner. Many friends viewed the body as it lay in state, clad in a handsome gray uniform of the Confederacy and a Cross of Honor pinned on his breast. At the head of the casket was a silk Confederate flag, presented by Mr. Catron to Mattie E. Catron Chapter, Daughters of Confederacy, of this city. There were many floral tributes, from the Daughters of Confederacy, the A. F. & A. M., Royal Arch Chapter, Knights Templar and Shriners, and friends.

The Knights Templar in full dress uniform and the members of Mt. Zion Lodge, A. F. & A. M were in advance of the funeral cortege, which was over four blocks in length. The honorary pall bearers were W. K. Davis, R. S. Hogan, G. H. Carter, S. J. Langston, M. B. Clarke, J. C. B. Dixon, L. T. Preston, A. T. Hollenbeck, W. W. Mantz and W.W. Toler. The active pall bearers were C. M. Wayland, J. E. Toler, Clint Dixon, E. G. Fry, Arch Davidson, J. R. Galloway, C. S. Hill and E. T. Fisher. Dr. C. I. Trimble, worshipful master of the A. F. & A. M., read the Masonic services at the grave and all that was mortal of O. H. P. Catron was laid in Oak Grove cemetery beside the remains of his departed wife.

Perry Catron, as he was familiarly known to his most intimate friends, will be greatly missed for many years to come. He was a man of great mind, determined will and untiring energy. He was possessed of many good qualities, manly traits and noble deeds. Always enterprising, energetic and progressive, he did a great deal for the upbuilding of the town and community. His death is mourned by a wide circle of friends over the state and his absence will be noticeable in the walks of life to which he was accustomed.

Howell County Gazette - May 6, 1909

After an illness of several weeks with a complication of ailments, Geo. F. Clark, 85 years old, Union veteran of the Civil War, died Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at his home on Worcester Avenue. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the family home conducted by Rev. L. C. Wadlow, pastor of the First Methodist Church, of which the deceased was a devout member. Services at the grave in Oak Lawn cemetery were conducted by John Rollins Post G.A.R.

Born August 31, 1838, at Haverhill, N. H., the subject of this sketch moved when a boy with his parents to Lamartine, Wis. Here he attended school and at age of seventeen taught in the public school of Eldorado, Wis. He studied civil engineering in which he took a keen interest.

When the Civil War broke out he enlisted for service and was wounded in several battles, being discharged in 1863 after the battle of Fort Huron in May, where he was severely wounded. In November, 1863, he was married to Miss Matilda A. Dinsmore, of Springfield, Wis.

In 1870 Mr. Clark and family moved from Wisconsin to Eureka, Kan., and for sixteen years Mr. Clark served as surveyor of Greenwood, Kan. Later the family moved to Bridgewater, Iowa, where Mr. Clark served seven years as surveyor of Adair County. In 1910 Mr. Clark with his family moved to West Plains. His wife died here April 6, 1916, and afterwards he was married to Mrs. Harriett Watts, who survives him. He also leaves two sons and two daughters, Church Clark, of West Plains; Lynn Clark, Greenfield, Iowa; Mrs. D. T. Sullivan and Mrs. Clay Evans, both of Bridgewater, Iowa. During his residence here Mr. Clark made many warm friends who sympathize with the relatives in their bereavement.
(Gazette - May 8, 1924)

Relatives in this city received the sad news Saturday of the death at Roddy, Tenn., of W. R. Clack, father of Mrs. S. J. Galloway, of this city. His death was due to a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Galloway was informed of the serious condition of her father and left at once for his bedside, reaching him after he had passed away. Mr. Clack was well known in West Plains, where he has visited with his daughter. He was a Confederate veteran and widely known in the section of Tennessee where he had for many years resided. A widow and six children survive the deceased, Mrs. S. J. Galloway, West Plains; Mrs. B. W. Galloway, Richwood, Tenn.; Baxter Clack and Mrs. James Manis, Bozeman, Mont.; Mack Clack and Mrs. B. Sharp, of Roddy, Tennessee.
(Gazette - May 1, 1919)

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John C. Clifton was born Aug 3, 1847, died Dec. 5, 1905, aged 58 years, 3 months, and 5 days.

The deceased was born in Union county, Illinois His father was a Missionary Baptist preacher, who died when the deceased was but 3 years old. He was taken in charge by the Masonic order and cared for till he was large enough to make his own living.

In 1861 when only fou teen years of age he enlisted as a drummer in the 61st Illinois Infantry, but soon was carrying a musket. He served till the close of the war; he was in several of the big battles and also was with Sherman's March to the Sea. He was engaged in sixty-two battles and when his regiment passed grand review at Washington, D C., 1865, there were but seven men of the original regiment left.

Deceased was married soon after he war to Miss Mary Ragdale, who lived but a short time. To his union one child was born, James A. September 5, 1872, he was married to Nancy E Fisher of Bollinger county, Missouri. To this union nine children were born of which two are dead The living are Wiliam J., Mrs. Ida A. Dixon, Mrs. J. Dixon, Mary A. Dixon, Miss Eva, John B , Cora M. He has one sister living, Mrs. Catherine Caster, Neosho.

He professed hope in Christ seventeen years ago at Union Hill church and joined the General Baptists at that place. He at once felt that he was summoned to go out in the vineyard of the Lord and labor and was never happier than when in the services of his Master He preached in nearly every schoolhouse in the south part of this county He has left a host of friends behind, but he is in Heaven, in that bright and golden clime where troubles never enter and sorrow cannot come.

The funeral services were held by Rev. H. H. Shenbart after which the body wae laid to rest at Union Hill cemetery to await the resurrection. ***

West Plains Journal

Dec. 14, 1905

William Colvin, 91 years old, father of the late Judge Charles Colvin, of West Plains, died at his home near Lawndale in Ozark County, early Tuesday morning.

Mr. Colvin, who was a Civil War veteran, serving with the Union forces, had been an invalid for many years, and death was caused by a complication of diseases and the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Colvin come to Ozark county in 1885 and has resided near Lawndale since that time. His wife died there six years ago.

Mr. Colvin is survived by three sons and three daughters, Mrs. Alice Fillman of Warsaw, Ind., Arthur Colvin, Thomas Colvin, and Mrs. Josie Williams of near Caulfield, Mo., Willie Colvin and Miss Lula Colvin, who made their home with their father near Lawndale, all of whom were present for the funeral except Mrs. Fillman. Mr. Colvin's oldest son, Judge Chas. Colvin, of West Plains, died here a few years ago. He was presiding judge of the Howell County court at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held at the Marshall cemetery Wednesday afternoon and were attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The Rev. Albert Thompson of Bakersfield preached the funeral service.
(Journal - Apr. 23, 1931)

John W. Cole, an old and respected citizen, died of consumption Sunday afternoon at his home 4 miles northwest of town, at the age of 65 years. His wife and one son survive him. In the civil war he was a member of John A. Logan's regiment, the 31st Illinois, and made an excellent military record. He was an honorable man and had many friends in this community. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. [illegible] A. McElroy Monday afternoon at Dripping Springs and interment took place at the cemetery in that vicinity.
(Howell County News - Mar. [illegible], 1900)

Sherman Clyde, aged 78 years, died at his home on Grace Avenue Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock. He had been ill for a long time, and his condition for some time has been hopeless. Mr. Clyde and wife have been residents of this city for over 20 years, coming here from Dakota.

He was a Civil War veteran and a retired businessman, and was always credited with having considerable means. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. S. F. Stevens. Besides an aged wife, who is seriously ill, Mr. Clyde leaves three sons, who reside in the west. One son, George Clyde, was at the bedside of his father at the time of his death.
(Gazette - Aug. 1, 1907)

James F. Compton, who died a few days ago at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Campbell at Seymour, Mo., at the age of 92 years, came to Howell County in the early days when homes were few and far between. He located in the northern part of this county and for several years carried the mail between Mountain View and West Plains.

Mr. Compton was born June 28, 1828, in Washington County, Missouri. At the age of 1[illegible] years he enlisted in Company D, 5th Missouri volunteers under Colonel Ralls for whom Ralls county, this state, was named. The regiment of Colonel Ralls formed a part of the Third Brigade, commanded by General Sterling Price, who afterwards became famous and was known throughout the confederate army as "Pap" Price. The command marched into Texas, which was then Mexican territory. When in 150 miles of El Paso, Mr. Compton was detailed, with twenty others to form a scouting party and learn if Mexican troops were at El Paso. On the following day they captured Major General Amaho, the Mexican governor of New Mexico, and his lieutenant.

The command went into winter quarters at El Paso on the Rio Grande in 1847. Early in March General Price took the command and started for Chihuahua to conquer the northern section of Mexico. At Santa Cruz he fought in the last battle of the war on March 16, 1848.

Mr. Compton served six months in what was known as Phelps' regiment in the Civil War. When he served out his term of enlistment, Mr. Compton re-enlisted in the Missouri State Guards, where he served until the close of the Civil War.

Mr. Compton was married two times. His first marriage was in 1851 to Miss Bettie Farrar, and to them were born five children. Two of these survive, W. B. Compton, of Potosi, Mo., and S. L. Compton, of Birch Tree, Mo. His second marriage was in 1865 to Miss Mary Dollarhide, who died in Oklahoma in 1904. Six children were born of this union, four living. They are John Compton, Ataka, Okla.; Mrs. Laura Smith and H. F. Compton, of Durant, Okla.; and Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Seymour, Mo.

Mr. Compton always claimed Howell County as his home. He cast his first vote for president for Gen. Winfield Scott, who captured the City of Mexico. For many years he was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He died of old age and his body was brought to Mountain View and laid to rest in the cemetery there, Rev. G. M. Gulley conducting the services.

(Gazette - Apr. 22, 1920)

"Uncle Riley" Compton, one of the oldest settlers of Ozark County, died a few days ago at his home at Udall and was laid to rest in the Bakersfield cemetery, where many of the old pioneers rest in peace. Mr. Compton was 81 years old. He was born in Monroe County, Kentucky, and early in manhood was married to Harriet Conkin. He moved to Ozark County in 1870 with William Comer and other immigrants from the Blue Grass State emigrated to the North Fork country of Ozark County. Here they made homes in the wilderness. Mr. Compton, who had served in the Union army, opened a store at Udall, which originally was known as St. Ledger. He was for many years postmaster and a few years ago sold his store. Mrs. Harriett Compton died in 1900 and on February 13, 1906, he was married to Miss Cora Reynolds, daughter of W. S. Reynolds, of Bakersfield. He left all of his property to his widow. In the death of "Uncle Riley" Compton this section of the state loses one of its best citizens, for he was beloved by all his neighbors and stood high in the country. "Uncle Riley" was widely known and had friends in several counties in Southern Missouri and Northern Arkansas. He was known for his honest dealings and was always square with all mankind.

(Gazette - Apr. 5, 1923)

After an eventful life covering a period of 87 years, William Whitney Cone, soldier, historian, and journalist, passed away Friday, January 11, at his home two miles southwest of Brandsville, after a long illness with hardening of the arteries and other ailments incident to old age. He was laid to rest in Union Hill cemetery with Masonic honors.

William Whitney Cone was born in Perinton, Monroe County, New York, December 18, 1836. He removed with his parents in 1836 to Pittsford, in the same county. On February 26, 1864, he was married to Miss Orrinda Lamphere, who survives him. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Miss Mamie C. Cone, who resides at the family home, and Mrs. A. M. Harvey, of Topeka, Kansas, and three grandsons, Randal Cone Harvey, Paul Lamphere Harvey, and Alexander Miller Harvey, all of Topeka.

Thrilled with patriotism for the stars and stripes, Mr. Cone enlisted in the Union army April 23, 1861, at Rochester, New York, six days after the first call for troops was made by President Lincoln. He was mustered into Company E, 13th New York Volunteers at Elmira and sent to the front. He participated in the first battle of Bull Run and also took part in other memorable conflicts of the Civil War. He was with the regiment until his term of service ended and received a discharge at Alexandria, Va., January 31, 1863.

The war was not yet over, and Mr. Cone enlisted at Philadelphia in Berney's Union League Regiment, the 45th Pennsylvania infantry, becoming commissary sergeant of the regiment. When his term of enlistment came to a close he was discharged.

On August 31, 1864, he enlisted for a third time during the war, offering his services at Cooperstown, N. Y., in the 6th New York cavalry. He was on detached service at various points and discharged at the close of the war in 1865.

In 1869 he went West to grow up with the country and located in Kansas. During his 27 years' residence in the Sunflower State he resided at numerous points and for ten years was engaged in newspaper work, as editor, traveling solicitor and correspondent. Afterwards he was for nine years connected with the Kansas State Historical Society and at the time of his death he was the best posted man in the country on Kansas history.

Mr. Cone and family moved to Howell County in 1896 and located on a farm near Brandsville, where he died. Here he engaged in grape and fruit growing, spending the declining days of a useful and well spent life in peace and contentment. He was the author of several works, among them the genealogy and history of several prominent families in the United States. One of these was the Cone family, a volume of several hundred pages, profusely illustrated and requiring several years work.

In the last few months his relatives and friends realized that the end was not far off. Three weeks ago his daughter, Mrs. Harvey, came from Topeka, to be at his bedside. Saturday Mr. Harvey and three sons arrived to attend the funeral, returning home Sunday.

Rev. Frank H. Lasater, of Brandsville, preached the funeral sermon Saturday afternoon and Rev. J. C. Featherstone, of Brandsville, had charge of the music. The pallbearers were Carac W. Davidson, Dixon Van Wormer, W. N. Farley, C. S. Ward, and Dr. C. G. Dreppard, of West Plains, and Harry Ramsey, of Brandsville, all members of the Masonic fraternity. Other Masons assisting were Rush Robinson, John Bussell, and Ed Threlkeld of Brandsville and Charles Pease of Koshkonong.

(Gazette - Jan. 17, 1924)

Jarrett Conkin

Interesting Family Reunion Held Here.

A family reunion of more than usual interest was held in West Plains Sunday and yesterday when eight children of the late Mrs. Virginia Conkin-Anderson, a prominent pioneer resident of Ozark County, were gathered here. The climax of the family gathering took place at the Tecumseh Conkin home on Leyda avenue Sunday evening, when the eight brothers and sisters were the guests at an elegant supper served by Mrs. Conkin. The eight guests of honor were Mrs. J. A. Sigler, wife of a prominent physician of Mammoth Spring, Ark., Mrs. J. A. Luna, wife of a prominent lumber dealer also of Mammoth Spring, Mrs. John R. Reed, wife of John R. Reed head of the Reed-Harlin Grocery company of West Plains, Mrs. J. K. Powell wife of a salesman for the Reed-Harlin Company, Mrs. Fay Marshall wife of a prominent real estate dealer of Henrietta, Okla., Tecumseh Conkin of West Plains a traveling salesman for the Reed-Harlin company, Houston Conkin a barber of West Plains and Homer Anderson, a barber of Ava, Mo.

Although the children visit frequently with each other some trick of fate has prevented them all from being together at one time for so long that none of them can remember the time when the eight were seated at one table as they were at the Conkin home here Sunday evening.

Mrs. Sigler, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Luna and Houston and Tecumsah Conkin all are children of the late Jarrett Conkin, a pioneer merchant of Ozark county and for many years one of the most prominent and widely known men in public affairs in that county. Jarrett Conkin, who was a veteran of the civil war, was one of those sturdy men who migrated to the Ozarks at the close of the Civil war and whose perserverance and strength of character wrote their names indelibly in the history of this section of the state. He served in the Union Army during the civil war, being a lieutenant in Company K of the First Tennessee Cavalry. When he came to the Ozarks, like many others of the Kentuckians and Tennesseeans, he passed through the rich valleys that surround West Plains and pressed further back into the wilderness hills of Ozark county, where the fish and game were more plentiful. At Udall, then known as St. Ledger, he established a trading point and here he built up a large general merchandise business.

At the death of Lieutenant Conkin in 1891, Mrs. Conkin married I. M. Anderson, a well known business man of Gainesville and to this union were born the three younger children, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Anderson who were present at the reunion here.

By an earlier marriage during his residence in Kentucky Lieutenant Jarrett Conkin was the father of two other children, who although they never resided in the Ozarks are well known here, having frequently visited in West Plains. They are Mrs. P. W. Comer of Nashville, Tenn., whose husband is a prominent manufacturer of that city, and T. P. Conkin, a wealthy farmer and stockman of Oakland, Ky.

Daily Quill
July 24, 1917

George Lucius Cooke, who for the last eight years has made this city his home, died Sunday afternoon at the family home on Garfield avenue at 2 o'clock. His death was due to heart disease. Mr. Cooke was 81 years of age.

Born in Albany, N. Y., Mr. Cooke spent the early years of his life there. He was married in that city and left soon afterwards for Chicago where for many years he was connected with the Armour Packing Company. While a resident of Chicago, Mrs. Cooke for twenty years was "mother" of the Girton School for Girls, which their son, Francis King Cooke, owned and conducted.

When the Civil War broke out, Mr. Cooke enlisted in a New York regiment and fought four years for the Union. He was in many big battles, being wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. After the close of the memorable struggle he went back to his native city.

Besides his widow Mr. Cooke is survived by two daughters and one son, Mrs. Grace Lapham, formerly of West Plains, but now of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. F. M. Jacobs, of New York City; and Francis King Cooke, of Chicago. Mrs. Jacobs left New York immediately after being notified of the death of her father, reaching West Plains Tuesday afternoon. The son and his family are on an automobile tour and have not been located. Mrs. Lapham was unable to come to West Plains.

The remains were shipped to his old home at Albany, N. Y., Tuesday night, to be interred beside those of a son, Charles Cooke, who was killed several years ago. Services will be held in the Episcopal Chapel where Mr. Cooke worshipped for many years in his boyhood.

(Gazette - Aug. 13, 1925)

M. A. Cooper, Sr., one of the oldest citizens of this section, died suddenly at his home in the northern suburbs of this city at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. His aged wife was the only person with him when he passed away. His death was caused by carbolic acid, which he took by accident, believing it was medicine.

Mr. Cooper went home Tuesday afternoon. He had a small vial of carbolic acid to be used about the house as disinfectant. He put the bottle on the table. Mr. Cooper had been suffering with kidney trouble. At 4:30 O'clock he arose, suffering with pain. Mr. Cooper's eyesight has been defective for a number of years, and in the dark he made a mistake, getting the bottle of carbolic acid instead of kidney medicine. He took a large swallow out of the bottle.

Realizing the mistake he had made, Mr. Cooper called his wife. He told her he had taken carbolic acid, believing it was his regular medicine, and asked her to get some grease for him. Mrs. Cooper helped him to his bed and telephoned for a doctor and summoned her son, M. A. Cooper, Jr. When they arrived Mr. Cooper was dead.

"Uncle Mart" Cooper, as everyone knew him, was born in Benton County, Tenn., December 23, 1842. He came to Howell County in 1859 from Tennessee. On the way here his father died at Bloomfield, Mo. The family located on South Fork and here Mr. Cooper grew up. He married Flora J. Killough, daughter of Milton Killough, a pioneer of this country, on July 29, 1866. Ten children were born to them, three of whom have passed to the great beyond, two in infancy. A widow, four daughters and three sons survive. They are Mrs. J. H. Watts, Mrs. L. B. Hincheloe, Mrs. O. A. Knox, and M. A. Cooper, Jr., of this city; John M. Cooper and W. R. Cooper, Genesco, Kansas; and Mrs. Augusta Gillis, Modesta, Cal.

Mr. Cooper was one of the oldest members of Mt. Zion Lodge A.F. & A.M. He was an ex-Confederate veteran and a devoted member of the Congregational Methodist church. He was one of God's noblest men, honest, fearless, and true to his friends. His untimely death is regretted by the community for one of the leading citizens has passed away.

(Gazette - Apr. 17, 1913)

"Taps" were sounded last week for Captain A. L. Cooper, of Mammoth Spring, veteran president of the Blue and Gray Reunion. He was one of the pioneers of Northern Arkansas, coming to Mammoth Spring in 1886. During the Harrison administration he was postmaster of that town. Captain Cooper was 82 years old. He was born in Herkimer County, New York. When a young man he enlisted in the Union army in Company D, 192d Pennsylvania volunteers and served until the close of the Civil War. He was buried in Riverside cemetery at Mammoth Spring with military honors.

(Gazette - Sept. 27, 1923)

John Tyree Cooper, aged 90 years, died a few days ago at his home at Houston, Texas County, at the age of 90 years. A complication of diseases incident to old age caused his death. His funeral held at Houston was largely attended and was conducted under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Cooper had been a member for almost 70 years.

John Tyree Cooper was born in Montgomery County, Tennessee. With his brother, the late Uncle Mart Cooper, they headed a colony that emigrated to Howell County early in the '50's. The colony located on South Fork, where they homesteaded farms and converted the wilderness into a fertile country of happy homes. The Civil War broke up many homes and Mr. Cooper and his brother went into the Confederate army to fight for their native state. At the close of the memorable conflict both came back to Howell County. When Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge was organized in the Mt. Zion settlement on South Fork Uncle Mart Cooper and John Tyree Cooper were among the charter members. This was long before the Civil War. Later the lodge was transferred to West Plains. In 1869 John Cooper moved to Houston.

Mr. Cooper is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mary Nevills, of Centralia, Wash., and a sister, Mrs. Jane Perkins, of Big Sandy, Tenn., who is 95 years old.

(Gazette - Apr. 24, 1919)

James Wesley Cordell, 97 years old, and for seventy six years a resident of Howell County, died at the home of a son, Finley Cordell, four miles east of West Plains, at 6 o'clock Christmas morning.

Mr. Cordell, who was a member of the Union army in Company L, Third Missouri Cavalry, in the Civil War, had been suffering from kidney trouble. He was born July 2, 1835, in Union County, Georgia, and came to Howell County when he was 21 years old. He lived on a farm in the Myatt district, and several years later was married to Miss Matilda Coldiron, who died in 1919. Following the war the family moved to a farm in Howell Valley, where the youngest son, James Cordell, now lives.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Howell Valley Baptist Church, of which Mr. Cordell was a charter member and were conducted by the Rev. Turner Proffitt. Roy Adams, Walter Dold, Russell Chapin, Jerry Carr, Burl Jones, and Floyd Mustion served as pallbearers. Judge Will H. D. Green gave a short talk.

The aged man is survived by four sons and one daughter, who are Than Cordell, Stafford, Okla.; Jess Cordell, Stattuck, Okla.; Finley and James Cordell, West Plains; and Mrs. Mary Barnett of McKinney, Tex. Mrs. Barnett and Jess Cordell, who spent some time with their father this summer, were unable to be here for the funeral.

(Journal - Dec. 29, 1932)

Jacob F. Cover, Dry Creek Patriarch Passes Away

Jacob F. Cover died at his home Sunday night at 6 p. m., after an illness of several weeks. On December 26 Mr. Cover had a fall and sustained serious injuries about the face and the back of his neck. He didn't fully recover from this accident. Complications followed which were the immediate cause of his death.

He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 21, 1832, and would, if he had lived until his next birthday, have been 87 years old. Mr. Cover is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Cover, and an only son, Hugh, of this place; also five sons and three daughters of a former marriage, who are: Joel and Byron of Chicago; William of Iowa; Dan of Canada, and Robert (deceased and Mrs. Maggie Mex, of Salt Lake City; Mrs. Bell Davis and Mrs. Cora Smouse, both of Iowa.

As a young man Mr. Carver learned the carpenter trade, which he followed extensively thru his long life, building his last house when past 80. He could also make speeches, and stumped the country surrounding Chesterville, La., for Abraham Lincoln just before the war. It is said "he was hard to beat in an argument."

In 1854 he married Miss Josephine McGlassen of Oskaloosa, Iowa. She died in Platte county, Iowa, in 1888. In 1891 he married Miss Elizabeth Loeb, in Kansas City, with whom he shortly afterwards moved to Olden, where he was for some time foreman of the Olden Fruit company, later moving out on Dry Creek, where they have resided since.

In 1861 Mr. Cover enlisted in the army of the Potomac and was a member of the 9th regiment, Pa. Rerseve, Vol. In 5th Army Corps. He was in service three years, four months and eleven days, serving with the same unit till the end of the war and taking part in the terrible battles of Virginia that led up to the great battle of Gettysburg. About Gettysburg he used to say, "it was awful, one noon while I sat down to eat my little snack I could have touched 20 dead men with a ten foot pole."

After the war and while Mr. Cover was a guard at the White House, an incident occurred which he enjoyed telling. "One day President Lincoln walked right up to me, embraced and kissed me and said, 'May God protect you till you get safely home.' Abraham Lincoln was among great men the idol of his heart.

He was adventurous and restless and has traveled thru or lived in more than half of the states of the union, and Canada, only his advanced years kept him so many years on Dry Creek.

While living here he has been the honored patriarch of the neighborhood. He had many friends who liked him for his congeniality and great store of general information. Before his illness he was very much interested in the present war. He said, "I want to live long enough to see it come to a victorious close." This wish was fulfilled and since then he failed rapidly.

He had never affilated himself with any local church organization, but believed in the doctrines of the Presbyterian faith, according to which he was baptised as an infant. It must be said of Mr. Cover that he lived according to the highest of moral and religious principles. His generosity to those in trouble did at times bring him bad luck. He will be buried in the Lovans cemetery, February 11th where many friends will follow him to his last resting place.

Journal - Feb. 13, 1919

The ashes of Isaac S. Cox, for a number of years a well known resident of West Plains, and who died at his home in ElCajon, Cal., November 23, arrived here this morning for burial tomorrow afternoon in Oak Lawn cemetery, besides the remains of the late wife and daughter of the decedent.

The ashes were sent here to D. W. Reese an old comrade of the decedent and the funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the hall of the John Rollins G. A. R. post on court square. The Rev W. M. White, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which the decedent was a member, will conduct the service, and the G. A. R. will have charge of the rites at the grave.

FATHER AND SON CREMATED TOGETHER AT SAN DIEGO.

Mr. Cox, who was 75 years old, spent a fortnight in West Plains just before his death, being a guest at the Reese home on Curry street. It was while on his way home that he contracted pneumonia, which resulted in his death a few days after his arrival home.

A few hours after Mr. Cox's death, his son William Cox also a former resident of West Plains, died in a hospital in San Diego, whither he had been hurried to undergo a surgical operation. The body of the father and that of the son were cremated at the same time in San Diego but the remains of the son were buried in San Diego.

Mr. Cox, who was a building contractor, resided in West Plains for a number of years, moving from here to Warrensburg and latter to El Cajon about 15 years ago. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Eva Parson, of ElCajon, formerly Miss Eva Cox, who following the removal of the family from this city, returned and taught in the public schools of West Plains for several years.

The family is remembered by many friends here. Mrs. Cox and one daughter, Miss Maude Cox, died while the family resided in West Plains

Daily Quill
Dec. 11, 1917

William D. Cox, 83 years old, a well known pioneer resident of the southern part of Howell County, died at his home near Arditta last Sunday, September 2.

Mr. Cox was a native of Crawford County, Missouri, but came to Howell County forty years ago. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served with the federal army throughout the conflict. He had been a member of the Christian Church for nearly forty years, and was a conscientious Christian and highly respected in the community in which he lived so long. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah G. Setzer Cox, and by two daughters and three sons, Mrs. Amanda Ramsey, and Mrs. Catherine Thompson of Arditta, John W. Cox of Springfield, Ellis Cox of Tulsa, Okla., and Charles Cox of Arditta, all of whom were with him during his last illness.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Fowler cemetery near Arditta, by the Rev. James T. Amis of Springfield. The funeral services were attended by a large number of sympathizing friends.
(Daily Quill - Sept. 7, 1923)

William Cox, an old soldier who was in the Civil War, passed to his great reward at his home in Hutton Valley, Mo., on February 27, 1926. Although being almost blind and confined to his room for some time, he was sick only a few hours before he died. There have been great changes during his lifetime. He remembers the ox team and now we have the automobile. He was 91 years, 10 months, and 16 days old, when he passed away. He was married and to the union several children were born, five of whom are living, Will, Charlie, and Sally, of Willow Springs; George, of Harrisonville; and Mrs. Mary Abby, of Poplar Bluff, The mother of the children having passed on some time before. He later married and his wife and two children were at his bedside when he died. He was buried in the Willow Springs cemetery. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church. His trials and tribulations are over on this earth and may his reward be great in the next.
(Gazette - Mar. 18, 1926)

Captain James Crain, aged 75 years, 4 months and 2 days, died Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock at his home on West Broadway after a long illness from a complication of diseases incident with old age.

James Crain was born in Perry Co., Ill. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted as a private in Company A, of the Thirty-Fifth Illinois Infantry. He soon rose in ranks, becoming second lieutenant and then first lieutenant of the company. In 1865 he became captain of Company L of the Illinois cavalry and served until the close of the war. He returned to his old home when the treaty of peace was signed and lived there amid happy and contented surroundings. In May, 1891, he moved with his family to Ozark County, locating near Dora. For many years he and his sons engaged in the lumber business and operated saw mills at different points in Ozark County. Last May Captain Crain, accompanied by his wife moved to West Plains.

The deceased is survived by a wife and seven sons and daughters. They are Mrs. John Fannin, Pinckneyville, Ill.; Mrs. Ira Woodward, Dora, Mo.; Mrs. Walter Cooper, Greenfield, Ill.; Ed and Alex Crain, Tangier, Okla.; Pleas and Ben Crain, of this city. Captain Crain had for more than forty years been a member of the Masonic fraternity, under whose auspices the funeral was held Wednesday afternoon. Rev. J. Halls Glanville, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, preached the sermon. The remains were laid to rest in Oak Grove cemetery. Mt. Zion Lodge No. 327, A. F. & A. M.
(Gazette - July 20, 1911)

J. M. Crabb, who formerly resided in this city, died at his home in Parsons, Kansas, last week of heart disease. G. H. Lee, of this city, received a message announcing the sad news. Mr. Crabb was a Union veteran and had a host of warm friends in this place. He leaves a wife and four sons and daughter. They are Charles, George, and Ernest Crabb, and Miss Bertha Crabb. (Gazette, Feb. 24, 1910)

In the death of William D. Cox, which occurred September 2 at his home near Arditta, in the southwest part of Howell County, the community loses an old and respected citizen. Mr. Cox, who was 83 years old, was born in Crawford County, Missouri. He served in the Union army during the Civil War and after the close of the memorable conflict returned to his native home to pursue the even tenor of his ways. Forty years ago he moved to Howell County and settled on a farm near Arditta. Here he took a keen interest in home affairs. He was a member of the Christian church and lived up to its teachings. Besides his aged widow, he leaves five sons and daughters. These are Ellis Cox, Tulsa, Okla.; J. W. Cox, Springfield; Charles Cox, Mrs. Catherine Thompson and Mrs. Amanda Ramsey, all of Arditta.

Rev. J. T. Amis, of Springfield, conducted the funeral services and burial was in the Fowler cemetery near Amy.

(Gazette - Sept. 15, 1923)

Obituary

Joseph Crider departed this life July 3, 1904. Died of heart failure. The deceased was born on the 14th day of July 1832, and was 72 years 11 months, and 19 days old at the time of his death. Was a native Missourian, was born in Gasconade county, Mo., and grew up to manhood in that county and at an early age was converted to Christ and attached himself to the church of Christ, and was married in the same county. He resided there until after the war of the rebellion. There were six children born to them of the first marriage. His first wife died, and he was married the second time to a widow lady. There were born to the second marriage six children making twelve children altogether. Seven children are still living all of whom are married. Five of the children and his first wife preceded him to the spirit land. He had twenty-five grand children and six great grand children.

The writer was called upon to preach the funeral of the deceased on the evening of the fourth day of July, at five o'clock P. M., at the Dripping Springs church, being accompanied by Rev. Brakebill of West Plains.

The following text was selected for the subject. Rev. 14:13:14. 1st Thessalonians 4, 13 to 18 inclusive. And among other things the following was said: We don't preach the funeral to change the condition of the deceased but for the benefit of the living, and for the respect and homage due the deceased in his life time and for his many Christian virtues. Brother Crider was an American citizen in the broadest sense. He loved his country as well as his God. He believed his first duty was to his God and second to his country.

When the war of the rebellion broke out he enlisted in the 6th Missouri U. S. Cavalry, for the period of three years, and while serving his country he lived a devoted Christian always contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

In the year 1867 he located in Howell county where he resided up to the time of his death. He was loved by all who formed his acquaintance for his many Christian graces. He lived a consistent and a devoted Christian life up to the time of his death.

He is no more. He has gone home to heaven to receive his crown. In the death of Brother Crider his late comrades in arms have lost a true friend and soldier. His brethren have lost a devoted brother and true Christian in the Lord, his wife a devoted and loving husband, his children a kind and affectionate father.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me write! Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. From henceforth, yea saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Now Brother Crider has gone home to rest from his labors and his works speak to the living men and may they turn many from their sins. Now may his wife and children in their great bereavment and loss lean on the strong arm of Jesus, in their hour of sorrow and live as he lived, and prepare to meet him in that world where there is no more parting, no more pain, no more sickness, no more weeping, and no more death, and where we are all one in Christ Jesus forever and forever.

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West Plains Journal
July 14, 1904

DIED WITHOUT HIS BOOTS ON

Jim Cummins, who rode and fought with Jesse James, Cole Younger, Quantrel, "Ning" Letton, once city marshal of West Plains, and other lesser lights of fact and fiction, has battled his last opponent and spun his last yarn.

Death came Friday to the picturesque gun fighter who to the last liked to boast of his conquests, and whose boasting, at least twice in recent years, were the cause of violence. For the last 27 years Cummins had lived at a Confederate home at Higginsville, Mo., where he died. He was 82 years old.

Jim Cummins admitted he never knew fear. His associates at the old soldiers home upheld his claims.

He grew to manhood in Clay County, Missouri, in company with the James boys, Jesse and Frank. Border warfare, between the freelancers of Kansas and the pro-slavery men of Missouri flamed into being. Cummins joined a band of Missouri sympathizers who went down in history as Quantrel's band.

Later he joined the regular Confederate army and served in Clements' regiment, Shelby's brigade.

Peace brought no joy to Jim Cummins. The James boys were organizing their gang of notorious train robbers. Cummins joined the gang. He participated in their crimes for ten years.

For many years after the train robberies and bank holdups perpretrated in the middle west by the James boys, Cummins hid in a Montana village, under the name of Johnson. He was one of the town's respected citizens, despite a reward of $5000 which for many years had been on his head.

He finally returned to Clay County and surrendered to the sheriff. As no witnesses could be found to be used against him he was not held for trial. His declining years were largely spent in story telling. When he entered the Confederate home his loquacious ways caused trouble.

In 1927 the annual reunion of the Quantrel's band was held in Independence, Mo. David Edwards, 70, another veteran raider, took exception to Cummins' boasting. He drew a revolver and fired, but missed Cummins and only slightly wounded a bystander.

Later in 1909, Cummins quarreled with another veteran, J. B. McCormick, 85, and struck the man a blow that caused his death. No charges were filed as a result of the incident, as McCormick had cursed Cummins.

Taps for Jim Cummins, who taught Jesse and Frank James to ride horseback, and some say to shoot straight, were sounded as his comrades of the Confederate veterans home gathered at the home chapel to pay last respects to the 82-year-old Confederate veteran.

The Stars and Stripes floated at half-mast on the flagpoles, but the Stars and Bars were Jim's once more as he was laid to rest after a stormy life that marked him as a courageous fighter and notorious bandit.

Jim's buddies, ranging from 80 to 91 years old, were in their best clothes. The younger ones were pallbearers and wore their Confederate gray with gold buttons and bars.

These aged warriors, many of whom had to be assisted to the church, sat erect as they listened to the Rev. Harold Frewal, pastor of the Evangelical Church of Higginsville, relate the experiences of Jim Cummins, the same Jim who had hoped to die with his boots on.

There was something historic about the lowering of Jim Cummins into the grave. Clustered around were the pallbearers, a fewother veterans who were able to walk to the burial ground and a few women, wives of veterans. Higginsville citizens were there, too, and two relatives, Raymond W. Cummins of Kansas City, a grandnephew, and his father, Wm. W. Cummins, Kearney, Mo.

Mr. Freund said a few brief words at the graveside. The casket was lowered. Soon the spades were tossing earth upon it. Up the earth piled until it had reached the surface and formed a burial ground. The last chapter of Jim Cummins story had ended.

(Gazette - July 18, 1929)

Uncle George Davis, an old and well respected citizen, died at his home near Arditta, this county, November 13, 1917. He had been a sufferer for many years from a complication of diseases. He married Miss Smith, from this union two children were reared, Mrs. Ewing Ramsey of Arditta and Mrs. Pete Bingaman of Oklahoma. He was a veteran of the Civil War.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. Mustion, and all that was mortal was laid to rest in the Fowler cemetery, there to await the final roll call. The pallbearers were nephews of the deceased, namely, Charley and Sherman Davis, Tom, George, and Oscar Davis, and Greenberry Harrison.
(Journal - Nov. 29, 1917)

Daniel Crowley died at his home near Homeland on Wednesday of last week from injuries he received in falling from a wagon some time before. He was 75 years of age and is survived by a wife and six children. Mr. Crowley was a Union veteran. The remains were sent to Chariton, Iowa, for interment.

(Journal - Aug. 22, 1907)

Sidney Davidson passed from this life Saturday evening, March 10th, at his home in this place after a short illness. Mr. Davidson was born October 16, 1847, in Brown County, Indiana. Although quite young when the rebellion came, he enlisted in the 54th Illinois regiment and served his country two years. He was married in 1869 to Miss Samantha Houston at Unionville, Missouri, at which place they resided until coming to Howell County two years ago. Since coming to Siloam he has been engaged in the mercantile business and has been successful. For twelve years previous to coming here he was a member of the Christian church, but united with the M. E. Church here and has been a faithful member, taking an active part in all religious work. Mr. Davidson stood for the best there was in this life. Honest, upright, and fearless, his life was an inspiration to others. He was an excellent citizen, a devoted husband, and kind father. We feel our loss is very great, but submit to the will of him "who doeth all things well." Besides his wife he leaves an adopted daughter, Mrs. Gertie Mann, to mourn his loss. He gave full assurance that he was ready and willing to go, and hoped to meet them in a brighter and better world where sorrow and suffering never come.

(Journal - Mar. 8, 1906)

Solomon Davis, father of ex-sheriff Oscar M. Davis, of West Plains, died suddenly Friday morning about 8 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Cole, two miles north of Pottersville. He was 90 years old and was one of the pioneer settlers of Spring Creek township. Davis Creek, on which he first settled after the close of the Civil War, was named after him.

Mr. Davis was born April 19, 1837, at Thomasville, Oregon County, his father, Solomon Davis, Sr., being one of the first settlers of this early Ozark settlement. Solomon Davis moved from Oregon County to Howell County in 1862, first settling on the Hyatt in the south-eastern part of the county and later moved near Pottersville, settling on Davis Creek.

Mr. Davis served in the Union army during the Civil War and at the close of the memorable conflict came back to his family and his home. He was perhaps the oldest Union veteran in Howell County. His wife, Mrs. Lavina Langston Davis, died thirty-five years ago.

Surviving the deceased are four sons and one daughter, Oscar Davis, of West Plains; Thos. Davis, residing three miles north of this city; George Davis, Sapulpa, Okla.; and Mrs. Chas. Cole, with whom he has resided for several years.

The funeral services were held in the Congregational Methodist Church at Pottersville Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, in the presence of many sorrowing relatives and friends. The funeral sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. S. T. Proffitt, a lifelong friend of the deceased. Burial was in the Pottersville cemetery.

(Gazette - June 30, 1927)

Wm. Deatherage, who died October 6th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jesse Horsman, six miles south of Moody, was one of the oldest residents in this part of the country. Mr. Deatherage was born Aug. 20, 1842, in Roan County, Tennessee. He was the eldest son of A. J. D. Deatherage, who was a major in the U. S. army when the Indians were moved to the Indian Territory.

William Deatherage began life for himself when he joined the Confederate army and enlisted in Co.A, 28th Tennessee infantry, in June, 1861, and served until the close of the memorable struggle between the North and the South. He was in sixteen important battles. He was with General Forrest at Murfreesboro, Chickasaw Mountain, Marietta, and other hard fought battles. He surrendered April 9, 1865, at Greensboro, N. C.

After the surrender Mr. Deatherage returned to his former home at Greeneville, Tenn., to begin life anew with nothing but a confederate suit of clothes with 48 bullet holes in it. He was married there May 28, 1868, to Miss Rebecca Hall, and that fall they moved to Fulton County, Ark., to make a new home in the wilderness. They located on Bennett's Bayou, two miles south of what is now the town of Moody. In 1873 Mr. Deatherage moved to a farm six miles south of Moody, which has since been his home.

"Uncle Billy", as he was affectionately called by his many friends, was the father of eleven children, six of whom survive. They are George Deatherage, Mrs. Jesse Horsman, Mrs. Thos. Cameron and Mrs. J. F. Dixon, all of near Moody; Mrs. Geo. Farrell, Clear Lake, Okla.; and Mrs. Virgil Wiles of Bakersfield.

Mr. Deatherage had been in his usual good health until five days before his death, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis. He gradually grew more feeble until death relieved his earthly sufferings.

Elder Richard Pope, Baptist pastor, of which Mr. Deatherage had for over fifty years been a member, held the funeral services. Burial was in the County Line cemetery near Moody, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, in which Mr. Deatherage had membership. Masons from County Line, Bakersfield, Viola, and Salem lodges participated. He was laid to rest beside the body of his wife, who died September 18, 1908.

(Gazette - Oct. 16, 1924)

W. F. Deardorf, 86 years old, a former resident of West Plains, died Sunday at his home in Springfield. He had been in failing health for some time. Mr. Deardorf was a veteran of the Civil War, having fought during the memorable struggle of many years ago for the Stars and Stripes. He leaves a widow, who formerly was Mrs. Rebecca Wells, of West Plains, and four daughters residing in Nebraska. The remains were laid to rest in the National cemetery at Springfield.

(Gazette - Dec. 16, 1926

Rev. J. F. DeBoard was born in White County, Illinois, July 13, 1836, and died June 15, 1919. He toiled along in this old troublesome world for 83 years, 11 months, and two days. He was wonderfully saved at the age of 16, and united with the M. E. Church. He was united in marriage August 26, 1858, to Margaret A. McKinsey, who was a faithful wife and helpmate, being converted to Jesus Christ in her 15th year. She still waits and mourns his departure. To this union were born thirteen children, seven girls and six boys. Five boys and two girls still are awaiting their departure when they shall join father and loved ones who have crossed on over the tide. Two girls, Mrs. J. H. Goodman and Mrs. W. L. Beard, and S. S. DeBoard, live north of Chandler, Okla., and two boys, A. L. and R. R. DeBoard, and two other sons, A. E. and L. L. still live in the

Rev. DeBoard was licensed to preach in the M. E. Church in 1860. He volunteered in the Union army in August, 1861, and made a good soldier for three years, being honorably discharged in August, 1864.

He left Illinois and came to Howell County in 1876, where he lived until his death. Shortly after arriving in Missouri he united with the Congregational church and was ordained to preach. "Uncle Franklin" as he was called, was not a great preacher as some call great, but was one in whom everyone had confidence. He was always on hand at preaching services, prayer meetings, and Sunday School to do what he could for the Lord and the church. He was not only a preacher, but was one of the best Sunday School class leaders in the church. He was present to marry the young people and also to bury the dead. "Uncle Franklin" was well known and loved by both young and old. Especially was he loved by the host of grandchildren, there being thirty-seven grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren. Truly it was a shock, and we are grieved to lose him as husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, and church worker. But our loss is his gain, so we may "Amen" to the Father of Lights who doeth all things well.

His grandson,
Rev. Franklin N. DeBoard

(Journal - July 31, 1919)

Alfred C. Derrick was born Jan. 28, 1839, in Monroe county, Tenn., and when eight years old moved with his parents to McMinn County Tenn;. was married June, 14, 1867 to Miss Sarah A. Riggs, of Jalopa, Tenn. Moved to Howell County, Mo., April 3, 1874, where he has since made his home. To this union was born ten children who, with the widow, survive him. Namely, Samuel R. Derrick, of Pekin, Ill.; Emily O Fare, of Bakersfield, Mo.; Michell G. Derrick, of Byars, Okla.; E. A Derrick, of Shawnee, Okla.; Mollie L. Proffitt, of Wynnewood, Okla; Sarah E. Nelson, of Italy, Texas; Tavia B. Derrick, of Byars, Okla.; William, Bertha and Burleigh all of Bakersfield, Mo.; all present at bedside when death came at 11 o'clock p. m , Nov. 19, 1908, except Michell G. and E. A. Derrick and Mrs. Nelson, she having arrived in time for the funeral which was held at 2 p m. Nov. 21, 1908 Bro Alfred Derrick professed faith in Christ and united with New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in the fall of 1874 and has been a faithful member ever since.

He enlisted in Company F 3rd Tennessee, in 1861 and was discharged on account of physical disability as First Lieutenant in 1864, having served three years six months in the Union army. He was a kind husband, a loving father, a good citizen and ever ready to lend a helping hand to his friends. He is gone but not dead, he has crossed over to be with loved ones and to reap the reward that is waiting the faithful. He was laid to rest in the Bakersfield cemetery Saturday, Nov. 21st, at 2 p. m. Funeral service was conducted by the writer, by his and family request, in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Farewell father, farewell father,
Peaceful be thy silent rest;
Slumber sweetly God knew best,
When to call thee home to rest.

Farewell father, farewell father,
Thou hast loved us long and well;
How we miss thee none can tell,
Jesus called thee, all is well.

D. W. EPLEY.

Journal
Nov. 26, 1908

John Dixon was born in Westmoreland County, England, Aug 2[illegible], 1824, and died at his home eight miles south of West Plains August 7, 1911, aged 87 years, 11 months and 16 days. He came to this country in 1884 locating in New York, where he worked at his trade, that of a tailor. He was at that time champion light weight wrestler of England and held the belt when he came to America, and although he was open to the world in his class he was never challenged. He served in the Mexican War and spent five years in the frontier army which protected settlers from the Indians. During the Civil War he was private tailor to both Gens. Robert E. Lee and Longstreet, and cut and made uniforms for both.

Mr. Dixon located at High Hill in 1852 and soon afterward was married to Miss Jane Bond. Shortly after the marriage the Civil War was begun and he enlisted and served in the Third Missouri Cavalry. After the war he moved to Montgomery County where his wife died. He was later married to Miss Amanda E. Latourne. In 1880, Mr. Dixon, with his family, came to Howell County and settled in Pyatt township, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was greatly interested and always took an active part in every progressive move for the benefit of his community or state. In politics he was strongly Republican and had been a subscriber to the Journal for 31 years.

Five years ago, after cashing a pension voucher, Mr. Dixon put a sum of gold into his pocket book with instructions that it be used to defray his funeral expenses, and his wishes in this matter were carried out. He is survived by 6 sons and 2 daughters: Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. G. W. Hilton, Chapin, Mo.; Jas. W. Dixon, Everett, Wash.; H. P. Dixon, Ideal, S. Dak.; Chas. F. Dixon, Spokane, Wash.; J. F. Dixon, W. A. Dixon, and G. A. Dixon, of Leader, Mo. There are also 17 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. M. Barnett at Union Hill cemetery where there were scores of friends to pay their last respects to their good neighbor and respected patriot.
(Journal - Aug. 17, 1911)

Gazette - Aug. 10, and Aug 24, 1911, obit.

JOHN DIXON

Born in England, Served in the Mexican and Civil War, Came to Howell County in 1880

FREQUENTLY SAW QUEEN VICTORIA

The subject of this sketch was born in North England, in Westmoreland county, August 22,1825, and when ten years of age was apprenticed to learn the tailor trade. After learning the trade he went to London to work. While there Mr. Dixon frequently saw Queen Victoria and Prince Edward, her husband.

Wrestling was one of the sports of those days and he won and held the belt of the feather weight, 126 pounds, of England.

He left England in 1847, taking a ship at Liverpool for New York, making the trip in exactly six weeks, and went to work at his trade.

BURNED SEWING MACHINES

He had been at work but a short time when a big strike occurred on account of the introduction of sewing machines. The sentiment was so strong against the use of these machines that strikers burned all the machines they could get hold of and did many other acts of violence.

IN MEXICAN WAR

Mr Dixon left New York going to Syracuse, where he enlisted in the United States army for five years, serving in the 8th Infantry, Company G. with James Longstreet and Robert E. Lee. Gen.



JOHN DIXON AND WIFE

Longstreet was a native of South Carolina and graduated at West Point in 1842 and was advanced to brevit Major. In 1861 he resigned his commission to serve in the Confederate army. Gen. Lee was a Virginian who graduated at West Point in 1829. When the Mexican war broke out he was appointed chief engineer, and at the close of the war had become a colonel. After serving in the civil war he accepted the presidency of Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., where he died five years afterwards. John Dixon cut and made each of these men who afterwards became distinguished generals a suit of clothes.

LOCATES IN MISSOURI

After his services in the Mexican war Mr. Dixon's regiment was taken to Texas where he served out the time for which he had enlisted. He then came to Warren county, Missouri, where he married Miss Jane Bond and thence he moved to Montgomery county where he run a tailor shop at High Hill until the war broke out. Although living in a town where the sympathy was strong for the Confederacy he was loyal to the good old flag and enlisted in company H. of the 3rd M. S. M. where he served for two years and was discharged for disability.

After the war he engaged in farming, but he was soon called to mourn the death of his wife, leaving him and two children, Mary A. and John F. Dixon.

LOCATES ON THE MYATT

On August 22, 1870, he was married to Miss Amanda E. Latouno, and ten years afterwards he moved to Howell county and located on the land he now owns in sec. 31-23 7 near Leader post office. He bought the first breaking plow and the first shovel plow that was brought on the Myatt. He has always been a staunch republican since coming to America. Although brought up under the church of England, after coming here he united with the Southern Methodist church.

On September 26, 1900, he was bereaved of his second wife. Of this union there were born nine children,six sons and three daughters. Three, Alice A., Lulu M. and Joseph are dead. The living are William A., George A ,James W., Ellen C., Henry P., and Charles F.

The children of his first wife, John F. and Mary Moiarty reside in Montgomery county. The others live in Howell county near their father and are engaged in farming with the exception of James W. who is a member of the 71st U. S. coast artillery and is located at Fort Carsey, Washington. His three years will expire next April. His youngest daughter married Geo. W. Hilton.John Dixon has eight children living and thirteen grandchildren.

W. A. DIXON.

West Plains Journal
Oct. 13, 1904

William T. Dixon, one of the oldest residents of Howell County, died October 4th, at his home nine miles northwest of this city. He had lived in Howell County for fifty years, and was well-known here. Old age and infirmities caused his death.

Mr. Dixon was a veteran of the Civil War. In that memorable struggle he served in Company E, 3rd Missouri Cavalry, and fought in a number of memorable battles. He leaves a widow and five sons and daughters, all residing in Sherman, Texas. They are William Dixon, John Dixon, Herman Dixon, Sherman Dixon, Mrs. Stella Jacobs, and Mrs. Wm. Gardner. He also leaves one brother, John F. Dixon, residing at Melbourne, Tex.

The funeral services were held Sunday at the family home, conducted by Rev. John G. W. Richardson, a life-long friend, who served in the same company and was a companion and comrade of Mr. Dixon for several years. Interment was in the Lone Pine cemetery five miles northwest of town. (Gazette, Oct. 11, 1917

One of the Ozarks' oldest residents, Elias Newton Dobbs, age 88 years, died last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Webster, of Bertha, Douglas County. He was born in Bedford county, Tennessee, and was 88 years old. Mr. Dobbs was married to Elizabeth Elvira Hicks in 1860. She died in 1881 and in 1882 he married Permeta White. She died in 1921. Mr. Dobbs was a private in the Civil War. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John Freeman, of Dora, Mrs. Webster, and Mrs. Amos Williams of West Eminence, a brother, Richard Dobbs, 92; and a great number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Mr. Dobbs was buried in Sweeton cemetery near Dora.

(Gazette - June 9, 1932)

Colonel P. P. Dobozy, one of the best known men in Howell County, died suddenly at his home in West Plains Friday evening at 6 o'clock. For some time the old veteran had been in feeble health, his footsteps tottered, and during the past two weeks he was confined to his bed. His son-in-law, Lieutenant Colonel L. H. Hanson, a surgeon in the regular army, has been here with Colonel Dobozy, treating and caring for him, and left two days before his death, knowing the end of an eventful career was not very far off.

Colonel Dobozy was of noble birth. His full name was Peter Paul Dobozy Desits, the Desits denoting the particular branch of family. He was born 87 years ago at Sabaria, Hungary, and was educated for the priesthood, but in his veins flowed the hot blood of a patriot and his parents fond hopes were doomed to perish. He was a great scholar, speaking English, German, Italian, Turkish, and Hungarian.

When the revolution against the Austrian ruler, Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, also king of Hungary, broke out in 1848, Dobozy, then 16 years old, became a member of the forces of Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, under whom he served until the end of the war.

At the close of the brief struggle, Dobozy succeeded in purchasing his freedom by sacrificing his property, real and personal, and, leaving his family, who remained in Hungary, fled to Turkey. His brother was a general in the Turkish army and there the youthful patriot found a safe refuge.

Ten years later, during the war of France and Italy against Austria in 1859, Dobozy joined Garibaldi's forces, becoming a lieutenant in the historical Hungarian Legion.

When the Legion was released on August 18, after four years of hard fighting, the Legion having continued their soldiering for many months after Garibaldi ceased operations, Dobozy was still an invalid from the efforts of his wounds, and it was not until after four months of service in the Union army in the United States in 1864 that he was able to dispense with the bandages.

Upon the release of the Legion Dobozy determined to come to America. Kossuth, learning of his intentions, sent for him to come to Turin, Italy, and upon his arrival he was voluntarily presented with a letter of recommendation to the American military authorities.

Upon the arrival of Dobozy in America, General John C. Fremont, the Union leader, who was at that time stationed in New York, heard of the famous soldier and sending for Dobozy to come to him, offering him the position of major on his staff, but Dobozy courteously declined. He started south and going to Ft. Collins, Ky., become a volunteer aid-de-camp on the staff of General Asboth, also a Hungarian.

In 1863, when the organization of Negro troops began, Major General Hurlburth, commanding the Sixteenth army corps, in compliance with an order from Washington, D.C., directed that Dobozy organize a regiment of Negro artillery. Dobozy reluctantly consented to undertake the task and thus came into existence the regiment of twelve companies first known as the Second Tennessee, later as Third United States and still later as the Fourth United States Colored Artillery, Heavy.

Upon leaving his regiment at the close of the Civil War, Colonel Dobozy went to Arkansas, where he engaged in cotton growing for some time. He came to Howell County in the early '70's and first settled on a farm on Elevenpoints river. Later he moved to West Plains, where he since had resided almost continuously.

Daniel Donahue, an old soldier in destitute circumstances, formerly a member of the [illegible]th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, died in Illinoistown at noon Sunday, aged 52 years. He had been here but a short time, coming from Arkansas, and was attended in his last illness by his daughter. The old soldiers took charge of his burial, raising money enough to secure him a good coffin and save him from pauper interment - buying a grave plot in Oak Lawn cemetery. Rev. J. B. Brewington conducted the services and the deceased was accorded military honors in the final scene by the comrades he had found among strangers.
(Howell County News - Nov. 19, 1887)

Dobozy, continued

Colonel Dobozy was a surveyor by profession. When the Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Gulf, now a part of the Frisco system, was looking for a way through the Ozarks of South Missouri, Chief Engineer George W. Norton, secured Colonel Dobozy as a guide. Colonel Dobozy knew the divides and watersheds of the country and pointed out the best ways for the railroad to be built.

After the building of the railroad, Colonel Dobozy engaged in the real estate business. He had a peculiar expression and saying that has gone down in history as characteristic of the man. While showing a tract of land to a homeseeker, the man from the North complained of the rocks, and Colonel Dobozy, who spoke in broken English with a forceful accent, replied:

"Vell, vell; all de rocks vot you see, dey vaz on top of de ground."

When the great world war broke out in 1914, Colonel Dobozy's hatred for the Hun appeared uppermost in his thoughts. He was fighting mad when America entered the war. With true patriotism Colonel Dobozy offered his services to his adopted country. He often spoke of raising a regiment of cavalry here to go to Europe to fight the Kaiser. Owing to his advanced age his offer was declined. The old veteran lived to see the day when his beloved native country cast off the yoke of servitude and became a land of freedom.

Colonel Dobozy was married three times. His last wife was a native of this county and died here several years ago. They had two children, Mrs. L. H. Hanson, of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Miss Bimbo Dobozy, of this city.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the family home on East Poplar Street, conducted by Rev. W. H. White, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The pall bearers were members of John Rollins Post G.A.R. and were Nathan Aldridge, post commander, John A. Gunn, J. O. Brakebill, George F. Clark, J. W. Hill, and A. Calmes. The services at the grave were conducted by the G.A.R. post, after which all that was mortal of the great war hero was laid to rest in Oak Lawn, the City of the Dead.
(Gazette - Sept. 25, 1919 - picture included)

A telephone message received here this afternoon from Mt. View, states that John Doney, an aged Union soldier, committed suicide today, at his daughter's home six miles southwest of Mt. View, on Wolf Creek, by taking carbolic acid.

The man was in an unconscious condition when found by his daughter, and Dr. Anderson was summoned from Mt. View immediately. However the man was dead within an hour. No cause for the suicide is known.

Coroner Alvord will go to Mt. View tonight to hold an inquest.

(Daily Quill - Mar. 30, 1912)

Coroner C. S. Alvord, who was called to Mt. View Saturday afternoon to hold an inquest over the body of John Doney, an old soldier, returned home today. The verdict was that Doney came to his death by swallowing one and one-fourth ounces of carbolic acid with suicidal intent.

The old man, who resided with a daughter, Mrs. Dora Elmore, was quite feeble and his daughter stated that he had frequently threatened suicide. It seems that Doney had innocently gotten into some trouble with the government over the homesteading of some land and was to have appeared in Federal court today. His family thinks that his act was largely due to his brooding over his trouble.

(Daily Quill - Apr. 1, 1912)

George M. Dorris, age 85 years, father of Judge E. F. Dorris, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mont Morgan of West Plains, after suffering several weeks with cancer.

He was numbered among the prominent settlers of Howell County, and had lived in the county 46 years. He was born in Cole County, Mo., and came here in 1876, locating on a farm near Moody, where he lived until the death of his wife, Mrs. Sarah F. Dorris, which occurred in 1915. After her death he made his home with his children.

He served in the Confederate army during the Civil War. He was a member of the South Methodist church for many years and lived a devout Christian life.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mont Morgan and four sons who are Albert M. Dorris of Exeter, Cal., Stephan C. Dorris of West Plains, and E. P. Dorris of Alton, and O. B. Dorris of Viola, Ark., all of whom were with him at the time of his death.

The body was taken to Moody Tuesday for burial.

(Journal - June 22, 1922)

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1907.

JUDGE DRYER DEAD

Pioneer Farmer and Merchant Passes Away.

He Was The First Assessor of Howell County and Later Served Eight Years As County Judge.

In the death of Conrad H. Dryer, which occurred at his home at Peace Valley Sunday afternoon, Howell county loses one of the leading citizens and his family a devoted husband and father. Judge Dryer, as he was known to everyone, was one of the early pioneers of Howell county and has held several positions of public trust, showing the confidence the people reposed in him.

At the age of 17 years Mr. Dryer came to America from Minden, Germany, where he was born June 30, 1823. He first located in Tennessee, soon afterwards going to Webster county, Missouri, and in 1858 settled in Howell county. He homesteaded the farm on which he has since continually made his home. He cleared the forest of timber, plowed the new ground, put in a crop and made a home for himself in the wilderness. In January, 1860, he was married to Martha Gunter, the daughter of Samuel Gunter, the ceremony being performed by Judge Sissen, after whom Sissen township was named.

Soon after the Civil war broke out Mr. Dryer joined McBride's command and entered the service of the Confederacy. He served under the stars and bars for some time and came home to his family when the battle was over. Then he bought a stock of goods and engaged in the mercantile business, which pursuit together with farming he has since continued.

Mr. Dryer was the first assessor of Howell county. He afterwards served several terms as county judge, the last term being presiding judge of the county court. During his term of office the present county court house was erected in this city and through his efforts other improvements were made with the coming of the first railroad into the county.

By his thrift and honesty Judge Dryer accumulated considerable property. At one time he owned over 1,000 acres of land. To each of his five sons he gave 120 acres of land several years ago, showing that he loved his family and desired to do that which he thought was the best for them. His home was noted for its hospitality and the good old German way to which he had always been accustomed prevailed. No one ever went away hungry or unfed from his fireside.

For some time Judge Dryer has been in failing health. He was afflicted with stomach trouble and his heart was weak. Sunday he partook of the noon meal with the usual relish. Afterwards he went out on the porch and seemed to enjoy the bright and cheery weather. Then he went inside and sat in his favorite chair. When one of the members of the family came to give him his medicine, the answer was a peaceful smile and then as though if the summons had come from on high, he went into an everlasting slumber. He was placed on his bed, seemingly he breathed again, but his spirit had returned to his Maker.

The funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at New Hope in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends. Elder D. W. Epley, of the Baptist church, of which Judge Dryer had always been a faithful member, preached the funeral services. The Masonic fraternity of this city conducted the services at the grave. A faithful wife and five loving sons, Ben A., of Pittsburg, Kansas, D. S., J. D., Con H. and Sam, who reside in this county, survive the deceased.

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Rev. Robert James Drumright died October 28, 1910, aged 82 years, 10 months, 3 days. He was born in Mecklinburg Co., Virginia, Dec. 25, 1828. He lived in Missouri 43 years and moved to Wright County a few months before he died. He was licensed to preach by the Missionary Baptist Church in 1861, and proved to be a pillar in that church. He was a Union soldier, volunteered in 1861 in Co. D, First Arkansas Infantry. He was united in marriage to Caroline Cooper Aug. 28, 1848, and of this union 9 children were born, 7 of whom are living to mourn his loss. He now rests in peace by the side of his wife, in a cement sepulcher in the New Liberty cemetery in Howell Co., Mo. (Journal - Nov. 10, 1910)

E. P. Earl, an old ex-Federal soldier, died at his home near Elevenpoints Wednesday. He leaves a wife.
(Howell County News - Sept. 13, 1895)

Joseph Eldringhoff, one of the old residents of White Church, died at his home near that place Sunday night from old age. He was 88 years of age and was widely known over the county.

Mr. Eldringhoff came to Howell County over forty years ago from Gasconade county with a colony of settlers who hewed out homes in the forest and became prominent citizens. One by one these have passed away until only a few remain.

During the Civil War Mr. Eldringhoff served in the Union army and at the close of that memorable struggle returned to his home and family to again take up farming.

He is survived by his aged wife and eight sons and daughters. They are William, Frank, Joe, Henry, and John Eldringhoff, Mrs. A. Hunter and Mrs. John Doss, all residing in the neighborhood of White Church.

"Uncle Joe", as he was familiarly known to everyone around White Church and Peace Valley, was a faithful member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, being one of the founders of the church at that place. Rev. Father Daniel Courtney conducted the services held in St. Joseph's church Tuesday morning and the remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery at that place.
(Gazette - Sept. 7, 1916)

After long suffering with a complication of diseases, George E. C. Duggan died at his home in the north part of the city last week. The funeral services were held at the family residence last Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. T. J. Phillips, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Members of John W. Rollins Post, G.A.R., acted as escorts and pallbearers. The interment was in the Galloway cemetery, two miles northwest of the city.

Mr. Duggan came to West Plains about thirty years ago from Tennessee. He was well known about town and his queer actions caused much comment. His wife died three years ago, and from that time Mr. Duggan's mental condition became such that he was adjudged insane and sent to the Nevada asylum. Last month he was brought home, as his health had failed. His daughter faithfully cared for him during his last days.

The deceased is survived by four daughters, Miss Arrona, a teacher in the North ward school; Miss Chola, a stenographer in Springfield; Miss Jennie of Los Angeles, Cal., who arrived here a few days ago; and Mrs. P. M. Inch, of Bellingham, Wash.
(Gazette - March 2, 1911)

E. L. Emerson, 84, former operator of the Emerson Hotel at Siloam Springs, who has been for 15 years a resident of Grants Pass, Ore., died on Wednesday, May 3, at his home there. Mr. Emerson was a prominent member of the G.A.R. Post at Grants Pass, having been a Civil War veteran.

Mr. Emerson was born at Erie, Penn., July 3, 1848, and when only 16 years old joined the Union Naval forces in the Civil War. On March 20, 1875, he married Harriett E. Raymond. Two sons and one daughter survive this union. They are Guy L. V. Emerson of Chicago, E. R. Emerson of San Diego, and Miss Eloise E. Emerson of Denver. The second marriage of the deceased was to Viva W. Emerson January 1, 1907, and two daughters, Barbara and Betty Jean, survive. Funeral services were held May 5 and burial was in the Granite Hill cemetery at Grants Pass with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(Journal - June 1, 1933)

A. J. Ellis, a carpenter, expired suddenly about 7 o'clock Wednesday morning. He was doing some work on the premises of Collector Henry Smith, and had just arrived to begin his labors for the day, when he coughed violently and fell over backwards, dying almost instantly, either of an apoplectic stroke or of heart failure. He was an honest and industrious man, an ex-Confederate soldier, and had many friends in this community. He was about 60 years of age, and leaves a wife and five children. Rev. O. N. Barnett conducted the funeral services from the family residence in the east part of town Thursday forenoon, members of the local Confederate Camp acting as pall-bearers.
(H. C. News - Apr. 5, 1901)

Judge Woodson Easley of Bly, formerly a judge of the Howell County Court, died at his home near Bly last week, after a brief illness from pneumonia. Judge Easley, who was well-known and had many friends throughout the county, was 78 years old. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served on the union side.

Besides his widow, he is survived by four sons, Robert, Arthur and Ed Easley, all of Bly, and Ben Easley of Tarkio, Mo. The four sons were with him at the time of his death.

(Daily Quill - Oct. 21, 1916)

Jacob Ehrhart, of Arditta, died at his home Friday, October 4, following an illness of only three days.

Mr. Ehrhart was born October 20, 1838, in Madison County, Indiana. He was married to Miss Nancy Bradshaw at Rolla, Mo., in the early sixties. Four children were born to this union, of whom only Grant Ehrhart survives. Grant Ehrhart of Pendleton, Oregon, was visiting at the home of his father at the time of his death.

After the death of his first wife, Mr. Ehrhart married Miss Susan Wilson of Cureall in 1892. All of their children survive as follows: Mrs. Lucy Bennett, Kirk, Colo.; Mrs. Mae McDaniel, Mrs. Lydia Sloan, Mrs. Ella Batesel, W. M. Ehrhart and Jay Ehrhart, all of Hocomo. Twenty-eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive.

"Uncle Jake", as he was known to all who knew him, was a civil war soldier, having enlisted at Rolla in Company H, Missouri Infantry and served three years and twenty-one days.

He had been a member of the Baptist church at Cureall for over fifty years. He gained for himself the love and respect of his friends for his kind spirit and unquestioned integrity.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Mrs. Paige Robertson. Services were held Saturday afternoon with the Rev. S. T. Proffitt of Pottersville and the Rev. D. W. Epley of Cureall officiating. Burial was at the Cureall cemetery.

(Gazette - Oct. 10, 1935)

Rev. Newton Carter Epps of near Pomona dropped dead at the Frisco depot in Springfield, Mo., at 7:30 Tuesday night. He left his home near Pomona for a visit with his two sons at Springfield and they met him at the train. They had just exchanged greetings and had started across the station platform to a waiting automobile. The sons were supporting the old gentleman who was in feeble health, when he appeared to falter and one of them asked, "Are we going too fast for you, father?" "Yes, I believe you are," he answered as he sank to the platform. Those were his last words as he expired before medical aid could be summoned. Reverend Epps was one of Howell County's pioneer preachers and had been in the county since the close of the Civil War in which he served, being a member of the 24th Missouri Infantry in the Union army. He was moderator of the Union Baptist Association and had preached in every nook and corner of the county, performing marriage ceremonies, officiating at funerals and leading and comforting his people faithfully.

He served the county as Assessor many years ago and has been active in the Howell County Historical Society of which he was an officer.

The funeral will be held at Pomona Friday. He is survived by three sons and two daughters, R. M. and N. C., Jr. of Springfield and W. P. Epps, the well-known teacher, of Pomona; Mrs. Mamey Kinion of Pryor, Okla. and Mrs. Martha Ramsey of Pomona.

(Journal - Feb. 15, 1917)

COL. J. C. EVANS DEAD

Passed Away Saturday At Kansas City.

He Was the Pioneer Peach Grower Of The Ozarks and Principal Owner Of the Olden Fruit Farm.

Colonel J C Evans, founder of the Olden Fruit Farm, died Saturday afternoon at the University Hospital in Kansas City, where he was confined since the preceding Tuesday. He had been in declining health for some time and went to the hospital for treatment, but his condition gradually became worse and he passed away Saturday.

Colonel Evans was 76 years old. His father, W. B. Evans, was a Missouri pioneer, and was a member of the original townsite company at Kansas City, and bought the first lot which was sold at auction. He owned 160 acres of land, which is now known as Dundee Place in Kansas City, and it made him well to do. Colonel Evans was married in 1850 to Miss Elizabeth Campbell, of Clay county, who died in 1880. The children are: Mrs. J. C. McGee, Texarkana, Texas; Mrs. Mary Stowers, Millersbury, Mo; Mrs. Amanda Garth, Kansas City; Paul Evans, Mountain Grove; John C. Evans, Jr., Olden; Miss



COLONEL J C EVANS

Amelia Evans and McGee Evans, Harlem, Mo. Colonel Evans was married again in 1885 to Mrs Sarah M. Plumber, who survives him.

Southern Missouri owes a debt of gratitude to Colonel Evans which will always perpetuate his name in the minds of those who knew him best. He was the original fruit grower of this section. While it is true that fruit trees thrived here and luscious peaches, big red apples and other fruits grew to perfection before Colonel Evans knew there was such a country, he is conceded to be the pioneer fruit grower, the man who set out the first commercial orchard in the Ozarks and demonstrated its superiority over all other sections of the United States for the successful growing of peaches.

Once asked why he selected this particular section over all other parts of the United States for a peach orchard, Colonel Evans said:

"I was looking for a place to put out a great peach orchard. For several months I traveled about, going from the Great Lakes to Texas and from California to Florida and Delaware. Then I made a trip to the Ozark mountains of Southern Missouri. That was before the railroad was constructed. Here I found the ideal place for a fruit farm, where more conditions favorable to peach growing are filled than anywhere else."

It was in 1883 that Colonel

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Evans came to Howell county. He bought 5,000 acres of land adjacent to the railroad 8 miles northwest of West Plains and organized a company to put out an orchard. The town was named Olden in honor of Judge B. F. Olden, at that time district attorney for the K. C., F. S. & G. Railroad, but now a wealthy capitalist of Boise City, Idaho. Those who composed the original company were: Col. J. C. Evans, J. K. Cravens, L. A. Goodman, Frank Holsinger, G. W. Espenlaub and W. G. Gano. Mr. Cravens was the first president and Mr. Gano the first superintendent. Two years later G. L. Sessen became superintendent of the company. Colonel Evans spent much of his time on the farm, personally directing a great deal of work that was done. Paul Evans afterwards became superintendent, and five years ago when he went to Mountain Grove to become manager of the Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station, his brother John C. Evans, the present superintendent, assumed charge of the Olden Fruit Farm. At the present time the farm is owned by Colonel Evans and his sons, Paul and John, and S. B. Anderson, of Memphis.

Colonel Evans done more to advance the fruit industry of Southern Missouri than any one man. For twenty years he was president of the Missouri State Horticultural Society. He was an authority on fruit growing. In experimenting on the Olden Fruit Farm he spent thousands of dollars by planting and trying different varieties of peach and apple trees, and discovered that the Elberta peach is the fruit par excellence of the Ozark region. Men who have since that time set out commercial orchards in the Ozarks have planted only the Elberta and profited by the experience of Colonel Evans.

There never lived a more intelligent and interesting man than Colonel Evans. To talk with him on any subject was to be instructed. He possessed the personal qualities which are valuable and essential to men who go into a business that is an experiment. He demonstrated his wisdom and good judgment by declaring the Ozark region of Missouri to be the best peach growing country in the world. His business career brought him into contact with many classes of people. In the early days he was on the plains among the Indians and nothing was more entertaining than his description of his experiences in the Far West. He knew all the early pioneers, not only of Kansas City and the West, but of the whole Ozark region. It was a rare treat to enjoy the treasures which he brought out of his mental storehouse for the benefit of his friends.

Colonel Evans lived in his last days on a fine farm in Clay county, near Harlem, just across the Missouri river from Kansas City. A few years ago he struck oil on the farm. He piped the oil into his home and used it for cooking and heating purposes. The comfortable home was a place where Colonel Evans found an unfailing source of enjoyment. But he liked the Ozarks. He was a lover of nature, and his great delight was to go with his sons, Paul, John and McGee and a congenial party of friends, and spend a few weeks hunting or fishing. He was the prevailing spirit in camp, and the many stories he told about the blazing campfires will never be forgotten by those who treasure his memory.

And now at a ripe old age, Colonel Evans has gone to join many of the friends who wrought with him when the Ozark region was new and unknown, but whose grand destiny, even in those days of its beginning, was apparent to a degree to give hope and cheer and contentment to the enterprising pioneers who laid the foundation for its future greatness.

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John Calvin Evans.

A writer in the Liberty Tribune who had been a life long friend of Colonel J. C. Evans, founder of the Olden Fruit Farm, pays the following tribute to this grand old man who died from an operation performed recently in a Kansas City hospital:

Prior to his first marriage, Mr. Evans had lived his entire life in the area of territory, now known as Kansas City, and has been occupied in many activities. In his early life, —prior to 1854,—he had been engaged in trading with the Indians in the country west and Southwest of Kansas City. He was of a temperament and manner to acquire their respect and confidence. He learned several of their languages So great was their faith in him that one tribe,—the name cannot be given because of his death,—gave him their tribal mark or tattoo on one of his fore arms. While he was attending the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904, a very old Indian squaw attending at the same time and, seeing Mr. Evans, recognized him, and, seizing his hand, pushed back his sleeve and pointed to the tribal mark.

He had a good memory and the faculty of observation. By reason of his long residence in Kansas City and close proximity afterward, at his death, no living man had so accurate a knowledge of its early topography, the subsequent changes and its general development and history. And at his going, local historians lost an irrecoverable fund of information.

Mr. Evans received the simple education of the earlier days,—invaluable, however,—consisting of spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, grammar, composition, declamation, American history, and the memorizing of Scriptural texts. But he was of an inquiring mind, read variously,—particularly in matters appertaining to agriculture and horticulture,—and built with effect upon the basis of his youthful schooling.

From his settlement in Clay Co. in 1861, he was, during the remainder of his life, constantly engaged in his favorite pursuits of farming and horticulture. I will mention, in the briefest way some of his activities and positions held. He was president of the Missouri State Horticultural Society for thirty-five years. Missouri had the benefit of his valuable services as superintendent of the State's horticultural display at the World's fair in Chicago in 1893. He was associated for many years with the American Pomological Society. He attended numerous fairs and exhibitions of the societies mentioned and addressed their members, or wrote essays, on pertinent questions. It need not be added that his discharge of his functions in those positions demanded much expenditure of time and money. Besides, (as an adjunct to farming,) he carefully studied, practiced, and was a high authority in bee culture.

As all citizens of Clay County know, Mr. Evans was, as much as any one was, an active promoter of all movements in the County, which looked to its betterment,—local insurance, road building, etc. And I may truly say that for near forty years past, we had no citizen who in all matters appertaining to the farm and farmers, was so valuable as Mr. Evans.

As is generally known, he was one of the original projectors and promoters of the Olden Fruit Farm, and was the largest stock holder in that enterprise. I can,—and do,—easily say,—and justly say,—that the example and teaching influence of that magnificent enterprise has been of enormous value, not only to Missouri, but to the whole west.

Mr. Evans was by his natural taste an inquirer and explorer. He observed minutely. And this was not, necessarily, through the influence of books. He was unconsciously a naturalist, and, had he applied himself to natural history as a profession, would have taken very high rank. He explored antiquities and collected curiosities. He opened Indian mounds and examined old traditions. He had the spirit of an arceaeologist. His collection of minerals was not unworthy of attention. His knowledge of Missouri's various kinds of wood was full and exact. He hazarded the expense and successfully bored for oil on North Summit Farm.

All who knew Mr. Evans will agree that he possessed at least three of the noblest qualities that can adorn the character of a man,—unblemished integrity, perfect gratitude, and a sure response to faith reposed in him. As was said by the Great Poet,—the evil we do lives after us, the good is often interred with our bone. The traditions of evil live a long time. I know of one that originated in Virginia at least 120 years ago. There will be no traditions of dishonorable acts by him to follow and afflict his children and his children's children. No one can charge his memory with beneffts forgot. No one can say that he violated a confidence reposed in him. To sum up his character for honor I will repeat what was recently said to me by a gentleman who knew Mr. Evans as well as anyone:—"Bud Evans' word was as good as his bond." I will add that Mr. Evans was often familiarly addressed or spoken of by his friends as "Bud."

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As a consequence of the qualities indicated an atmosphere of truth, simplicity and good faith seemed to follow him. He instantly won upon strangers. Perhaps none of us know a man who by his candid address and unpretentious speech, so quickly gained the confidence of those who never before met or knew of him.

His manner was very open and he received friends and acquaintances with a hearty courtesy. There was something manly and generous in the man. He never sought to attain his end by small mean, low, sneaking methods. His hospitality was profuse, and he was at all times ready to aid neighbors and friends.

In his death, even though he was seventy-six years old, there was something of the irony of fate. He was active, well preserved, full of vitality, and, without the fatal ailment, good for ten or fifteen years of enjoyable life. He had plenty of this world's goods. There was nothing to specially vex or annoy him. His surroundings were full of beauty, and his home was adorned by shrubbery and improvements, which would have extracted compliments from Shenstone. His life was full of the fragrance of good works and charity without ostentation. All availed not.

D. C. A.

Judge William M. Evans, noted lawyer, jurist, and politician, who died at his home on West Main Street in this city shortly after midnight Saturday night, was one of the best known men in this state. For more than a year he has been ill with kidney and bladder trouble, and for several months was unable to walk, being wheeled about in an invalid chair.

Born Sept. 18, 1849, in Owsley county, Kentucky, he had little advantages of schooling in the mountain regions. At the age of 14 years he enlisted in the Confederate army. He served from August, 1864, until July, 1865, and was in the battle of Cedar Gap, Cross Roads, Bull Gap, Strawberry Plains, Morristown, Tenn., and Wytheville, Va. From the latter place he was sent on a forced march to join General Lee, but while at Salem, Va., Lee surrendered. After the war he located at Tazewell, East Tennessee, and while there farmed for $8 per month. In 1869 he came to Missouri and located in Webster county, where he remained until 1871. He then went to Arkansas and began teaching school in Pope county, having studied hard since he was discharged from the army. He taught for several years in Arkansas, Indian Territory, and Texas. In 1873 he returned to Missouri and taught school up to 1876. He studied law at the same time and was admitted to the bar in 1875. The following year he took up the practice of law which he continued to the time of his death. In 1877 he was elected superintendent of schools of Wright County, the first office he ever held. He soon resigned to devote his entire time to the practice of law. In 1878 he moved to Oregon County, locating at Alton and practicing there until coming to Howell County in April, 1885. While a resident of Oregon County the first year he was chosen prosecuting attorney by a large majority over three men in the field for the same office. He was re-elected in 1880, but resigned the office. After coming to West Plains he engaged in the law practice with M. B. Clarke, whose death occurred here five days before Judge Evans passed away. In 1888 Judge Evans was chairman of the Democratic county central committee of Howell County. He was a presidential elector from the fourteenth Missouri district in 1888 and voted for Grover Cleveland. He was appointed circuit judge of the 20th judicial circuit in 1891 by Governor D. R. Francis to fill out the unexpired term of Judge J. F. Hale, who had become ill and unable to attend to his official duties. Judge Evans served on the bench continuously for twenty-six years, being defeated in 1916 by E. P. Dorris, of Alton, the present circuit judge, in the Democratic primary of that summer.

In 1904 Judge Evans took active charge of the campaign of Joseph W. Folk, of St. Louis, for the Democratic nomination for governor, and won a decisive victory. He was chosen chairman of the Democratic state committee the same year and secured the election of Folk in the following November election. Four years later Judge Evans entered the race for the Democratic nomination for governor, but withdrew before the primary. After his retirement from the bench in 1916 Judge Evans resumed the practice of law. He was considered wealthy, owning considerable property and bank stock.

The deceased is survived by his widow, three sons and two daughters, Earle Evans, of West Plains; Ney Evans, a law student at Yale College at Cambridge, Mass.; Paul Evans, of Madrid, New Mexico; Mrs. Hal Woodside, of Quincy, Ill.; and Mrs. R. E. Hogan, of West Plains. With the exception of the son in New Mexico and at college all were at his bedside when he passed away. He also leaves four brothers and one sister, George Evans and James Evans, of Thayer; J. C. B. Evans, of Tampa, Fla.; and G. P. Evans and Mrs. Mary Casteel, of Marshfield.

Judge Evans was a Mason of high rank, being a Knight Templar. He also was a member of the Southern Methodist Church. He was a man of strong

convictions and true to his friends. On the bench he ruled with promptness and according to the law and his dictations, and very few of his cases were ever reversed by the higher courts. He was known as one of the best circuit judges in the state and often called to other circuits to serve as special judge. After his retirement from the bench in 1916 he again took up the practice of law and acquired a large practice. He was prominent in the ex-Confederate organizations of this state, being brigadier general of the Eastern division of Missouri.

The funeral services were held at the M. E. church, South, Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. L. G. Marlin, and assisted by Rev. C. A. Bowers. Members of the Knights Templar and Mt. Zion Lodge No. 327 A.F. & A.M. attended in a body. The pallbearers were R. D. Holt, J. E. Evans, J. C. Carter, E. M. James, George Halstead, and Edward Clarke. Honorary pallbearers were Judge H. B. Green, J. R. Davidson, W. K. Davis, R. S. Hogan, and John S. Holloway, of Moshkonong.

Many relatives and friends came to attend the funeral. Among them were his brothers, J. A. Evans and George Evans with their wives, of Thayer; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, of Couch, the former a brother of Mrs. W. M. Evans; L. A. Smith, of Couch; J. Evans, Wm. Evans, Eugene Evans and Miss Thelma Evans, nephews and nieces of Judge Evans, of Thayer; Mrs. Bessie Howard, and Dr. J. T. White, of Gainesville, sister and nephew of Mrs. Evans.

Prof. Clyde M. Hill, president of the Southwest Teachers College of Springfield, Sam Chandler, of Mountain Grove, Sam Trimble and I. H. Glaser, of Springfield, members of the board of regents of the Teachers College, of which Judge Evans formerly was a member, also attended the funeral.

(Gazette - Nov. 16, 1922)

A gloom was cast over the community last week by the sad news of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Fish of pneumonia at their home south of town. Mr. Fish died on Monday just a week after the death of his son, Joe. Mrs. Fish survived her husband only four days. Thus the home was entirely broken up as the surviving children live in homes of their own. Mr. Fish was a prominent farmer and a good citizen. He served in the Civil War and was a Mason by which order he was buried. Mrs. Fish was a good Christian woman whose life was a blessing to others. They were laid to rest in the Sweeten Pond cemetery. (From Siloam Springs news items)

(Journal - Feb. 21, 1907)

John Fitzgerald, a pioneer tinner and hardware merchant of West Plains, passed away at his home on North Hill Street Wednesday. He had been in failing health for a long time. Mr. Fitzgerald had lived here for thirty years and was widely known. He was born in Ireland and came to this country when a young man, locating in Pennsylvania. He served in the Union army during the Civil War and distinguished himself with bravery.

In 1883 Mr. Fitzgerald was married to Miss Georgia Benton, a daughter of J. W. Benton, of this city. They have no children. A wife and a niece and a nephew, Miss Nona Fitzgerald and Mike Fitzgerald, of this city, are among the surviving ralatives. The funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic church on South Hill Street, conducted by Rev. Fr. Holweck. Interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery.
(Gazette - July 24, 1913)

Mrs. J. W. Hill received a telegram Monday announcing the death at Dallas, Texas, Monday December 4, at 5:30 a.m. of her only brother, George N. Failor. He was a civil war veteran, serving as a union soldier in the 136 Ohio regiment.

Two years ago he was stricken and has been helpless ever since. Mrs. Hill was not able to attend the funeral.

He was 70 years of age and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Della A. Failor and two daughters, Mrs. Fannie Fern Dawley of Dallas, Texas, and Kate Failor. He was buried December 6 at Belton, Cass Co., Mo., where the family long resided before moving to Texas.
(Journal - Dec. 7, 1916)

Elder Jeremiah E. Flood

The subject of this sketch was born in Ohio, Jan. 12, 1831, served in Co. G, 107 Reg., Ills. Vols. during the Civil War was where he contracted disabilities from which he never fully recovered.

He was a minister of the Gospel for more than forty years, and was a consistent member of the Christian Church at Mountain View where he very quietly passed away Sept. 6, 1902. He leaves a wife, four children, fourteen grandchildren, one great grandchild and an innumerable circle of friends to mourn his loss.

His was a life nobly and faithfully devoted to the right regardless of what anyone thought or said though hearty in his most tender and grateful appreciation of favors however small unsurpassed in duty bound to every good cause always loyal, gentle, affitable and kind wining the esteem of all whom he met.

His casket was decorated with flags and bunting as were also the hearse and horses which were escourted from deceased' residence to the Christian Church by the G.A.R. with their draped flag.

The funeral services were conducted in the most able manner by Elder Head at 11 a.m. Sunday the 7th, after which the assembly retired to the cemetery where the deceased was interred at 12:30. p.m.

(Journal - Sept. 18, 1902)

D. L. Fetters, a well-known Union veteran, died May 16th at his home on the state highway five miles northwest of this city. His death was due to a complication of diseases that followed a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Fetters was born in Stark County, Ohio, December 16, 1846, and was 76 years old at his death. He served in the Union army during the Civil War from May, 1863, until July, 1865, with Company D, 8th Indiana volunteers. In 1906 he was married to Mrs. Sarah Wray, of West Plains, who survives him. He also leaves two daughters, Mrs. Alice Clemmons, of White Church, and Miss Mabel Fetters, who resides at the family home. Rev. C. B. Wadlow, pastor of the First Methodist Church, held the funeral services at the family home Thursday afternoon and burial was in the Lone Pine cemetery northwest of this city. Members of John Rollins Post G.A.R. held services at the grave.

(Gazette - May 24, 1923)

Joseph R. Ford, a pioneer resident of the Ozarks, died at his home here Saturday afternoon at 6:10 o'clock, terminating an illness of more than two years of a severe kidney and bladder trouble. He served as a confederate soldier during the civil war and lacked just ten years of seeing a century of life, having been born in Tennessee, March 9th, 1839.

He moved to this country when only a young man and was for many years engaged in farming in the Blue Mound community. After retiring from farm life he moved to West Plains and had since made this his home.

He is survived by two sons, George W. and R. C. Ford of this city and by three daughters, Mrs. Lucinda Scotch of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Alice Ferguson of Holyoke, Colo.; and Mrs. Laura McFarland of West Plains. One sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, of Cheyenne, Wyo., also survives him. She visited him only a few months ago, but due to illness, was unable to return for the funeral. Neither of his daughters living away from here were able to get here for the funeral.

Mr. Ford had been a devout member of the Christian church for many years.

Funeral services were held at Blue Mound church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, conducted by the Rev. J. D. Boles. Arthur Houck, A. Hustion, Rev. Joe Willard, Harry Smith, W. M. Woody, and Sid Morris served as pall-bearers.

Interment was made in the Blue Mound cemetery.

(Journal - Mar. 21, 1929)

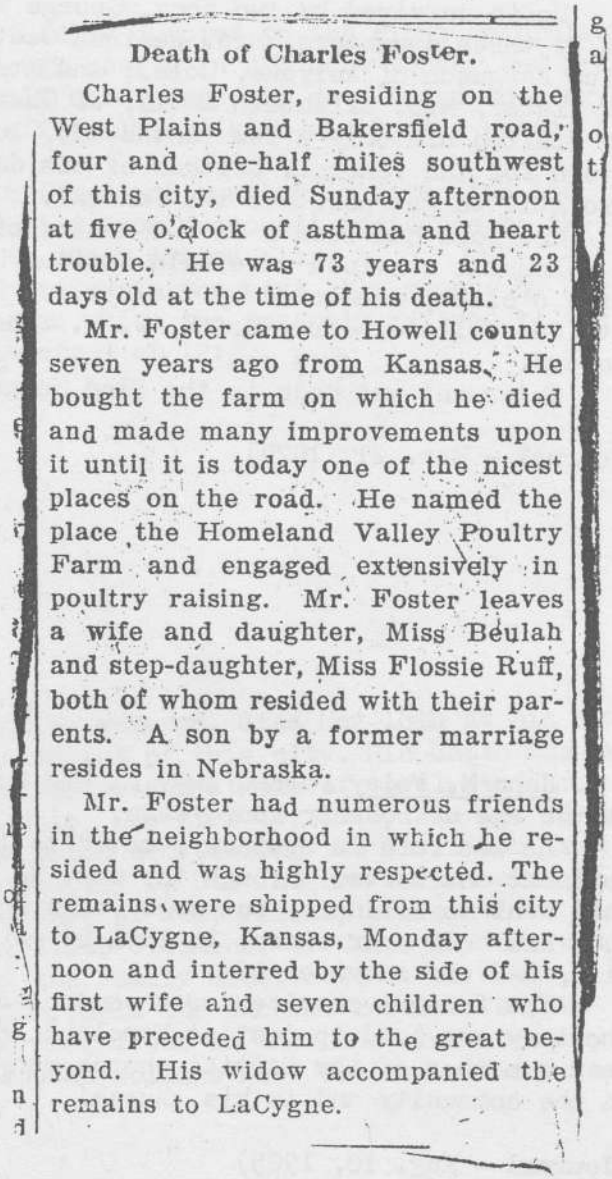
John M. Foley Passed Away at his home southwest of town, on August 4th, at the age of seventy-four years.

He was born in Kentucky, moved to Indiana, and enlisted in a cavalry regiment and served through the war. He moved to Missouri after the war and then went to Illinois, but some years ago came to Howell County which has been his home ever since. In 1891 he married Mary Sharp, who was his second wife, and who survives him.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Overton and the body was laid to rest at Homeland. Mr. Foley was an excellent man, had been a member of the Baptist church many years, and will be greatly missed in the community and in his church.

(Journal - Aug. 10, 1905)

From a West Plains, Mo. newspaper at the time of death of Charles Foste
Sept. 3, 1911.



Death of Charles Foster.

Charles Foster, residing on the West Plains and Bakersfield road, four and one-half miles southwest of this city, died Sunday afternoon at five o'clock of asthma and heart trouble. He was 73 years and 23 days old at the time of his death.

Mr. Foster came to Howell county seven years ago from Kansas. He bought the farm on which he died and made many improvements upon it until it is today one of the nicest places on the road. He named the place the Homeland Valley Poultry Farm and engaged extensively in poultry raising. Mr. Foster leaves a wife and daughter, Miss Beulah and step-daughter, Miss Flossie Ruff, both of whom resided with their parents. A son by a former marriage resides in Nebraska.

Mr. Foster had numerous friends in the neighborhood in which he resided and was highly respected. The remains were shipped from this city to LaCygne, Kansas, Monday afternoon and interred by the side of his first wife and seven children who have preceded him to the great beyond. His widow accompanied the remains to LaCygne.

Amsterdam. These four are that remain of a colony of ty who came from Virginia to ssouri in 1840.

Grandma Massey as she was ost invariably called by every e was an ideal Christian wom- one who has seen the hard- ips of the early days, and eryone who had the slightest quaintance with her soon learn- to love and admire her. She as always, kind, gentle hearted d never a murmur came from r lips of the long suffering she dured. As the days roll by e warm heart and greeting of at dear old soul will be missed ore and more, and her death ll be mourned by everyone who d the slighest acquaintance ith her.

Funeral services were conduct- d by Rev. Clay of New Lancast- , and Rev. J. W. Sage of Am- terdam and burial was made in he New Lancaster cemetery by he side of her husband. Thus assed away the life of a good oman, always loyal to her hurch; the daughter always ood to her parents; the sister lways kind to brothers and sis- er; as a wife, always faithful, oving and true and ever ready to end a helping hand to her help heet; the mother always affec- ionate, gentle and kind to her hildren; and best of all the wom- n, true above all to herself, and air to the world.

La Cygne Schools Open.

The schools opened here Mon- day for enrollment. The enroll- ment was good and this year promises to be an excellent one. Following is the enrollment for the second day: Room 1, grade 1, 37; room 2, grade 2, 36; room 3, grade 4, 25; room 4, grade 4,

Chas. Foster Dead.

The remains of Chas. Foster, an old time farm resident near here, were shipped from West Plains, Mo., Tuesday morning for burial in the Brooklyn cemetery.

Mr. Foster was born in Indiana in 1838 and was 73 years and 23 days old. He died at his home in West Plains, Mo. September 3, 1911, of dialation of the heart, asthma and old age.

He leaves a wife and two children—a son by his first wife who lives in Nebraska, and a daughter by his second wife who lives in West Plains, to mourn his death. Two other children preceded him to the grave some years ago. Burial was made in the Brooklyn cemetery Wednesday, B. J. Blanding officiating.

Mr. Foster was an old soldier, having served three years in the Civil War after which he moved here and resided on the place now occupied by Harry Parker near Island Ford, for a number of years.

His many friends here join the JOURNAL in extending their sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

HORSE THIEVES CAPTURED HERE.

Two Kansas City Youths and Girls Found in Field by Olathe Deputy.

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Aged Pioneer Resident Of West Plains Dies.

Samuel D. Foster Succumbs After Three-Day Illness. Death Result of Hardening of Arteries.

Squire Samuel D. Foster, a prominent pioneer resident of West Plains, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tom Hard, on St. Louis street, at 7:30 o'clock yesterday evening, after a brief illness due to hardening of the arteries. He was stricken very suddenly last Saturday and his condition was critical from the first.

With him at the time of his death were his only surviving children, Mrs. Hard and Russell Foster, both of this city, and also a granddaughter, Miss Lois Cantrell of Salem, Ark. A son-in-law, Dr. Frank Cantrell of Salem and a grandson, Randall Cantrell, also of Salem, arrived here today to attend the funeral, which is being conducted by Rev. T. P. Shaffer at the First Methodist church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The decedent, who was 77 years old, was born in 1837, in Ross county, Ohio, near Chillicothe. He has been a resident of West Plains for more than forty years, coming here with his family from Sandoval, Ill., in the early seventies.

Soon after his coming to West Plains he was appointed postmaster. Later he held various clerical positions, acting as bookkeeper for some of the leading business firms of the city in pioneer days. Later he engaged in the real estate business. Sixteen years ago he was elected justice of the peace and since has held that office continuously.

In the early days, when West Plains was yet a village, Mr. Foster homesteaded from the government a large tract of land adjoining the city on the north, which tract has long been a part of the city and of which his daughter's home on St. Louis street is a part.

A few years after the family came to West Plains, Mr. Foster's wife died, but he never remarried, and for a number of years he has made his home with his married children.

Mr. Foster served his country during the Civil War, enlisting with an Ohio regiment, and throughout his residence in West Plains has been prominently identified with the John Rollins post G. A. R.

Daily Quill -
Dec. 29, 1914

After a long suffering, T. J. Freeman died Sunday night at his home three miles north of town of bronchial trouble. He had been ill some time, was improving when he had a relapse which ended in his death at 9 o'clock Sunday night. Mr. Freeman came to Howell County ten years ago from Colorado and located on a farm near town. He was a Union veteran and everyone who knew him was his friend. A wife and six sons and daughters survive him. These are M. M. Freeman, assistant cashier of the West Plains Bank; Miss Lillian Freeman, teacher in the West Plains Public Schools; Chas. F. Freeman, a farmer near this city; Mrs. J. S. Page, Springfield, Ohio; and E. J. Freeman and Mrs. W. E. Fountain, of Alamosa, Colorado. With the exception of the two last named all were present at the time of his death. Rev. A. M. Livingston, pastor of the M. E. Church conducted the funeral services held at the family residence Monday afternoon and interment was in Oak Grove cemetery. The G.A.R. Post met the funeral cortage on Court Square and escorted the remains to their last resting place.
(Gazette - Oct. 15, 1908)

The older residents of West Plains will remember John A. Frew, who for many years was an engineer for the old Bennett and Reese flouring mill that burned here a long time ago. Mr. Frew died last week at the home of his sister, Mrs. N. N. Downey, in Springfield. A complication of diseases caused his death. He resided on West Cleveland Avenue, just east of the Central School for many years and then moved to Springfield. He was 71 years old and was a veteran of the Civil War. He leaves one sister, Mrs. N. N. Downey of Springfield, whose husband was one of the first principles of the West Plains schools, and a brother, James B. Frew, of Harrison, Ark. The remains were interred in the National Cemetery at Springfield.
(Gazette, Aug. 30, 1917)

Stanfield Frith died at the home of his daughter in Sharp County, Ark., last week of old age. He was one of the earliest settlers of this section, coming to Thayer from Douglas County, Missouri, when Thayer was really born. He was a native of Kentucky but came to Missouri fully forty years ago. He served through the Civil War in the 7th Cavalry in the Federal side, the regiment becoming widely noted.

Mr. Frith was of quiet disposition and up to about a year ago remarkably active for a man of his age. He leaves two sons, W. Frith of Thayer, and U. S. Frith of Kansas City, and the daughter in Arkansas at whose home he died. His wife died about ten years ago. He was 86 years old when he died. Mr. Frith was well known in West Plains, especially to the older residents.
(Gazette, Jan. 11, 1917)

Many sorrowing friends attended the last sad rites performed over the remains of Rev. W. T. Freeze, a retired Christian minister of this city, who died at his home on East Maple avenue Thursday morning of last week. Rev. Martin T. Pope, pastor of the Christian church, conducted the services. The Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, and G.A.R. Post, of which Rev. Freeze was a member, attended the funeral in a body. The interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery.

Rev. Freeze was 72 years of age. He was a veteran of the Civil War. He was twice married, his second wife surviving. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Wm. Street, and a half-sister, Mrs. Ida Baney, both residing near Cabool.
(Gazette - Aug. 10, 1916)

DANIEL GALLOWAY, 90, DIES IN OKLAHOMA

Daniel C. Galloway, 90 years old, and formerly a resident of this city as well as a member of one of Howell county's best known pioneer families, died Saturday morning at his home in Elk City, Okla. His only surviving brother, Sam. J. Galloway, who lives here, formerly was a representative from Howell county to the state legislature.

Mr. Galowlay is survived by his aged widow, formerly Miss Julia Lasater of West Plains, three sons, Roscoe and Earl Galloway of Geary, Okla., Edwin Galloway of Elk City, one daughter, Mrs. Grace Brice of Oklahoma, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Besides the one brother here, there are also two sisters surviving, Miss Lizzie Galloway and Mrs. Sarah Galloway Lasater, both of this city.

Mr. Galloway was born in Kingston, Roan county, Tennessee, May 27, 1843. He was the son of G. W. Galloway. Both Daniel Galloway and his father were Civil war veterans.

Mr. Galloway left West Plains about thirty years ago to make his home in Oklahoma. Mr. Galloway's body was taken to Geary, Okla., for burial. Sam Galloway has been in frail health for some time and was unable to attend the funeral. Neither were the sisters here able to attend.

Journal

Oct. 5, 1933

John W. Garrett, one of Howell County's oldest and wealthiest farmers, died September 17, at his home ten miles east of this city. He was 79 years old and his death was due to lung trouble.

Mr. Garrett came with his parents from Overton Co., Tenn., to Howell County, in December, 1852. They located on the farm where Mr. Garrett died. For 62 years continuously he made his home on the same farm, with the exception of the time he served in the Union army. When the Civil War broke out the family joined the refugees and went to Springfield, remaining there until the close of the war. Mr. Garrett enlisted as a teamster in the Union army when a mere boy.

Following the close of the war Mr. Garrett returned to Howell County. In 1875 he was married to Miss Laura Daniels, who survives him together with six sons and one daughter. These are Lyman Garrett, Jacob Garrett, and Will Garrett, all of West Plains; Stillman Garrett, of Winona, Mo.; Emmet Garrett and Mrs. Melda Petty, Spokane, Wash.; and Ben Garrett, Sparks, Idaho. All of them, except the son residing in Idaho, were with their father when he passed away. Mr. Garrett also leaves one brother and two sisters, Stillman Garrett, of Pottersville; Mrs. Henry Moore of West Plains; and Mrs. David Collins, of Oklahoma City.

Rev. S. T. Proffitt, of Pottersville, lifelong friend, preached the funeral sermon at the family home Friday. The choir from the First Methodist Church rendered a number of old time hyms and six grandsons of the deceased acted as pallbearers. They were Paul Garrett, Cecil Garrett, Lyman Garrett, James Garrett, John Garrett, all of West Plains, and Floyd Pettit, of Memphis, Tenn. The remains were laid to rest in the Chapin cemetery.

(Gazette - Sept. 25, 1924)

H. G. Garner died at his home in this city this afternoon at one o'clock. His sister is expected from Arkansas tonight, and it will then be decided as to when and where the funeral shall be held. Mr. Garner is an old soldier who has lived in this city for several years as an excellent citizen.

(Journal - July 17, 1902)

James Gibson, for many years a resident of Pottersville, who recently moved to West Plains, died at his home on Missouri Avenue at 9 o'clock last Friday night. Two weeks ago Mr. Gibson traded his farm near Pottersville for property in this city and with his aged wife moved here. He was in a feeble condition and when pneumonia developed he soon succumbed. He was 78 years old and a veteran of the Civil War. He leaves a wife and one daughter, the latter residing at Coffeyville, Kansas. She arrived here Sunday to attend the funeral. The remains were taken to Pottersville for interment.
(Gazette - Jan. 16, 1913)

After a lingering illness of several weeks due to a complication of diseases, Levi H. Garrett, better known as "Dud" Garrett, died Saturday night at 9 o'clock at his home three miles southeast of West Plains.

Mr. Garrett was 75 years old. He was one of the early settlers of Howell County, coming here in 1851 from Overton Co., Tennessee, where he was born. In 1870 he was married to Miss Paulina Georgia Austion, daughter of a pioneer settler, who survives him.

When the Civil War broke out Mr. Garrett was only 19 years old. He was a strong Union sympathizer and went into the army, serving as a teamster. After the close of the memorable conflict he came back to Howell County and has since resided here, becoming one of the prominent and well-to-do citizens.

Surviving the deceased are his widow and two sons, A. L. Garrett and W. A. Garrett, of Howell Valley and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. McBride, of this city. He also leaves two brothers, John W. Garrett, of Howell Valley, and P. S. Garrett, of Pottersville. S. J. Cox, of Brandsville, is his half-brother, and Mrs. Henry Moore, of this city, and Mrs. D. F. Collins, of Bethany, Mo., are sisters. All of the sons and the daughters and his brothers and sisters visited him during his last illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the First Methodist Church, of which the deceased was a devout member, conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Wadlow, assisted by Rev. S. T. Proffitt, of Pottersville. Burial was in Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Gazette - Oct. 5, 1922)

G. W. Gillmore died suddenly Monday morning, in the barnyard at Lanton, while milking a cow. He was found near a box upon which he had been sitting, about an hour after he was stricken. Coroner Alvord went out and held an inquest, the verdict being that death was due to old age, and is survived by an aged wife. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War. He and his wife came here from Kansas several years ago, residing in the northeast suburb of this city until they moved to Lanton about two years ago.
(Journal - Nov. 17, 1910)

(Another obit. in Gazette, Nov. 17, 1910)

Richmond Gavit was born in Drake County, Ohio, December 31, 1847, died at his home near Peace Valley, Mo., February 12, 1925, age 77 years, 1 month and 12 days. In February, 1866, he volunteered in the Union army and went to fight for his country, remaining until the end of the war, when he was honorably discharged. He belonged to Company G, 193, Regiment Ohio Infantry. On the 27th day of October, 1873, he was married to Susanna Kinnison near Rossville, Drake County, Ohio, Rev. Robert Ross officiating. He was converted in the spring of 1904, under the labors of Rev. J. L. Dodge, a Free Methodist minister, and when called was fully prepared to meet his God. He leaves to mourn his departure a wife, and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Joseph Rountree on Friday, February 12, at 10 o'clock a.m. at the Elk Creek church using for a text, Job 16th chapter and 22nd verse, songs "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Asleep in Jesus". Interment in the Elk Creek cemetery.

We saw that he was failing fast;
As weeks and months passed by;
When suddenly the one we loved,
Lay cold in death before our eyes.
His toils are past, his work is done;
And he is fully blessed.
He fought the fight, the victory's won;
And entered unto rest.
Then let our sorrows cease to flow;
God has recalled his own.
God loved him too, and he thought best
To take him home to be at rest.

(Gazette - Mar. 5, 1925)

Joseph Gladin

(Gazette - Mar 30, 1911. Picture included)

In the death of W. A. Gladin, which occurred a few days ago at his home in the southeastern part of Howell County, one of the oldest settlers of the Ozarks region has gone to his reward. Mr. Gladin was ill only a few days with pneumonia, when he passed away. The remains were interred in the Shiloh Hill cemetery, just across the line in Oregon County, beside his father and mother. He was 81 years, 1 month and 17 days old.

Joseph Gladin was born January 30, 1830, in Ray County, Tennessee. He came to Missouri with his father William Gladin the following year. William Gladin was a noted Indian fighter under General Andrew Jackson in the Seminole war, settled near Westport Landing, now Kansas City, when he moved his family to Missouri. He remained there a short time and then took his family to Laclede County. Later he moved to Dent County and located twelve miles east of Salem on what is now known as Gladin Valley. After two years residence there he returned to Tennessee. The Missouri fever soon came upon him again and he brought his family back, settling this time in Texas County.

In 1845 when Joseph Gladin was 15 years old his parents came to Oregon County and located on Frederick's Fork. Oregon County, at that time embraced all of Howell County and much other territory in this section. Thomasville was the county seat and the metropolis of this section. Bear, elk, deer and other game abounded everywhere. The elder Gladin could not remain long at one place and soon removed to Carroll County, Arkansas.

Joseph Gladin remained in Oregon County. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Colonel Freeman's regiment of cavalry in a company organized in Oregon County. He went to Little Rock and afterwards took part in Price's raid into Missouri. He was forced to return home on account of illness before the war closed, and never returned to his regiment.

In 1872 Joseph Gladin went to Carrol County, Arkansas and returned with his aged father and mother. Seven years later, on Sept. 5, 1879, William Gladin died at the age of 96 years. He was buried at Shiloh Hill in Oregon County. Before his death William Gladin gave instructions how he desired to be laid away. He had his homespun clothes made and was buried in a grave he had himself dug and prepared several years before. His wife died exactly two years afterward, on Sept 5, 1881, at the very hour on which her husband died.

Joseph Gladin was married three times. First in Carrol County, Arkansas in 1853, to Susan Jane Jones. To this union six children were born, four of whom are living. They are Mrs. Mary E. Dillon, Brashear, Mo.; E. J. Gladin, Laredo, Mo.; Mrs. Delia Gross, Colorado Springs, Mo.; and Judge W. A. Gladin, Lanton, Mo. In 1867 Mr. Gladdin was wedded to Julia Ann Frisby, of Howell County, who bore him five children, two of whom, George Gladin, a railroad engineer residing in Utah, and Mrs. Florence Vanderford, of Memphis, Tenn. are living. In 1890 Joseph Gladin married Mrs. Eliza Stephens, and four children are the result of the union. They are Mrs. Lena Piles, of Oregon County, Joseph E. Gladin, Roy Gladin and Scott Gladin, who resided with their father.

In June, 1898, Joseph Gladin was decorated with a Cross of Honor by Hattie E. Catron Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy of this city. It was the happiest moment of his declining life. In late years Mr. Gladin's health has been remarkedly good for his advance age. He always walked with a firm step, and his body was as straight as an arrow. His handshake was strong, and impressed a person of his sterling character and integrity. Joseph Gladin was a man of many good deeds and his kindness will always be remembered by those who knew him best. He was an old member of Clifton Lodge, A.F. & A. M. of Thayer and the Masonic fraternity conducted the last sad rites when the remains were laid to rest in the Shiloh Hill Cemetery.

James H. Glanville was born near Tinden, Wis., August 15, 1846, and died at Pomona, Mo., December 19, 1922, at the age of 76 years, 4 months and 4 days. He entered the Union army at the beginning of the Civil War and served until the close. After the war he went West and engaged in mining, freighting and other western occupations.

In 1870 he was married to Miss Vira Baglish, and to this union four children were born, three of whom are living, Clarence Glanville, of Manderson, Wyo., Mrs. May Harvey, of Tead City, S. D., and Mrs. Nellie Henderson, of Spearfish, S. D. On October 12, 1915, he was married at West Plains to Mrs. Berdie Hoerner of Pomona and has since resided at his home in Pomona.

Services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Johnston at the Presbyterian Church in Pomona. Interment was made in the Mackey cemetery.

(Gazette - Jan. 4, 1923)

Benjamin C. Gilmour, aged 80 years, died last Saturday afternoon at his home in Pomona after a short illness with pneumonia. He was the father of James T. Gilmour, a real estate dealer of Pomona, and also leaves three other sons, Victor, John and Fred Gilmour, and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Edmonston, all of Pomona. He also is survived by his aged wife, to whom he had been married for more than fifty-nine years.

Mr. Gilmour came to Pomona in 1904. He was born in Monroe County, this state, and during the Civil War he served in the Confederate army. The funeral services were held at the family home in Pomona Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. T. P. Shaffer, pastor of the First Methodist Church of West Plains. Interment was in the Mackey cemetery.
(Gazette - Feb. 24, 1916)

Old time residents of West Plains were remember T. J. Gordon, who formerly resided here. Gordon was 83 years old and died a few days ago at Portland, Oregon, where he had gone from Willow Springs last year to make his home with a son. During his residence in West Plains Gordon was a pension agent. This was before the law was changed in regard to granting pensions and agents and pension attorneys flourished and got fat and wealthy off the old veterans. Gordon also was a salesman for a nursery and had abiding faith in the superiority of "whole root" trees over "piece root" nursery stock. For several years Gordon served as marshal of this city. After the death of his wife here he went West and for a time resided at Portland, Oregon. A few years ago he returned to Howell County and married a daughter of John Bollinger, a blind Civil War veteran of Willow Springs. She survives Gordon.
(Gazette - Feb. 21, 1924)

A. Goodwin died at his home on Gunter's Valley last Sunday. He was born in Page County, Virginia, December 31, 1830, and was the father of thirteen children. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the Union army in Virginia and fought throughout this memorable conflict. He came to Missouri, in September, 1907, in failing health. He was a member of the Christian church and was respected and beloved by all of his new friends. He leaves a wife and one son, Fred, to mourn his death. The funeral was conducted Monday by Rev. Privett and interment was in New Hope cemetery at Peace Valley.

(Gazette - Apr. 8, 1909)

A. D. Goodman, aged 65, died at his home near Pomona, of paralysis, last Wednesday. Mr. Goodman was a veteran of the Union army and came to Howell County from Nebraska about eighteen months ago. A wife and one daughter, Mrs. Lee Carroll, of Peace Valley, survive him.

(Journal - Apr. 16, 1908)

Olden Pioneer Dies

Aaron Graham, a prominent pioneer resident of Olden, died of heart failure at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anna Gehring at Olden Saturday afternoon.

Graham, who was 76 years old, had resided in and near Olden for more than thirty years and was widely known. He was born in Washington county, Missouri, but later moved to Lincoln county where he resided for some time before coming to Olden. Besides his daughter with whom he resided, he is survived by four other children, Tom and Henry Graham, Mrs. C. D. Reynolds and Mrs. Seth Brown, all of whom reside in the vicinity of Olden. He is also survived by several brothers and sisters. One brother, Ellis Graham of Twin Falls, Idaho, came to Olden a few weeks ago to visit the aged pioneer and was with him at the time of his death, which came very suddenly.

The decedent was a veteran of the Civil War, having fought on the Union side. He was also a member of the Missionary Baptist church and was a deacon in the Mt. Zion Baptist church near Olden.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. D. W. Epley and the remains were laid to rest in Mt. Zion cemetery just west of Olden.

Daily Quill - Feb. 9, 1915

A combination of diseases incident in old age caused the demise August 4 of Benjamin Gum, a pioneer Oregon County citizen, at his home in Alton, at the ripe old age of 86 years. The funeral services were held the following day at the Baptist church in Alton, attended by a large number of relatives and sympathetic friends. The sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. H. S. Humphrey, after which the body was laid to rest in the family cemetery on the old Gum homestead four miles north of Alton with full Masonic honors.

Benjamin Gum was born in Monroe County, Kentucky, June 25, 1833. He came to Oregon County in 1854 with his parents when a young man and homesteaded, near Alton, cutting the first tree and making a home in the forest before he was married. He was united in wedlock December 16, 1859, to Miss Nancy Elizabeth Bumpas in Howell county, who survives him.

When the Civil War broke out Mr. Gum joined the Confederate army. He was in the battles of Baker's Creek and Corinth and took part in the defense of Vicksburg when this Southern stronghold fell. He was a Mason who lived on the square. He was a devout member of the Baptist church and was a true Christian. A nobler man never lived, and he was honored and respected by all who knew him.

Besides his wife he leaves four sons and two daughters, Dr. P. D. Gum of West Plains; Chas. O. Gum, of Thomasville; J. B. Gum, Alton; W. L. Gum, Job; Mrs. W. C. Johnson; and Mrs. J. L. Eblen, both of Alton. W. L. Gum, who recently was operated on at Torian Hospital in West Plains, is still confined to the hospital and was unable to attend the funeral.
(Gazette - Aug. 14, 1919)

The first preacher of the West Plains M. E. Church, the Rev. G. W. Grannis, has just died at his home in Turlock, California, according to a newspaper clipping handed to the Journal. At the time of his death he was assistant Adjutant General of the State Commander of Long Beach Post G.A.R., and had previously served as Commander of the Department of California and Nevada.

He served throughout the Civil War with the 193rd Pennsylvania. He came to West Plains soon after the war and is remembered by a few of the older residents as a very brilliant and consecrated young man who had only a short time before been ordained, and combined the ambition and energy of youth with a sincere love of service.

(Journal - Dec. 29, 1927)

In the death of Judge William W. Green which occurred at the home of relatives at Versailles, Mo., Tuesday morning, one of the pioneer merchants and ministers of West Plains has gone to his last reward. In the early days of this county, Judge Green was widely known throughout Southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. He had native wit and quaint humor that made his personality attractive.

Judge Green never held an office in Howell County. He acquired his title before moving to West Plains in 1871 from Tuckersville, Mo., and it always clung to him throughout all his lifetime. He was a minister of the Methodist church, and often preached here and elsewhere, but had no regular pastorate. During the construction period in Howell County in the several years following the Civil War, and at the time of the building of the railroad through this county Judge Green was an active wide awake citizen, anxious to do everything good in the community. He was a real Christian, a union soldier and an ardent Republican, not offensive to his political opponents but sincere and honest in his beliefs of the principles of his beloved party. He was a prohibitionist and in the early days of this county he fought the liquor traffic with venom. Before the county court and in the city council he opposed the granting of saloon licenses in West Plains and lived to see the day when victory crowned the cause of prohibition in the nation.

It had always been the desire of Judge Green and his estimable wife that they should be buried here. In June, 1918, when Mrs. Green died, at Osceola, the body was brought to West Plains and laid to rest in Oak Lawn cemetery. The remains of Judge Green were also brought here and now repose in the city of the dead, beside his life mate and son, James Green, who died here a number of years ago.

William W. Green was born in Terre Haute, Ind., July 1, 1836, and at the age of four years moved with his parents to Tuckersville, Benton County, Missouri, where he grew to manhood. In 1859 he was married to Martha Ellen Tucker, who died in June, 1918. In 1871 he moved to West Plains with his family and resided here until 1893, when he went to Osceola, Mo., to make his home. Eight children were born to Judge and Mrs. Green, four of whom together with their mother have passed to the great beyond. Those surviving who were with their father during his last illness were Wm. B. Green, Carlinsville, Ill.; J. Ed Green, Muskogee, Okla.; Charles H. Green and Mrs. Emma Parker, Osceola, Mo. The three sons accompanied the body to West Plains Wednesday.

Judge Green was converted and joined the Methodist church early in life and lived a devout Christian until the end came. With Thomas Collins, a pioneer of the county, he organized the first Sunday School in West Plains. He donated the ground on which the First Methodist church stands on Washington Avenue. For a number of years he was engaged in business here, being a member of the firm of Green and Farmer, the other member of the firm being E. S. Farmer, now a traveling salesman for a St. Louis firm.

The funeral of Judge Green was held at the First Methodist Church where he often had worshipped and preached. Rev. W. T. Morley conducted the services, after which the remains were laid to rest in the family plot in Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Gazette - Feb. 12, 1920)

John A. Gunn, Sr., for many years a resident of West Plains, died at his home on East Cleveland Saturday morning following a stroke of paralysis the previous day. Mr. Gunn was a union veteran of the Civil War and was post commander of the John R. Rollins Post G.A.R. of West Plains at the time of his death.

Mr. Gunn was 81 years old. He was a native of Illinois, being born near Springfield. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Co. K, 9th Iowa Infantry, and saw hard service at the front. Mr. Gunn had the distinction of casting his first vote for Lincoln as president at the age of 18 years. The state of Illinois had a law permitting her soldiers to vote when away from home and no questions were asked.

Twenty-five years ago Mr. Gunn came to West Plains from Marion, Iowa, to visit the family of his younger brother, who had died a few years previous. Mr. Gunn's first wife was dead. An attachment sprung up between Mr. Gunn and his sister-in-law and in a short time he returned and they were married. He has since resided here.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Charles Burroughs of West Plains and Mrs. Homer Temple, Newport, Vt., and two sons, W. F. Gunn, of Hardy, Ark., and Robert F. Gunn, of Chester, Pa. He also leaves a step-son, Johnny Gunn, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Ed Burkhart, both of this city. A son, Daniel Gunn, died a year ago at Hot Springs, Ark.

The funeral services were held at the family home Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. D. Boles, pastor of the Congregational Methodist church. There were many beautiful floral tributes and a special choir rendered sacred hymns. Services at the grave in Oak Lawn cemetery were under the auspices of the G.A.R. post of which he was a member.
(Gazette - May 13, 1926)

J. W. Ford was in from Pottersville yesterday and reports that on the fifth Sunday in July, Rev. S. T. Proffitt, assisted by Rev. Boles, will preach the funeral sermon of Henderson Hall, who died on Jan. 21. On account of bad weather at that time, these services were postponed. Mr. Hall was an old soldier who came here soon after the war and died at the age of 96 years, and was a pensioner. Two sons, James and John, and a daughter, Tilda, wife of J. W. Ford, survive him. He was one of the first settlers on South Fork, and was highly respected as a citizen. The services will be held at Orchard Grove school house.

(Journal - July 7, 1904)

Died at his home in Sterling, Friday morning, Oct. 21, at 11 o'clock, David W. Hadley. Mr. Hadley took sick with conjestion of the brain, on Saturday morning, Oct. ___. He was born in Indiana on June 15, 1835, and cast his first vote for Lincoln in 1860. During the war he served in the 51st Indiana Infantry. He was a devoted Christian having been a member of the Friends' church from childhood. Mr. Hadley and family came from Iowa to this country 16 years ago. He is survived by his wife and four children: Herbert, George, Anna and Ivy. The death of Mr. Hadley is a great loss to the community and his many friends join with his wife and children to mourn his loss.

(Journal - Oct. 27, 1904)

William Gunnell died at his home at Vassar, Michigan, July 15, with a complication of diseases incident to his advanced age. He was a highly respected citizen of Tuscola County, having been a resident since 1852.

He was born in England in 1830, coming to America in 1850, and finally locating in Michigan in 1852. He was married in 1855. Mr. Gunnel was a prominent citizen in the county having held several offices; he was a veteran of the civil war, serving for over three years.

He leaves nine children of whom two daughters, Mrs. T. P. Smith and Mrs. D. C. Davis, reside in Howell County. Mr. Gunnel with his wife visited their daughters in this county about a year ago, and made many friends while here. We extend sympathy to the relatives in their sad bereavement.

(Journal - Aug. 3, 1899)

Captain John Halstead is dead. This was the sad news that came to West Plains Sunday from Brookline, Mo., where the popular and well known veteran has for the last six years made his home. For weeks he has been lingering, clinging to life by a mystic thread which was severed on the Sabbath day and his spirit passed to that undiscovered country from whence no traveler has ever returned. The remains were brought to West Plains and laid to rest in the Masonic section of Oak Lawn cemetery.

Captain Halstead was regarded during his residence in West Plains as one of the most worthy citizens of Howell County, and many events are chronicled that mark his life as one of usefulness. He was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, October 8, 1841. In tracing back the genealogy of this family, whose name originally was spelled with two L's, it has been found that it originated in England, and that the first immigrants to this country settled on Manhattan Island, where they were among the pioneers. Captain Halstead's grandfather, Abraham Halstead, was born in New York State in 1783, and died in Ohio.

In 1869 Captain Halstead was married to Miss Lavinia Bogard, of Bloomfield, Ind. Three children were born to them, Frank Halstead, whose death occurred a number of years ago, George Halstead and John B. Halstead, who reside in West Plains. Mrs. Halstead died in Indiana and a year later Miss Louisa Plummer became Mr. Halstead's second wife. She died in West Plains several years ago. Four children were born to this union. They were Nellie, now Mrs. Nelie Wiles, of Maryville, Mo.; Charles Halstead of San Francisco, Cal.; Maggie, now Mrs. Henry Woodstock, of McAllen, Texas, and Thomas Halstead, whose death occurred in 1912 at Shreveport, La. In 1911 Captain Halstead married Mrs. Zadie Keith, of Burnham, this county, who survives him.

When only 20 years old, Mr. Halstead started in business in Knox County, Indiana. At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted as a private in Company K, Eightieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry under Col. Brooks. He was promoted to the rank of corporal. He had an illustrious record as a soldier. At one time he was wounded in the left leg and was troubled with the wound during the remainder of his life. He was in charge of 100 men who went to Harrisburg, Ky., where they captured ___ men.

Following the war Captain Halstead engaged in shipping and handling stock and continued this for a number of years, making his home in Knox Co., Indiana. From there he moved to Green Co., Indiana, and still engaged in the stock business, living there until 1880, when he came to Howell County. He first located with his family on a farm on Spring Creek, west of this city, where for several years he engaged in farming and live stock raising. Then of the pioneer real estate dealers of this section. He was public spirited and enterprising and erected the Halstead block on East Main Street. He moved to this city and was one Many leading citizens of this county were induced to come here by Captain Halstead.

..... In recent years Captain Halstead has resided at Brookline, Greene County. Here he was engaged in the hotel business. Recognizing his abilities the citizens there elected him justice of the peace, a position he occupied until about one year ago.

In July, 1916, Captain Halstead was elected superintendent of the Federal Soldiers' Home at St. James.....

(Picture included)

(Gazette, Sept. 20, 1917)

Former Police Judge Hamblen Dead

End Comes At 11:30 Last Night. Daughters From Texas Arrive Few Moments After Father's Death.

Nathan Henry Hamblen, former police judge of West Plains, died at 11:25 o'clock last night, at his home on Cass avenue, after a short illness from asthma and heart trouble.

With him at the time of his death were his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Harrison Griffin, of this city, and a son, Frank H. Hamblen, of Rogers, Ark. Two other daughters, Mrs. John Tillery and Miss Stella Hamblen, of Yoakum, Tex., and a son, Harry Hamblen, of Everett, Wash., were enroute to West Plains when his death occurred. The two daughters from Texas arrived less than one hour after the end come. Mrs. Frank Hamblen, of Rogers, also arrived last night, and the son from Washington is expected to arrive tomorrow.

The decedent, who had been a resident of Howell county the past fourteen years, was 72 years of age. He was born in Harlin county, Kentucky and went with his parents to Illinois at an early age. Later he moved to Henry county and still later to Polk county, Missouri, where he resided until he came to Howell county in 1901. After coming to Howell county the family resided at Pottersville a few years before moving to West Plains.

While he resided at Bolivar, Mo., Mr. Hamblen served one term as recorder of deeds of Polk county, and after coming to West Plains he was elected police judge in 1912 and held the office until April of last year.

Judge Hamblen served his country throughout the Civil War, being a member of Co. I, 123rd Infantry, and during his residence here was prominently identified with the John Rollins Post G. A. R. He was also quite prominent in the Christian church, of which he was a member, and in the I. O. O. F. lodge. During his residence here he made many friends.

Besides his widow and five children, the decedent is survived by a brother, B. B. Hamblen, of Aetna, Ill., and two sisters, Mrs. W. R Corder, of Gays, Ill., and Mrs. Foster Whitney of Larned, Kans.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the family residence by Rev. T. P. Shaffer. Interment will be made at Oak Lawn cemetery and both the I. O. O. F. lodge and the G. A. R. will take part in the burial rites.

Daily Quill - Jan. 7, 1915

Telling his brother that he was going to chop some wood, Wm. Hamilton, Civil War veteran, residing three miles north of Bakersfield, took his axe and went out in the woods near by. It was on Monday of last week, and when the aged man failed to come back, search was made for him by the neighbors. Friday noon his body was found near Elijah some fifteen miles from his home.

Hamilton is reported to have had a wavering mind and often strayed from home, but always coming back safely. This time he probably lost his way, getting on the state highway between West Plains and Bakersfield, and leaving the highway near Elijah. His body was found one-half mile south of the highway.

When Hamilton failed to return home, his brother, Joe Hamilton, offered a reward of $100 to any person who found his brother. This speeded up the hunt and from forty to fifty persons were searching for the missing man the day his body was found. Orval Story, a young man residing near Elijah, found the body. Hamilton was 83 years old and had made his home in the county more than 40 years.

Hamilton had apparently become exhausted and suffering from the cold, dropped to the ground and died. His body was covered with snow, and no one had been around him when Story found the object of his search. The body was taken to Elijah and turned over to Dr. C. A. Beach, physician and merchant at that place, who also is the coroner of Ozark County.

Foul play was suspected when Hamilton disappeared from his home. He was known to carry large sums of money on his person. Only a few days ago his brother took $1700 from him which he deposited in a bank at Bakersfield. When found Friday, Hamilton had $227.15 in a pocket book wrapped in cloth and carried in his pocket. As it snowed Monday night it is believed Hamilton died at that time and the body remained in the woods from then until Friday.

The Hamilton brothers, three of them, William, Joe, and John, came from Tennessee to Ozark County some forty years ago and located on the farm they now own. John died eighteen years ago. They were thrifty, hard workers and attended strictly to their own business. Wm. Hamilton was a Union soldier and drew a pension of $70 a month. Neither of the brothers ever married.

After holding an inquest, the verdict of which was in accordance with the facts here mentioned, Dr. Beach ordered the body taken to the Hamilton home. Funeral services were held Saturday and the body laid to rest in Big Springs cemetery near Bly.

(Gazette - Nov. 25, 1926)

In the death of Judge James Madison Hanner, which occurred May 29 at his home five miles west of West Plains, Howell County loses another old citizen, one who helped make the history of this section. His death was due to heart trouble and came suddenly after he had partaken of a hearty breakfast. He was aged 87 years and 24 days.

The deceased was born May 5, 1837, in Gilford County, North Carolina. At the outbreak of the Civil War he rallied to the colors of his native state and became lieutenant of his company, which was known as the Gilford Grays, organized in his home county. Owing to white swelling in the leg he was discharged from service before the war closed. On June 9, 1863, he was married at Newmarket, N. C., to Miss Sarah Gardner, whom he had known for a number of years. She passed away February 2, 1916, after a happy married life of more than 53 years.

Soon after the close of the Civil War the Hanner family moved to Illinois and after residing there for a number of years moved to Missouri. They located in Howell County in the fall of 1875 and homesteaded the farm where Judge Hanner lived for 49 years and where he died. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a devout Christian. He was an ardent Democrat and was elected county judge from the Southern district three terms. He was a member of the county court when the present court house was erected in 1883. He was sincere and conscientious in his duties and served the public well.

He was the father of seven children, four of whom survive. These are Mrs. G. A. Switzer, Skiatook, Ok.; Mrs. J. Ellis Taylor, Everett, Wash.; R. E. Hanner and Miss Ruby Hanner, both of whom reside west of town.

The funeral services were held at the family home Friday afternoon conducted by Rev. S. T. Proffitt, an old friend of the deceased. Burial was in Pleasant Hill cemetery near his home beside the remains of his departed wife.

(Gazette - June 5, 1924)

Another old resident of Howell County passed away Tuesday morning just as darkness was turning into the day when Phillip J. H. Heinrich answered the last summons. Mr. Heinrich, who was 80 years of age, died on the old family homestead near Moody from a complication of diseases. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon and burial was in the McElmurry cemetery near Moody.

Mr. Heinrich came from Cole County, Missouri, to Howell County in 1871, locating near Moody. He was a native of Germany, emigrating to America when 19 years old. He settled on a farm near Jefferson City, and came from there to this county. He served in the Union army during the Civil War and when peace was declared returned to his family near Jefferson City. He married Miss Elizabeth Popp, also a native of Germany, soon after the war ended and to them fourteen children were born, all of them living. They are: J. G. Heinrich, Bly, Mo.; W. J. Heinrich, Round Valley, Kan.; O. P. A. Heinrich, West Plains; Arthur Heinrich, Twin Falls, Idaho; Mrs. G. D. Keith and Fritz Heinrich, Moody; Mrs. Barbara Pettering, Lexington, Mo.; Mrs. J. A. Keith, South Fork; Mrs. Oscar Haede, Cedar City; Mrs. Anthony Jared, Springfield, Mo.; Mrs. Fred Keith, Roswell, N. M.; Mrs. John Smith, West Plains; Mrs. Emil Sukow, Pottersville; and Miss Amelia Heinrich, who resides with her parents.

(Gazette - Feb. 12, 1920)

In the death of Judge Alf Harris, which occurred at his home in Alton last week, Southern Missouri loses one of the most interesting and talented characters. Judge Harris was over 70 years old and for the last forty years practiced law in the courts of this section. He studied law when a young man in the office of the late "Silver Dick" Bland. The law books, while interesting to Alf Harris, were not as dear as Shakespeare and works of other noted authors. A natural orator, Alf Harris soon came into prominence in Southern Missouri. He was resourceful, tactful, and always alert in a law suit. Many victories were won by him in cases that seemed hopeless from his standpoint.

Mr. Harris served in the Union army in the Civil War. He was a Republican until the Populist party was organized, when he joined the ranks of the middle of the roaders and became one of their leaders. In the early days he served as circuit attorney of this district and later was elected Probate judge of Oregon County. He defeated one of the leading Democrats in the county, which was at the time as it is today, overwhelmingly democratic.

Many interesting reminiscences are told of Alf Harris. He was respected by everyone, and true to his friends. In late years he has resided with his second wife and lived happily in his declining days. He was a prominant member of the Masonic fraternity and the last rites over this noted character were performed by that order.
(Gazette, Oct. 13, 1916)

Wiley Henderson, aged Baptist minister, died April 22, at his home in Mountain View, aged 86 years. He was born in Allen County, Kentucky, September 1, 1836. He enlisted in the Union army in 1862, serving as a private. At the battle of Nashville he was wounded and honorably discharged and returned home in 1865. He offered his life as a sacrifice for the constitution of the United States and the glorious old flag and has always been loyal to his country.

He professed faith in Christ, was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist Church in 1874, and ordained to the gospel ministry in 1877. He has been preaching the gospel for 45 years and has a record of baptizing 1077 persons. I have known this man of God 41 years and have been with him in many of his revival meetings. He served as district missionary in the Texas County Baptist Association, for one year. For the remainder of his life, he served as pastor of different churches. He preached his last sermon at Rocky Ford Baptist Church two years ago, altho he has preached several funeral sermons since.

He was married to Nancy Roark March 18, 1861. To this union was born 9 sons and 5 daughters, 4 sons and 4 daughters now living. Five sons, one daughter, and their mother having passed on to the other world.

In 1909 he married Mrs. Martha McGregor, whom he leaves to mourn his death, also four daughters, one in California, another at Bolivar, Mo.; Mrs. Benetta Marvin, Willow Springs, and Mrs. Letha Stevens, Hutton Valley, four sons, Lon Henderson, Hollister, Idaho; H. A. Henderson, Oregon; J. B. Henderson, Huntington, Texas; Wm. Henderson, Chicago, Ill.; and a number of grandchildren and a host of friends.

The funeral sermon was preached by Elder G. M. Gulley at the Baptist church in Mt. View after which the remains were interred in the cemetery at Hutton Valley.

R. G. Smith

(Gazette - May 8, 1924)

I am sorry to have to chronicle the death of Mr. Will Heard, which occurred last Wednesday. Mr. Heard, although a young man, had been blind for several years. He had been a soldier, and his pension claim was allowed on the 14th last, but came one day too late. He was allowed $590, and the voucher arrived the day after he died.
(Howell County News - Nov. 22, 1895)

D. C. Henry, affectionately known to a wide circle of friends as "Uncle Carroll", died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. S. Dryer, of Peace Valley, on Thursday of last week. He was 72 years old and had been in failing health for several years. Only a short time ago he returned home from a trip to Western Missouri, where he had acquired some interests and his condition has been failing since that time.

Mr. Henry was one of the early settlers of Howell County. He came here from Tennessee in 1857. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil War and at the close of the memorable conflict returned to Howell County. He was married in 1866 to Miss Elizabeth Douglass, of Oregon County, who passed away in 1881. In 1882 he was wedded to Mrs. Jane Orchard, whose death occurred in 1896. "Uncle Carroll" was the father of eight sons and daughters, four of whom still live. They are Mrs. S. A. Honeycutt, Mrs. D. S. Dryer, and P. T. Henry, of Peace Valley, and Mrs. James Morgan of West Plains. Seven brothers and one sister also survive to mourn the death of an affectionate brother. They are E. B. Henry of Oklahoma; J. A. Henry, Pomona; J. G. Henry, Congo, Mo.; T. H. and C. M. Henry, Peace Valley; and S. H. Henry and Mrs. O. N. Barnett of West Plains.

Mr. Henry was a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and an old and faithful member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 527, A. F. & A. M. of this city. The funeral services were conducted at Peace Valley by Rev. James Willard under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.
(Gazette, July 7, 1910)

The funeral of Sam H. Henry held at the M. E. church, South, Friday afternoon, was attended by a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives. Rev. L. G. Marlin, pastor of the church where Mr. Henry had for more than half a century worshipped, preached a fervent sermon in which he paid a beautiful tribute to the deceased. Rev. W. T. Farley, pastor of the First Methodist Church assisted in the service.

The services at the grave were under the auspices of the Odd Fellows Lodge, of which Mr. Henry was an old member. The active pallbearers were J. M. Foley, M. S. Hogan, A. J. Campbell, Cal Fowles, W. J. Whitmire, and W. P. Britain, while the honorary pallbearers were S. J. Langston, Jeff Williams, C. Rosser, Eli Thornburgh, and D. W. Reese, all old intimate friends of Mr. Henry.

Sam H. ("Uncle Sam") Henry was one of the oldest and best known residents of West Plains. He was born in Coffee County, Tennessee, December 9, 1836, and died at his home on West Broadway, in this city, on July 14, 1921. With his father, the late John Henry, he moved to Howell County in 1857 and the family located near Peace Valley on a farm. Mr. Henry moved to West Plains just before the railroad was built through this city in 1889. He engaged in the lumber business and as the head of the firm of S. H. Henry & Son and for many years also was in the livery business with his late son-in-law, Tal Lasater. Several years ago he retired from active business cares. At the time of his death he was the owner of the block of ground upon which the Swanson Lumber Company yards and mill is located.

Mr. Henry was married in 1860 to Miss Margaret Thomas, the daughter of B. C. Thomas, a pioneer of West Plains. He is survived by his widow and five daughters, Mrs. W. L. Summers, Sedan, N. M.; Mrs. Tal Lasater, Apple, Okla.; Mrs. John D. Goss, East St. Louis, Ill.; Mrs. A. E. Thornburgh and Miss Bessie Henry, both of this city. Four brothers and one sister also survive, Thomas P. Henry and George Henry, of Peace Valley; John G. Henry, Teresita, Mo.; J. A. Henry, Olden; and Mrs. C. F. Barnett, West Plains. He also is survived by twenty-three grandchildren and twenty-six great grandchildren.

Mr. Henry was a progressive, public spirited citizen. During the Civil War he served in the quartermaster's department at Springfield, and later with the home guards. He was a devout member of the M. E. Church, South, and a prominent Odd Fellow. His death is mourned by a great many friends, who loved and respected him for his rugged honesty and many noble qualities.

(Gazette - July 21, 1921)

Isaac P. Henry, better known as Grundy Henry, died at his home near Pomona Tuesday evening after an extended illness with paralysis.

Mr. Henry was born May 19, 1841 in Coffee County, Tenn. He moved to Howell County in 1857 and settled on Peace Valley, and has been here continuously ever since. When the war broke out he joined the Confederate army, returning home at the close of the war. He was twice married, the first time to Nancy Livingston, a sister of A. H. Livingston, of this city, and next to Ibbie Reynolds, who still survives him. He leaves seven children, Mrs. Dr. Matthews, of Rogers, Ark.; John T. Henry, of White Church; the remaining children, William, Fletcher, Hattie and Ethel, at the family home. Mr. Henry is survived also by eight brothers and one sister, Mrs. O. N. Barnett, of this city; D. C. Henry, Olden, J. S. Henry, Pomona; George and T. H. Henry, Peace Valley; J. M. Henry, Monteer; N. B. Henry, Shawnee, Okla.; W. O. Henry, Stone County, Mo.; and S. H. Henry of this city.

The funeral services were held today (Thursday) at New Hope cemetery.
(Gazette - Feb. 7, 1907)

Dr. John Hill, who was assistant surgeon in the 41st Ohio infantry in the Civil War, died suddenly at his home in Vincennes, Ind., one day last week, from the effects of excitement and exposure attendant upon the recent burning of his property. Dr. Hill was a brother of S. B. Hill, of West Plains, and by his permission we give a short sketch of his life.

John Hill was born in 1835 at Senecaville, Ohio. He was graduated from Sterling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio, in 1860, and went into the Civil War at its beginning as assistant surgeon of the 41st Ohio infantry. He was soon promoted to brigade surgeon and during the last three years of the war was hospital surgeon. In many of the hardest fought engagements he was at the front.

At the close of the war, while Dr. Hill was on his way home on the ill-fated steamboat, Sultana, the steamer blew up in the Mississippi River, opposite Memphis. Dr. Hill lost all of his belongings and was rescued from the river in his night clothes by an old negro in a row boat, after swimming until nearly exhausted.

After returning home Dr. Hill went to Philadelphia, Penn., where he took a course in the Jefferson Medical College. He located at Vincennes, Ind., in 1882, and for several years delivered lectures in the medical colleges of St. Louis.

(Gazette - Jan. 5, 1905)

Colonel John W. Hitt, one of the best known fruit growers in South Missouri, passed away at his home in Koshkonong last Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock, after a lingering illness of several months. Colonel Hitt has been failing for some time and his death was no surprise to his friends or relatives. His affliction was Bright's disease. All the members of his family were present at his bedside when the summons from on high came.

In 1894 Colonel Hitt came to West Plains from Kansas City with his family. He purchased the beautiful property in the southwest part of the city known as "Tanglewood", which was formerly the home of Captain E. F. Hynes. Here he resided with his family for several years. Two years ago he moved to Koshkonong in order that he could personally superintend the work on his large fruit farm adjoining that prosperous little town.

Colonel Hitt was well liked by everyone who knew him. He was sociable and companionable and to know him was to respect him. He was a member of the G.A.R. and a Mason of the advanced degrees, being a Knights Templar. He leaves a widow and five sons, George R., John W., and Robert M., of Koshkonong; Samuel M. of St. Louis; and Jos. E., who is secretary to General Manager R. R. Hammond, of the C. & E. I. railroad.

The funeral services of the deceased were held at Koshkonong Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. D. B. Whimster, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of West Plains. The remains were then laid in their last resting place in Oak Ridge cemetery, Koshkonong.
(Gazette - Sept. 10, 1903)

Lieutenant John Wesley Hitt was born in Washington County, Maryland, August 10, 1831, and died at Koshkonong, Mo., September 3, 1903, aged 72 years and 24 days. He was descended from Revolutionary ancestors who were near relatives of Peter Hitt, a staff officer in General Anthony Wayne's army, more familiarly known as "Mad Anthony." Every drop of blood which coursed his veins was American, and in the hour of need was offered to be laid on his country's altar.

He was married at his native place on May 15, 1862, to Miss Mannie Rowland, who still survives, having walked side by side with him and shared with him the joys and sorrows of 36 years. He was to her all these long years an ideal husband. Unto them were born five son and two daughters, of whom the following survive him, George R., Robert M., and John W., Jr., of Koshkonong, Mo.; Samuel M., of St. Louis, Mo.; Joseph E., of Chicago, Ill. All these sons look back to the time spent under the parental roof with an affection and reverence for father and mother not often seen, even a beautiful veneration.

When but six years of age, John W. Hitt's father and family headed a colony from Washington County, Maryland, traveling by wagon to Pittsburg, thence by steamer on the Ohio, Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Peoria, Ill., and thence by wagons to Ogle county, Illinois. This colony is still known as the "Maryland Settlement." There in early life, Lieutenant Hitt was engaged in agriculture until the Civil War broke out, when, at his country's call, he and a number of other young patriots enlisted and formed a company, of which he was elected captain.

During these stormy days he proved himself a brave and skillful soldier. Having rare and natural gifts far above the average he was oftentimes entrusted with onerous duties. For a while he acted as quartermaster general. Wherever important work needing extra care and skill was to be done, the lieutenant was ready and willing to do whatever duty was assigned him. At the close of the war he was mustered out as lieutenant in the 4th Illinois cavalry.

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He was with General Grierson in his raid through Mississippi for the purpose of cutting off the enemy's supplies. He took part in the battle of Egypt, where he at its close, saved the life of the Confederate General Golson, whom he found on the field with his leg shot off. Lieutenant Hitt at once carried him into a church nearby, dressed his wound and attended him as well as he could, and then left him for others to care. This is the same Confederate general who was afterwards elected governor of Mississippi and to whom the legislature of that state voted an artificial leg. His other exploits are matters of record in the military archives at Washington.

After the war Lieutenant Hitt returned to his farm in Illinois, where he remained until 1884. He then moved with his family to Hancock County, Mississippi, where he remained about 14 months. Then he moved to Kansas City, where he remained until 1895, when he came to Southern Missouri, since which time his history has been an open book known and read by all with admiration.

He was a member of the G.A.R. and also of the Society of the Army of Tennessee, being at one time one of the vice-presidents of the latter, of which Generals Grant, Sherman, Rawlins, and Dodge have at different times, been the president. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity and a Knigh Templar - admission to which bespeaks the confidence and esteem in which he was held by his brothers of these orders.

He had behind him a long line of Methodist ancestry and relatives. His grandfather, Martin Hitt, was a prominent Methodist minister at Urbana, Ohio, and his great uncle, Daniel Hitt, was one of the pioneer Methodist ministers in America, who traveled through the Middle West on horseback with Bishop Asbury in the middle of the 18th century, at a time when but few men would venture west of the Alleghaney mountains. This Bishop Asbury was a close friend and co-worker with John Wesley, and was sent by him to this country to carry the gospel over the mountains to the Indians. Mrs. Maria Wood, an aunt of Lieutenant Hitt, and her son, Thomas, were for years missionaries in Peru, South America. At the time they went there Peru was entirely Catholic, and in her 82nd year. They were imprisoned by the Peruvian government and released only after the United States government had interceded for them. Thomas Wood is still in Peru, and his son, Joseph, is a prominent Methodist minister in Baltimore, Maryland.

Lieutenant Hitt was a man of large general intelligence, a wide and varied reader, with an unusual power of retaining, and making his very own what he read. All who knew him regarded him as a man of unsullied integrity, truthfulness and candor. He was a warm, personal friend of the immortal Lincoln, who always made his father's home his headquarters when he came to its vicinity. There was a serene beauty and a gentle simplicity about his manner and in his bearing which made intercourse with him not only easy, but delightful also. (Ends with poem written by his neice.)

(Gazette - Sept. 17, 1903)

Mr. L. S. Hockman was born in Crawford Co., Ind., June 17, 1844, and entered the service of his country in 1861 at the age of 17; received a wound through the right shoulder at the age of 18 and was sent home on a furlough for three months. With the exception of those three months furlough his service was duly rendered through the war and he was mustered out in 1865. The wound has always caused him to be a cripple and has been very painful.

Mr. Hockman was married to Miss Helcena Steers April 26, 1874, and they have since lived a true and happy life together till death came and called him from her Friday, February 3, 1911.

Mr. Hockman has been a good citizen and has made many friends during his life and was a good, moral man. He has been in unbounded grief since the loss of his only daughter, which occurred April 11, 1910. Mr. Hockman has often said that he was going to die like Mark Twain, a broken hearted man. The death of Clara has been his talk ever since and any one could see that he has lived a grievous life and it is partly the cause of his death. He craved to die, and when his daughter was buried he said he would follow in a year, and did in less time, it being only a little better than nine months since she was put away. His grief was great, but his hopes were strong that he would in a short time be with Clara near the throne.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, and one brother and four sisters and many other relatives and friends to mourn his loss.
(Journal - Feb. 9, 1911)

Died at his home near Cobalt, Liman Hockman, of pleurisy and pneumonia. He was sick only nine days. Another old soldier gone. He leaves his wife and two boys and a host of friends to mourn his loss. One boy, Aland, lives in St. Louis. Hallie, the other one, lived with his parents. The only daughter, Clara, was called away last April with measles. He died Feb. 3 and was laid to rest beside his daughter at the Chapel Hill cemetery Sunday, the fifth.
(Journal - Feb. 9, 1911)

THE LAST TAPS FOR JACOB C. HOLBROOK

UNION VETERAN WHO GUARDED PRESIDENT LINCOLN

A Certificate of Appreciation From The Martyred President Was Read At The Funeral

Jacob C. Holbrook, age 89, a pioneer Howell county farmer and Union veteran of the Civil War, died suddenly at his home near the Rock Valley school house, five miles west of this city, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. He was about the house early in the morning as usual and his death came suddenly and unexpected.

Up until three years ago Mr. Holbrook worked in the fields, plowing and putting out crops. He did not know what illness meant. Then a cancer developed in his side, where he had been wounded in a battle during the war. This together with old age infirmities, hastened his death.

Mr. Holbrook had an eventful career. Among his cherished treasures was his discharge from the army and certificate of honorable service containing the thanks of President Abraham Lincoln. The certificate bears the signature of Lincoln.

Enlisting in the 136th regiment Ohio national guard volunteer infantry under General Franz Seigel, Mr. Holbrook saw some hard services. He was in the battles of Petersburg, Shenandoah Valley, James River, Monocay, Sulphur Springs and Richmond. For several months his regiment was stationed at Washington to guard the national capitol and his company was detailed on duty at the White House. He saw President and Mrs. Lincoln many times and talked with them.

Coming to Howell county with his family in 1887, Mr. Holbrook homesteaded the place where he since has resided. Here he made a home for his family. He is survived by his wife, one son, Harvey Holbrook, and two daughters, Mrs. Viola Wright, West Plains, and Mrs. Lucille Mendenhall, Kansas City. The daughter in Kansas City came to attend the funeral.

Mr. Holbrook was a nephew of the late Dr. Albert Holbrook, for many years president of the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio. He went to school there for a time.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the family home in accordance with arrangements made by Mr. Holbrook before his death. Beneath shady trees in front of the home the minister preached the funeral service. The casket was draped with an American flag, which he had offered his life and the best that was in him to defend. The casket rested on a wheelbarrow that Mr. Holbrook had made with his own hands.

Rev. Rhoades, Baptist minister, during the service read the discharge and certificate of honorable mention bearing the signature of President Lincoln. Friends of the family crowded around to catch every word spoken by the minister, who told of the many sacrifices that Mr. Holbrook and the countless thousands of his comrades had made for their country. In the audience were a number of Union soldiers, there to pay a last tribute to their departed comrade, who had answered the last taps. Among these were J. W. Hill, W. B. Ripley and others.

The casket was placed in Mr. Holbrook's farm wagon. Several of those present assisted in hitching the team of family horses to the vehicle. Arnold Merk, an old friend of the family, drove the team to Homeland cemetery, a few miles distant. Seated on the end of the coffin, Mr. Merk, driving the team, headed the funeral procession of cars, teams and buggies.

The remains were laid to rest in Homeland cemetery on Highway 80, six miles southwest of West Plains, the entire service being in accordance with Mr. Holbrook's desires.

Journal
Aug. 25, 1932

Memorial.

Died, at his home near Pottersville, January 16, 1905, John Hollingshad, an ex-Confederate veteran, who was born in Lumpkin county, Georgia, July 29, 1822. He was married to Francis J. Wilson, January 27, 1848.

In 1851 he went to the gold fields of California. There being no transportation across the Isthmus of Panama, over which he and his comrades had to walk, they were three days in crossing. At night they would rest around a little camp fire, and when the many wild animals would gather around the camp they used fire brands for protection. They were not permitted to use fire arms on account of the hostilities and savage nature of the natives. One would stand guard while the rest would sleep, and on his trip he made many hair-breadth escapes, among them being quarantined in Havana, Cuba, for 19 days on account of cholera, and also being thrown from the ship in a 36-hour storm and being thrown back by a wave.

He cast his first vote for James K. Polk. When the Civil war broke out he offered his services to the Confederacy. He served in the infantry one year and was then transferred to the calvalry, serving under General Ivry. He also served in General Joseph E. Johnson's army for three years and in 1864 was promoted to captain and with the promotion came the surrender. He was the father of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, seven of whom survive the deceased. His aged wife and one brother also survive him. He left Georgia in 1869, coming to Missouri settling in Howell county near West Plains. He was among the oldest settlers of Howell county, and was a true and faithful Christian for 45 years, being a member of the Missionary Baptist church.

Close the door gently,
Bridle your breath,
For our dear father
Is stricken in death;
He whom is loved dearly
By one and by all,
God bade the summons,
He answered the call.

Gazette - Feb. 2, 1905

THE OLDEST ODD FELLOW IS DEAD

G. M. HOLLOWAY PASSES AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89.

He Served For Three Years In The Confederate Army Under General Jo O. Shelby

Gregory Morton Holloway, who died at his home 12 miles south of West Plains, Saturday night at 11 o'clock, had the distinction of being the oldest Odd Fellow in the United States. He was made a member of the order at Kansas City in April, 1853, one month after he had reached the age of 21 years.

Mr. Holloway was born March 13, 1832, in Estill county, Kentucky. At the age of 3 years he came to Jackson county, Missouri, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Holloway, who located on a farm near Westport Landing, now Kansas City. Here he grew to manhood with the pioneers of the second city of this state. The late Colonel J. C. Evans, founder of the Olden Fruit Farm, was his boynood chum and schoolmate in the early days of Kansas City.

When the Civil War broke out and the people of this state began to choose sides, Mr. Holloway enlisted in the cause of the Confederacy in the army of General Jo O. Shelby, the famous Southern leader. For three years and six months he fought under the Stars and Bars and was in many memorable conflicts. During this period he wrote back often to the folks at home, but they received only two of his letters. After the surrender of General Shelby's troops Mr. Holloway came back to Kansas City on a steamboat up the Missouri river.

On Christmas, in 1856, he w married to Miss Jane S. Shelton, Blue Ridge, Jackson county, M survives. Four sons were born them. James died in Kansas C in 1881 at the age of 20 years. J passed away at the age of 16 ye in January, 1887, the year follo ing the removal of the family fr Kansas City to West Plains. Jo S. Holloway, the eldest son, is ca ier of the Koshkonong State Ba of Koshkonong. Ned G. Hollow the younger son, makes his ho with his parents.

Mr. Holloway has always led exemplary Christian life. He wa devout member of the Missiona Baptist church, which he joined the age of 20 years. During the l twenty-five years of his life he devoted much of his time to chu work. He had a wonderful mem and well remembered the older re dents of Kansas City and the ma historical events that took place that section of Missouri long bef the Civil War.

In the fall of 1886, Mr. Hollow and family moved from Kansas C to West Plains. They built a f home in the southern part of t city where they resided until 19 when they moved to Carlsbad, N Mexico. After residing there two years, Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, w their son, Ned Holloway, and family, moved to Greenwood, Ok After a residence of some th years in Oklahoma they moved 1916 to their present home on So Fork, twelve miles south of W Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Holloway had be married sixty-five years. He l lived under all the presidents of United States except the first He had watched the country gr from a vast wilderness roamed Indians, buffalo and other game a great civilized country. Mrs. H loway, who is 83 years of age, been in feeble health for some ti suffering from infirmities due to age.

Elder D. W. Epley, pioneer B tist minister, conducted the fune services at the family home Mon afternoon. The remains w brought to West Plains and laid rest in Oak Lawn cemetery. Serv at the grave were in charge of local lodge of Odd Fellows, which Mr. Holloway held memb ship.

Gazette - Oct. 13

With the death of James Holmes, which occurred Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. M. Covington, near Lebo, in the southern part of Howell County, one of the noted characters of the Civil War in this vicinity answered the last call. Lewas 84 years old and had a remarkable war history.

Mr. Holmes was born at Sinking Springs, Ohio, October 5, 1837. For 52 years he has been a resident of Howell County, in recent years making his home with his daughter in this county.

Early in life Mr. Holmes became a steamboat engineer on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. When the Civil War broke out he entered the Confederate service and became engineer of one of the fastest boats on the Mississippi River. This boat was used in carrying troops on the Mississippi and adjacent streams.

It was in the spring of 1862 that Mr. Holmes ran a steamboat from Memphis to the mouth of Black River, then up Black to its junction with Current River and up that turbulent stream to Eminence. He was carrying a load of soldiers under the noted Confederate soldier, General Jeff Thompson, known as the "Swamp Fox." At the time the waters of these rivers were very high and it took extreme daring to run a steamboat up the narrow channels.

Afterwards Mr. Holmes was chief engineer on one of the big boats composing the Confederate fleet guarding the city of Memphis. He took part in the big battle at Island No. 10 above Memphis. When the Union forces won the battle he was the engineer of the boat which carried the flag of truce from the Confederate fleet to that of the victor.

After the surrender of the Confederate fleet which opened the Mississippi from its source to the mouth to the Union boats, Mr. Holmes was put on one of the Union boats as an engineer and served in that capacity until the close of the war.

He was married at Memphis, Tenn., July 15, 1864, to Miss Mary Alice Howard, whose death occurred some eighteen years ago at Paragoete, Ark.

When the war closed Mr. Holmes continued his occupation as steamboat engineer. He was chief engineer at various times of boats on the Mississippi conveying cotton from Memphis to New Orleans. He made Memphis his home and resided there for a number of years.

In the spring of 1870 Mr. Holmes with his family moved to Howell County and homesteaded the farm on which he died. For several years he tilled the soil, but he had a longing for an engine. He loved to hear the whistle blow and the puff of steam, for it was to him like tonic for the soul. He came to West Plains and ran the engine for the West Plains Mills, then owned by the late Neil Bolin. Afterwards he was engineer for Bennett and Reese, who bought the mill, and served in that capacity until the mill burned. Then he went to Pottersville and became engineer for J. M. Endecott, who operated the Pottersville Roller Mill. He was known as the best engineer in this section of the state and never had an accident in the many years of his employment.

Mr. Holmes was a member of the Odd Fellows order for almost half a century, having joined the lodge in West Plains forty-seven years ago. Members of the order from this city attended the funeral, which was held Monday at the China church on South Fork. The interment was at the Stuart cemetery near Lebo, the Odd Fellows performing the last sad rites at the grave.

Mr. Holmes is survived by two daughters and two sons. They are Mrs. A. M. Covington, Lebo, Mo.; Mrs. Elmer L. McClain, Salt Lake City, Utah; Norman Holmes, Colfax, Wash.; and Edwin Holmes, Independence, Kansas.

(Gazette - May 25, 1922)

John A. Honeycutt, 85, Civil War veteran, who formerly resided in West Plains, died at his home, 702 East Second Street, Carthage, Mo., last week. He had been in failing health several years but was bedfast only a few days. Death was due to a complication of ailments.

Mr. Honeycutt was born February 28, 1846, in Indiana. At the age of 17 years he enlisted in Company C, Ninth Tennessee Cavalry, at Camp Nelson, Ky. He was mustered out at Knoxville, Tenn., September 11, 1865. Mr. Honeycutt was a member of the G.A.R. He also was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church which he joined at the age of 17.

He was married August 23, 1866, at Aledo, Ill., to Miss Edwina Kenaston, who survives him. No children were born to the couple. They adopted and reared several children. They reared the former Flora Shouffler, who later married Wilfred Myers of Nevada, and at her death they took her infant son, Murrell H. Myers of Nevada and reared him. Harry Honeycutt of Nevada, an adopted son, also survives. Two girls were given homes through their girlhood and until their marriage by Mr. and Mrs. Honeycutt. They are Mrs. Zella Hubbard of Texas and Mrs. Mary Headley of Nebraska. Mrs. Carl Allen and Mrs. Lawrence Devers of Carthage are nieces of Mr. Honeycutt and a grandson, Harger Honeycutt, of Nevada, also survives. J. S. Kenaston of Carthage is Mrs. Honeycutt's brother.

Some twenty years ago Mr. Honeycutt and family left West Plains and moved to Nevada, later going to Carthage, where they since have resided.

Funeral services will be held at the Knell service home in Carthage, conducted by Rev. Dr. Fred M. Bailey, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Burial was in the Park Cemetery.

(Gazette - Dec. 10, 1931)

The funeral of John T. Holmes, retired farmer, was held at the McFarland Undertaking Company parlors on East Main street Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. D. Boles. Mr. Holmes, who was a Civil War veteran 80 years old, died July 22 at the Jake Malone home on East Cleveland avenue from a complication of diseases. He was a bachelor and came to Howell County four years ago with his brother, Joseph Holmes from LaPlata, Mo. His brother died here two years ago. Mr. Holmes owned a farm near Pomona on which T. S. Higginbotham resides and also owned some town property in this place. His only known relatives are a nephew and a niece who reside in Sioux City, Iowa. The neice, Miss Gladys Holmes, came here and attended the funeral.

(Gazette - July 24, 1924)

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CAPT. HOWARD DEAD

A Veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars.

He Came to Howell County in 1857 And Served Three Terms In The State Legislature.

Captain William Howard, one of Howell county's pioneer citizens, passed away at his home in this city Monday night, and his death came as a great surprise to his many friends. For some time he has been in declining health, but was unusually active and cheerful for a man 84 years of age. He was about town Monday and appeared as well as usual. In the evening he entertained some friends who called and when he retired his daughter, Miss Hattie Howard, who made her home with him, saw no change in his condition. Early the next morning she found him dead in his bed, where he had passed away during the night without a struggle.

Few men were better known in Howell county than Captain William Howard. He was born January 17, 1826, in White county, Tennessee, and came from a sturdy pioneer family. When the war with Mexico broke out he enlisted in Company K 14th U. S. infantry, serving with distinction until the close of the conflict and retiring



CAPTAIN WILLIAM HOWARD.

try was fertile, there was plenty of fine spring water and in a short time other Tennesseeians drifted into the surrounding country and settled. In 1862 Captain Howard's first wife died, leaving two children, one a daughter, who died in Tennessee after she was married, and the son David N. Howard, who resides at Coffeyville, Kansas.

In 1863 Captain Howard was married to Mary T. Cooper, a sister of M. A. Cooper, Sr., of West Plains. To this union twelve children were born, five of whom are now living. They are Wm. T. Howard, Lonoke, Texas; Mark Howard, Black Bear, Idaho; Mrs. Ed Knox, South Fork; Mrs. C. E. Higley, Coffeyville, Kansas, and Miss Hattie Howard, of this city, a teacher at Central school.

When the Civil war broke out Captain Howard organized a company of volunteers which was mustered into the Fourth Missouri Infantry, C. S. A., as Company B of Shelby's Brigade under General Sterling Price. Captain Howard and the company were engaged in a number of battles and he returned home at the close of the war, to the bosom of his family.

Captain Howard was a charter member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 327, A. F. & A. M., when the lodge was located at Mt Zion, on South Fork. Afterwards the lodge was moved to West Plains. One of Captain Howard's greatest pleasures was to meet with his brethren on the level where peace and harmony prevailed.

To show the confidence the people reposed in him, Captain Howard was elected on three occasions to the state legislature. He served with distinction in the Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Forty-first assemblies. For many years he has been a faithful member of the Methodist church, in recent years having his membership in the Congregational Methodist church Three years ago Captain Howard and his estimable wife moved to this city from their farm on South Fork, where they had resided on the old homestead for fifty years A year later Mrs. Howard, who

A GOLDEN WEDDING

Celebrated By Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Henry.

West Plains City Marshal Honored By His Children and Many Friends and Neighbors.

The fiftieth or golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Henry was celebrated at their home in this city Monday evening by the children and grandchildren of this estimable couple. A big supper was served to over thirty-five members of the families and it was a great event. After the repast of all the good things to be found in such a hospitable home a large number of friends came to assist in the celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Henry were the recipients of a number of handsome presents from their children and friends, showing the high esteem in which they are held.

Sam H. Henry and Margaret Thomas was married on Peace Valley March 14, 1860. Both came from pioneer families. Mr. Henry being a son of John Henry, and Mrs. Henry a daughter of Blackman Thomas. Mr. Henry served in the Union army, but never applied for a pension. He is a leading member of the I O O. F. order and a member of the M. E. church, South. For the last two years he has been city marshal of West Plains, a distinction seldom known for a man 73 years old. Mrs. Henry is also in the best of health, and is a kind mother of the old school.

They have six sons and daughters, twenty-four grandchildren and one great grandchild. The daughters are Mrs. Tal Lander, Haileyville, Okla.; Mrs Wm. Summers, Webb City; Mrs. Dr. Thornburgh, Mrs. John D Goss and Miss Bessie Henry, West Plains; and a son, B. T. Henry, also of this city.

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM HOWARD.

with the rank of captain. He was in many memorable battles in Texas and Mexico, and marched over 300 miles to the City of Mexico. He was in the battle of Cerra Gordo under General Winfield Scott, when General Santa Ana, the Mexican commander, lost his wooden leg in running from the battle field. Captain Howard was in the heaviest of the fighting during the storming of the forts surrounding the City of Mexico and saw the surrender of the citadel. At the close of the war he returned to his old home in Tennessee.

When news reached the states of the discovery of gold in California, Captain Howard, who was of an adventurous spirit, concluded to try his luck in the new Eldorado. He crossed the plains with a party of immigrants, driving an ox team and riding in a covered wagon. The party suffered many hardships, but finally reached their goal, where Captain Howard sold his team of faithful oxen and sought work in the gold mines. He spent two years in California and then a longing for sunny Tennessee caused him to return home.

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Many were the expressions of regret heard throughout the city Tuesday when the sudden death of Captain Howard became known. He was beloved by everyone; if he had an enemy, no one knew it. Always cheerful, with a hearty handshake and a pleasant smile for all, he will be missed in his usual walks of life. He was buried in his beloved Confederate gray uniform, and reposing on his faithful breast was the Cross of Honor given him several years ago as a mark of high esteem by Mattie E. Catron Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy of this city.

The funeral services were conducted at the family home on Cherry street Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the presence of a large number of relatives and sorrowing friends. Rev. W. A. Tetley delivered a most touching sermon in which he told of the virtues of the deceased. Thursday morning the remains were conveyed to Mt. Zion, 12 miles southwest of West Plains, for interment. Rev. J. D. Boles, pastor of the Congregational Methodist church, conducted the services at the grave, after which the Masonic fraternity performed the last sad rites over the remains of that grand, noble brother and citizen, whose exemplary character all should endeavor to emulate.

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Colonel Jay L. Torrey, of Fruitville, Howell county's greatest booster, has been notified by Governor Hadley of his appointment as a member of the board of trustees of the Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station located at Mountain Grove. Colonel Torrey wired Governor Hadley Monday afternoon that he would accept the place.

No man in Southern Missouri is doing more for the Ozark region today than Colonel Torrey. He is building up a farming community around Fruitville that will be the talk of the entire country within the next few years. Knowing Colonel Torrey is greatly interested in fruit growing, which is one of the principal industries of the Ozarks, Governor Hadley concluded that he could not find a better man for the position, and tendered him the place. Colonel Torrey will succeed Joseph Knoerle, who has been on the board for the past six years. The position pays $100 per year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Old Dead.

Mrs. Elizabeth Old, relict of Captain J. B. Old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. B. Clarke, in this city, last Sunday morning at 1:25 o'clock of pneumonia.

Mrs. Old was born in Alabama and was 71 years old at the time of her death. In 1857 she was married in Wayne county, Mo., to J. B. Old and the same year they moved to Oregon county, locating at Thomasville, which was then the leading town in Southern Missouri. There they lived in happiness and contentment, respected

When the Battleship Maine was sunk in Havana harbor in the spring of 1898 by a Spanish torpedo and indignation ran high in this country many companies of troops were organized and drilled in this country, quite a few of whom saw service. One of these was Company F of the 6th Missouri volunteer infantry, recruited at Willow Springs by Captain Wm. Hughes. This veteran of two wars answered the last call a few days ago and his remains were laid to rest in Seattle, Wash. Capt. Hughes company went to Cuba and saw service against the Spaniards. N. B. Wilkinson, during his lifetime a prominent attorney of Willow Springs, was first lieutenant of Co. F. Other members were Judge W. L. Hiett, of Houston; W. W. Durnell, of Cabool; J. Lynn Walker, of Mtn. View; Geo. Renzer of Birch Tree, and many other red blooded young Americans from this section. After the close of the war Captain Hughes remained in Cuba for some time, going into the real estate business. Old age overtaking Captain Hughes, he moved back to the states, residing for a time at Meridian, Miss. and later moving to Seattle where he died. He was 83 years old, served as a captain in both the Civil War and the Spanish-American war.
(Gazette - May 28, 1925)

Asbury Eldon Hoover, age 73 years, better known as "Squire" Hoover, died Saturday morning at 8:40 o'clock at his home in Mountain View following a short illness with kidney trouble.

Mr. Hoover came to Howell County many years ago from Vandalia, Ill., and became prominently identified with the upbuilding of the country. For a number of years he was justice of the peace of Goldsberry township and dispensed peace at Mountain View in a most satisfactory manner.

He leaves to mourn his death, a widow, three sons and three daughters, Walter Hoover and Alva Hoover, of Mountain View; Vance Hoover, Joplin, Mo.; Mrs. Roy Hill, West Plains; and Mrs. Carl Stephenson, Greenfield, Mo. Mr. Hoover was a member of the Methodist Church and a Union veteran, belonging to John Rollins Post G.A.R. of West Plains. The burial took place Sunday in the Mountain View cemetery.

(Gazette - Jan. 5, 1922)

Judge Geo. M. Humphrey, 83 years old, who died recently at his home near Rover, Oregon County, of infirmities incident to old age, is deserving of a more extensive memorial than given him by his home papers.

He was born in 1841 at Thomasville, Oregon County, the first white settlement in this section. Only one citizen of the Ozarks region survives who is older than Judge Humphries. He knew the earliest pioneers, even of Charles Hatcher, a veteran of the Revolutionary War, who settled in the Thomasville valley in 1809 when this territory was known as Louisiana and belonged to France.

Being reared among the early settlers of the country he knew their history and could relate many interesting incidents that took place from the time of the first settlement to the present days. He had a wonderful memory and was well posted.

The early settlers of this section suffered many privations, but they never complained. Judge Humphries was one of this kind. He knew the hardships through which the country was brought from a wilderness to one of happy homes and contented people. Although fortune never smiled on him, he was always of a happy and jovial disposition, beloved by all.

When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the company of Confederate soldiers organized at Thomasville and marched off to war. He served under the stars and bars for several years, took part in a number of important battles and returned to his family home at the close of the memorable struggle.

Forty years ago Judge Humphries carried the mail from Thomasville to West Plains. He was the connecting link between the oldest settlement in the interior and the leading town on the new railroad from which supplies were hauled and mail received. Every day the same crowd greeted him at the post office when he brought in the mail.

Thirty years later Judge Humphreys again secured the mail contract. The route had been changed from West Plains to Rover and the veteran mail carrier moved to the later place. He had bid in the route at 97 cents a day. Soon after he took the contract the prices of feed and everything else advanced and the mail route became a losing proposition.

Judge Humphries did not throw up the contract, as many others would have done, he stayed on the job. The bondsmen helped him. One gave him a mule, another a buggy when the old one no longer could do service and still another bondsman donated several loads of feed. Judge Humphries completed his contract and sustained a long earned reputation for honesty and integrity.

He served as a member of the county court of Oregon County during the years of 1907 and 1908 with A. P. Couch and I. D. Tucker and all members of the court were ex-confederate soldiers.

Judge Humphries was one of the few men who witnessed the hanging of Bob Shehane at Thomasville in 1853. Shehane sold his body to Dr. Martin of Thomasville for a jug of whiskey a week before the hanging. Judge Humphreys often told the story and remembered every detail connected with the affair.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. Kimbrough and was held under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, which he had long been a member. He was buried in Bellah cemetery near Rover. A wife and two daughters, Misses Esreh and May Humphreys and an adopted son, J. H. Lewis of Chattanooga, Tenn. survive.

(Gazette - June 26, 1924)

Aged Civil War Veteran Passes Away.

Levi Dennis Hungerford Succumbs to Infirmities of Old Age at Home of Son,

Levi Dennis Hungerford, 82 years old, died at the home of his son, Ellsworth H. Hungerford, 615 St. Louis street at 7:15 o'clock Thursday evening, after a long illness resulting from the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Hungerford, who had been a resident of West Plains for twenty years, was known to many friends here. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in Company A, Tenth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, of the Trans-Mississippi department of the Federal army.

The decedent was born in Scioto county, Ohio, but spent much of his childhood in Missouri. Later he moved to Illinois and in 1866 was married at Carrolton, Ill., to Miss Martha Goodin Malone. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hungerford moved to Missouri. They lived also for a time in Texas, and finally, in 1891, moved to Los Angeles, Cal., where they spent four years before coming to West Plains. Mrs. Hungerford's death occurred in West Plains Sept. 24, 1912.

Besides his son, E. H. Hungerford of this city, who was his only child, Mr. Hungerford is survived by a half sister, Mrs. J. H. Neff, of Marshall, Mo.

Funeral services were conducted at the E. H. Hungerford home yesterday afternoon by Rev. A. J. Ashley of the Christian church. Interment was made at Oak Lawn cemetery.

Daily Quill - June 12, 1915

Jesse Hunt died suddenly at his home near Homeland Monday night at six o'clock. He had not been well for several weeks, but was not thought to be in a critical condition. He was seventy-four years old. He had served in a Missouri regiment during the late war, and the G.A.R. post of this city took charge of the burial, the services being in charge of D. W. Reese, the post commander, and the sermon preached by comrade Rev. J. W. Mustion.

Besides a wife he leaves four daughters, Mesdames A. Mustion, Abraham Roach, Grant Speers, and Charley Beckley. He had given these children land near him and recently deeded the home place of sixty acres to his wife.

Mr. Hunt had lived in this county perhaps ever since the war. He has been a most excellent citizen, and all who knew him were his friends.
(Journal - Aug. 10, 1905)

Uncle Jesse Hunt was born March 20, 1830, near Atlanta, Georgia, and died August 7, 1905, at his home in Homeland, Missouri.

At the age of 10 years he removed with his parents to east Tennessee, and from there he came to this state in 1859, settling at Homeland. He was married to Margaret E. Harmon August 1, 1865. To this union eight children were born, four of whom had gone before and welcomed the father to the heavenly land. Four children and a loving wife are left to mourn his loss. But he has only gone before, and sometime there will be a happy reunion over there in that blessed land where there will be no more sorrow.

Uncle Jesse had lived at Homeland forty-six years and was loved and respected by all. He was a true soldier in the union army and a kind neighbor and friend. He confessed Christ in his early manhood, and still rested in the precious promises of the New Testament. He would say to the family, "not my will be done but God's will."

The funeral services were ably conducted by his old-time friend, Rev. Mustion, assisted by his loving comrades of the Grand Army.
(Journal - Aug. 24, 1905)

Another obit. for Jesse Hunt in Journal of Aug. 31, 1905, included this additional information: Died at his home near Homeland, Monday, age 75 years and 5 months. Raised in Tennessee, where he married his first wife who died in almost one year after their marriage without issue. In 1856 located in Howell County. Soon after married Miss Nancy J. West, who died in 1860. Enlisted in 16th U.S. Cav. Vol. Member of Co. K commanded by Capt. Wm. Monks. In 1864 he married Miss Margaret Harmon. Born to the last marriage seven children, four living, 18 grandchildren.

Capt. E. F. Hynes, one of the oldest and most respected residents of this city, was stricken with paralysis last Monday afternoon and died about 9 o'clock that night. He was around town, in apparent health and excellent spirits, a short time prior to the attack. His sudden demise was a shock to the community and a severe blow to his wife. He was in the 59th year of his age, and 30 years of his life had been spent in West Plains. He had owned considerable property here at one time, but had met with business reverses and was in only moderate circumstances at the time of his death. He had held many positions of profit and trust, as a result and evidence of the confidence and esteem of his fellow-men. He had done much toward the upbuilding of West Plains, being an important factor in its advancement through all the stages from a hamlet to a city, and he will be greatly missed from the scenes where he has been a familiar figure so long. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the late residence of the deceased, under the auspices of the Masons and Knights of Pythias, Rev. J. J. Martin preaching the sermon, and interment was had at the Oak Grove cemetery. A number of veterans attended in a body to pay their last respects to an old comrade - he having served with distinction in the Union army. Capt. Hynes had hosts of friends in this community and throughout the county, who mourn his departure and sympathize with the lonely and sorrowing widow.
(Howell County News - Apr. 9, 1897)

The remains of George W. Hutchins, who died at Dover, Okla., July 23, were brought to West Plains last week for burial in Lone Pine cemetery three miles northwest of here. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Rhoades in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Uncle Jack, as he was affectionately called by those who knew him best, was an old settler of the Lone Pine neighborhood, where he made his home for many years. He was 79 years old when death ended his earthly career. Mr. Hutchins was born at Atlanta, Ga., in 1837, and served in the Union army during the Civil War, believing that the union of the states should be upheld. He came to this county soon after the close of the war and reared a large family. He is survived by five children. They are Jos. Hutchins and Mrs. Mary McComb, Olden, Mo.; Mrs. J. H. Widenor, West Plains, and William and John Hutchins of Dover, Okla.

In recent years Mr. Hutchins has made his home with his children. Last winter he spent some time here with relatives and went to Okla. in the spring. He was in poor health when he left here. Mr. Hutchins had many friends here, who will learn of his death with much regret.
(Gazette - Aug. 3, 1916)

Great Niece Searches Into Past of Capt. E. F. Hynes

Mrs. Robert W. Collins and Mrs. Virgil Mansfield, both of Columbus, Ohio, arrived here yesterday to spend a few days visiting while Mrs. Collins is checking old records and yellowed newspaper files in bits of information concerning the life history of her great uncle, the late Capt. E. F. Hynes, early pioneer resident of West Plains.

Mrs. Collins whose late husband was a member of the faculty of the University of Ohio at Columbus, is herself a graduate of the University and also for twenty years editor of the Ohio State University Monthly published by the Alumni Assosication of the University.

The great uncle, Capt. Hynes, about whom she is learning much here, came to West Plains in the early sixties, shortly after the Civil War, during which he served as a captain in the federal army. He was for many years one of the town's most prominent citizen and civic leaders. He was engaged variously in the hotel business, later in the real estate and insurance business and was one of the first in Howell County to promote the fruit growing industry here.

Although only a few now living in West Plains remember Capt. Hynes, his name has been perpetuated by Hynes Street, in the southeastern part of the city, which was named in his honor many years ago.

His wife, who was one of West Plains' most beloved women during her lifetime, was one of the first school teachers here, having conducted a "subscription" school here before the town boasted any public schools.

For many years Capt. Hynes and his wife lived in a large home which they built atop the hill on South Hill Street. The home which occupied a 7-acre tract of land was known as "Tanglewood" and later was the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wheeler and their daughter, Miss Grace Wheeler, the latter now of Worcester Avenue. However, the large house was destroyed by fire a number of years ago and the site on which it stood is now occupied by the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Tumbleson.

Capt. Hynes was a boyhood friend of General George A. Custer, Civil War cavalry officer, who later was killed in his last stand against the Sioux Indians in the battle of Big Horn River in 1876. He and the dashing cavalry officer served together during the Civil War and their friendship continued until Custer's death.

Mrs. Collins told a Quill reporter today that among the most cherished keepsakes in her family are some old tintyp photographs of Capt. Hynes and his wife when they were bride and groom.

Capt. Hynes and his wife came to West Plains from Cadiz, O., which also is the boyhood home of Clark Gable, well-known movie star.

Mrs. Collins, who is here delving into the Hynes family history, recalls that her husband's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas O. Collins, also lived in West Plains for a short time. Nicholas Collins was then a young attorney and established a law practice here. However, they returned later to Ohio, although they had one son when they lived in West Plains.

Although Capt. Hynes and Mrs. Hynes have no relatives living here at the present time, Mrs. Nora Speaker, who lives a few miles east of town, is the widow of Mrs. Hynes' nephew, the late William Speaker.

Capt. and Mrs. Hynes had no children of their own, but had an adopted daughter, Nellie Hynes, to whom they were much devoted. She became the wife of George Hoey, one time member of the Aid Hardware Company here, but who later moved to Texas. Nellie Hynes Hoey preceded her foster parents in death by a number of years.

(Quill - Oct. 7, 1948)

Wm. M. Ingold, aged 83 years, died at his home in the north part of the city last Thursday morning, 17th inst., while his wife was assisting him to a chair. He had been partially paralyzed for the past six years, but there had been no apparent change in his condition and his death was a surprise and shock to his family.

Mr. Ingold was born in North Carolina, but had lived in this county many years. He had been twice married. One son, Dobson Ingold, of this city, was born of the first union. The second wife was Miss Lucinda Davis, whom he married in 1861. To this union were born twelve children, ten of whom are living. There are also of his descendants sixty-eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, and the aged wife also survives him.

He was a Confederate soldier, serving during most of the Civil War. He was also an ardent member of the Baptist Church nearly all of his life, but a few years ago became identified with the M.E. church, and the minister of that congregation. Rev. A. M. Livingston conducted the funeral services at the family home Friday afternoon at two o'clock, and a large number of relatives and friends attended the body to the Galloway cemetery for burial. (Journal - Nov. 24, 1910)

Obit. in Gazette of Nov. 24, 1910, says he was born in 1827. Children: Dobson Ingold, H. C. Ingold, E. F., S. T., Mrs. G. W. Burroughs of West Plains; James and G. W., and Mrs. Thos. Landers of McAlester, Okla.; Mrs. Wm. Bryant of Cabool; Mrs. Ada Nolte of White Church; Mrs. Pleas Whittaker of Knobel, Ark.; Mrs. M. Duncan of Lanton.

Mountain Grove, Mo., May 11 - Funeral services for Thomas C. Ingraham, 91, veteran of the civil war, who died at his home here Saturday, were held here yesterday under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was a member. Mr. Ingraham was born in Edwards Co., Ill., October 9, 1840. (Journal - May 14, 1931)

Dr. A. B. Johnson, aged 70 years, a Union veteran of the Civil War and a retired physician, died of paralysis and dropsy at his home in Willow Springs last Thursday.

(Journal - July 22, 1909

Jim John, 90 years old, died on January 11 at his home near Brushknow. Mr. John was the last of the Civil War veterans of that section of Douglas County.

He moved to Missouri in 1895. In addition to his wife and nine children, he is survived by fourteen grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

(Journal - Jan. 26, 1933)

Andrew Janes, who was quite well known to a number of the citizens of Howell County, and an uncle of J. P. Janes of this city, died a few days ago at his home in Arkadelphia, Ark. Mr. Janes also was a brother-in-law of G. P. Morrison, a prominent farmer east of West Plains. Two years ago he visited relatives and friends here. Mr. Janes served four years in the Confederate army and was in the same company with Eli Thornburgh, of this city, whom he had known since boyhood. Mr. Janes was twice married. He leaves four sons by his first wife and one son and three daughters by his second wife.

(Gazette - Nov. 13, 1919)

Edward Johnson was born at Batavia, Clermont County, Ohio, Nov. 17, 1835, and died at his home in Escondido, Calif., June 1, 1904.

He was united in marriage to Mary Hill, of Mt. Carmel, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1857, and unto this union were born six children, five of whom are still living.

He served three years in the Civil War as a member of the 4th Ohio cavalry, Co. C, and was always a loyal and ardent supporter of his country's rights, taking great interest in all national and political questions. He was ever glad when his children and grandchildren were about him; and it gave him delight to bountifully provide for their many needs.

His illness was brief, and he peacefully passed from this life into the greater life beyond.

His remains were taken to Los Angeles, and in the little chapel at Rosedale cemetery the last sad rites were conducted by the G.A.R. By his request, his body was cremated and the ashes interred at the above mentioned cemetery, a place of beauty, quietness and peace.
(Journal - June 16, 1904)

James Calvin Johnson died at his home at Hartville on October 13th, at 8:30 a.m. at the age of 82 years. He was born in Murry Co., Tenn., and came to Webster County, Mo., with his mother when he was about 12 years old, where he remained until after the war. Soon after the war he purchased a farm near Wolf Creek, upon which he resided until about a year ago when he came to Hartville. He served in the Confederate army. Uncle Cal was one of the landmarks of the country and will be missed by all. He leaves a wife, two sons, and six daughters, Dr. J. McB. Johnson, West Plains; T. S. Johnson, Hartville; Mrs. Ophelia Chadwell, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. Lidia Woody, Okmulgee, Okla.; Mrs. L. D. Coday, Mrs. Jennie Lamb, Mrs. Laura Henslee, and Miss Nancy Johnson, all of Hartville.--Hartville Democrat.
(Gazette - Oct. 29, 1908)

William Spencer Johnson, better known as "Uncle Buck", was born in Wright County, Missouri, in April, 1841, and died at his home on Missouri Avenue Friday morning, June 21, 1918, death being caused by a rifle shot, self inflicted.

Mr. Johnson had long been suffering from a malignant cancer on his face and the knowledge that it was incurable had so depressed him that it undoubtedly effected his mind and caused him to take his life. He and his wife were in the sitting room when he went into his bed room, secured his Winchester rifle, placed the muzzle against his head and apparently pulled the trigger with a small stick, death being instantaneous.

Mr. Johnson came to Howell county with his father, the late Levi Johnson, before the Civil War, settling on one of the rich valley farms near West Plains. He was a soldier in the Confederate army and had many exciting experiences. Until recently the family has lived on farms in the vicinity, moving to town a few years ago.

He is survived by his wife, two children by a former marriage, Lee Johnson and Miss Emma Johnson of McKinney, Texas, and nine children by the second wife who was Miss Polly Bray of West Plains;Mrs. Hugh Turner of Los Angeles, Calif.; John Johnson and Mrs. Mattie Cull of near Cull; Mrs. J. H. Chandler of Abo, Mo.; Mrs. Wilburn White of Iowa; Willie, Haydon and Sidney Johnson and Mrs. Charley Shadwell of this city. Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. T. H. Butcher of West Plains; Mrs. Caroline Jones of St. James, Mo.; Mrs. Clem Reed of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Dudley of Seymour, Mo. The funeral was held at the family residence Saturday afternoon, the Rev. W. M. White and Rev. D. B. Jones officiating.
(Journal - June 27, 1918)

Mrs. Victor Barnett, of Peace Valley, returned to this city Wednesday afternoon from Poplar Bluff, where she was summoned to the bedside of her father, L. M. Jones, who died last Sunday. Mr. Jones was struck by the engine of a freight train October 28th while crossing the railroad tracks on his way home. A gash three inches long was cut in his head and the injuries were fatal. Mr. Jones was 73 years old and wqs a veteran of the Civil War. He leaves three sons and three daughters. Mr. Jones visited his daughter at Peace Valley on several occasions and made a number of friends here who will regret to learn of his untimely death.
(Gazette - Nov. 7, 1918)

Many of the old residents of this county remember W. W. Jones, of Willow Springs, who at one time represented Howell County in the state legislature. Mr. Jones gained the name of "Cyclone" from his wild and windy manners, and the name stuck to him until his death, which occurred a few days ago at Independence, Kansas. Mr. Jones was a lawyer and a good one. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was a fighter. He had many stormy law suits in this county and after several unsuccessful attempts was finally elected to the legislature from Howell County. Some twenty years ago he went to Oklahoma and took an active part in the affairs of that state.

(Gazette - June 2, 1921)

Edward Jordan, a veteran of the Civil War, who has made his home in West Plains for several years, died last Friday morning at his home on North St. Louis street. He was 75 years of age.

Mr. Jordan came here from Mammoth Spring three years ago. He married the widow of Uncle Johnny Rogers and they lived happily together. Mr. Jordan had nothing but his pension, and died in poor circumstances. He leaves two sons, W. H. Jordan, of Oakland, Cal.; and Joe Jordan, Collinsville, Ill. Chas. Walker, a nephew of the deceased, came here from Jonesboro and attended the funeral, which was held Saturday. Rev. T. P. Shaffer preached the sermon and interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery.
(Gazette - May 11, 1916)

J. M. Kellett, Sr., one of the old pioneers of the Ozark region, died at the home of his son, W. R. Kellett, in Bakersfield, Monday morning at 8 o'clock of Brights disease, with which he had been suffering for a long time. He was 79 years and three months old and is survived by a widow, five daughters and four sons. They are F. M. Kellett, James M. and O. L. Kellett, of this city; W. R. Kellett, postmaster at Bakersfield; Mrs. Elmira Callon, Commerce, Texas; Mrs. Sarah Compton, Springfield; Mrs. N. F. McCallon, Moody; Mrs. Frank Hayes, Mountain Grove. There were two children who died when quite young.

Mr. Kellett was born on Spring River. He was married in 1849 to Mrs. Mary Hawkins, and they moved to Ozark County before the war, settling on North Fork near what is now known as the Pumphrey Ford. Here he reared a large family, the sons and daughters having all grown to maturity and are married, being numbered among the prominent citizens of the community in which they reside. He was known throughout the country as an honest, upright and courageous man, who was loved by his friends and universally respected.

Until stricken with Brights disease, Mr. Kellett was in excellent health. He was vigorous and always in the best of spirits. Fifteen years ago he and his wife moved from Ozark County to West Plains, where they since have resided, living happily in their old days among their friends and their sons and daughters.

A few months ago Mr. Kellett's condition became serious. All his children came here, but he rallied and was able to get about again. A week ago he and his wife decided to go to Bakersfield and spend the winter with their son, W. R. Kellett. Soon after reaching Bakersfield Mr. Kellett had a relapse and grew gradually worse and the end came Monday morning at an early hour.

The remains were brought to West Plains Monday afternoon and taken to the family residence on West Main Street. Funeral services were held at the Christian church, of which Mr. Kellett was a devout member, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. G. G. Horne, pastor of the church, conducted the services in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. Mr. Kellett was a Union veteran and many old soldiers mingled their tears with those of the relatives for their lost comrade. Interment was in Oak Grove cemetery.

(Gazette - Nov. 26, 1908)

The late James Sharp Kelin, who died Friday, March 25, 1910, at his home six miles north of West Plains, was born at Pittsburg, Pa., March 26, 1825. He served in the Civil War for 13 months as a corporal of Co. A, 91st Ind. Vol. Inf., and then for 15 months in the navy, and was discharged for disability with honors. He was a member of the West Plains G.A.R. post.

He moved to Howell County from Evansville, Ind., in 1880 and had made many friends, among them some of the most prominent citizens. Those who survive him are his wife and the following children: Mrs. J. A. Good, Mrs. Belle Purrier, and Mrs. Avery Weeks of West Plains, Mrs. Joe Fry of Noel, Mo., Mrs. Ira Moore of May, Mo., Mrs. John Odell of Joplin, Mo., Hugh Kelin of Pueblo, Colo., Thos. G. Kelin of Norris City, Ill., and James A. Kelin of New Harmony, Ind.

He was a devout Christian, a model husband and a kind and loving father and was loved by all who knew him. His death leaves a vacancy in Sunday School and church that cannot be readily filled.

The golden gates were open wide, A gentle voice said "Come"; Angels from the other side Welcomed our loved one home. J. L. O.
(Journal - Apr. 7, 1910)

Another Howell County pioneer in the person of Matthias Kenaga, well-known throughout this part of the state, died Friday morning at 6 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rhoda Thornton, 5 miles south of Mountain View. His death resulted from a paralytic stroke which occurred while he was attending the Republican state convention in May in Springfield. After his return from Springfield his condition grew worse and he came to West Plains a few days before his death to consult a physician.

Matthias Kenaga came from an old German family who emigrated to this country in the early Colonial days and settled in Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather, Christopher Kenaga, was born in Pennsylvania, was all through the Revolutionary War, and fought on many a bloody battlefield for American independence. His son, Christopher Kenaga, grandfather of Matthias Kenaga, was a minister on considerable renown, being a member of the German lutheran church. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and lost a leg in the service. It was no wonder that Matthias Kenaga, descendant from such illustrious warriors should himself rally to the support of the Stars and Stripes in 1861.

Matthias Kenaga, the subject of this sketch, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1842, and was the youngest of ten children. He received a common school education and in October, 1861, joined Co. E, 47th Volunteer Indiana infantry. The following year he was discharged for disabilities. A few months later he joined Co. F, 100th Indiana infantry and was at the siege of Vicksburg, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and marched with General Sherman to the sea. Finally he was in the grand review in Washington, D. C., at the close of the memorable war.

On January 20, 1866, he was married in Whitley County, Indiana, to Miss Malinda Crider, and to them five children were born, Mrs. Rhoda Thornton, at whose home he died; William Stanton Kenaga of White Church; John M. Kenaga of Oklahoma City; and Peter Paul Kenaga of Doniphan, Mo. His wife died a number of years ago.

In 1870 Mr. Kenaga moved to West Plains and followed his trade of carpentering. In 1875 he put up a saw mill on Spring Creek, fourteen miles west of here and prospered. Later he moved to the northern part of Howell County and had several sawmills. He was one of the pioneer lumbermen of this county long before the railroad was built.

Judge Kenaga was an ardent Republican. In 1886 he was elected judge of the County Court from the Northern district and served one term. Afterwards he made the race for representative and six years ago was the successful Republican candidate for state senator in this district. He was one of the founders of James A. Dallas Post No. 383 of the G.A.R. at Mountain View and also was an early member of the I.O.O.F. of West Plains. He was a devout member of the Methodist church and donated the lumber for Ebenezer church near his home five miles south of Mountain View.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Ebenezer, in the Christian home he builded and where for many years he worshipped. Rev. J. H. Hubbard, pastor of the Willow Springs Methodist Church, conducted the services and the church could not seat the many sorrowing friends who came to pay a last tribute to this noble and public spirited citizen. In the concourse from the church to the cemetery were 109 automobiles and 15 vehicles and many persons walked to the burial ground nearby where he was laid to eternal rest.

(Gazette - June 5, 1924)

W. P. King, one of the pioneers of Southern Missouri, died at his home in Bonanza, Oregon, March 17, 1904. The sad news of his death was received several days ago by his son, Alfred King, who resides near Cull.

W. P. King was born in Morgan County, Tennessee, in 1820, and was 84 years and one day old at the time of his death. He moved to Howell County, Missouri, in 1820, but at that time there was no county named Howell, it was all Oregon County, Thomasville being the County seat. He resided in this county since that time, with the exception of the time during the Civil War when he served in the army.

He lived a consecrated Christian life, being a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. When he moved to this country there was no congregation of his church here so he united with the M. E. church, South, in which he remained until his death. About four years ago, he went to Bonanza, Oregon, to reside with his daughter, Mrs. Jack Chastain. He leaves one son and two daughters and many grandchildren to mourn his death. He was laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in Bonanza, Oregon.

(Gazette - Apr. 14, 1904)

This section of Missouri lost one of its veteran preachers when Rev. Hiram C. Kirkpatrick, of Myrtle, Oregon County, passed away recently in his seventy-fourth year. He was one of the early preachers in this section of Missouri, being licensed to preach in 1868, and it was nothing for him to ride on horseback all day long through storms or sunshine to reach a preaching appointment. He organized, probably, more churches than any other preacher who ever resided in this section of the Ozarks. For many years he was the moderator for the Elevenpoints Baptist Association. Rev. Kirkpatrick was a Confederate soldier and at the time of his death was commander of the Woodside Post United Confederate Veterans at Alton. He took part in the famous Price raid and other battles in this state during the Civil War.

(Gazette - July 21, 1921)

When the Rev. Hiram C. Kirkpatrick passed away at his home near Myrtle, Oregon County, there was removed from the state one of its most familiar and unique characters. For three quarters of a century he had been intimately related to the life and progress of Southern Missouri and northern Arkansas, and his passing removes the last of a notable generation of men who bore his name.

He sprang from an ancestry that always bore arms when America was in danger or when their convictions were antagonized. His paternal great-grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier under General Greene, and his maternal great-grandfather fought in the war for independence under Gates. His paternal grandfather, John Kirkpatrick, and his maternal grandfather, John Woodrome, served in the War of 1812, and both were in action at the Battle of New Orleans.

His father, S. E. Kirkpatrick, had his horse shot from under him at Kellogg grove while serving under Major Dement in the Black Hawk War. And Hiram Kirkpatrick was a soldier himself. He joined the Confederate colors in 1863 and was with General Price in his famous raid, serving under Major Shelby.

He wore the Confederate Cross of Honor to his grave and during the recent World War, though having attained his allotted three score years and ten, his fervor in the cause of democracy was unbounded. At the time of his death he was a Past Commander of the United Confederate Veterans.

Mr. Kirkpatrick had served for more than 50 years in the ministry of the Baptist church. Converted and licensed to preach in 1898 and ordained in 1869, he spent his entire mature life in spiritual pursuits. Though he never stood in mighty pulpits, he exerted his influence for good among many multitudes, and in the towns and country places of his native section he was known and loved for what he was.

Even as his brothers, the late Dr. J. N. Kirkpatrick ministered as a physician to those who suffered, so he gave unstinted service and sympathy to those who stood in need of the comforts of the faith.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was born on March 16, in 1847, in Independence county, Arkansas. In 1870 he was married to Mary Jane Brewer of Oregon County, Missouri, who died February 4, 1902. To the union were born five children, three of whom are yet living. Mr. Kirkpatrick had ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren, and of the latter four remain.

He was the last of his father's family. He came of a hardy race of men, who held love of native land as the noblest virtue, who taught and practiced the sternest conceptions of religious duty, who reclaimed the wilderness by their rugged manly strength. "We shall not see his like again."--Alton South-Missourian Democrat.

(Gazette - July 28, 1921)

Lewis P. Korn, aged 87 years, a Union veteran of the Civil War, died suddenly at his home on East Cleveland avenue Friday night about 10 o'clock from an acute attack of heart trouble. He retired earlier in the night, feeling about as usual and died soon after a sudden attack.

For the last ten years Mr. Korn has been a resident of West Plains, coming here from Indianola, Neb. His first wife died in Nebraska and in 1921 he was married here to Miss Louisa Upton, who survives him. He also leaves two sons, E. R. Korn, of Houston, Tex., and C. B. Korn, of McCook, Neb., and one daughter, Mrs. W. A. Wallin, of South Fork.

The funeral services were held in this city Monday morning by Rev. J. D. Boles, the pastor at the Congregational Methodist Church on East Cleveland Avenue. The body was shipped to his old family home at Indianola, Neb. The son, C. B. Korn, who came here from McCook, Neb., and daughter, Mrs. Wallin, accompanied the remains to Nebraska.

(Gazette - Sept. 1, 1927)

Dr. Henry J. Lamons, father of Mrs. Frances Reiley Torrey of this city, died Wednesday morning at his home in Colony, Kansas, from kidney trouble, at the age of 75 years. He had been ill since May and his condition continued to grow worse until death came.

Dr. Lamons was born in Alabama and came to this county when a little boy. He served in the Union army during the Civil War and returned with the stripes of a lieutenant, won for gallantry in action. He studied medicine after the war and resided on a large farm on South Fork. In 1889 he moved to Northcutt, Kan., where he was in the drug business and also practiced medicine. Later he retired to a farm near Colony, Kans., where he died.

Mr. Lamons was a brother of Thos. M. Lamons, of West Plains, and P. J. Lamons, who resides ten miles southeast of this city. After the death of his first wife he again married and is survived by his widow and their young son and daughter. He also leaves seven sons and daughters by his first wife. These are Mrs. Frances Reiley Torrey, of West Plains; Cecil Lamons, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. George Miller, Northcutt, Kan.; Henry Lamons, Bristow, Okla.; Mrs. W. L. Odell, LeRoy, Kan.; S. J. Lamons, Depew, Okla.; and Mrs. Truesdale Harrison, San Francisco, Calif. Another son, Jas. Lamons, died two weeks ago at Paul Valley, Okla.

Mrs. Torrey, who visited with her father last month and recently returned home, left immediately after receiving news of the death of her father to attend the funeral which will be held at Colony, Kansas.

(Gazette - Nov. 3, 1921)

Thomas M. Lamons, 81 years old, pioneer Howell County citizen and Union veteran, died September 19th at the home of his neice, Mrs. Jordan Francis of East Cleveland Avenue. His death was due to uremic poisoning. With him at the time of his death were two of his sons, John H. Lamons and Homer C. Lamons.

"Uncle Tom" Lamons, as he was affectionately known to a great many friends, was born February 19, 1843, in Morgan County, Alabama. In 1858 he came with his father, the late Peter J. Lamons, to Howell County, and the family settled east of this city. Here Mr. Lamons grew to manhood. At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Lamons entered the service of his country and fought until the close of the war, returning to Howell County when the bloody conflict was over.

In 1868 Mr. Lamons was married here to Miss Mary Ann Pool, sister of the late John T. Pool, a Howell County pioneer. Her death occurred in this city two years ago. For many years Mr. Lamons resided on a farm four miles east of this city, engaging in farming and stock raising. In 1901 he retired and together with his wife moved to this city. In recent years he has spent much time visiting with his sons and other relatives. Since the death of his wife Mr. Lamons has made his home with his neice here.

Mr. Lamons is survived by three sons, John H. Lamons, of Chapin; T. P. Lamons, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Homer Lamons of Chicago. He also leaves two brothers and one sister, John Lamons, Vinita, Okla.; P. J. Lamons, residing eleven miles south of West Plains; and Mrs. J. G. Pool, of Winslow, Ark.

The funeral services were held at Evergreen church, nine miles south of West Plains, Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. L. Huckell, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The remains were laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery where his mother and father and his wife lie.

(Gazette - Sept. 25, 1924)

In the death of A. J. Lasley, which occurred at his home in Thomasville on Wednesday of last week, this section of the state loses a prominent citizen. So far as known Mr. Lasley was the oldest man who was born in the Ozark region of Southern Missouri. He was seventy-eight years of age and spent almost all his life in the county in which he was born.

"Uncle Jack" Lasley, as he was familiarly known to all his acquaintances, first saw the light of day at Thomasville, November 17, 1833. His father and mother moved from Tennessee from which state almost all the old settlers of the Ozark region came. They were a hardy set of pioneers who hewed their way through the forests and blazed a path that led to civilization. When Jack Lasley was born the Indians still visited this region in quest of bear and other wild game which then abounded.

The Lasley family moved from Oregon County to Dallas County and lived there for a short time, but later returned to Oregon County. In 1849 "Uncle Jack" Lasley joined a party that journeyed to the gold fields of California in search of hidden wealth. They failed to find it and Mr. Lasley came back to Oregon County. He was in the Confederate army and fought for the Lost Cause. At the close of the war he returned home.

Mr. Lasley married Miss Nancy Dail at Thomasville after the close of the war. They have one daughter, Mrs. J. M. Floyd, with the aged widow and two brothers, W. M. Lasley and M. G. Lasley of Oregon County survive the deceased.

Mr. Lasley was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and was one of the early members of the order. At the time of his death he belonged to the Koshkonong lodge. He was a prominent member of the Baptist Church. Rev. T. J. Phillips, pastor of the Baptist Church of this city, preached the funeral sermon in the Thomasville Baptist church Thursday. Many sorrowing friends and relatives attended the services, which were under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. The interment was in the Thomasville cemetery. (Gazette - Oct. 5, 1911)

Obituary

Died, at the home of Grant Emerson, at Burnham, of heart failure, Dec. 17, 1904, Martin H. Leedom, aged 64 years.

The subject of this sketch spent his youthful days in Carroll county, Missouri. At the beginning of the rebellion he entered the Confederate army in Gen. Joe Shelby's brigade. He was wounded in the side at the battle of Blue River, October 1864, from the effects of which he has died after a lapse of forty years.

After the war he returned to his old home and settled down to civil life on his father's farm. Some time after this he married and was living a happy life, but in a few brief years his wife died, leaving him a son about two years old. His home now being broken up he rambled over the west and southwest until 1882 when he and his son came to Howell county. He homesteaded a sixty-acre tract of land south of Burnham where he made his home, keeping bachelor's hall until last summer, when he sold out, buying town property in Kansas and moving on to it But the climate did not agree with him, so he sold his property and came back to Burnham Yet his health kept failing until last Saturday, after dinner, going back to his place of business, he began to stagger; a friend caught him, but in a few minutes he was dead.

Uncle Mart, as he was familiarly called, was a good citizen, a kind and hospitable neighbor, a special friend of the young people, a member of the Presbyterian church at Burnham where the funeral services were held, conducted by his pastor, after which his body was interred in the Epps cemetery.

His son, who lives in Idaho, was telegraphed to, but could not come. A large number of sympathizing friends and neighbors gathered at the cemetery to pay their last respects, and returned sorrowing to their homes. N. O. Epps.

West Plains Journal

Dec. 22, 1904

Jacob Leininger died last month at his home in Zenda, Kansas. For several years Mr. Leininger lived on a farm at Peace Valley and afterwards moved to Burnham where he engaged in the hotel business. Then he came to West Plains and had charge of the Ozark Hotel. From here he continued a roving career, going to Mountain Grove, then returning to West Plains and from here to Coffeyville, Kansas. Last year he came back to West Plains and from here to Coffeyville, Kansas and again engaged in the hotel business. His many moves were financially disastrous to him and when he left here he was broke. He was an old Union Soldier and leaves a wife and one grown son and a daughter. (Gazette, Jan. 6, 1910)

N. W. LETTON IS DEAD

He Passed Into Eternity Last Saturday Evening.

The Remains Were Shipped Sunday To Gosneyville, Clay County, For Burial In Family Cemetery.

N. W. Letton, city marshal of West Plains, died at his home on Garfield avenue in this city Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. He had been confined to his bed for several weeks, suffering with cancer of the stomach.

The death of "Ning" Letton removes from the community a man of sterling character, honesty and integrity. Born at Carlisle, Kentucky, April 24, 1837, Ninian W. Letton was the oldest of a large family reared by J. H. Letton, a native Marylander, who came to the Blue Grass state in pioneer days and became a public spirited citizen. After receiving a common school education he moved to Missouri in 1857 and located at Liberty.

In 1859 he married Ruth J. Gosney, daughter of John Gosney. Mr. Letton was engaged in farming when the Civil War broke out. His sympathies were with the Confederacy and he joined Whitaker's company of Thompson's regiment, and became a member of General Sterling Price's army. Throughout the war he served with bravery and fidelity to the cause with which he was in sympathy.

At the close of the war Mr. Letton went to Kentucky, where he remained five months, then going to Fulton county, Illinois, and engaging in the milling business. After a residence there of two years he returned to his old home in Clay county, Missouri. His neighbors, recognizing his many good qualities, elected him justice of the peace and afterwards constable.

Later he moved to Liberty and became city marshal. At that time a gang of ruffians from the coal mines in the vicinity, frequently visited Liberty and while on periodical sprees "shot up the town." Mr. Letton broke up the gang, but not until after a pistol duel with them in which he shot the leader through the mouth and severely wounded several others.

In 1891, Mr. Letton was chosen sheriff of Clay county, and two years afterwards was re-elected. When his term of office expired he moved to Smithville to engage in farming and Shorthorn cattle raising. In 1897 Mr. Letton moved to West Plains and purchased several acres of land and a nice home in the southern suburbs of the city.

Mr. Letton's reputation soon became known here and a year after he came here he was elected city marshal, defeating his opponent by 1 vote. Two years later he received a much larger majority, but last spring he got in by the narrow margin of 2 votes. As an officer he had complete control of the city and succeeded in preserving the peace of the community at all times.

His first wife died in 1890, leaving four children. Several years later Mr. Letton married Miss U. Belle Letton, daughter of Judge N. W. Letton, of Lexington, Mo., who survives him. They have no children.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. L. Z. Burr, Mr. Letton having been a believer in that faith. The remains were afterwards conveyed to the Frisco depot by an escort of Odd Fellows, of which order Mr. Letton was a prominent member, and shipped to Gosneyville, Mo., for burial.

Gazette - Jan. 12, 190

Daniel Little, 86 years old, a former resident of Howell County, died May 31, at his home at Clever, Mo. He had been ill for two years with paralysis.

Mr. Little was born June 7, 1846, in Cherokee County, North Carolina, and grew to manhood there. During the Civil War he fled to the North, joined the Union army, and served under the Stars and Stripes for eighteen months. He came to Missouri and located on a farm near Siloam Springs. He was married here October 1, 1867, to Mary Bruce, a sister of his brother's wife, Mrs. D. B. Little, who died while the family resided in NewMexico a number of years ago. Their home was blessed with eleven children, four of whom died.

October 1, 1918, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Nancy Bennett, who survives him. The living children are Lewis A., Portales, N. M.; David, Lamesa, Texas; Mrs. Cordelia Roper, Gage, Okla.; Robert, Portales, N. M.; Mrs. Mae Shue, Clovis, N. M.; Mrs. Ida Johnston, Chicago, Ill.; and Mrs. Della Marchzanks, Los Angeles, Cal.

Upon leaving Siloam Springs, Mr. Little and family located at Lawton, Okla., and later moved to Clovis, N. M. Fourteen years ago they moved to Clever, Mo., where Mr. Little has since resided and where he died. He was laid to rest in Wise Hill cemetery at Clever. Rev. Gordon Lakey, of Springfield, and Rev. Wulff, pastor of the Methodist church of Clever, of which Mr. Little was a member, conducted the funeral services.

(Gazette - June 13, 1929)

Judge Livesay Dead.

End Came At Five O'clock Yesterday Afternoon. Wife And Children All At Bedside.

Probate Judge James M. Livesay died at his home at 123 West Cleveland avenue at 5:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon after a brief illness from a complication of bladder and heart troubles.

Judge Livesay had been in failing health for more than a year and spent a part of the past winter in Mineral Wells, Tex., trying to recuperate. Since his return he has been gradually declining, but had been critically ill only the past week. His wife was with him when he was stricken with his last illness and his five children, all of whom reside away from here, were summoned at once and were with him at the time of his death. The children are Attorney Otis Livesay of Foreman, Ark., Albert Livesay of Monett, Mrs. George Hopkins of Shinkle, Mrs. Webb Summers of Okmulgee, Okla., and Mrs. Charles Swanston of Cerise, Calif.

Judge Livesay, who has for the past thirty years been one of Howell county's most prominent citizens, was past seventy-three years of age, being born in Sparta, Tenn., April 16, 1839. He served in the Union army throughout the Civil War, under Colonel Jeff Scay of the Thirty-second Missouri Regiment and has for many years been a member of the John Rollins Post, G. A. R., in this city. Judge Livesay was married in 1864 to Miss Anna Goss, whose death occurred in this city twelve years ago, and to this union were born the five children who survive the Judge. After the death of his first wife, he was married Sept. 12, 1901, to Mrs. Mary E. Davis of West Plains, who survives him.

During all the years of his residence in Howell county, Judge Livesay has been prominent and popular in the Republican party, and at the last county election was honored by being elected to the office of probate judge, which office he has faithfully filled since January 1, 1911.

Besides his wife and five children, the deceased is survived by two brothers, John Livesay of Mt. View, and Ed Livesay of Keysville, and also by three sisters, all of whom reside in Sparta, Tenn. Ed Livesay arrived here Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist church at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. H. A. Mitchell and interment was made in Oak Lawn cemetery.

Daily Quill - June 17, 19

Aaron Livingston, 83 years old, well known in this city to a large number of friends and acquaintances, died at his home on West Broadway Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock. He was ill only a few days with la grippe, which caused his demise.

Mr. Livingston had resided in this county for many years. He formerly made his home on the Buffalo Shoals road six miles southwest of this city. A few years ago he sold the farm and retired with his aged wife to enjoy the work of a well-spent life. Mr. Livingston was a member of John Rollins Post G. A. R. of this city, and the funeral which was held Wednesday afternoon was conducted by this organization. The remains were interred in Oak Lawn cemetery. He leaves a widow and step-son, Sol Haish, of Sibley, Iowa, who came here to attend the funeral.
(Gazette, Feb. 8, 1917)

Fate Livingston dropped unconscious in the street Saturday at about six o'clock. He was carried to his home near the school house where he died in about half an hour. Mr. Livingston was an old resident of this county and well known in this town where he has lived for several years. He was a soldier in the Civil War. (Willow Springs news)

(JOurnal - May 24, 1906)

John G. Lung, an old resident of this city, died at the home of his son, Paul Lung, in the eastern part of town Monday morning. He was 84 years old. In 1871 Mr. Lung came to Howell County and located on a farm east of town, which is now the county farm. He suffered financial reverses and in his old days went to the Federal Soldiers home at Leavenworth, Kansas, returning to this city only a short time ago. Old age and general debility caused his death. He leaves a wife and three sons, Paul and Charles Lung, of this city, and George Lung, of Tarkio. The latter reached here while the funeral was in progress and just before the body was lowered into the grave. Rev. O. N. Barnett conducted the funeral services, which was held under the auspices of the G.A.R. Post, of which Mr. Lung had long been a member.

(Gazette - July 22, 1909)

Prof. Wm. H. Lynch, 85 years old field representative of Southwest Missouri State Teacher's College, died Monday morning at 2 o'clock at the Springfield Baptist hospital following an operation. Professor Lynch was said to have been the oldest educator in this section of the states. He had been connected with school work for the past 62 years and was well-known throughout the country. He was born September 6, 1839, at Houston, Texas County, Mo. He was a resident of southwest Missouri all his life.

When Professor Lynch was about 23 years old, he taught his first school at Houston. With the outbreak of the Civil War he joined the Thirty-second Missouri infantry and served throughout the war. He was advanced to the rank of captain and commanded one of the units of Sherman's army on its famous march to the sea. While serving in the army he was popular with those under his command and never lost a day during the four years he served.

Following the close of the war, Professor Lynch entered the University of Missouri at Columbia, from which institution he was graduated about 1868, receiving the degree of master of arts. Several years later he attended a summer term at Harvard.

Professor Lynch had been field representative at Teachers College for the past 14 years. His territory comprised the twenty-two counties which are served by the local school. He was one of the best known educators of the state.

One of the outstanding characteristics of Prof. Lynch was his memory and wide reading. At the time of his death Prof. Lynch was a subscriber to more than 100 newspapers. He was particularly interested in school news. During his lifetime he gathered an extensive library. One of his pastimes was to gather newspaper clippings, of which he had several thousand. Professor Lynch is credited as being one of the first educators to introduce newspapers into the classrooms. He believed in newspapers as a medium of education.

Prior to becoming associated at State Teachers college, Professor Lynch was superintendent of the high school at Ozark, Christian County, where he served for several years. He also taught at Salem, St. James, Steelville, Cabool, West Plains, and Mountain Grove.

He was a member of the Masons, and other fraternal organizations. Professor Lynch was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the University Club of Springfield, the G.A.R., and was treasurer of the Ozark Press association. He had been a member of the Calvary Presbyterian church for many years. Professor Lynch was proud of his affiliation with the American Association of Science, a national organization.

The funeral services held Wednesday afternoon at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Rev. Henry Little, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. C. H. Briggs. Services were conducted under the auspices of the Masons. An escort was made up of members of St. John's commandery. Interment was in the National cemetery.

Professor Lynch is survived by one daughter, Miss Florence Lynch of Springfield, and one brother, Dr. R. B. Lynch of Plato, Mo.

Professor Lynch suffered an accident last June while riding in a taxi-cab at Columbia, Mo., where he went to attend commencement exercises at the University of Missouri. He had recovered from injuries received in the accident but a short time before becoming ill again. On September 16, he was removed to the hospital. His condition failed to improve and an operation was performed last Tuesday. His condition became worse a few hours before he died.

(Gazette - Oct. 2, 1924)

WEST PLAINS DAILY QUILL, WEST PLAINS, MO.

Memorial services held for 21 Civil War soldiers

Twenty-one Civil War veterans buried in the Oak Lawn Cemetery were honored by the Ozark Spring Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution on May 22 with special memorial services.

The group raised a flag over the graves of Civil War veterans whose grave was marked by a government marker.

Preceding the flag ceremony the Chapter Regent, Mrs. Dorotha Reavis, led the pledge to the American and Missouri flags, the reading of the American Creed, and read II Corinthians 8:2,3.

After the memorial at the cemetery, the chapter members met at the home of Mrs. Linda Shortridge for a business meeting. Plans were made to record names on tombstones at Homeland cemetery on June 10. Members will meet at the parking lot across from the First Baptist church at 9 a.m. and then go to the cemetery on West 160 Highway.

Mrs. Edythe Dold presented the chapter with two copies of the new "West Plains Gazette". One copy will go to the National Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C. and the other will be retained in the chapter library.

It was reported that Mrs. Reavis presented a DAR Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) medal to Cadet Captain Ronald Fine at the ROTC Banquet held May 12 at the high school cafetorium.

Veterans honored at the memorial service included Cpl. Thomas P. Wilson of Co. L, 6 West Virginia Cavalry; James A. Carlock, Co. F, 3 Illinois Cavalry; John A. Gunn, Co. K, 9 Iowa Infantry; Cpl. William M. McConnell, Co. K, 5 West Virginia Infantry; and John McCrackin, Co. M., 3 Missouri State Militia Cavalry.

John A. Rodgers, Co. L, 4 Iowa Cavalry; Joseph Campbell, Co. B, 26 Iowa Infantry; Sgt. William G. Buckly, Co. G, 53 Illinois Infantry; Cpl. Nathan Alldridge, 25 Indiana Infantry; ; H. G. Garner, Co. L, 5 Missouri Cavalry; Adam McDanield, Co. H, 56 Illinois Infantry; W. P. Edgar, Co. A, 10 Missouri Cavalry.

N. H. Hamblen, 1st Sgt., Co. 123 Illinois Infantry; Clark R. Buell, Com. Sgt., Co. M, 2 Wisconsin Cavalry; Joseph R. McClellan, Co. E, 139 Indiana Infantry; William Bacon, Co. A, 139 Indiana Infantry; and Oliver P. Allen, Co. E, 54 New York Infantry.

Hiram Rhodes, Co. H, 19 Illinois Infantry; Timothy J. Freeman, 1st Lt. Co. B, 94 Illinois Infantry; Steven R. Woodworth, Lt., Co. 1, 6 Missouri Cavalry; Lawrence Bench, Co. D, 48 Missouri Infantry.

John Mack died Sunday evening at the home of his son-in-law, Frank Wood, eight miles south of this city, of a cancerous affection. He arrived about the first of June to visit the family of Mrs. Wood, his only daughter. He came on parole from the Soldier's Home at Leavenworth, Kan., and was ill when he reached here, growing gradually worse until death relieved him of his sufferings. He was in the 80th year of his age. Several members of the local I.O.O.F. lodge went out to the Wood's home Monday and conducted the usual funeral services of the order, after which the body was brought here and escorted by members of the order to the depot, where it was placed on the evening train for shipment to Rockville, Mo., the former home of the deceased, to which place the remains were accompanied by Mr. Wood and family.

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Sunday evening at 6:15 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. A. Wood, occurred the death of John Mack. Mr. Mack was born at Lanhart, Germany, in 1831. In 1856 was married to Eva Barbara Knauber. They lived in New York City until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Co. C, 39th N. Y. Infantry, in which company he served until the close of the war. He then went to Chicago, whither his wife had preceded him. They moved to Rockville, Mo., in 1891. Mr. Mack joined the German Lutheran church when a child and was a firm believer to the end. He leaves to mourn his death one daughter, Mrs. F. A. Wood of this place, also eleven grandchildren, ten of this place, and Mrs. S. Robinson of Rockhill, and one great grandson Joe Wesley Robinson. Mr. Mack's wife died in 1898. The funeral services were conducted by the IOOF Monday at 11 a.m. and the body taken to Rockville for burial.
(Journal - July 27, 1911)

(Another obit. in Howell County Gazette of July 27, 1911)

Patrick Mahoney, a Union soldier, died at the Frisco hospital at Springfield November 10 and was brought to this county and buried at White Church. He had been at work for the railroad company in Indian Territory when he was taken sick. He has lived in this county several years and leaves a wife, three sons, and an adopted daughter who survive him.

(Journal - Nov. 17, 1904)

Col. E. C. Markham Dead

Col Markham died last Friday in a hospital at Los Angeles, California, from an operation for an ulcer on the brain, at the age of 60 years.

The deceased was born in Michigan, but spent most of his life in Chicago, removing to West Plains about fifteen years ago. He was connected with a newspaper in Chicago, a number of years, and while here was in the real estate and fruit business. He was in the Civil War.

Soon after they came here Mrs. Markham died. A son, Alfred, and a daughter, Jessie, and many friends mourn his death. C. S. Wheeler's father married Col. Markham's mother, and Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Markham regarded each other as brothers, and were devotedly attached to each other.

The deceased went from here in early winter to California, contracted a cold on the way from which he never recovered. Alfred, his son, was with his father, leaving him a short time before his death as he seemed to be getting well. What was his surprise to receive a few days later the news of his death. The deceased will be buried in Wheeling, West Virginia.

The subject of this sketch was highly esteemed in this city where he had lived so many years and his death comes as a grief and shock to all. Col. Markham was a gentleman, chivalrous, benevolent, large-hearted, kind to everyone, a loyal friend, a devoted father to his children, who were left motherless so young. On these children the blow falls most heavily; God pity and comfort them.

(Journal - May 3, 1906)

Lewis Main, aged 83 years, died Sunday night at 9 o'clock at the home of his son, Q. Q. Main, five miles northeast of West Plains. Old age and a complication of diseases caused his demise. Mr. Main was a Union veteran and fought for several years during the Civil War for the stars and stripes. He had resided in this county for many years and was well-known, especially among the older settlers. Besides his son, Quincy Main, with whom he made his home, Mr. Main is survived by a daughter, Mrs. T. F. Songer, of Gunters Valley, who also was with her father in his last hours.

Rev. Wayne Essex conducted the funeral services and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Bennett Chapel on Gunter's Valley Monday afternoon. (Gazette, Jan 11, 1917)

VETERAN OF '61 DIES

William Manning Formerly Lived In Howell County

Relatives near Arditta have received word of the death of William H. Manning, which occurred in Retsil, Wash., November 10th. Mr. Manning formerly lived in the Egypt district, near where the Arditta post office now is.

Mr. Manning was born in White county Tennessee, on December 8th, 1846. On March 5, 1864, he enlisted at Pilot Knob, Missouri, for service in the Civil war. He served with the Sixth Missouri cavalry, seeing active service until he was mustered out at New Orleans September 12, 1856.

He left Howell county many years ago, going to Colorado to reside. In 1919 he went to Retsil, near Olympia, Wash., where he resided until his death.

He was an active member of the George H. Thomas post Grand Army of the Republic, which organization had charge of the funeral services. Pall bearers were chosen from the members of the camp of Spanish-American war veterans. Surviving the deceased are the widow, one son, William J. Manning, of Retsil, and three daughters, one of whom resides in Los Angeles, while the others live in Arkansas.

He was a member of the Christian church, and of the Odd Fellows lodge. He was a life-long and staunch Republican.

He was an uncle of Dick Fowler and Mrs. Pearl McDaniel of Arditta, and had many friends in that part of the country.

Journal - Dec. 1, 1927

Morris M. Martin, aged ninety-seven years and a veteran of the Civil War, died yesterday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of his son, B. W. Martin, five miles north of this city, after a long illness from a complication of diseases. With him at the time of his death were his sons, B. W. Martin, at whose home he died, and Dr. D. J. Martin of Norwood, Mo. Besides these the aged man is survived by two other sons, S. L. Martin of Bethany, Mo., and G. W. Martin of Kansas, both of whom arrived here today. The remains will be shipped tonight to Bethany, Mo., the former home of the Martin family. (Daily Quill - Sept. 11, 1912)

After an illness of about ten days T. B. Matthews died at Pomona at 5 o'clock Thursday morning Jan. 28th, from a complication of diseases terminating in pneumonia. His condition became quite serious from the start and very little hope was entertained for his recovery. His children was notified and most all of them were here at the time of his death.

Mr. Matthews was an old soldier and an old settler of this section. He was a good citizen and stood in the very highest esteem with his neighbors and the entire community.

The funeral services were conducted at the Pomona Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock Friday morning by Rev. W. A. Denby, of Brandsville, and the remains were then taken to the cemetery at the Mackey church where they were interred at 1 o'clock. The burial services were conducted by the Odd Fellows Lodge of Pomona.

(Gazette - Feb. 4, 1909)

George Martin, aged 72 years, a veteran of the Civil War, fell dead while walking along the road one half mile east of Moody at 10 o'clock this morning.

The aged veteran had been to the Psalter home a short distance from Moody and was returning to his home, accompanied by Fred Psalter, a 15-year-old lad, when he suddenly collapsed. The lad summoned help but the man was dead before neighbors arrived.

Coroner Joseph Crider was called from West Plains this morning to hold an inquest over the body.

Mr. Martin had been a resident of Moody for eighteen years. His aged wife died a little over a year ago and he has since resided alone at that place. He has no other relatives residing there. He was a Union soldier.
(Daily Quill - Feb. 14, 1914)

Rev. John J. Martin, 78 years old, former chaplain of the Missouri state penitentiary and afterwards chaplain of the house of representatives of the state legislature, died at his home in Jefferson City Friday night. Rev. Martin for several years was pastor of the Washington avenue Methodist church of West Plains and was well known here. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having fought in the Union army. He was educated in Illinois Wesleyan University and the Cincinatti law school. For five years he was president of Carlton College at Farmington and served as president of the Methodist College at Marionville four years. He is survived by a widow and eight children.
(Gazette - July 23, 1925)

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COL. MAXEY NO MORE

A Noted Character Dies In Oklahoma.

In the Pioneer Days He Practiced Law In West Plains, Then Went West And Became Wealthy.

In the death of Colonel James H. Maxey, which occurred at Shawnee, Okla., last Saturday, one of the most noted characters who ever lived in this country has passed away. For several years Colonel Maxey has been in declining health. Recently he was at St. Joseph's hospital in Memphis receiving treatment and a week ago when taken to his home at Shawnee there were no hopes for his recovery. His death was not unexpected.

Along about 1870 Colonel Maxey come to Howell county from Tennessee. He was a graduate of the Tennessee Law School of Nashville and in those daye was a young, active and energetic man, with fine judicial mind and courageous as a lion. For a number of years he and Judge B. F. Olden, who now resides at Boise, Idaho, practiced law together. Colonel Maxey married the daughter of "Uncle Bob" Reed, and she and a son, Harvey Maxey, and daughter, Miss Ora Maxey, survive him.

Colonel Maxey was always active in politics. He was an ardent Democrat, and in 1875 was a member of the constitutional convention of Missouri which framed the present state constitution. He also had the distinction of being a member of the Oklahoma con-

Gainesville to attend court. Colonel Maxey was selected to preside as special judge. During the trial some hunters passed the court house with their pack of hounds chasing a fox. Judge Maxey looked uneasy and finally said:

"Gentlemen, this court stands adjourned; Mr. Sheriff, sah, please let it be known, sah."

In a moment Colonel Maxey had grabbed his hat, ran outside and mounted a horse hitched near by, and was off following the fox hunters. He was a great hunter, had a big pack of hounds, and often went into the country and would be gone for several days, remaining at night wherever he chanced to be.

In 1878 George Youngblood killed a negro in West Plains. Colonel Maxey prosecuted Youngblood and A. H. Livington, Colonel Monks, Judge H. D. Green and Ed Seay defended the accused. During an eloquent plea to the jury for conviction, Colonel Maxey stopped to take a drink of water, and suddenly looked up and said: "I dont know, sah, but what I would have killed the cussed nigger myself. sah, under the same circumstances." The jury promptly acquitted Youngblood.

Colonel Maxey has a brother, and everyone knows him as Colonel Bob Maxey. He is a lawyer, too Once they were down in Arkansas trying a case, Jim on one side and Bob on the other. The former had the law on his brother and taking the statutes turned down the leaf at the proper page to read at an opportune time. Brother Bob saw this and taking his knife slyly cut out the page. In closing

CIRCUIT COURt OVER

December Term Ends After Two week's Session.

Judge Evans Will Hold An Adjourned Term January 4 To Try Several Cases.

After two weeks' session the regular December term of the Howell county circuit court adjourned last Saturday. Judge Evans will hold an adjourned term on Monday, January 4th, for the purpose of trying several cases continued until that date. The proceedings since last report follow:

A jury rendered a verdict for the defendants and gave them judgment for $240 in the case of National Electric Works vs Wicks & Peters. This suit was brought several years ago by the electrical company, a Chicago firm, against the owner of the Willow Springs Water and Light Company to force the latter to pay for a dynamo which had been shipped to Willow Springs. The case was tried here once before and resulted in a verdict for Wicks & Peters. was appealed to the St. Louis Court of Appeals and sent back here for a new trial. The second trial Friday resulted in giving Wicks & Peters a verdict for $240, which they claimed as costs and damages.

State ex rel M V B Gainus vs Geo McGee and others, to oust school directors; affirmed. This was a suit brought two years ago by some disgruntled parties at Hutton Valley to oust the school directors. In circuit court here a verdict was given in favor of the

esent state constitution. He so had the distinction of being member of the Oklahoma constitutional convention which framthe constitution of the state Oklahoma. In 1880 he was candidate for circuit judge, d in this contest were such en as John R. Woodside, olonel Wm. Monks and others. udge Woodside defeated them all, d Colonel Maxey was forced to it six years, when he received e Democratic judicial nomination. It was an empty honor, for was defeated in the district, at at time composed of the counties Howell, Oregon, Shannon, ouglas, Carter and Ozark.

Soon afterwards Colonel Maxey oved to Oklahoma. He and his ther-in-law, Mr. Reed, went ere together and engaged in the nking business, Colonel Maxey ving almost forsaken the law actice for commercial pursuits which he had been quite success l. They speculated in lands, ought and sold cattle and at the me of Mr. Reed's death, which curred only a few months ago, was worth over $100,000. Colnel Maxey's fortune was not quite large.

The old residents of Howell unty remember Colonel Maxey a brave Southern man, one who d fought in the Confederate my. He knew no fear. In the rly days of this country there s a lawyer here, Colonel Wm. cCowan. Everyone of consequence in those days was known as olonel. This man was a desperate character. He talked about olonel Maxey, and it made the tter mad. One day he found cCowan on the street; and said to im:

"See here, Colonel McCowan, it's all with you, sah, how we to get along, sah. Now, sah, if u don't quit talking about me, , I'll take my gun, sah, and cut u off below the knees, sah."

he two attorneys got along fine ter that.

Once Colonel Maxey and a num of other attorneys went to at an opportune time. Brother Bob saw this and taking his knife slyly cut out the page. In closing his argument, Jim declared the law was on his side and he could prove it. He reached for the book, and imagine his surprise when he could not find the section of law he wanted.

"I told you, Squire, he didn't know the law," said Brother Bob during his argument in the case. "Jim is ordinarily an honest man, but he will lie in a law suit." And Jim lost his case.

Colonel Maxey had a great many oddities. He concealed nothing. He was always frank and open, and generally told what he thought. If he liked a person, he was this man's friend. If he didn't like him he soon found it out. This is why he was defeated for circuit judge by John F. Hale. He lived to a ripe old age and in his death one of the old time characters of this section is gone.

Pottersville Mills Burned.

The Pottersville Roller Mills, located at Pottersville, this county, burned at an early hour Wednesday morning and the property is a total loss. The elevator adjoining in which a large quantity of grain was stored, also was swept away by the flames. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

Monday night some one attempted to set the mill on fire. The following morning the miller discovered that during the night coal oil had been pored on the side of the building and ignited but the blaze burned out. The empty jug in which the coal oil was brought there lay near by. Tuesday night Wm. Endecott and Sam Remick remained in the mill. Towards morning they went to sleep and a short time later were awakened by the smoke. The entire engine room was in flames and the mill could not be saved. It burned to the ground.

The property was owned by J. M. Endecott and was valued at between $7,000 and $8,000 and there was and insurance of $4,000 on the property.

Hutton Valley to oust the school directors. In circuit court here a verdict was given in favor of the directors, and the case was appealed, the higher courts having recently affirmed the verdict of the lower court.

W P Campbell sued George W Lewis, a farmer who formerly resided in the Myatt country, for attorney's fees. Judge Campbell claimed that Lewis was indebted to him for assistance rendered in the suits in which Lewis and his sister in-law, Veta Tune, were once engaged. A jury heard the evidence in the case and decided in favor of Lewis.

A motion for new trial in the case of Fritz Ludwig vs C B and J L Short and J B Hilton, on note, judgment having been given the plaintiff in the trial by a jury, was argued and overruled. The attorneys for defendants filed notice of an appeal to the St. Louis Court of Appeals.

City of Willow Springs vs T W Mahaffy, violating city ordinances. The defendant had been tried at Willow Springs and when convicted appealed to circuit court. A jury in court Friday found him guilty as charged and assessed his fine at $1 and costs.

Richard J Harris vs Laura A Abernathy, in equity; continued.

W C Graves vs Philander Murphy, for possession; continued by agreement.

Troy Wagon Co. vs Brown & Harber. Trial by court and judgment for plaintiff for $785, and $25 attorney's fees.

A new trial being refused the defendant in the case of Dunlop & Son vs W S Calvert, for commission, an appeal was taken to the St. Louis Court of Appeals.

Swofford Bros vs Park Mercantile Co, attachment, continued.

Cynthia Thornworth vs Hall and John Davis, ejectment, continued.

Wertheimer-Swartz Shoe Co vs J B Sally, on forthcoming bond; dismissed for want of prosecution.

Anna L Houston vs Geo Houston, to quiet title; O L Haydon appointed guardian of minor heirs

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William May, more familiarly known to many friends as "Uncle Bill", departed this life last Thursday morning at 6 o'clock, at his home near Crider, in the western part of this county. He had been suffering for several years with a chronic throat trouble, and this together with an attack of flu hastened his death.

"Uncle Bill", as he was known, had lived in the Crider country for 30 years. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War and lived a true Christian life. On account of his frail condition he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Callahan, of Crider. He survived his wife only a little more than a year. He was laid to rest in the Ledbetter cemetery near Crider Friday. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Samuel Callahan, and two sons, Jesse and John May.

(Gazette - Feb. 21, 1929)

Lawyer, soldier, politician and statesman - this was the life of Col. Robert B. Maxey, who died suddenly at his home in Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday. The brief message announcing the demise of the well-known veteran was received by his daughter, Mrs. R. G. Martin, who left on the first train to Memphis. No particulars are obtainable regarding his death. Colonel Maxey, who was a Southern soldier in the Civil War, attended the ex-Confederate reunion in Washington, D. C., early in the month. His daughter, Mrs. Martin, was visiting in Memphis a week ago when he returned, seemingly in his usual good health. Colonel Maxey was widely known throughout this section. For many years he resided at Mammoth Spring. He was a brother of the late Colonel James H. Maxey, and the brothers were known all over this region.
(Gazette, June 28, 1917)

Long obituary on Colonel Robert B. Maxey, includes following information: died June 27 in Memphis, Tenn. He and brother Colonel Jas. H. Maxey, were among pioneer lawyers of this section. Age 71. Born Knoxville, Tenn. Attended University of Tennessee at Nashville. Confederate soldier. Came to West Plains after Civil War then moved to Mammoth Spring. Married Minnie Jones, daughter of a North Arkansas pioneer for whom the town of Imboden was named. Brother, Col. James H. Maxey, died in 1912 at Shawnee, Okla. Children: Mrs. John W. Pumphrey of Memphis; Mrs. Robert G. Martin of West Plains; Harry Maxey and Neil Maxey of Memphis; Mrs. T. B. Cassells, formerly Mrs. James Kellett of this city. Funeral in Memphis. Buried Elmwood Cemetery.
(Gazette, July 5, 1917)

Matthew McCammon, living about four miles from town, died last night. He will be buried in Oak Grove cemetery this evening by the G.A.R. post.
(Daily Gazette - Aug. 11, 1892)

J. L. McAnally, who had lived for more than forty years in Howell County, died at his home on East Maple avenue in this city Tuesday night after a long illness of pulmonary trouble. He was 78 years old.

For many years Mr. McAnally and wife made their home on a farm near this place. When old age forced Mr. McAnally to give up active work on the farm he and his wife moved to town. They were happy, home-loving people, and had Mr. McAnally lived through the year they would have celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They have no children.

Mr. McAnally was a Union veteran. He took part in numerous battles in the memorable struggle to maintain the Union of the states. He was a prominent member of the G.A.R. Post and a favorite with all the old veterans.

The funeral services were held at the McAnally home Thursday morning in the presence of many sorrowing friends. The G.A.R. post attended in a body to pay their last respects to their old comrade. Rev. J. O. Willett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, preached the sermon. The body was laid to rest in Oak Lawn cemetery to await the resurrection.
(Gazette - July 27, 1916)

Rev. William R. Mays, 75 years old, died Saturday at his home in St. Louis. He was for many years presiding elder of the M. E. Church of the St. Louis, DeSoto, and Farmington districts and for the last twenty years has been preaching in St. Louis.

Born in Tennessee, Mr. Mays went north and educated himself. When the war between the states began he enlisted in the Union army, and fought until the close of the struggle, always under the Stars and Stripes. But despite this, his sympathies and sentiments always were with Southern soldiers and their cause.

During his career as a divine, Rev. Mays had never spent a cent of the salary he received or any member of his family. He returned back to his church, in one way or another, every penny he earned. It is estimated this sum totaled more than $50,000.
(Gazette, May 17, 1917)

Joseph Rankin McClellan, Sr., died at 8:15 o'clock this morning, at his home at 108 Hazel Street, after a short attack of pneumonia.

Deceased was born in Bryant, Ind., Jan. 17, 1836, and was 74 years of age. He had been a resident of West Plains the past seventeen years and had been a quiet and honorable citizen. He had been a member of the Adventist church the past twenty years and was a devout Christian.

Deceased is survived by an aged wife and six children, William R. McClellan, Jr., of Wichita, Kans., Mrs. W. A. Miller, of Dupo, Ill., and Frank McClellan, Mrs. Walter Roberts, and Mrs. John Barger all of this city. All the children were notified and all have arrived except Mrs. Miller, who is unable to come. No arrangements for the funeral have as yet been made.

(Daily Quill - Feb. 11, 1910)

The funeral services of J. R. McClellan were conducted by Rev. C. W. Powell of the First Baptist church, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the family residence on Hazel Street. The members of the local G.A.R. post, of which deceased was a member, took part in the services. The funeral was largely attended by sympathizing friends and many beautiful floral offerings were brought. Interment took place at Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Daily Quill - Feb. 14, 1910)

Joseph R. McClellan died last Saturday morning at 8:15 o'clock at his home in this city after a short illness with pneumonia. He had resided in this city for many years and was well and favorably known.

Mr. McClellan was 74 years old and reared a large family. For over twenty years he had been a member of the Adventist church and was a firm believer in the faith. He was a veteran of the Civil War, and his comrades attended the funeral in a body. The services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the family home by Rev. Chas. W. Powell, pastor of the Baptist Church and the remains were laid to rest in Oak Grove cemetery. Many sorrowing friends attended the obsequies.

There are left to mourn the death of this good old man a bereaved widow, four sons and three daughters. They are Frank McClellan, Mrs. Walter Roberts and Mrs. John Burger of this city; Joe McClellan, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. W. A. Miller, Dupo, Ill.; Wm. McClellan, Havelock, Neb. All were present at the funeral. (Gazette, Feb. 17, 1910)

Joseph Rankin McClellan, Sr., died at 8:15 o'clock Friday morning of pneumonia, after a frief illness, at his home in this city. He was 74 years of age, and was a native of Indiana. He had lived in West Plains for seventeen years and was highly esteemed by this community. His aged wife and six children survive him. The latter are: Frank McClellan, Mrs. Walter Roberts, and Mrs. John Barger of this city; Joseph R. McClellan, Jr., of Wichita, Kans.; Wm. McClellan of Havlock, Neb.; and Mrs. M. A. Miller, of Dupo, Ill., and all were present at the obsequies, as were also other relatives and a large number of friends. Funeral services were conducted at the family residence, 108 Hazel Street, by Rev. C. W. Powell, and interment was had at Oaklawn cemetery. The deceased was an ex-Union soldier and a member of the local G. A. R. post, many members of which assisted in the final rites. (Journal, Feb. 17, 1910)

Robert McKamey, a former resident of West Plains, who in recent years has made his home at Imboden, Ark., died at that place last week after a short illness. He was 79 years old and his death was due to a stroke of paralysis. Mr. McKamey was an uncle of Mrs. Lum Allen, of West Plains. Mrs. Allen's late mother, Mrs. L. L. Dail, was a sister of Mr. McKamey. The McKamey family originally came to West Plains from Imboden and after residing in this city for a number of years returned to Imboden. Mr. McKamey was a Union veteran of the Civil War.

(Gazette - July 17, 1924)

W. H. McFarland, one of the old settler of Howell County, died at his home on Peace Valley last week after a lingering illness. Two months ago he was stricken with paralysis and since that time his condition has become such that recovery was doubtful.

Mr. McFarland was beloved by all his neighbors and respected by everyone who knew him. He was a Confederate veteran, 69 years old and a devout member of the Baptist church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jones and the interment in New Hope cemetery. Mr. McFarland is survived by an aged wife and six sons and daughters. They are Mrs. Lewis Smith of West Plains; Mrs. Geo. Clark, Pomona; Mrs. James Jones, James and Cyrus McFarland, Fanchon; and Monroe McFarland, Los Angeles, Cal. The latter came here early in July to visit his father, and returned home a few days before his death.
(Gazette, Aug. 4, 1910)

William McConnell, a veteran of the Civil War, who has made West Plains his home for the last fifteen years, died last Friday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Madison, of East Broadway. He had been in failing health for some time and death was due to senility of old age. He was 89 years old.

The funeral services were held at the family residence Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. D. Boles. Interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery.

Mr. McConnell has made his home at various periods in recent years at the Federal Soldiers Home at St. James. He came here a few months ago for a visit with his daughter and his condition became such that he returned to St. James. He was a good friend and admirer of Captain J. P. Brinegar, superintendent of the home, whom he had known here before Captain Brinegar went to St. James to take charge of the home.
(Gazette - Jan. 13, 1916)

Former West Plains Man Dies In Iowa.

Body of Ira McNair, Member Local G. A. R, Will Arrive Here Tonight. Funeral Tomorrow.

Messages received here today announce the death of Ira McNair, a former well known resident of West Plains, which occurred in Des Moines, Ia., yesterday. No particulars of the death were given in the messages.

The body is expected to arrive here tonight and the funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be made at Oak Lawn cemetery. Upon its arrival here the body will be taken to the McFarland undertaking establishment where it will be in charge of members of the John Rollins G. A. R. Post of this city, of which the decedent was a member.

Mr. McNair, who resided in West Plains about fourteen years, has for the past few years been making his home at the Old Soldiers' Home in Leavenworth, Kans. He left the home only a few weeks ago and made a brief visit with friends in West Plains before going to Des Moines to visit relatives.

Daily Quill - June 13, 1914

LOCAL CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES MONDAY

J. G. Meltabarger, 91, Had Lived In County 60 Years

DEATH FOLLOWS LENGTHY ILLNESS

Another of the few remaining Civil War veterans, John Ganaway Meltabarger, 91 years old, died at 11:15 o'clock Monday night at his home on East Maple street. Death followed a long illness from a complication of diseases.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the home, and burial was held in the Myatt cemetery. A military funeral was held for Mr. Meltabarger, and members of the G. A. R. attended in a body, and a military squad from the local American Legion being present to fire a last salute for him. The government flag was draped over his casket.

The Rev. Bud Montgomery conducted the funeral services.

Mr. Meltabarger was born in Knox county, Tennessee, October 12, 1841, and came to Maries county, Missouri when he was seventeen. Three years later he married Miss Hannah Renfrow. Following her death he moved to Howell county, where he was married several years later to Miss Mary Harris, who was the mother of his youngest son, Charles Meltabarger. Mr. Meltabarger was engaged in farming, and lived on a farm in the Myatt district near Koshkonong for a number of years. Following the death of his second wife, he retired from active farm work, and moved to West Plains, where twenty years ago he married Mrs. Mary D. Gordon.

He served as a private with Company E, Second Regiment, Missouri Light Artillery, and was an active member of the G. A. R. until it was disbanded several years ago.

He is survived by his widow, four daughters, Mrs. Lancy Lancaster of Dallas, Tex., Mrs. Florence Black of Texas, Mrs. Elsie Akes of St. Joseph, Mo., Mrs. Margaret Foster of Bethany, Mo., and three sons, James and Corrie Meltabarger of St. Joseph, Mo., and Charles Meltabarger of Little Rock, Ark. A step-son, James A. Goss, lives near West Plains. Twenty-one grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren also survive.

Journal

Mar. 30, 1933

William Rice Meredith, a well-known pioneer settler of Howell County, died of Bright's disease at the Ozark Hotel in this city at 10 o'clock this morning, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Meredith, whose home is six miles east of Koshkonong, came here two weeks ago to be treated, but gradually grew worse. His son, John Meredith, of Koshkonong, has been with him during his illness here and his wife has also been at his bedside the past week.

The deceased who was sixty-six years of age, was born in Arkansas in 1845 and came to this county when only a youth. He was married in 1866 to Mrs. Artemiss Morrow-Vaughn, who survives him. Besides his wife, Mr. Meredith is survived by four children, John and Leonard Meredith, both of Globe, Eli Meredith who resides in Illinois, Mrs. Howard McCoy, of Albin, Ill., and two brothers, John and James Meredith, both of whom reside near Koshkonong. Mr. Meredith was a veteran of the Civil War having fought on the union side.

The body will be taken to the Meredith home near Koshkonong tomorrow and interment will be made in the Meredith cemetery.

(Daily Quill - Feb. 2, 1912)

Robert McKim, who moved to Howel County last year, died Monday night at 7 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. O. Oakes, on the West Plains and Siloam Springs road, eight miles northwest of this city. Heart failure is given as the cause of his death.

Mr. McKim was a Union veteran. He was 83 years of age and quite feeble, his ill health being caused largely from old age and injuries received from a fall during the past winter.

Monday evening he did not complain of being ill. He was seated in a chair reading when he had a coughing spell and suddenly expired. Besides his daughter here, Mr. McKim leaves three other daughters, Mrs. C. D. Haste, Sullivan, Ill.; Mrs. H. D. Cory, Alta, Iowa, and Mrs. J. H. Haste, Harrisburg, Ark.

(Gazette, May 17, 1917)

Colonel Harry Mitchell, of Nevada, veteran of the Civil War and the Spanish-American conflict, died last week at his home in Nevada, Mo., at the age of 78 years. His death was due to acute indigestion. Colonel Mitchell saw his first military service in the three-months volunteers in Benton County, Missouri. Then he enlisted in the 8th Missouri cavalry and served three years, rising to the rank of first lieutenant. He was then made a captain and organized the 14th Missouri veteran cavalry and served against the Indians on the frontier until mustered out in 1865. Some time after the Civil War he went to Nevada and erected the Hotel Mitchell which he conducted until the time of his death. He was a major in the second Missouri infantry during the war with Spain and was promoted to lieutenant-colonel before the war ended.

(Gazette - Dec. 22, 1921)

T. B. Miller, 83 years old, who was quite well known throughout Howell County on account of his activities in farming operations, died at the home of his son, John Miller, in Deer River, Minn., July 19th. Friends in this city have just learned of the death of Mr. Miller, which came unexpectedly.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller left West Plains last month for Minnesota to spend the summer months with their son who conducts a garage at Deer Run, a Minnesota summer resort. On the way they took severe colds which developed into pneumonia for Mr. Miller and caused his death. The remains were taken to his old home at Manhattan, Kan., for burial.

Mr. Miller came to Howell County from Topeka, Kan., six years ago and for a time resided on a farm west of town. He acted for a time as county farm agent and was prominently identified with the Farmer's Exchange. He also organized the Howell County Burial Association. He was a Union veteran of the Civil War and prominent in G.A.R. circles in this city.

(Gazette - July 24, 1924)

Alfred Middleton, who resided in the northeastern part of town for quite a number of years, but has made his home at Olympia, Wash., since 1900, died in that city a few days ago at the advanced age of 88 years. Mr. Middleton was a Union veteran and for sixty years had been recorder of deeds of Howell County. He was an uncle of S. R. Lasswell, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and will be remembered by many of the residents of West Plains who will be pained to learn of his death.
(Gazette - Dec. 5, 1912)

A VETERAN'S ROMANCE.

Dies in the Presence of His Two Wives and their Children.

[From the Springfield Republican, Jan. 26.]

The death of George Moxon, aged seventy-six years, a Civil War veteran and pioneer citizen, yesterday morning at the home of his son, Joseph H. Moxon, 1902 Howard street, in the presence of his first and second wives and children by both marriages uncovers a romance more strange than that of Tennyson's Enoch Arden.

Mr. Moxon was born in Ozark county, Missouri, and at the beginning of the Civil War enlisted in the Tenth Missouri Cavalry, leaving a wife and two children, Joseph and Mary, at home. At the close of the war it was reported to the home-coming soldier that his wife had died and that his children had left the empty hearthstone. He settled in Kansas and married again, becoming the father of two children. In the meantime Mrs. Moxon had been told that her husband had been killed in action at the beginning of the war and had in turn been wooed and won by one of those who stayed at home.

With old age came to the veteran a longing to see his son and daughter by his first wife, and after a long search, he located his son in Springfield. With the son when he paid him a visit, he found his first wife.

Upon talking the situation over they agreed that his duty was to live with and provide for his second wife and he returned to West Plains, where he was then living with his second family, making frequent vssits, however, from time to time, to Springfield About six weeks ago Mr. Moxon, then living with his family at Norwood, Wright county, Missouri, was taken ill with kidney trouble and was brought to the Burge-Deaconess hospital, when on improving he insisted on being removed to the home of his son, Joseph, who works in the blacksmith department of the north side shops.

His health, however, had been undermined by the infirmities of age and he died yesterday morning in the presence of his two children, Will Moxon and Eva Moxon by his second wife, and Joseph Moxon by his first wife, with his first and second wives. Mrs. Mary Burst, the second child by his first wife, is now in Portland, Ore.

Journal - Jan. 28, 1909

Christopher Mullen, one of the oldest residents in this community, died at his home in Siloam Springs August 11, aged 84 years. He was born in Ireland, but came to this country with his parents when a small child.

He has made his home in Siloam Springs for twenty years, coming there from Iowa. When quite young he enlisted in the Union army and served all through the Civil War. He was for eighteen months a prisoner in Andersonville prison. Mr. Mullen was a good citizen and a loyal friend. He will be sadly missed by everyone. Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Dave Keen, of Sioux City, Iowa. He was laid to rest in the New Liberty cemetery.

(Gazette - Aug. 18, 1927)

George W. Morgan, age 91 years, one of Howell County's oldest pioneers, died suddenly at his home in Mountain View Sunday from heart trouble.

Mr. Morgan was born in Graves County, Ky., August 3, 1839. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the Union forces and went to war. He was taken prisoner and sent to the Andersonville, Ga., prison, where only 12,926 of the 49,485 prisoners survived to tell of the horrors of the prison. Mr. Morgan was in this prison nine months.

When the war was over Mr. Morgan returned home, where he was married January 1, 1866, to Miss Susanna E. Mdlin. Five children, one dying in infancy, were born to them.

In 1870 Mr. Morgan and family moved to Howell County and settled on a homestead near what is now known as Trask. A few years later his wife died and in December, 1874, he was married to Miss Rebecca Ann Rushing, and to this union seven children were born. Following her death he was married in 1918 to Mrs. Nina Pond of Mountain View, who survives him.

Six daughters and four sons also survive. They are Mrs. Martha Payne, Mrs. Mary Koonce, Mrs. Martha Flood, all of Mountain View; Mrs. Cora Chastain, New York; Mrs. Cordelia Lewis, Oswego, Kan.; Mrs. Ara Ogle, Hutton Valley; Walter Morgan, Springfield; Arthur Morgan, Simla, Ok.; O. M. Morgan, Blytheville, Ark.; and Assistant Postmaster James P. Morgan of West Plains. Another son, W. S. Morgan, former sheriff of Howell County, died here in 1922.

The funeral services were held at Walker Chapel near Mountain View Wednesday afternoon, and burial was in that cemetery.

(Gazette - Nov. 13, 1930)

SERVED WITH UNION ARMY IN CIVIL WAR

Rev. John W. Mustion, pioneer Methodist minister of Howell County died at the home of his son, the Rev. A. Mustion, in the west suburbs Saturday afternoon from a complication of diseases, and funeral services for him were held Sunday afternoon at the Church of God of which the Rev. A. Mustion, is the pastor.

Rev. Mustion, who was 85 years old, had been preaching for more than 60 years and had brought hundreds of souls into the faith during his ministry. He was born near Murfreesboro, Tenn., February 9th, 1844, and came to Howell county with his father, the late Alfred Mustion more than 70 years ago. The Mustion family were among the first settlers of Howell county and settled on the big Mustion farm in Howell Valley which is still known by the family name.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, the Mustion family fled to Rolla, Mo., while Howell county was a hotbed of guerilla warfare and at the age of eighteen, Rev. John Mustion enlisted in the Union Army and served until the end of the conflict. During their stay in Rolla, the young soldier met Miss Martha Copeland, daughter of a farmer living near St. James and at the conclusion of the war they were married and came back to Howell county to reside. Mrs. Mustion died five years ago.

Four children survive, two sons and two daughters, who are: Rev. A. Mustion and Mrs. M. I. Heselton of West Plains, Stan Mustion of Koshkonong and Mrs. Fred Nelson of Kansas City, all of whom were at his bedside at the time of his death.

The funeral services Sunday were conducted by the Rev. Turner Proffitt of Pottersville, and a short talk was given by W. T. Harlin on the life of the veteran minister. Both paid highest tribute to the christian life of Rev. Mustion.

There were many beautiful floral offerings and several favorite songs of the aged minister were sung by a quartette composed of Lindsay Briscoe, Leonard Manze, Lee Rouintree and Hale Goodwin and also a mixed quartette composed of Leonard Manze, Lindsay Briscoe, Mrs. O. B. Jennings and Miss Dorlene Manze.

Five grandsons, Clifford Mustion, Clyde Mustion, Ted Mustion and Lee Heselton and one nephew, the Rev. Earl Mustion served as pall bearers.

Burial was made in the Homeland cemetery.

West Plains Journal - July 4, 1929

Nicholas Myers died in this city Tuesday morning at nine o'clock at the home of his son at the age of seventy years. He was buried Tuesday at the Langston cemetery east of town about three miles.

He owned a farm on South Fork and he and his wife came to town a few days ago to visit his son, and on Thursday morning of last week, at five o'clock, he was stricken with paralysis, the left side being affected. He remained unconscious until he died, except at one time, for a few minutes, he appeared to recognize his wife.

He served in the Civil War and was in the navy several years. At one time for three years he never set foot on land. About a year ago he became a member of the Christian church. He had suffered a good deal recently and expressed a desire to cross the river.

(Journal - May 25, 1905)

W. D. Mustion, aged 81 years, pioneer resident of Howell County, died Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock at his home in the northeastern suburbs of this city. He has been in failing health for some time, but was ill only a week prior to his demise. Kidney trouble caused his death.

Mr. Mustion, or "Uncle Pony", as he was familiarly known to his many friends, was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, September 20, 1841. With his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mustion, he came to Howell County in 1858 and they settled in what is known as Mustion Valley, three miles southeast of this city. In January, 1862, Mr. Mustion was married to Miss Jane Langston, daughter of Mangrum Langston and uncle of T. J. Langston, pioneer West Plains merchant.

Mr. Mustion enlisted in the Union army during the Civil War while his wife and other relatives went to Springfield, where many refugees from the counties along the Missouri and Arkansas border found safety and comfort during those troublesome days. When the war was over Mr. Mustion returned and with the others who came back rebuilded the homes that had been left desolate by roving bands of soldiers of both sides in the memorable struggle. Mr. Mustion was elected sheriff of Howell County the following year and had a stremuous time.

A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Mustion retired from their farm and bought a suburban home near West Plains. Last January they celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

Besides his aged widow, who is in feeble health, Mr. Mustion is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Allen, of Mountain Grove, and four sons, Walter W. Mustion, of Cull, Ben Mustion, John Mustion, and Alfred Mustion, of West Plains. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. L. M. Garrett, and two brothers, Rev. J. W. Mustion, and Joe Mustion, both of West Plains.

The funeral services were held at the family home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. C. Wadlow, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Gazette - July 26, 1923)

OLDEST LAWYER IN OZARKS IS DEAD

COLONEL L. O. NEIDER PASSES AWAY AT WILLOW SPRINGS

Served Three Years In The Union Army But Was Never Able To Get A Pension.

Leander O. Neider, 81 years old, the oldest practicing attorney in the Ozark region of Missouri, died May 22, at his home in Willow Springs after an illness of several weeks with kidney trouble and other ailments.

Known throughout this section as "Colonel" Neider, he resided in several counties in the Ozarks and held a number of public offices. He was a man of high ability and had a large law practice at various times. In spite of his old age he continued to practice law up to the time of his last illness. He was a familiar figure in the courts of this circuit and was widely known.

Born at Hermann, Gasconade county, Missouri, September 12, 1846, he left there early in life with his parents, moving to Morgantown, Indiana. Here he enlisted in June 1862, in the 54th Indiana volunteer infantry, a three months service. When his term of enlistment was up he enlisted in the 15th Indiana battery, light artillery, under Captain Von Sehlon, and became a wheel driver for the battery.

His first battle was at Harpers Ferry, Va., in September, 1862, when the entire Union army was surrendered to the enemy under General Stonewall Jackson.

Along with many thousands of soldiers he was paroled and sent down the Potomac to Frederick City, Md., and from there by steamer to Baltimore. From there he was taken to Camp Douglas, at Chicago, a parole camp, to remain until exchanged While there Mr. Neider, being refused a furlough to go home and visit his mother, took French leave, and went to Indiana.

Upon his return to Camp Douglas, Neider was placed in the guard house He was fined and given a short sentence in the guard house for leaving camp without permission.

In December 1862, he enlisted in the regulars at Governor's Island, N. Y., and was assigned to Co. I, 2nd U. S. infantry. He was sent to the front and started in the Chancellorsville campaign in April, 1863. He was on the march seven days.

It was on the road from Chancellorsville to Fredericksburg that his tent mate, Charley Richmond, was shot through both legs. He carried him to the hospital, an old farm house, to the rear, to learn that he was in the enemy's hands. He darted into a thicket and got back to his ranks. He dug in with his company behind breastworks of logs and dirt that night. This was the evening Stonewall Jackson was killed.

At dawn, in Sunday morning, the battle opened in earnest, but the charge made by General Longstreet, Confederate leader, failed, and the battle of Chancellorsville was over. After the battle the Union soldiers got their pay and Mr. Neider received $13.03, the only pay he ever received during his entire service of three years and three months.

At Fredericks City, Md., at the time the army was reorganized, he became separated from his command and not knowing what else to do went to Baltimore. Here he was arrested for desertion and sent back to his regiment, which was on their way to New York City to aid in putting down the noted riot that took place about the time of the Battle of Gettysburg. When they reached New York the riot was over. They camped for about a month on vacant lots at 49th street and 5th avenue. Then they returned to the front with the army of the Potomac at Culpepper Court House.

Tried for desertion by court martial, Mr. Neider was later brought before the regiment for sentence. During the interval he was in several battles and his officers reported that he was a brave soldier. I was sent to the guard house. Two w later he was called to the fron General Ayers ordered the pr marshal to read his sentence. was to the effect that he should the balance of his time at hard on the Island of Dry Tortugas. was followed by the reading of tition to President Lincoln re the facts in th ecase and sayin he was a faithful soldier, and s by the commanding officers. reading of this petition was foll by the President's pardon..

Mr. Neider fought in the b of the Wilderness, Spottsv Court House, South Anna, Cold bor, in front of Petersburg, Ha Ferry and other minor engagem At Cold Harbor his company lo the officers and lieutenants.

A few months later he went the James river to Norfolk, Va. from there to Ft. Hamilton, L Later he was transferred to Eli N. Y., and guarded Confederate oners there until the fall of mond in 1865.

It was at Fort Hamilton follo the surrender of General Lee he received a letter from hom ling him his mother was seri ill. Being refused a furlough left the company, went home, never returned.

Although he served his co three years and three months, Neider never drew a pension. always understood there were charges of desertion against hi for this reason never applied. Fr interceded for him and at the session of congress a bill giving a clean record and a liberal pe was lost in the closing hour congress.

His Masonic brethren cared him in his last fatal illness an nephew, C. W. Phillips, of Fr icktown, Mo., came to Willow Sp to be with him. A devoted looked faithfully after his want til the end. His funeral ser were held at Willow Springs an body taken to his old home at field and laid to rest with Ma honors.

Gazette - June 2, 1927

Geo. W. Odell, who served during the Civil War in the 9th Mo. Cavalry, died on the 11th inst., aged 67 years. Funeral services were conducted at Oak Grove cemetery, where interment was had, Monday afternoon, a number of old soldiers assisting in the obsequies.
(Howell County News - July 15, 1898)

William Newton, former sheriff and collector and county judge of Wright County, died at his home eight miles north of Mansfield Saturday at 2 o'clock. He would have been 96 years old next month.

On July 1, the Newtons celebrated their seventy-third anniversary. They were married at Hartville in 1858, three years before the Civil War began. A Year later they homesteaded near the Newton "home place", and at the time of Mr. Newton's death he was living in the house he built for his bride in 1859.

Among the family heirlooms are the loom and spinning wheel which Mrs. Newton used to convert the wool and flax which they raised on their own farm into clothing. Mr. Newton tanned the leather and made shoes for the family. The family still uses woolen blankets made by Mrs. Newton by hand, although she quit weaving more than 40 years ago.

During the Civil War Mr. Newton was a member of the home guard, Company C, 73rd regiment, Missouri militia.

He served one term as sheriff and collector of the county, so long ago that nobody remembers when, but it was when the two offices were just one job. Later Mr. Newton served two terms as county judge. He was an uncle of Cleveland Newton, former United States congressman from St. Louis.

(Gazette - Oct. 15, 1931)

C. F. Nash, a Union veteran of the Civil War and a well-known stone-mason of West Plains, died Monday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Hall, in Thayer.

After the death of his wife in this city last November, Mr. Marsh went to Thayer to reside with his daughter. A few days ago he was stricken with paralysis and never rallied.

Besides the daughter at whose home he died, Mr. Nash leaves six other sons and daughters. These are Joe Nash, Helena, Ark.; Willis Nash, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. John Nutter, Harrison, Ark.; Mrs. Charles Bacon, Little Rock; Mrs. Geo. Imhoff, Cairo, Ill.; and Mrs. Edwin Capshaw, Tulsa, Okla.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Thayer after which the remains were brought to West Plains and laid to rest in Oak Lawn cemetery beside the body of his wife who died last November.
(Gazette - June 25, 1925)

We have received further particulars regarding the death of Judge B. F. Olden, a brief mention of which appeared in the Journal last week. His death occured at 10:45 on the night of October 25, 1916, at his home 1707 Warm Springs Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

He had been a resident of Idaho for the past 24 years and was for many years actively engaged in business but had been retired for some time. He had been sick for about five weeks and although 73 years of age it is said that his last was also his first sickness and was the first time he had ever had the services of a physician, except when wounded in the Civil War. Funeral services were held Sunday and burial took place at the Morris Hill cemetery, being in charge of the Grand Army of the Republic. Surviving relatives are his wife and one daughter, who resides at Newark, N. J. We take the tollowing from a Boise paper:

Mr. Olden was one of the well-known men of Boise and southern Idaho and until a few years ago was one of the active business men of the city. He was one of the organizers of the old Bank of Commerce and later of the Idaho Trust and Savings bank, which took over the former institution and he was the first president of the latter bank. He was also active in the organization which built the interurban lines out of Boise and was one of the large stockholders in the Boise Valley line and a member of the board of directors at the time the line was first sold. After retiring from active banking business, he became interested in irrigation enterprises and real estate and continued in that line of business until stricken.

Mr. Olden was born at Springfield, Ill., January 1, 1813. He was educated in the schools of that state and upon the outbreak of the civil war enlisted, serving three and one-half years with Company D, One Hundred and Seventeenth Illinois infantry. He served in many engagements with distinction and received several wounds while fighting for his country. He was promoted to second lieutenant and later the rank of captain was conferred. He joined Phil Sheridan post No. 4, G.A.R., April 7, 1896, and has since been an active member.

While Mr. Olden had a large circle of friends he had a few with whom he was very confident and enjoyed having them about his fireside. He was an optimistic Idaho booster and to show his love for his state in his will, not yet filed, he left his fine collection of mounted native Idaho birds to be maintained at the state capitol and to be known as the "B. F. Olden Collection of Native Mounted Birds," the name being put in the will by his attorney. He first objected to giving the exhibit under his name, but later consented. Those close to Mr. Olden know that he was very charitable, but that he never permitted his name to be known when making gifts of money or merchandise to the needy. His loss will be keenly felt in Boise and especially among those who knew him best."

Before going to Idaho Judge Olden lived for many years in West Plains. He was a leading attorney and was very active in securing the railroad, then the K. C. F. S. and G., through this city and served as an attorney for the road.

With the late Sam A. Risley he established the West Plains Journal, the first Republican paper in this part of the state. Many of our old-timers remember Judge Olden and will learn of his demise with sorrow.
(Journal - Nov. 9, 1916)

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Judge Padgett was born in Overton County, Tenn., Nov. 18, 1846, and moved with his parents to Missouri in 1853. In 1863 he enlisted in the Union army in the Eleventh Missouri cavalry and served till the close of the war, about two and a half years, when he received an honorable discharge.

For several years he lived near Mtn. View and during his residence there he was elected for two terms as county judge of the northern district. He afterwards served a four year term as presiding judge of the county. About six years ago he moved from the south part of the county to Kansas where he remained a short time and returned to Missouri locating on a farm near Brandsville. This farm he had recently sold and had purchased property in Brandsville, with the intention of putting up a small mill for grinding corn and feed.

Mr. Padgett had been married twice. Eight children were born from the first marriage and four from the second. Five children from his first wife survive him. They are Charley Padgett of Joplin, Elmer and John Padgett and Mrs. J. G. Endecott, of Joplin, and three brothers, Robt. F. of Paradise, Kansas, Wm. T. of Mtn. View, this county, and George of Springfield, all of whom except George attended the funeral. His second wife and her children survive him.

(Journal - Feb. 1, 1906)

Rev. Chas. W. Orvis, for many years a resident of West Plains, died at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home on South Street after a long illness from a complication of diseases incident to old age. He was 85 years old.

Rev. Orvis and family moved to West Plains in 1884 from Ripley County and he has since resided here. He was born March 14, 1840, in the state of New York and at an early age moved with his parents to Boone County, Illinois. At an early age he joined the Methodist Episcopal church, and in 1887 was ordained a minister in the Southern Methodist church. In 1906 he was ordained to preach for the Congregational Methodist church.

Fired with patriotism at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, he enlisted in Company F, 15th Illinois Infantry, and served until the close of the war. For the last year of the war he was held a prisoner by the Confederates, being captured by them in one of the big battles in the memorable war. He was released at the signing of peace.

Rev. Orvis was married three times. In March, 1864, while home on a furlough in Illinois, he was married to Miss Susannah Russell. She died in 1880. Later he was married to Mrs. Sophrona Kimball and her death occurred here in 1914. In 1915 he married Mrs. Rebecca Finley, of this city, who survives.

In addition to his widow he leaves two sons, Charles Orvis of Walnut Ridge, Ark.; and Jasper Orvis of Hillsboro, Ill.; and a daughter, Mrs. Ida Curtis, of Minneapolis, Minn. Both of the sons recently visited him and the son from Walnut Ridge was here and attended the funeral.

Services were held at the Congregational church on East Cleveland Avenue Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. J. D. Boles, assisted by Rev. S. L. Roper, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Rev. E. C. Wadlow, pastor of the First Methodist church. Interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery. Many sorrowing friends were in attendance.
(Gazette - Mar. 25, 1925)

Elihu Jermane Park, father of W. C. Park, editor of the Mountain View Standard, died January 29, at the home of his son in that city. He was 90 years, 2 months, and 7 days old. Some 18 years ago he was stricken with paralysis, which kept him confined to his son's home.

He was born in Estill County, Kentucky, and moved to Platte County, Missouri with his parents in 1858. In the fall of 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate army and fought until the close of the Civil War. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and for nearly 70 years a member of the Masonic lodge. In February, 1908, he moved to Mountain View to make his home with his son. In August, 1911, he suffered a stroke of apoplexy, and for three months his life was despaired of. Since that time he has been confined to his bed and a wheel chair. He was the father of seven children, two of whom survive, the son at whose home he died and a daughter, Mrs. Susie Fisher, of Smithville.

(Gazette - Feb. 7, 1929)

Jacob Noell, postmaster at Siloam Springs and Justice of the Peace of that township, died at his home there last Friday, 16th, inst., aged 70 years. He had been a resident of this county since 1893, and was the head of a large family. His wife preceded him to the grave in August 1898. Mrs. Paul Firchau, formerly of this city, is one of his six surviving children, all of whom live in or near Siloam Springs. Mr. Noell was a veteran of the Union army and prominent in G. A. R. circles. He was a useful and respected citizen, and his death is sincerely mourned in that community.

(Howell County News - Feb. 23, 1900)

John L. Partee, a confederate veteran eighty years of age, was struck and instantly killed by west-bound passenger train No. 104 one mile below Mammoth Spring, yesterday afternoon. The track makes a short curve just below the bridge and the engineer did not see the old man until the train was almost upon him.

How the veteran came to be on the bridge is unknown, but it is possible that he had either gone there with suicidal intent or had fallen while crossing the bridge, as he was stooping or almost lying across the track when the engineer discovered him.

Partee, who had lived in Mammoth Spring many years, has an aged wife living near Mt. Grove and a son, James L. Partee living at Lake Charles, La. The body was interred at Mammoth Spring today.
(Daily Quill - Dec. 13, 1912)

Benjamin A. Parker, aged seventy-one years, a veteran of the Civil War, and one of the early pioneer settlers of Howell County, died at ten o'clock last night at his home near South Fork, after an illness of several weeks from typhoid. With him at the time of his death were his three sons, A. E. Parker of Elijah, Joe Parker of Dewey, Okla., Ben Parker, Jr., of Fredericktown, and two daughters, Mrs. T. Dorris of Viola, Ark., and Mrs. Russell Bradley of Shell, Wyo. Besides these, he is survived by a widow, two other daughters, Mrs. Ed Lape of Viola, and Mrs. Joe Schneider, who resides in Colorado, twenty-seven grandchildren, one great-grandson, and also three sisters, two of whom reside in North Carolina, and another in Texas.

Ben A. Parker was born in South Carolina, Sept. 12, 1840, and came to Howell County from that state in 1858. May 30, 1861, he was married to Miss Lettie Upton, who died March 11, 1906. "Uncle Ben" as was known throughout this section, served in the Confederate army during the Civil War, and one of his most beloved possessions was a Southern Cross of Honor, presented to him by the Mattie E. Catron Chapter U.D.C., of this city a few years ago. "Uncle Ben" was a member of an old and highly respected southern family and was himself a man of marked honor and integrity and like the many sturdy pioneers of this country possessed that courage and strength of character which made him honored and admired by everyone.

A few years after the death of his first wife he was married to Mrs. Frances Belle Evans, of Blodgett.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon by Rev. Marion Taylor of Arditta, in the Mt. Zion Southern Methodist church, of which church the deceased had been a prominent and active member for fifty-one years. Interment will be made in Mt. Zion cemetery.

(Daily Quill - May 17, 1912)

Frank Peters, Sr., an aged resident of the German Catholic settlement at White Church, died of apoplexy at his home Friday afternoon.

Mr. Peters was born in Germany and came to this country when very small. He came to Missouri many years ago and served in the Union army during the Civil War. He was one of the early settlers in the White Church neighborhood and was a much respected citizen.

He is survived by his widow and eight children, one son, Frank Peters, being employed with the Hill-Whitmire Co., in this city. The other children are Mrs. William Wenz, Mrs. Joe Downing, Misses Betty, Martha, and Mary Peters, all of White Church, and John Peters of Colorado. The funeral was held Monday morning at the St. Joseph Church in White Church.
(Journal - July 4, 1918)

Oberlon Payne, 73, a Civil War veteran of this city, died at his home on Missouri Avenue Tuesday afternoon, after three years illness of cancer. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Payne, who came to this county some twenty-five years ago, was born in Vermont, April 17, 1846. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Payne, and by one sister who lives in the East.

Mr. Payne served thru the Civil War with a Vermont regiment, and was for many years quartermaster of the John W. Rollins Post, G.A.R., of this city. The Grand Army had charge of the funeral service, and the Rev. F. H. Vernor of the Christian church, of which Mr. Payne was a member, made a short talk. The pallbearers, all comrades in the G.A.R., were Messrs. George Clark, J. W. Brown, J. J. Barger, J. W. Hill, A. Calmes, James Kennedy.
(Journal - Aug. 14, 1919)

M. Patton died at the Higginsville Confederate Home a few days ago at the age of eighty four years. He came to this town from Ironton twenty-two years ago. The funeral services were conducted by the Masonic lodge of this city, the body having been brought here for burial.
(Journal - Nov. 2, 1905)

Christopher Columbus Perry, aged 86 years, and for more than sixty years a resident of Howell County, fell dead in the street in front of the home of his son, John Perry on West Broadway at 9 o'clock this morning. The aged man had not been feeling well for a few days, but was able to be on the streets. He was gathering up the debris left by the building of a new fence at his son's home, when he was stricken with paralysis. Passersby saw him fall and rushed to his assistance, but the man was dead when he was carried into the house. Mr. Perry had suffered a slight stroke of paralysis several times during the past few years but each time he recovered in a very short time.

Mr. Perry, who was born in North Carolina, came to Howell County in 1851 and settled on a farm near South Fork, twelve miles south of West Plains, where he resided until sixteen years ago, when he moved to West Plains. During the Civil War Mr. Perry served in the Confederate army, returning at the close of the war to his Howell County farm. He was a most successful farmer and financier and in his early manhood amassed quite a fortune, which he leaves to his surviving children.

Mr. Perry has been married four times, his last wife having died in this city about six years ago. He is survived by five children, John Perry of this city, with whom the decedent resided, Pink Perry of South Fork, Chris Perry, of Concordia, Kans., Mrs. Emmeline Krause of South Fork, Mrs. John Rainey of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Will Harkins of Anadarko, Okla.

Funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed, but it is probable they will be held Friday. Interment will take place at Mt. Zion cemetery near South Fork.

(Daily Quill - Dec. 11, 1912)

Albion P. Peabody died at the home of F. H. Harrison, in Koshkonong, Monday morning at the age of 83 years. Mr. Peabody was a civil war veteran.

His home was in Chino Valley, Arizona, but he made his home in the Ozarks for the past three years. He had suffered a length of time of heart trouble, and was advised by the doctors in Arizona to move to a lower climate.

Funeral services were held at the F. H. Harrison home and he was laid to rest in the Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Journal - Jan. 30, 1930)

The funeral of E. F. Pearson, of Cobalt, was held today. Mr. Pearson, his brother of this city, his wife and daughter, Miss Ettie, are in attendance. The burial will be near Mtn. View. Though Mr. Pearson was in poor health his death came very unexpectedly and suddenly. He was an old soldier and highly respected by all who knew him. He has answered the last roll call. The Great Commander said, "Come up higher."

(Journal - Aug. 28, 1902)

The end of a well-spent Christian life came to Simon Nelson Petry, aged 77 years, last Thursday night at 7 o'clock, when he passed away at his home on Webster avenue. For a number of years he has been an invalid, suffered from wounds received in the Civil War, and he was forced to use crutches. He was ill with pneumonia but a few days when death relieved his suffering.

Nelson Petry was born April 29, 1841, in Whitley County, Kentucky. He served in the Union army for two years and was discharged on account of wounds received in battle. On Christmas eve, 1865, after the close of the war, he was married in Kentucky to Mary Jane Petree. He was of Scotch descent, she came from a Quaker family. Besides his aged widow, he is survived by four children, Mrs. Winnie Clingingbeard of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Rachel Epps, Springfield, Mo.; Mrs. J. W. Stover, West Plains; Mrs. J. Lee Beam, Crider, this county. One son, Patrice, died at the age of 6 years.

Mr. Petry joined the Baptist Church at the old Ephesus Church in Lincoln County, Kentucky, in 1869. His conception of the Christian religion was service to his fellow man, do good to everyone, help everyone who needs help and spread sunshine and good cheer and make the world in which you live glad. For more than 50 years Mr. Petry has been a member of the Odd Fellows lodge, joining in Kentucky under the old 5-degree order. He came to Missouri from Kentucky in 1883, locating on a farm near Cordz, west of Pomona. Eight years ago he moved to West Plains.

Rev. D. B. Jones, pastor of the Baptist Church, held the funeral services at the family home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The services at Oak Lawn cemetery were held under the auspices of the Odd Fellows order. A large concourse of friends attended the last sad rites. (Gazette - Feb. 20, 1919)

Z. H. Peters, who recently sold his farm, about two miles west of town, and went with his wife to visit a son in Fulton County, Ark., died of heart trouble Sunday at the home of his son. He was a Union veteran of the Civil War.

(Journal - Dec. 16, 1909)

"Uncle" John Peters, an aged Civil War veteran, died last Monday night near Leo. He was a most excellent old gentleman, and loved by all who knew him. He came from Campbell Co., Ky., about 24 years ago. He was an old neighbor of Judge W. F. Cook in Kentucky, and also near Leo, before the Judge moved to West Plains.

(Journal - Oct. 11, 1906)

After an illness of several days, John F. Porter, aged 83 years, died Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at his home on Missouri Avenue. For a number of years he has been in frail health, owing to his advanced age and a complication of ailments.

Mr. Porter was born at Oxford, Ohio, and grew to manhood there. When the Civil War broke out he volunteered his services to the Union and went into the service as captain of Co. B, 65th Ohio infantry. He served with distinction throughout the memorable contest. After the close of the war he located in North Missouri.

In May, 1876, he was married at Salisbury, Mo., to Miss Mary Alice Trent, of that place, who survives him. They have three daughters, Mrs. Beulah Woody, of West Plains, Mrs. Newton Reynolds, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Charles H. Jackson, of Oconomowoc, Wis. Mrs. Woody and Mrs. Reynolds, with her husband and two children were with Mr. Porter when he died, but Mrs. Jackson arrived here after he had passed away.

Mr. Porter and family located in West Plains in 1898, coming to this city from Mansfield, where they had resided some fifteen years. For a number of years Mr. Porter was employed in the dry goods department of the Langston-Mantz-Pease Company, but old age forced him to give up active business cares.

For many years Mr. Porter has been an active church worker. He took a keen interest in the Sunday School, being a great lover of children. While a resident of Mansfield he was the moving spirit in the organization of many Sunday schools in Wright and neighboring counties. When he came to West Plains he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church and when that church was consolidated with the First Presbyterian church he cast his membership with the united church. He was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 527, A.F. & A.M. of this city and a member of the Grand Army Post.

Rev. S. L. Roper, his pastor, conducted the funeral services at the First Presbyterian church Monday afternoon in the presence of many sorrowing friends. Burial was in Oak Lawn cemetery, where the Masonic fraternity performed the last sad rites.

(Gazette - May 11, 1922)

Mrs. G. J. Farrell received a message today announcing the death this morning of her aged father, I. N. Polton, at his home in Akron, Colo. Mr. Polton, who was 95 years old, had been ill for several months from the infirmities of age, and Mrs. Farrell visited him recently.

The aged man served in the First Missouri Infantry during the Civil War, and was the last surviving Civil War veteran in Washington County, Colorado.

Besides his daughter here he is survived by one son and three other daughters, the eldest son and daughter, Will Polton and Mrs. Ida Hamilton, both of Bedford, Ia., being twins and 71 years old. The other daughters are Mrs. Anna White and Miss Mayme Polton of Akron, Colo.

The body will be taken to Bedford, Ia., the former home of the family, for burial beside the body of the aged man's wife, who died nine years ago.

(Daily Quill - July 19, 1934)

D. D. Powles expired at his home in this city at an early hour Friday morning of last week, of a paralytic affection, after brief suffering, in the 78th year of his age. He was a native of Pennsylvania, but had lived in Ohio and Illinois, coming here with his family from the latter state in 1883. Prior thereto he had made fortune-seeking trips to California and Colorado, and during the war served as an officer in an Illinois regiment. He was married in 1846, and five of the ten children resulting from the union survive him - Cal and Phil Powles and Mrs. Ella Seiberling and Mrs. O. R. Seiberling, residing here, and Mrs. Willis of Decatur, Ill. Mr. Powles was a man of firm will and excellent character and of more than ordinary intelligence. He took always an active part in public affairs, and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens was attested by the fact that they chose him for years to successive terms as Justice of the Peace. He will be greatly missed by the community.
(Howell County News - Jan. 19, 1900)

Thos. Pottle, Sr., one of the old residents of Howell County, died at his home two miles east of Burnham December 21, last, at the age of 73 years. He had lived near Burnham for forty-one years, and was widely known and universally respected by a great many friends.

Mr. Pottle was born in England. He came to America in 1856. He served in the Union army from the outbreak of the Civil War until the surrender of General Lee's forces. After the close of the war he located near Potosi, Washington County, Missouri, where he was married in 1866 to Sarah Northcutt. In 1874 Mr. Pottle and family moved to Howell County, locating near Burnham.

Mr. Pottle was a prominent citizen of this county. He was a member of the G.A.R. post and took an active part in every movement for the welfare of the community. He served as school director for many years. He was the father of nine children, six of whom are living. Besides his widow there survives the children, J. T. Pottle, J. M. Pottle, and R. A. Pottle, of Burnham; W. M. Pottle, of Wyoming; A. L. Pottle, Willow Springs; and Mrs. Josie Long, Dexter, N. M.

The body was laid to rest in the Burnham cemetery in the presence of many sorrowing friends and bereaved relatives.
(Gazette - Jan. 6, 1916)

The remains of P. P. Powell, a former resident of this city, were brought to West Plains from Santa Monica, Calif., Sunday for burial in Oak Lawn cemetery beside his wife who died here several years ago. Mr. Powell passed away at Santa Monica August 29. He was a prominent Mason and a member of the G.A.R. At the age of 17 he enlisted in (end of article)

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GEORGE PRICE DEAD

Noted Ozark County Man Passes Away.

His Brother was Secretary of The Treasurer for Four Years Under President James Buchanan.

One of the old landmarks of the Ozark region passed away last week in the death of George Price, which occurred at his home on North Fork near Udall, in Ozark county, on Thursday, March 24. Mr. Price was 85 years old, and had been in failing health for some time.

George Price was born in Virginia. His brother, Henry Price, who resided with him on North Fork, is 90 years old, and while very feeble, still retains a good memory and can talk in an interesting manner of the early days of almost a century ago. The Price brothers have been noted as excellent types of the Southern gentlemen, and their home, built long before the war, is known for its hospitality. Back of the weather beaten old homestead is the Price farm where the best cotton and the largest ears of corn in Southern Missouri are grown. North Fork passes through the farm, and on the government maps it is marked as a navigable stream to the section line of the Price farm.

Early in life George Price married his cousin, Mary Caldwell, in Scott county, Virginia. Their grandfather, William Sissell, was a planted in Caswell county, Virginia, and fought in the revolutionary war. He came to America with Lord Baltimore. Mr. Price's great grandfather, Whitten, was in Braddock's defeat and at the close of the war gave his trusted rifle to his grandson. The weapon, which had slain many warlike Indians, was afterwards carried through the Civil war by George Price, but he lost it in a [illegible] Union forces and

quested Mr. Price to remain in the cabinet, as he wanted a Southern man in the position, but Mr. Price declined, and in 1857 moved to Missouri with his other brothers, George and Henry Price. They located at Springfield, but in a few years George and Henry Price moved to Ozark county.

Living with the Price family are Easter and Mandy, their former slaves. These are the only negroes in Ozark county. Easter is more than 90 years old and Mandy is 75 They were born on the Sissell plantation in Virginia and were given to Mrs. Price by her grandfather as a wedding present. In 1857 when the Price family moved from Virginia to Springfield, Mo., Easter and Mandy were brought along as a part of the goods and chattels. A few years later George Price moved to Ozark county and erected the old Price home, which was known in early days as the finest house between Springfield, Mo., and Batesville, Ark., at that time the two leading towns of Southern Missouri and Northern Arkansas. Many people have partaken of the hospitality of the Price home, with its big open fireplace and the old Southern cordiality.

When the Civil was over and Easter and Mandy were told that they were free, both refused to leave old "Massa" and "Mistus." They continued to make their home with the Prices and until old age and rheumatism overtook them both could do a man's work in the field plowing and planting cotton or corn. They took great delight in doing everything possible for Mr. Price or any of his family, remaining faithful to the last.

George Price was a good man, well educated and polished in manner, a true Southern gentleman. He had the distinction of being the head of four generations. His death is regretted by a large circle of friends, who mourn with the relatives. His remains were laid to rest in the family burial ground on North Fork besides those of his wife, who died five years ago.

TRYING FEW CASES

Circuit Court is Moving Along Slowly.

A Large Criminal and Civil Docket That Will Require Two Weeks To Try the Cases.

The regular March term of the Howell county circuit court convened in this city Monday, Judge W. N. Evans presiding. The following court officials are in attendance: Court Stenographer Miss Lillian Thompson, Circuit Clerk O. P. A. Heinrich, Prosecuting Attorney O. F. Wayland, Sheriff Chas. M. Heard and Deputies W. F. Cook and Ross L. Derkes.

Little business has been transacted in the first days of the term. It requires a few days to get down to business, and then cases are generally disposed of with rapidity. Every member of the petit jury answered present when his name was called. Those who compose the jury are Ira May, C W McCann, C F Funkhouser, T W Doty, J D Boles, J J Brimhall, W A Chapin, B G Fowler, Oscar Sassin, A P Cottrell, J M Ledbetter, George Blythe, J D Smith, F M Haynes, John Lamons, Charles Long, W S Davis, J P Jones, John R Fox, S R Laswell, James Harpham, J A Johnson, H H Darling and James Edwards.

When the case of State vs Oscar Farrar, a young negro, for driving a horse to death was called, it was announced that the case would be dismissed. Farrar secured a team and buggy from the Luna livery barn and it is alleged that he killed the horse. Upon payment of $50 to the owner of the horse and all court costs the case was dropped.

All day Tuesday the time of the court was occupied in trying the case of State vs George Parks, charged with assault. The complaining witness was Mrs. Meisner, a Swiss woman of Brandsville. The jury failed to agree, ten being for acquittal and two for conviction. Another trial will be held [illegible] of court.

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The Price family, of which George and Henry Price descended, has always figured strongly in politics. W. C. Price, a brother of George and Henry Price, resided for many years at Springfield, and was a leader not only in local and state politics, but also was active in national affairs. President James Buchanan appointed him secretary of the treasury when Mr. Price resided in Virginia, and he served four years in that capacity. When Abraham Lincoln succeeded President Buchanan, he re-

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New Musical Club.

A number of singers and teachers of music in this city recently met at the Cumberland Presbyterian church on South street for the purpose of organizing a choral club. The purpose of the club is to take up the proper study of music and advance and raise the standard of music in this city. No name has been selected for the organization, but the committee in charge will decide upon a proper name at an early date. The names of fifty persons will be submitted for membership in the club. Application will be made immediately after the club is permanently organized for membership in the National Federation of Music Clubs.

The following officers have been elected:

Dr. A. H. Thornburgh, president.
Mrs. C. I. Trimble, vice-president.
Miss Daucy Hill, secretary,
Mrs. M. A. Whitner, musical director.

Announcement.

A course of free lectures explaining the Catholic faith will be given at the Catholic church at West Plains every evening from April 10 to April 17th inclusive, at 7:45 p. m, The lectures and question box will be conducted by the Rev. P. P, Crane and Rev. J. A. Siebert, of the St. Louis apostolate.

Everybody cordially invited to attend the lectures, and to place questions pertaining to the Catholic ... in the question box.

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Damaging Forest Fi...

Forest fires in the severa... ties of Southern Missouri ... done great damage in th... week. The heaviest loss ... St. Elmo, in Oregon county ... fires went through the McN... chards. This orchard ha... neglected in recent years. ... grew up and dead limbs fr... trees covered the ground. ... the fire got in the orchard ... most consumed the fruit tr... spread to the fences and bui... which were wiped out. Th... tage on the farm where J... McNair made his home duri... peach picking season, w... stroyed. The loss can not ... timated, but it will be ... Sparks from a passing Fris... set fire to the packing shed ... fruit houses last year, and ... were burned. None of the ... fruit farms have been fire... this year.

Some fencing has been ... in Howell county, but the ... is slight. In Ozark county ... al farm houses have been d... ed and some live stock h... The fires are caused from ... burning and campers who ... put out the campfires. Ow... the dry weather for the pas... the fires spread rapidly. ... Tuesday n... was ... stop the ...



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Joseph L. Ray, 90 years old, died Monday afternoon at his home in Springfield following a short illness. He was the father of Mrs. P. S. Kreigh of Webster avenue. Mrs. Kreigh had returned to West Plains only Sunday, believing that her father's condition was improved.

Mr. Ray, was a native southerner who fought with the union forces in the Civil war because he was opposed to slavery.

He was born in Burnsville, N. C., and lived in that vicinity until the war broke out. He and several brothers left to join Union forces concentrated several miles from their home. Thinking to force the boys' return so they might be conscripted for southern service, Confederate authorities threw their father in jail. Learning of what had been done, the boys gathered a detachment of soldiers and returned to storm the jail and free all the prisoners.

The veteran began his service with the Fifth Ohio cavalry, Co. H, and took part in some of the major engagements of the war, including the Battle of Gettysburg. His service record shows that he was with reinforcements that went down the Atlantic coast to join General Sherman at the end of his historic "march to the sea." He was with Sherman when the southern General Johnson surrendered near Charlotte and was in charge of the guard that led the defeated southerner and his staff through the Union lines.

At the close of the war he was commissioned a colonel.

In addition to his widow, Mr. Ray is survived by several sons and daughters, Mrs. Kreigh, Miss Verna Ray, of Springfield, Mrs. R. A. Thompson of Rogersville, Claud Ray of Springfield, James Ray of San Pedro, Calif., and George C. Ray of Springfield, a son by a former marriage.

Funeral services for Mr. Ray are being held in Springfield today (Thursday), under the auspices of the G.A.R., with burial in the National cemetery.

(Journal - Jan. 19, 1933)

Al Raymond died suddenly of heart failure at his home in Tyatt Township last Thursday afternoon, Feb. 22nd. He had not been in good health for several months, but his death was unexpected and was quite a shock to the community, of which he was one of the most prominent and enterprising citizens. He was an old resident of that locality, where he successfully engaged in farming. He was bluff in his manners, but possessed many good qualities of head and heart. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War, and made an admirable record in that service for courage and faithfulness to duty.

(Howell County News - Mar. 2, 1900)

Joe R. Pumphrey, Civil War veteran and pioneer resident of West Plains, died at his home Friday afternoon. He had been ill for several months.

He was born on July 1, 1844, being at the time of his death 68 years of age. His birthplace is Gainesville, in Ozark County. He enlisted in the Civil War when he was 17 years old, serving until its close three years later.

He was a member of the Christian church and of the Masonic lodge. He conducted a mercantile business in West Plains for a number of years, later engaging in business as a livestock dealer for a long time.

He is survived by his widow, by one son, Otis Pumphrey, of Wichita, Kan., and by one daughter, Mrs. B. M. Moss.

(Journal - Sept. 18, 1930)

Hiram Rhodes, father of Thomas Rhodes and of Mrs. C. Rosser of this city, died of heart disease at his home in Blairsville, Pa., Saturday morning, March 24. The remains were brought to West Plains, where the family formerly resided and the funeral was held at the West Main Methodist Church, Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Rhodes, with his family resided here a number of years before moving to Pennsylvania about twenty years ago and had many friends here, especially among the older settlers. He was a veteran of the Civil War and the local G.A.R. attended in a body. Besides the son and daughter here he is survived by a son, Marvin B. Rhodes of Wyoming, formerly with the West Plains Bank, a daughter, Mrs. H. A. Small of St. Louis, and a sister, Mrs. Kate Bloomer of Palmyra, Mo., both of the latter arrived to attend the funeral.
(Journal - Apr. 5, 1917)

Theodore Raymond, a former resident of Mountain View, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Effie Miller, in St. Louis County on September 13 at the age of 86 years. He had also lived for a time at Birch Tree in Shannon County.

Mr. Raymond was almost a pioneer in South Missouri, coming to this section of the state at the time when the great lumber industry was in its infancy. For some time he was identified with one of the large mills. He lived with this industry and witnessed its passing, and later was identified with the constructive work of building up a new industry upon the ruins of the virgin forests.

During the years spent in South Missouri he was active in every form of social and political progress, assisting in the settlement of the cut-over lands, together with the wooded country by bringing in home seekers in large numbers, and he was ever alive to the needs of the community in which he lived, contributing at all times of his strength and means.

Mr. Raymond was politically an active partisan and closely identified with the early Republican party in Shannon and Howell Counties. For years, no convention ever assembled that did not number him as a delegate. In 1907 and 1909 he was a member of the legislature from Howell County. He formed a close friendship during these years for the late Governor Hadley, which friendship continued until the death of the former governor.

As a Civil War veteran he referred with great pleasure and pride to the fact that he was mustered in and mustered out prior to his majority. He enlisted for service in an Illinois regiment at the age of 16 and served four years. During this period he saw active service at Fort Donaldson, Pittsburg Landing, Corrinth, and Altuna, Georgia, at which latter place the regiment in which he served was almost entirely annihilated. For a time he was a prisoner behind the Confederate line, and passed to his own army in an exchange, after some months of confinement.

In 1874 he was married to Miss Ida Curtiss, of Kansas. Three daughters and one son were born to them, all of whom now live in St. Louis County, Missouri. Mrs. Raymond preceded her husband in death by about one year.

During the latter years of Captain Raymond's life, he was handicapped by failing eyesight, his sight gradually becoming dimmer and finally resulting in total blindness. But he suffered the affliction with great fortitude and cheerfulness.

(Journal - Oct. 2, 1930)

To the Honor of Henry Rhodes.

The grave of Henry Rhodes which is on the Widow Burden farm two miles above Bly, was decorated with very appropriate exercises on May 30th. A number of persons assembled at the Burden Springs near the grave and had with them a large lot of beautiful flowers. The committee on decoration erected twenty-two flags of red, white and blue over and near the grave. Rev. Epley called the meeting to order and had a prayer and song service after which he gave an address outlining the life of Henry Rhodes and giving a detailed account of his murder. He then introduced Col. Wm. Monks, who made a very touching and appropriate speech.

Henry Rhodes, was at the time of his death, eighty years of age. He had been a Union soldier and served in the war of 1812 under General Jackson. The Jesse James and Brown gang made a raid through Ozark and Howell Counties and committed a number of atrocities and when Rhodes heard of their deeds he was very indignant and was loud in his criticisms. When the gang heard of this they returned to Rhodes' home, called him out, carried him about a quarter of a mile from home and killed him in a very brutal manner. He was found next evening by his wife and daughter and was buried near where he was killed. For a number of years the grave has gone unnoticed, but we understand that now a suitable monument will be erected over the grave.

Journal

June 11, 1908

William Edward Richards, grandfather of Dwight and C. E. Richards of West Plains, who died February 20 at his home in Beaver, Wyo., was the last surviving veteran of the Civil War in the Big Horn Basin. As such he was accorded full military honors at his funeral in Beaver, February 22, according to the Powell, Wyo., Tribune, the military features of the funeral being conducted by the World War veterans from four towns of that section of Wyoming.

Mr. Richards, who was in his 88th year, was a special guest of the Hughes-Pittinger American Legion Post at Powell last Armistice Day, when a celebration was conducted by the post, and received an ovation from the large crowd, when he appeared on the stage of a theater where an Armistice Day program was given. He had been similarly honored on Memorial Day and other occasions, at which he had always been introduced as the only surviving Civil War Veteran of the Basin.

The old soldier was a native of New England, having been born in Hopkinton, Mass., June 17, 1845. His war service record included two enlistments in the United States army during the memorable conflict between the north and south.

He first enlisted in the Seventh New Hampshire regiment of volunteers, as a mere lad of sixteen. After serving the three year period of his enlistment, he re-enlisted with the First New Hampshire heavy artillery. He was made a corporal February 16, 1865, two days before his twentieth birthday. He had served nearly four years of the war, and yet lacked one year of being of age.

After his marriage in 1865 to Miss Alice Mahalia Hall at North Groton, N. H., Mr. Richards made his home there until 1878, when he and his family moved to Michigan. The family lived on a farm there until 1899, when they moved to Pomona, Mo., settling on a farm there at the edge of the little town, which was then a big peach center.

After some years one of Mr. Richard's sons moved to Wyoming, other sons followed later, and in 1899 Mr. and Mrs. Richards also moved there to be near their children. Three sons are now living in Wyoming, one in St. Paul, Minn., and one daughter in Michigan. One daughter and two sons preceded Mr. Richards in death. His first wife died in 1916, and he later returned to New Hampshire and married her sister, a widow, who died in 1927.

Mr. Richards' sons were nearly all engaged in the mercantile business, and besides the two grandsons here, who conduct a mercantile establishment on Washington Avenue, he has two grandsons, Newell and Harry, who conduct a mercantile business in Pomona. C. E. Richards being a partner in the business.

Besides the grandsons here in Howell county there are thirty-two other grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

(Daily Quill - Mar. 10, 1933)

Rev. John G. W. Richardson, well-known Union veteran of the Civil War died at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home on Lincoln Avenue. Heart trouble caused his demise. Rev. Richardson was 80 years old and had resided here for a long time.

Rev. Richardson was born in Tennessee. He served through the Civil War and in 1868 moved to Melbourne, Ark., where he resided for a number of years. There he was married to Miss Mary Dixon, who died here some thirty years ago. Along about 1880 Rev. Richardson and family moved on a farm northwest of this city. He took an active part in public affairs. He was a preacher, farmer, and auctioneer, being widely known. Fourteen years ago he moved to town and retired from active duties.

After the death of his first wife, Rev. Richardson was married to Miss Mary Ann Ellis, whose death occurred three years ago. During his lifetime Rev. Richardson preached all over Howell and adjoining counties of Missouri and Arkansas. He was a minister of the Congregational denomination.

Surviving the deceased are five daughters and two sons. These are Mrs. Maude Biggerstaff, who for some time has made her home here with her father; Mrs. Thomas Lawrence, Sapulpa, Ok.; Mrs. Geo. Harris, Elk, Wash.; Mrs. Acleta Nesbitt, Wheeling, Ark.; Mrs. Jeff Whitaker, Oxford, Ark.; R. E. Richardson, Burke, Idaho; and Van Richardson, Oakland, Cal.

The funeral services were held at the family residence Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. D. Boles. Burial was in the Lone Pine cemetery seven miles northwest of West Plains.

(Gazette - Jan. 29, 1925)

James C. Richardson, a pioneer of Howell County and one of the most successful farmers, died suddenly Tuesday morning at his home three miles southeast of West Plains. He was working all day Monday in his field, as usual, and during the night was stricken with gastritis, and before a physician reached his home he was dead.

James C. Richardson was born in Sarah County, North Carolina, seventy-six years ago. When a baby his parents moved to Indiana. At the age of nineteen Mr. Richardson enlisted in the Union army and fought for the Stars and Stripes throughout the Civil War. After the war was over he came to Howell County with his parents and they located near West Plains.

On February 9, 1871 Mr. Richardson was married to Miss Nancy D. Bailey, and they moved on the farm where Mr. Richardson died. Besides his widow ten children survive the deceased. They are John T. Richardson, Mrs. Mary White, Mrs. J. L. Penn, Mrs. Earl Adams, Mrs. Roy Adams, and H. B. (Ike) Richardson, of West Plains; J. C. Richardson, El Centro, Calif.; Mrs. Sidney Lawson, St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. Amos Huddleston, Thomasville, Mo.; and Fred Richardson, Yale, Ok. Two sisters also survive the deceased, Mrs. John A. Gunn, Sr., and Mrs. T. D. Boles, of West Plains.

Since he was a young boy Mr. Richardson has been a member of the First Methodist Church and was a devout Christian. He was a most enthusiastic member of John Rollins Post G.A.R. of this city and took a keen interest in local affairs. He was a true gentleman, and his word was as good as a government bond.

The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the family home, in charge of his pastor, Rev. W. T. Farley, assisted by Rev. Howard Peters. Services at the grave were conducted by members of the G.A.R. Post. Interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Gazette - July 28, 1921)

JOHN RILEY OF CAULFIELD DIES

CIVIL WAR VETERAN LIVED IN COUNTY FORTY YEARS

John Riley of near Caulfield, died Monday at the home of his son, John Riley, Jr. Death resulted from a complication of diseases which followed a fall from the porch of the Riley home three weeks ago at which time Mr. Riley suffered a fractured shoulder. He was ninety years old, having been born February 22, 1843 near Quincy, Ill.

He enlisted in the Union Army, and was wounded in the Battle of Gettysburg and his left leg was amputated shortly after the war. He married Mrs. Caroline Halbert in Pike county, Missouri, and they moved to the Caulfield community nearly forty years ago. Mrs. Riley died twenty-one years ago. Since her death, Mr. Riley had made his home with his son, John.

Mr. Riley is survived by three sons and one daughter, who are William Riley, Roy, N. Mex., Mrs. Nannie Story of Stroud, Okla., Tom and John Riley, Jr., of Caulfield. Harris Riley, another son, was killed several years ago at Texhoma, Okla. Another daughter died at the age of ten. Mr. Riley also is survived by thirty-eight grand-children and forty-three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Riley was a member of the Christian church, and had been considered a good citizen by his friends and neighbors. Funeral services were held at the Fowler cemetery and were conducted by the Rev. Albert Thompson of Bakersfield.

Journal
July 27, 1933

William Riley's death occured on March 9, at his home near West Plains, of comsumption. He was formally a resident of our community. He was a union soldier and is survived by a widow and six children, Miss Sallie, Arthur and Bryant at home, Mrs. Nannie Long and Mrs. Reva Garrett of this place, and Newton Riley of Oklahoma. (Cureall news)

(Journal - Mar. 19, 1908)

John H. Riley, age 78 years, a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in this city Tuesday morning after a long illness with kidney trouble and other complications.

Mr. Riley had resided in this city for about thirty years. For a long time he was employed in the tin shop of C. Dressler on Washington Avenue. He leaves three sons, Wes Riley and Matt Riley, of West Plains, and Bob Riley, of Springfield. All of them were at his bedside when he passed away.

Rev. W. T. Farley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, conducted the funeral services at the Riley home in the northern suburbs of the city Wednesday afternoon, and the remains were interred in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

(Gazette - Mar. 23, 1922)

Paralysis is given as the cause of the death of Rev. J. A. D. Rogers, a veteran Methodist minister of this city, who was found dead in bed at his home by members of his family Tuesday morning. For years Rev. Rogers has been suffering with paralysis, but was able to get about town with crutches.

Rev. Rogers was 80 years old. He moved to Brandsville several years ago from Gutherie, Okla. where he was a prominent worker in the vineyard of the Lord. Last year he moved to West Plains.

Rev. Rogers was a Union soldier in the Civil War. After the close of the war he moved with his family from Indiana to Yazoo City, Miss., where his wife and daughter died during an epidemic of yellow fever. Afterwards, he moved to Jonesboro, Ark., where in 1898, he was married to Mrs. Abbie Carr, who survives the aged minister.

Rev. Rogers located in Oklahoma in the early days of that country and took a prominent part in public affairs at Gutherie, Okla. A few years ago while delivering a Decoration Day address he was stricken with paralysis, and has been a cripple ever since. He was a prominent member of the G. A. R. Post.

The funeral services were held at the M. E. Church Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. F. O. Moore, pastor of the First M. E. Church. The G. A. R. Post had charge of the services at the grave. The body was laid to rest in Oak Lawn cemetery.
(Gazette, March 8, 1917)

James S. Risley, at one time a citizen of West Plains, died in the old soldier's home at Leavenworth, Kansas, several days ago. Mr. Risley was a brother of the late S. A. Risley, who was for many years postmaster of this city, and also a brother of Mrs. B. F. Olden, formerly of this place. He will be well remembered by the older residents of this county.

(Gazette - Feb. 4, 1909)

The Jacksonville, Ill., Daily Journal of December 19 contains an extended notice of the death of James M. Ring, who moved from this community to Illinois only a few months ago.

Mr. Ring was 83 years old. The family lived for several years on the Siloam Springs route, and after the death of Mrs. Ring last April Mr. Ring went to Jacksonville to live with a daughter, Mrs. T. A. Ebrey. He was a Union veteran. Burial was in Jacksonville.
(Journal - Jan. 4, 1917)

After long suffering from a stroke of paralysis, J. M. Rogers, aged 78 years, a well-known citizen of this place, died last Saturday morning at his home in the southern part of the city.

Mr. Rogers was born in Tennessee and moved to Missouri when a young man. Several years ago he moved to Howell County and located on a farm in the beautiful valley just east of here. Three years ago he moved to town to spend the remainder of his years in contentment. He was stricken with paralysis and moved about with difficulty. Recently his condition became serious and at last death relieved his suffering.

Mr. Rogers was a devout Christian. He was a member of the Christian church and at the time of his death was an elder of the church.in this city. He joined the church in 1860. Mr. Rogers was an ex-Confederate soldier and a few years ago was presented by the Daughters of Confederacy with a Cross of Honor.

Mr. Rogers was twice married, his last wife surviving him. He leaves six daughters by his first marriage. They are Jessie Rogers, of this city; John M. Rogers, Palco, Kan.; Mrs. Laura Sherman, Englewood, Kan.; Mrs. May Wray, Stillwater, Okla.; Mrs. Mary Brogan, Mena, Ark.; Mrs. Maggie Pratt, Hereford, Texas. Another daughter, Mrs. Sallie Brodie, came here early in the month to be at the bedside of her father. She was taken ill and returned to her home in Kansas City. She died a week before her father passed away.

Mr. Rogers was beloved by all who knew him. He was a kind Christian gentleman, and will be missed by all of his friends. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the family home and was largely attended. His pastor, Elder J. S. George, preached a fervent sermon and told of the spotless life of the deceased. Interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery.
(Gazette - July 24, 1913)

"Uncle Johnny" Rogers Dead

Eccehtric Old Soldier Found Dead In Bed. Back From Asylum Only Two Weeks.

'Uncle Johnny" Rogers, an aged pioneer resident of West Plains, died at an early hour this morning at the home of Mrs. R. B. Hutchison on East Cleveland avenue, after a brief illness from pneumonia.

"Uncle Johnny" and his aged wife returned to West Plains only two weeks ago from Nevada, where both have been confined in the state hospital for the insane since last December.

A few days after their return to West Plains, Rogers became ill with pneumonia, but he has been slightly improved the past few days. He was found dead in his bed at six o'clock this morning by Mrs. Hutchinson, who has been caring for the old people.

Both Rogers and his wife became mentally deranged last December while they were inmates at the Federal Soldiers home at St. James, Mo.

Rogers, who was 79 years old, was for many years a familiar figure on the streets of West Plains, and was noted for his many eccentricites. He came to West Plains from Kentucky. He was reputed to be a miser and for years there were rumors that he had large sums of money buried on the little tract of land which he owned just north of the Frisco depot and where he earned a livlihood by truck gardening. However, when a guardian was appointed for the deranged man last December it was discovered that he possessed very little means.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and interment will be made at Oak Lawn cemetery.

Daily Quill - Apr. 22, 1915

George W. Rowe, 92 years old, who had lived in Howell County for 65 years, died at his home March 10, near Hutton Valley. His wife died February 23 and his death has been expected since then.

Mr. Rowe has an interesting history, having entered the United States Army at the age of 19, July 19, 1862, and remained throughout the Civil War. When smallpox broke out in camp, Mr. Rowe took sick with it and was not expected to live. However, he survived, although he lost all his hair and finger and toe nails.

On June 27, 1865, he returned to his home in Webster County. He was married to Miss Mahala C. Hood in October, 1865, and lived there until 1869, when he moved to Howell County.

Mr. Rowe had charge of the Willow Springs post office when the old town was situated at the spring from which it gets its name. The spring is on the Mountain View road between Willow Springs and Hutton Valley. When the railroad was built, the town was moved to its present location but still retained the name of Willow Springs. Mr. Rowe was no longer postmaster when the town was moved.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe had ten children, nine of which grew to maturity. Thirty-nine grandchildren, twenty-nine great grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren also survive him.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the home and burial was at the Rowe cemetery.

(Gazette - Mar. 14, 1935)

In the death a few days ago of Frank M. Russell at Conway, Laclede County, this section of Missouri loses a character who helped make the history of the Civil War along the Missouri-Arkansas border from 1861 to 1865. Russell was a noted Confederate and his name was a household word all the way from Rolla, which was then the headquarters city for the Ozark region, to Batesville, on White River, in Arkansas. Russell in turn knew all the important people in this section. When he came to West Plains in 1917 to attend the state ex-confederate reunion, Russell spent several hours relating reminiscent stories of the stormy times around West Plains during the war. He well remembered the late "Buck" Johnson, Confederate spy, who was sentenced to be shot and who escaped from the Union troops after digging his own grave which was in the eastern part of this town. Russell was with his company just over the Arkansas line when "Buck" Johnson rode into camp with a fine string of horses he had stolen while making his get away. Mr. Russell was a fine gentleman, popular among his friends and as true as steel. He died from an attack of paralysis followed by blood poisoning.

(Gazette - June 23, 1921)

The death of W. W. Roper, which occurred at his home near Siloam Springs, January 8, has cast a gloom of sorrow over his many friends in Howell, Ozark, and Douglas counties. For several weeks he had been ill with pneumonia. He was prominent in the affairs of his neighborhood and was beloved by all who knew him. The remains were laid to rest in New Liberty cemetery. Rev. James Reeves preached the funeral sermon.

Mr. Roper was a Southern gentleman. He was born in 1844 in Burke County, North Carolina. Moved to Union County, G eorgia, with his parents when a boy. At the outbreak of the Civil War he took up the cause of the Confederacy and became a member of the Sixth Georgia Cavalry. When the war ended he went back to North Carolina. On March 15, 1868, he was wedded to Cinthia A. Hall of Murphy, N. C. They moved to Missouri in 1886, locating in Christian County. In 1889 they came to Howell County, moving on the farm where Mr. Roper died. Mr. Roper is survived by six sons and one daughter, all of whom were at his bedside when he passed away.

In former years Mr. Roper took an active part in the political affairs of Howell County. He was a leader in the Populist party and several times was their candidate for sheriff. He was one of the county's best citizens, whose death is regretted by every person who knew him.
(Gazette - Jan. 20, 1916)

Colonel A. J. Seay, the second governor of Oklahoma and for many years prior to that time a practicing attorney in the counties of South Central Missouri, died at Long Beach, Calif., last week. He was 83 years of age. His remains were interred at Kingfisher, Okla.

In the early days of the Ozark region Jeff Seay, as he was familiarly known to his intimate friends, often visited West Plains. This was before a railroad was constructed through the country. He was a most companionable man and numbered among his intimate acquaintances such lawyers as A. H. Livingston, James Orchard, Col. Wm. Monks, Alf Harris, all gone to their last reward. Judge H. D. Green, Judge L. F. Dinning, Judge C. C. Bland and a few others still living. When Colonel Seay came to West Plains the trip was made either on horseback or in the mail hack from Rolla, a distance of 80 miles.

The convening of court in the interior counties in the early days was a big event. The attorneys attended all the courts whether they had a case on the docket or not. Colonel Seay was a familiar figure at all the courts and he had a large practice.

He lived in a community with strong Southern tendencies when the Civil War broke out. He sided with the Union and raised the first Federal flag in Crawford County. He organized a company which went into the war under Colonel John S. Phelps, who subsequently became governor of Missouri. Mr. Seay was promoted from private until he attained the rank of colonel at the close of the war.

He was a Republican in politics. He was elected to the legislature from Crawford County and afterwards served two terms as circuit judge of the Ninth judicial circuit. He made the race two times for Congress against "Silver Dick" Bland and gave the latter the races of his life. He was appointed associate justice of the supreme court of Oklahoma in 1890 by President Harrison and two years later was appointed second territorial governor of Oklahoma.
(Gazette - Jan. 6, 1916)

Jacob Schoffler, one of the old residents of West Plains, died last Friday at noon at his home on West Main Street of apoplexy. He was a veteran of the Civil War and 78 years old. His wife died December 22, of last year. The funeral was held at the family home Sunday afternoon conducted by Elder M. T. Pope, pastor of the Christian church and interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery. John Rollins Post G. A. R., of which Mr. Schofler was a member, took part in the services.

Six sons and daughters survive the deceased. They are Mrs. S. J. Trower and Fred Schofler, both of West Plains; Mrs. Wm. Threlkeld and Jake Schofler of Koshkonong; Mrs. Cyrus Beard and Mrs. H. Weldy, of Wichita, Kan.; Mrs. Nora Scales of South Dakota; Frank Schofler of Webb City, Mo.; and Mrs. Minnie Heinrich, Mound Valley, Kan.
(Gazette, May 10, 1917)

John Seward, a Union veteran, who was stricken with paralysis at his farm home five miles south of town two weeks ago, died on Thursday of last week. His daughter, Miss Marion Seward, of Peek, Okla., was with him in his last illness. The body was shipped to Custer City, Ok., for burial.

Mr. Seward came here some twenty years ago and located on a farm southeast of this city adjoining the home of the late L. M. Summers. The men became great friends and each promised the other that he would care for his friend when they became ill. After Mr. Summers moved to West Plains, and was on his sick bed Mr. Seward came to stay with him, although Mr. Summers had every comfort. When Mr. Seward was stricken, Mark Summers, son of the late L. M. Summers, went to the old veterans home and cared for him. More than $1,000 in money was found saved in the old veteran's underclothes. He lived alone on the farm where he died.

(Gazette, Sept. 6, 1917)

Owen R. Seiberling, one of the old residents of West Plains, died at his home in the northern part of the city on Thursday afternoon of last week from stomach trouble. He was 75 years of age.

Mr. Seiberling came to this city in 1882 from Blue Mound, Ill. He was born June 16, 1845, in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, but early in life moved to Ohio. He was married in early manhood to Eliza Jane Powles, who survives him. She is a sister of Mrs. Ellen Seiberling, of this city, whose late husband, James Seiberling, was Mr. Seiberling's brother. Mr. Seiberling was an active member of John W. Rollins Post G.A.R. of this city for many years. He was a member of the Lutheran church.

Besides his widow he leaves one son, Elsa Seiberling, of Greer, Mo. and three daughters, Mrs. Geo. Bastob, Decatur, Ill.; Mrs. Monroe McFarland, Peace Valley, and Mrs. Charles Betz, Sullivan, Mo.

The funeral services were held at the family home Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. S. L. Roper, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Gazette - May 5, 1921)

On last Saturday morning at 6:00 o'clock at his home on the "Cotton Place," one and one half miles north of West Plains, Andrew J. Sebring, an old soldier 76 years of age, departed this life after a lingering suffering of several weeks with paralysis.

Mr. Sebring came to this county about two years ago from Grennell, Iowa, and bought the home where he died last Saturday. Mr. Sebring was an old Federal soldier, a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge, and a most excellent citizen. He was a man of the kindest disposition, and beloved by all who knew him. Funeral exercises were conducted by Rev. L. Z. Burr at the First Christian church last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was had at Oak Grove cemetery. Deceased leaves a widow and one adopted daughter.

(Journal - Aug. 9, 1906)

Jeremiah A. Shepard, 88 years old, widely known Civil War veteran of West Plains, dropped dead shortly after 6 o'clock Monday night at his home on Summit Street. Heart disease daused his sudden demise.

Well advanced in years, Mr. Shepard was apparently in very good health, although at times he complained that his heart was failing. He was down town as usual Monday looking after some business matters. He ate a hearty meal, after which he and his wife were seated about the family fireside when he suddenly leaned back in his chair, gasped for breath and then died. Efforts of his wife and neighbors to revive him proved futile. When a physician arrived he had been dead for several minutes.

Forty-five years ago, following the completion of the railroad through this country, Mr. Shepard and family moved from Muncie, Ind., to West Plains. They located on a farm on the West Plains and Bakersfield road four miles southwest of town. There they established the Shepard hog ranch and Mr. Shepard engaged in stock raising and fruit growing. Some twenty-five years ago Mr. Shepard and family moved to town.

Born in Franklin County, Indiana, Mr. Shepard grew to manhood in that vicinity. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted under the Stars and Stripes in Company B, 8th Indiana volunteers. Later he became a member of Co. A, 19th Indiana volunteers. He was discharged from the service on account of ill health, but re-enlisted in time to take part in the battle of Gettyburg, one of the memorable conflicts of the war.

When the war was over Mr. Shepard located in Ohio. He was married August 8, 1868, to Miss Mary A. Patterson, of Pickway, Ohio. They moved to Muncie, Indiana, where Mr. Shepard prospered in the mercantile business for several years. Mrs. Shepard died here in January, 1891. On July 5th, last, Mr. Shepard was married here to Miss Laura Homrighausen, a professional nurse of this city, who survives him.

His only son, Walter Shepard, a traveling salesman, with his wife, was at Rolla when notified of his father's death. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard drove to Columbia for their daughter, Miss Mary Shepard, who is the only granddaughter of Mr. Shepard. They arrived here Tuesday morning. Mr. Shepard is also survived by one brother, 94 years old, residing in Kansas.

For many years Mr. Shepard has been a devout member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a lover of music and before coming here was a leader of a band. He played a horn for many years in the choir of his church here. He also was a lover of flowers, especially roses, and his flower gardens were the height of his dreams and ambition. He had considerable property in this city and stood high in the community.

His funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the family residence on Summit street, at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Sam L. Roper, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Burial was in Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Gazette - Dec. 6, 1928)

Hubbard S. Short, of company H, 23 regiment Iowa Volunteers, who was enrolled Aug. 20, 1862, died June 22, 1899, at the age of about 70 years. The funeral took place at Homeland cemetery Friday.

The deceased was a Christian gentleman, a good and patriotic citizen and was highly respected by all who knew him. He was a son-in-law of H. M. Thompson, of this city.

He leaves a helpless family of four children, the eldest, a boy, being only 15 years old, and three girls 2, 4, and 9 years of age. The bereaved have the sympathy of the community in their affliction.

(Journal - June 29, 1899)

The pioneer settlers who came to this county are rapidly passing on, the last to answer the call being Jacob Shoffler who died at his home on West Main Friday morning from a stroke of paralysis. "Uncle Jake" had been in poor health for some time. He was born in Ohio 78 years ago and came to Howell County before the war, in which he served as a Union soldier. The family lived on a farm on South Fork until a few years ago when they bought a house in town. His wife died in December of last year and he is survived by nine children: Mrs. Sam Trower and Fred Shoffler of West Plains, Mrs. Will Threlkeld and Jake Shoffler of Koshkonong, Mrs. H. Weldy and Mrs. Cyrus Beard of Wichita, Kans., Frank Shoffler of Webb City, Mrs. Nora Scales of South Dakota, and Mrs. Minnie Heinrich of Mound Valley, Kans.

The funeral was held Sunday with Martin T. Pope officiating and the G.A.R. of which the decedent was a member, having charge.
(Journal - May 10, 1917)

Arthur Sherwood was born in England, August 16, 1826. He came to America when he was about 25 years of age. He died at the home of his son-in-law, J. H. Wilks on South Fork, Saturday, Sept. 9, 1905.

He was married to Jane Avis. To this union was born six daughters, five of which survive him. His wife died several years ago.

He professed faith in Christ and united with the M. E. church many years ago, and has lived a faithful Christian life till the end came. He served in the Union army, belonging to Company F, 43 Regiment of Illinois Infantry. He also belonged to Colby Post G. A. R. No. 301, Greenville, Ill. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. E. Overton, Sunday, Sept. 10, 1905 and the remains were interred in the Homeland cemetery.
(Journal - Sept. 14, 1905)

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interested and allowed $10 for his services; decree granted to plaintiff.

Kelly-Goodfellow Shoe Co vs J B Sally, on forthcoming bond; dismissed for want of prosecution.

R J Harris vs J Chitwood, partition; dismissed by plaintiff.

Wm H Hughes vs Anna B Hughes, to quiet title; continued.

D H Thuma vs A J Gibson, to quiet title; decree for plaintiff.

D H Thuma vs Q E Peace, to quiet title; decree for plaintiff.

Henry O Calhoun vs C P Thomas, to quiet title; decree for plaintiff.

W F Chapin vs John Wood, to quiet title; decree for plaintiff.

Grace Padgett vs Bank of Mountain View, injunction; continued.

H G Campbell vs Frisco Railroad, damages; trial by court and judgment for plaintiff for $242.40.

Mollie May vs Walter May, divorce; dismissed.

Thos Wilcox was granted a divorce from Bertha Wilcox on the grounds of desertion.

Maggie McDonald vs E W McDonald, divorce; granted.

Martha Murry was granted a divorce from James Murry and awarded the custody of their child.

James Sutton vs Sarah Sutton, divorce; continued.

Leona Atkinson vs Jesse Atkinson, continued.

Emma Whitehead was granted a divorce from Thomas Whitehead and given the custody of their child.

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DIED WHILE ON DUTY

D. L. Shoup, Night Watchman Suddenly Stricken.

He Had Been A Resident Of West Plains Many Years And Was Universally Respected.

D. L Shoup, city night watchman of West Plains for the last twelve years, died very suddenly about 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning while attending to his duties. Death was due to heart failure, and he expired a few minutes after being stricken.

It has been Mr. Shoup's custom to awaken persons who desire to depart on any of the night trains. He was on his way to get someone for the west bound fast train and in front of the home of C. R. Luster on Cleveland avenue Mr. Shoup was stricken. He seemed to realize his condition and had the presence of mind to draw his revolver and fire three shots to attract attention as he lay helpless on the sidewalk.

Several persons heard the shots and came to the scene. Mr. Luster and son, Lewis Luster, assisteb Mr. Shoup and took him into their home. He spoke only a few words and it could be seen that his condition was serious. While someone went for a physician, others summoned the members of his family, who reside two blocks away. Mr. Shoup lingered for a few minutes and died before his wife reached his side. The body was taken to his home and soon the news of Mr. Shoup's death spread throughout the city.

"Dad" Shoup, as he was familiarly called, had resided in West Plains since 1892. He came here that year with his family from Viola, Ark., where he had been acting as guager. For eight years prior to his residence here he was in the employ of the government internal revenue department. Soon after coming here Mr. Shoup became a private watchman, and carefully inspected the premises of his patrons throughout the night to guard against fires and burglars. He is known to have discover several services were conducted at the family home by Rev. J. H. Glanville, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The many beautiful floral tributes showed the esteem in which Mr. Shoup was held. A large concourse of sorrowing friends and comrades followed the remaines to Oak Grove cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed and the body laid to rest to await the bugle call from on high.

Big Land Deal.

One of the largest land deals made this year in Southern Missouri was closed last week by the Koshkonong Land Company composed of T. M. Culver and J. T. Richardson, at Koshkonong. Colorado parties purchased 240 acres of the Oregon County Orchard Company's peach orchards for a consideration of $36,000.

Two weeks ago a party of Colorado fruit growers from the peach growing district of Colorado visited Koshkonong and their eyes were opened at the extent of the peach growing industry in that vicinity and the returns orchard owners have been getting. The result was that these Colorado parties made an offer for a part of the Oregon Orchard Company orchards and the offer was accepted.

Several years ago T. M. Culver, manager of the Oregon County Orchard Company, bought this 240 acre tract at a nominal price. The timber, cord wood and fence posts taken from the land brought enough to pay for it, and the rocks hauled off and crushed paid all the expenses of labor and cost of setting out the trees.

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Embezzling Cases.

In the Ozark county circuit court at Gainesville last week several cases against county officials of Christian county charged with embezzlement of public funds, were up for trial. W. E. Renfro, prosecuting attorney of Christian county, is assisted by A. H. Livingston, of this city, in the prosecution of these cases. They were taken to Ozark county on a change of venue.

There are several charges against John Hayes, former collector, of Christian county. One case for the embezzlement of state funds was dismissed. In another case against Hayes for embezzlement Judge Moore, who presided, quashed the information for the reason that the circuit clerk of Christian county had failed to endorse thereon the date of the filing. From this ruling the State's attorneys appealed to the higher courts.

W. B. Langley, ex-county treasurer of Christian county, is also charged with embezzlement and a continuance was taken in his case. The fight on part of the state is to save the cases from the statute of limitation. There were other shortages discovered by the expert accountant, L. U. Crawford, of Kansas City, who examined the books of the officials of Christian county, but the offenders were not prosecuted as the offenses had been committed more than three years ago and prosecution was barred.

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Mr. Shoup was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in an Ohio regiment and fighting for the stars and stripes throughout the memorable struggle between the North and the South. He was a member of John Rollins Post, G. A. R., of this city, and was beloved by all his old comrades. A wife and five daughters, Misses Mayme, Josie, Bessie, Essie and Hattie, survive him. The oldest daughter, Miss Mayme Shoup, has for some time been employed in the telephone office at Wynnewood, Okla., and left at once for West Plains on being notified of the death of her father.

The sudden passing away of "Dad" Shoup shows the uncertainty of life. In the early hours of the night he was about town, happy and in his usual cheerful way, always friendly with everyone. A few hours later he was stricken, but still retaining his mental faculties so he could make an alarm and summons aid. When asked if he was hurt, his only reply was, "No, I was just trying to attract attention." His lantern, which he always carried at night was near by, and he still gripped his revolver. His life was fast ebbing away, and soon he was dead.

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It is learned from newspaper reports coming from Springfield that Rev. Sullens who was in the lead, had fired a shot at a covey of quail and as he turned around Mr. Jared pulled his gun to shoot at a rabbit that ran across their path. The gun went off accidentally and the load struck the minister just below the right vest pocket. He lived only a short time.

Mr. Jared, who is completely prostrated over the accident, is a former resident of Howell county. He is married to a daughter of G. C. Endecott, a well known Spring Creek farmer. Mr. Jared is engaged with his brother in the furniture business at Springfield.

Signed For Next Season.

Ralph Ward, the well known base ball player of this city, has just received a contract to play next season with the Oklahoma City team of the Western Association, and will report for duty at that place early in the spring. "Red" Ward, as he known to all lovers of the national game, is one of the best young shortstops who played in the Arkansas league last year. Originally he was signed by Oklahoma City and then loaned for the season to the Argenta club of the Arkansas league. He made good with that team, and has been reserved by Oklahoma City for next season. He is a comer, and will be one of the best in the business as he gains experience.

Capt. J. T. Simpson, of South Fork, aged 70 years, a veteran of the Civil War, died suddenly at 11 a.m. Wednesday of heart failure. He had started in his carriage for a sale; about a mile from home he was stricken and taken to Mr. Story's. His wife was summoned, but he died before she reached him.

The children, Harry, Minnie, and Grace, were telegraphed for. Harry, who resides in northern California, could not get here for five days and so did not deem it best to come. But for a mistake in the sending of the telegram, Minnie would have been here this morning, but now will not be here until tonight. Grace arrived at 3 a.m. and is at G. H. Carter's home.

The body reached here at noon and the funeral will be tomorrow, but the hour has not been decided at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Reese, close friends of the deceased and family, went to South Fork as soon as they received the news of his death.

Captain Simpson was a Christian gentleman, always kind, pleasant and genial, ever ready to do all he could for the betterment of humanity; the best of men, and his loss is keenly felt by all. His death comes as a great shock and grief to all. May God comfort the bereaved, especially the wife, on whom the blow falls most heavily.
(Journal - Mar. 1, 1906)

Capt. Thos. J. Simpson was born at Providence, R. I., on February 24, 1836, and died sudenly at South Fork, Missouri, Wednesday, February 28, 1906, aged 70 years and 4 days.

With his parents he removed when but a child to Illinois, where he grew up to man's estate. At the outbreak of the Civil War, August 12, 1861, he enlisted in Co. B, 2nd Illinois cavalry. He was honorably discharged as captain of Company M of the regiment, on January 1, 1866, having served more than four years. As a soldier on the campaign and on the field, he was true and faithful, ever ready to do whatever duty was assigned him at whatever cost or danger.

When nineteen years of age he united with the Christian church, of which his parents were members. He and his beloved wife became members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1869, and he was elected and ordained an elder of the church at West Plains, filling that sacred office until his removal to Kansas. During his residence in West Plains and vicinity he was ever an exemplary Christian and a faithful worker in church and Sabbath school. After his return from Kansas he resumed his church work with zeal and loving fidelity.

Capt. Simpson was married in Lincoln County, Illinois, to Sidna Bryan on January 18, 1868, to whom he ever proved a most devoted and loving husband. To them were born three children, one son, Harry M. Simpson of Sonora, California, and two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Morton, of Canton, Kansas, and Miss Grace D. Simpson, of Topeka, Kansas.

Capt. Simpson was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was the first commander of the post in this city. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his lodge membership being at Burrton, Kansas. In all the relations of life, Capt. Simpson was the same genial christian gentleman, warm-hearted and true. He was a devoted husband, an affectionate father, a loyal comrade to his old soldier friends, an excellent neighbor, and above all an earnest Christian and a first-class American citizen.

The funeral services were conducted Friday forenoon at the First Presbyterian Church. The G.A.R., I.O.O.F., and Co. K were in attendance. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. Rev. D. B. Whimster conducted the services in his usual impressive manner.
(Journal - Mar. 8, 1906)

Prominent Pioneer Of Oregon County Dies

Capt. J. J. Sitton, Father Of Mrs. T. B. Kilpatric, One of Most Highly Respected Citizens.

Friends in West Plains have just learned of the death of Capt. John J. Sitton, one of the wealthiest and most prominent pioneer residents of Oregon county, which occurred Thursday at his home in Garfield, a quaint old town in Oregon county, ten miles south of Alton. Death was due to Bright's disease.

Capt. Sitton was well known in West Plains. He was the father of Mrs. T. B. Kilpatric, formerly of this city but now of Chico, Cal., and for many years was a frequent visitor here. He was one of the most extensive land owners of Oregon county and his charming old fashioned home at Garfield stands on a high and picturesque hill overlooking hundreds of acres of his fertile land in the valleys of Elevenpoints river.

For many years Capt. Sitton was engaged in the mercantile business at Garfield and he also engaged in farming and stock breeding.

Capt. Sitton was born at Palmer, Washington county, July 5, 1842, and came to Oregon county in 1856. He taught school in Oregon county for several years and served the county as superintendent of public instruction. He also held the office of sheriff and collector for years and in 1883 was elected presiding judge of the county court.

Capt. Sitton was a devout Baptist, a staunch democrat and a Mason of high standing. As a soldier he had quite a brilliant career during the Civil War, and throughout his life he cherished the Confederate flag, under which he fought and with which he was buried Friday, when the Confederate burial service was read at his grave by an old comrade.

During the war Capt. Sitton took part in a number of important battles. He was a color bearer at the battle of Wilson Creek, being at that time enlisted with the First Missouri guards. Later he enlisted with the Fourth Missouri Infantry and soon rose to the rank of captain in Company G, Fristo's regiment of Marmaduke's division. He was shot through the body at Big Blue, during Gen. Price's famous raid, and although his life was despaired of he finally recovered after a prolonged confinement in the hospitals at St. Louis and Kansas City.

Besides Mrs. Kilpatric, the decedant is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Laura Hall of Garfield, and two sons, Rev. Albert Sitton of Crocker, Mo. and Elgin Sitton of Garfield. Mrs. Sitton, who before her marriage was Miss Nancy George, died several years ago. She was a cousin of the late Dr. P. T. Pitts, of West Plains.

Mrs. Kilpatric, who for a number of years has been in very frail health, was unable to make the trip from California to be at her father's bedside during his last illness.

Daily Quill - July 20, 1915

Franklin A. Smith, who resided on North St. Louis street for many years and had a little green house near the Markham Hill, died Sunday in the Federal Soldier's Home at St. James, Mo., after a short illness. Mr. Smith's wife died in this city last March and then he went with his adopted son Theo Smith, to Sapulpa, Okla., to made his home. He remained there only a short time, when he went to the Federal Soldiers Home at St. James. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the Soldiers Home.
(Gazette - Nov. 21, 1918)

An old soldier by the name of Smith, living near the Crumley farm, died last night and was buried this morning.

(Journal - Feb. 23, 1899)

J. P. Sloan, an old and respected resident of the city, died suddenly of heart disease at his home on Missouri Avenue about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Sloan was a veteran of the war, and suffered from wounds received while battling for the Union cause. He was an upright man, a quiet, unostentatious citizen, and had many warm friends in the community, who deplore his death and sympathize with his family. He was about 57 years of age, and is survived by his wife and two grown daughters. He was a member in good standing of the I. O. O. F., and the local lodge of that order took charge of the funeral at his late residence Tuesday afternoon and conducted the interment at the city cemetery.
(Howell County News - Aug. 9, 1895)

UNCLE DICK SMITH TO GREAT BEYOND

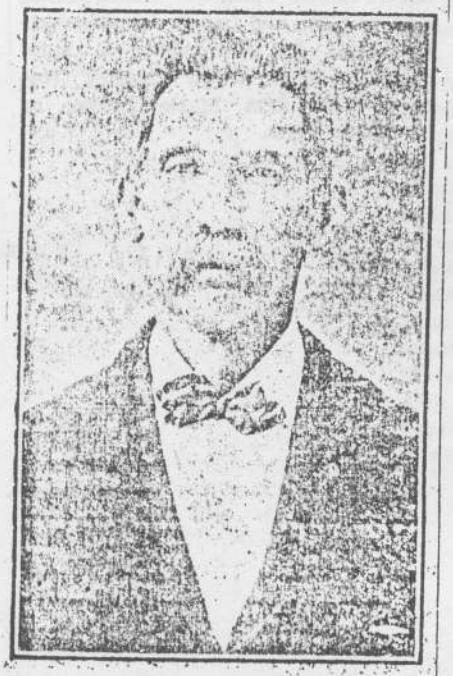
VETERAN SOLDIER AND HUNTER DIED SATURDAY.

His Great Grandfather Smith Was Tomahawked Near Here By A Delaware Indian Chieftain.

The death of R. G. ("Uncle Dick") Smith at his home in Mountain View Saturday morning at 6:30 o'clock took away one of Howell county's oldest and best known citizens. He was 88 years old. His funeral was held in the Baptist church at Mountain View Sunday and burial was in the Barnett cemetery on Gunter's Valley.

"Uncle Dick" Smith, as he was known to all old settlers of this section, was born in a hunter's camp on Current river in Shannon county, August 11,1842. His parents died when he was a small boy and he went to make his home with his grandfather, R. D. G. Smith, one of the first white settlers in this part of the state who came to Thomasville, Oregon county, in 1814, from Slaughtersville, Ky.

In the party of Kentuckians who made the first settlement in this



R. G. ("UNCLE DICK") SMITH

part of the Ozarks were Richard Perkins, John Hodge, Jacob Perryhouse, William Thomas, Granddad Huddleston, William Smith and R. D. G. Smith, great grandfather of "Uncle Dick" Smith. These men all had large families and located on Barren Fork and Elevenpoints river near Thomasville.

The country was full of Indians in these days. Everywhere there were deer, elk, bear, turkey, wolves and panthers. No one suffered for meat. A man could take his gun and go out in the woods and in a short time return with almost any kind of game he desired. Some of the wild animals were very dangerous and it was not safe to go far away from home alone.

"Uncle Dick" Smith's great grandfather, William Smith, had his brains hacked out by an Indian. He went with a party of hunters over on Jack's Fork in Shannon county. They camped at what is now known as Cold Spring, where the two prongs of Jack's Fork river combine. The hunters left Grandfather Smith at camp to skin and prepare the wild meat. When they returned to camp they found the old man lying on the ground his head was split open with a tomahawk and he had been scalped. His son, John Smith, never made peace with the Indians, for he killed redskins on the sly as long as he lived.

In the early part of August, 1842, the parents of "Uncle Dick" Smith went with a hunting party to the Mahan and McCormick settlement at the mouth of Jack's Fork on Current river. Here the subejct of this sketch was born August 11,1842, in a hunter's camp. When about three months old his parents went to the Elevenpoints colony and took up a claim two miles above Thomasville. One of "Uncle Dick's" aunts told him that he was the smallest baby she ever saw. They had nothing with which to weigh him but she guessed he weighed two and one-half pounds. She put a teacup over his head and only the tips of his ears were left out.

It took stout hearts to fight the battles of life in the early days of this country. In the winter, when became very cold and there was sno on the ground wolves would co around the cabin homes. Mr. Smi said they kept dogs to protect the selves and their stock. Panthers we also dangerous. One day, when mother was returning home with l little sister from the field the chi began crying. An old panther hea her and came very near, making hi eous noises. Mrs. Smith picked child up in her arms and ran to t house. She called the dogs and th "treed" the panther, which was sh by Mrs. Smith. Another time, wh Mr. Smith was away hunting with t dogs, a panther came around t house. Mrs. Smith bolted the doo put the children upon the bed, a they watched the prowling anim through the cracks of the cabin.

"Uncle Dick" Smith spent his bo hood days around Thomasville, whi was then the county seat of Oreg county, and included all the territo now embraced in Oregon, Howe Shannon and Carter counties. H hunted and fished, tilled the soil a did farm work. In 1858 his gran parents died, both within three da

A longing to wander took posses ion of "Uncle Dick" and in 1861 went to Nebraska, working for mo than a year in that state, Kansa and Iowa. In August, 1862, he becam homesick and came back to Thoma ville.

War clouds had been hovering ov the states and now the scenes of ho tilities shifted. Troops came throu this country, first the Union soldie and then the Confederates. One li marched southward the other can north. Bands of bushwhackers preye on the people, pillaging and killin

About the first of September, 186 "Uncle Dick" procured some provi ions and after dark left his home. H walked to Billy Goldsberry's, in th northern part of Howell county, an thence to Rolla. He traveled at nig and slept in the woods during th daytime. He reached Rolla Septembe 12. There he found Harry M. She man, a recruiting officer, and the nex day enlisted in Company A 12t Missouri cavalry. The following Apr he was made a corporal and in Jun he became a sergeant. He was i twenty-eight battles and skirmishe during the Civil War. His regimen operated under General Hat

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through Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and Tenessee. He was in camp at Gravely Springs, Miss., when news came of General Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

On May 12, 1865, after peace was declared, the troops were ordered from Ft. Gravely to St. Louis. Uncle Dick thought they were going home. But he was mistaken. At St. Louis the companies and regiments were consolidated and a new brigade formed. The men were given fresh horses and equipped in fine shape. They were ordered to Omaha and thence to the Black Hills to fight the Indians.

The first Indian battle in which, "Uncle Dick" took part was on September 10 at the mouth of Powder river. There were Indians by the thousands and they attacked the troops. They kept up the fight for five successive days. Other troops under General Conner was fighting the Redmen on Yellowstone and completely routed them. This ended the Indian war at the time. The troops returned to Ft. Laramie, Wyo., at the mouth of Laramie river about October 20. There "Uncle Dick" remained all winter with the troops and early in March they were ordered to Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. There they were mustered out. Of the 128 men originally in "Uncle Dick's" company there were only 22 when mustered out. He returned to Howell county April 17, 1886.

The foulowing year he was married to Miss Nancy C. Taylor. He took up a homestead in the northeast part of this county, near where Mountain View is now located, lived there 15 years and moved from there to a farm on Gunter's Valley northeast of West Plains. For two years he resided there and then bought a farm two and one-half miles northeast of West Plains, remaining on that place 22 years. The farm is now owned by his son-in-law, Judge C. R. Spradlin.

Then "Uncle Dick" bought a home in West Plains. He was a carpenter and a good one. Active and progressive in all public matters, he was elected alderman in this city in 1904. Those were stormy days in the history of West Plains. The council meetings were the battle ground for all city affairs and "Uncle Dick" was one of the fighters with plenty of backbone. He contended for what he thought was right and fought for it.

In 1915 Mr. Smith moved from West Plains to Mountain View, where he since has resided, living a happy and contented life. Last summer he came here for a day's visit, but he was very feeble. He recognized old friends and his voice was just as vigorous as ever. But a few days ago he contracted a cold and Saturday morning, just as daylight was breaking, his spirit passed onward, ending an eventful career filled with many adventures.

Ten years ago "Uncle Dick" had a casket made in West Plains from native walnut lumber. The lumber was sawed near this city and a local cabinet maker made the casket The casket was neatly finished and for the last ten years was kept in the Smith home at Mountain View. At the time the casket was made Mr. Smith bought his burial clothes, and kept them in the casket and he was buried in these clothes,as he requested

After the death of his first wife, Mr. Smith married Mrs. Mary Dixon Murphy, January 31, 1900. She survives him. He leaves two daughters and three sons by his first marriage—Mrs. C. R. Spradlin, West Plains;Mrs. Addie Winningham, Rawlings, Wyo.; Albert Smith, Tulsa,Ok.; Louis Smith, Kansas City, and Lee Smith, Manhattan, Kan. He also leaves a stepdaughter, Mrs. Virgil Smalley, formerly Miss Ella Marie Dixon, of Mountain View.

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UNCLE LEVI SMITH DIES AT OLD AGE

HE CAME TO HOWELL COUNTY IN THE YEAR 1853

Seventy Years Ago He Hunted Deer And Bear Where West Plains Now Stands.

Levi Smith, oldest resident of Howell county in number of years spent here, died Sunday night, October 25 at his home in the southwestern suburbs of this city. His death was due to inflamation of the liver and other ailments incident with old age. He was 87 years old and had resided in Howell county for seventy-three years.

Coming to Howell county from North Carolina at the age of fifteen years, Levi Smith found only a wilderness inhabited by game, a few settlers and roving bands of Indians. This was in 1853, and five years later Howell county was organized through an act of the state legislature by taking a slice from Oregon county.

There were a few families residing in the valley east of the big spring, when Levi Smith came to this county in 1853. Josiah Howell had homesteaded the farm now owned by Mrs. Geo. T. Lewis. There was nothing where West Plains now stands except blue stem grass, which grew to great height in the early days of the country. Mr. Smith's favorite hunting ground was around the big spring, located on the lots where the government some day will erect a public building.

Mr. Smith once chased a bear from the spring to a spot where the depot now stands, and killed him there. Later on he chased a deer with dogs and caught the animal near the place where the mule barn is now located on East Cleveland avenue. He remembered when the first cabin was built in West Plains.

When the Civil war broke out Mr. Smith enlisted in the Union army served under the Stars and Stripes until that memorable conflict was over. After the war there were some exciting times in this country. Mr. Smith served as deputy sheriff when Hugh Cordell was sheriff. Cordell was killed by a bushwhacker, whom he attempted to arrest but got his man with a shot after he fell. Smith then became sheriff and of Howell county, recently was here

Mr. Smith was hale and hearty until a short time ago. He attributed his long life to sobriety and the healthful climate of Howell county. He never tasted whisky and had used little tobacco. He never wore glasses. He was a crack shot and even in his late years of life his greatest pleasure was to tumble a squirrel from the tallest tree, using a rifle, and always hitting the squirrel between the eyes.

Many times Mr. Smith has related to the younger generation stories of pioneer days in Howell county. Deer were so numerous that he says he "wore out his teeth eating venison." Wild turkey were so plentiful that he once stood in the same spot and killed eleven just as fast as he could crack down on them.

For many years Mr. Smith lived on a farm in the fertile valley south of West Plains. Here he had great success and amassed a comfortable fortune. Until recently he was able to plow corn, drive posts or do heavy farm work all day long. For more than seventy years he watched the growth of the country from a wild wilderness to one of happy homes and contented people.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, Mrs. Lizzie Morrison Smith, and five sons and two daughters. These are Charles and Earl Smith, of West Plains, Mrs. H. A. Taylor, Mrs. Lou Gates and Edward Smith, Fay, Okla.; Alfred Smith, Broken Arrow, Okla. He also leaves two brothers, Wm. Smith, of Waller, Texas, and Monroe Smith, Arcadia, Kan., and a sister, Mrs. George Davis, of West Plains.

The funeral services were held at the family home Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. E. Nestor, pastor of the First Baptist church of which Mr. Smith was a life long member. Burial was in Oak Lawn cemetery, where Mr. Smith helped bury the first three persons laid to rest in this burial ground.

Gazette - Oct. 29, 1925

L. H. SMITH DIES AT THE AGE OF 81 YEARS

Luke Harvey Smith, aged 81 years, died at 7:30 Sunday morning at his home on Worcester avenue, after a illness of six years, most of which time he has been bed ridden.

Mr. Smith was born in North Umberland county, England, April 28, 1846, coming to the United States in 1863. He became a miner and followed that trade for a great many years.

He was married to an Owensboro, Ky., girl, who died a few years after their marriage, leaving a son. The on joined the navy many years ago, and has never been heard of since, and is presumeably dead.

After coming to this country Mr. Smith served with the Union army throughout the Civil war, being in many decisive engagements, but never did enlist, and consequently was never enrolled as a soldier, and did not receive a pension.

Thirty-seven years ago Mr. Smith was married in Whittewell, Tenn., to Miss Della Mathews, who survives him. Twenty-eight years ago they moved to a farm near Olden, later moving closer to West Plains. A number of years ago they purchased the home on Worcester avenue where Mr. Smith's death occurred, and where he and his wife engaged in truck gardening until Mr. Smith's health failed.

The body was removed from the home to the Davis-Ross undertaking parlors, where it remained until two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when it was taken to the First Presbyterian church, where funeral services were held. Mr. Smith had been a member of the Presbyterian church for many years. The services were conducted by the Rev. Sam L. Roper, and interment was made at the Mackey cemetery near Pomona.

Journal - Nov. 24, 1927

Friday at about eleven o'clock Josiah Sowers was found at his home seven miles north of town by the woman who came to his house to do the work, dead. He has been in poor health several years and was a subject of heart disease. When found he was lying in the door, his body being partly on the porch. He seems to have died instantly. His neck was broken. The funeral was held today.

He was an old soldier, was well up in years, and had been living alone since the death of his wife some years ago. It is said he feared he would die sometime when alone, as he has done.

(Journal - June 12, 1902)

H. S. Spradlin, an ex-Confederate veteran and for almost sixty years a resident of Howell County, died last Thursday afternoon, January 20, at his home near Olden. He had been in frail health for some time and his death was due to paralysis.

Mr. Spradlin was born and reared to young manhood in Tennessee. He joined the Confederate army soon after the outbreak of the Civil War and fought for the Lost Cause until the war was over. Soon afterwards he moved to Howell County, locating on a farm in Peace Valley. There he made his home for many years, only a few years ago moving to his last home near Olden. He was a member of the Southern Methodist Church, which he joined a number of years ago.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, three daughters, Mrs. C. E. Kimberlin, of West Plains; Mrs. John Reish, Peace Valley; and Mrs. John Henry, Independence, Mo.; and two sons, J. W. Spradlin, of Pomona, and John Spradlin, of Liberal, Kansas. All of the sons and daughters were with their father when he passed away.

The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock at New Hope cemetery.

Captain S. B. Sproule, editor of the South-Missourian at Alton, one of the best-known newspaper men in the state, died at his home Sunday night after a long illness. Captain Sproule came to this section from Kansas a number of years ago. He was an ex-confederate veteran and four years ago was decorated with an iron cross by the Daughters of the Confederacy at West Plains. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and had a great many warm friends.

(Gazette - Apr. 29, 1909)

Pioneer White Church Farmer Dies

"Uncle" Henry Stein, Member of Pprominent German Family Resident of Howell County 30 Years.

The passing of another prominent and highly respected pio neer settler of Howell county was marked yesterday afternoon in the death of "Uncle" Henry Stein, which occurred at 6 o'clock at the Stein home at White Church.

Mr. Stein, who was 75 years old, was one of the early pioneer settlers of Peace Valley, and was a member of one of the prominent German families who were instrumental in establishing the German Catholic settlement and St. Joseph's church at White Church. He was born in Germany and came to America at the age of fifteen. For many years he resided near Herman, the famous German village of North Missouri, and came from that place to Howell county 30 years ago.

Like many of his German kinsmen, Mr. Stein served his adopted country in the Union army during the Civil war and was a loyal American citizen until his death.

Besides his aged widow, the decedent is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Louie Boss, of near Pomona, Mrs. Stan Kenega, White Church, Mrs. Will Laswell, of Siloam Springs and Mrs. John Hendrix, of White Church. Three nephews and one neice, Ben, Mike and Henry Stein, and Mrs. Walter Clemmons, also reside in and near White Church.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at White Church by Rev. Fr. Daniel Courtney of St. Joseph's parish, and interment will be made in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Daily Quill - March 9, 1915

George W. Stout, who had lived in Howell County for more than forty years, died in this city Saturday after a long illness of a complication of diseases. He was 83 years of age. Mr. Stout was born in Virginia and when the war of the states broke out he enlisted in the Confederate army and fought until the close of the memorable conflict. He received a pension from the state of Missouri. He was married twice, first to Miss Louisa Coffey and after her death he married Mrs. Louisa McLarney, who survives. Four children by his first wife also survive. They are Mrs. Belle Drumright, Mrs. Lewis Drumright, Mrs. Warren Coffey, all of this city, and Mrs. Eugene Coursey, of Denver, Colo., and one son, Wm. Stout, who makes his home on a farm near this place. Rev. J. L. Chestnut conducted the funeral services at Lone Pine church northwest of this city Sunday and the body was laid to rest in Lone Pine cemetery.
(Gazette - Mar. 13, 1919)

Taps sounded Sunday morning just after daybreak for Benjamin F. Stacey, age 88, Confederate veteran, and the last surviving member of General Jo O. Shelby Camp No. 630, United Confederate Veterans of West Plains. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Arnold, on Woodland Avenue after a long illness from heart trouble.

Mr. Stacey was a Kentuckian, and was born at Louisville. Nearly half a century ago he moved to Howell County and located on a farm near Pottersville, where he and his family resided for many years. Some fifteen years ago he moved to town. His wife whom he married in Kentucky in 1864, died here two years ago.

The old veteran is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Frank Bacon, Mrs. Charles Hull, and Mrs. John Snodgrass, of West Plains, and Mrs. Frank McMillin, of Chicago. He also leaves a sister, Miss Jane Stacey, who has been blind many years.

Rev. John T. Wilson conducted the funeral services in the new Pentecostal church on Leyda Avenue, assisted by Rev. A. Mustion.

(Gazette - Sept. 12, 1929)

Death came as a relief to the sufferings of Abner Taylor, a veteran of the Civil War, last Thursday at noon at the boarding house of James Karr on Washington Avenue. He was 75 years of age and had been in failing health for some time.

Taylor had made West Plains his home for several years. He owned some property in this county and had considerable means.

Several weeks ago Taylor engaged O. F. Wayland, of the law firm of Green, Wayland, and Green, to bring a suit for divorce in his behalf against his wife, Edna Taylor, from whom he had been separated for a number of years. He gave as the grounds for divorce that his wife abused him and refused to live with him as his wife. The case was set for trial at the March term of court, but death has given Taylor an eternal separation.

W. D. Taylor, of Fort Scott, a son of the deceased, came to West Plains when notified of the death of his father. He had the remains prepared for shipment to Fort Scott, the old family home, where they were interred.
(Gazette - Jan. 16, 1913)

George W. Tabor, better known as Uncle George, Union veteran and pioneer Spring Creek farmer, died at his home in West Plains Friday morning following a long illness. He was 82 years old and died from heart trouble.

Mr. Tabor was born in Morgan County, Tennessee, April 2, 1842. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted under the Stars and Stripes and fought until the close of the war. In 1871 he moved with his family from Tennessee to Howell county, locating on a farm on Spring Creek near Pottersville. Here Mr. Tabor made his home until a few years ago when he and his wife moved to this city. She died two years ago.

The deceased leaves three sons and six daughters. These are Tom Tabor and Mrs. J. H. Wilson of West Plains; B. H. Tabor, McAlester, Ok.; Wm. Tabor, Eldorado, Kan.; Mrs. Samuel Bowman, Crawford, Tenn.; Mrs. J. E. Mudd, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. C. J. Yates, Lawrence, Kansas; Mrs. Walter Tabor, Olympia, Wash.; and Mrs. H. J. Hahn, San Francisco. Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Hahn, Mrs. Walter Tabor, and Wm. Tabor were with their father when he passed away.

The body was conveyed to Pottersville Sunday afternoon and laid to rest in the Pottersville cemetery beside his departed wife.
(Gazette - Apr. 17, 1924)

Mr. Stowers, an old Union soldier, died last Saturday at his home 4 miles northwest of Dora, after a prostration of two weeks from paralysis. Funeral services were held the following day and interment took place at the Hale graveyard. Comrade Stowers was quite advanced in years. Three grown sons survive him.
(Howell County News - June 8, 1900)

In the death of Gideon B. Thomas, which occurred in this city Friday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earl Evans, West Plains and Howell County loses another pioneer citizen who made history for this part of the state. For several years Mr. Thomas had been in failing health and recently his condition became serious. His children were summoned to his bedside and all were with him when the end came.

Mr. Thomas was one of the best known men in this county. He was born on Little Sox Creek in Greene County, Missouri, March 7, 1848, and was the son of Blackburn C. Thomas who located in Greene County in 1843, but who came to Howell County in 1859 and located on a homestead near Peace Valley. During the war Blackburn Thomas took his family back to Springfield and remained there until the close of the conflict. In 1866 he came back to Howell County and died here in 1891 when 73 years of age.

The Thomas family is descended from the original Thomas family that came over with Lord Baltimore. They took a keen interest in politics and the early members of the family were Whigs, but after the Civil War affiliated with the Democratic party.

The subject of this sketch attended school in Springfield in his youth. During the war he was in the commissary department of the Union army under Captain See of Springfield. After the war was over he went to Rolla where his education was finished. In 1869 he engaged in the merchandise business with C. T. Bolin and J. R. Galloway, the firm of Bolin, Galloway, and Thomas continuing in business two years. After this Mr. Thomas embarked in the drug business with H. T. Smith, the same continuing two years, when Mr. Thomas was elected clerk of the county and circuit courts and recorder. This office he held four years. When his term expired he became bookkeeper for S. J. Langston and Bro. and was with the firm six years. Then he became interested in the lumber business with his brother-in-law, S. H. Henry. The following year he was elected Mayor of West Plains.

Mr. Thomas was married September 22, 1878, to Miss Mary E. Lasater, daughter of Reuben R. Lasater, formerly of this city, who died in 1875. The Lasater family were of French origin and are numbered among the first settlers of Ste. Genevieve, the first settlement made by the whites in Missouri. The family is related to the Choteaus of St. Louis and Lilbourn W. Boggs, fifth governor of Missouri. Mrs. Thomas died in 1891, leaving four children. They are Mrs. Earl Evans, of West Plains; Misses Mayme and Margaret Thomas, who recently went from this city to Malden to engage in the millinery business; and Blackburn Talmadge Thomas, of Seattle, Wash. All of them were with their father when he passed away. Mrs. Sam H. Henry, of this city, is a sister of Mr. Thomas.

In recent years Mr. Thomas was bookkeeper for the First National Bank, but more recently held a similar position with the Davis-Ross Hardware Company, which he was forced to give up on account of failing health.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church and friends were present to pay their last respects to this noble man. Rev. W. M. White, the pastor, delivered an impressive sermon, and a quartette composed of Messrs. Claude and Charles Bohrer, E. N. Laird, and Dr. T. E. Wilke gave beautiful and solemn selections. The pallbearers were Judge W. M. Evans, E. S. Hogan, W. K. Davis, A. T. Hollenbeck, T. J. Whitmire, and S. J. Langston, all old friends and associates of the deceased. At Oak Lawn cemetery the Masonic burial service was solemnized by District Deputy Grand Master Horace A. Stearns.

For a quarter of a century Mr. Thomas was secretary of Mt. Zion Lodge of this city and his life was an exemplification of all that is good and true of man. He will be missed in his home and by the many friends who honored and respected him.

(Gazette - June 12, 1919)

Willis M. Thompson died at his home in this city Saturday, in the 77th year of his age. He was an old soldier, and his obsequies were conducted by the G. A. R. Post and comrades Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. J. Martin officiating.
(Howell County News - Oct. 23, 1896)

Levius C. Taylor, 83 years old, Union veteran of the Civil War, died Sunday morning at 2:45 o'clock from pneumonia. His death occurred in the Pomona hospital, where he was taken Friday for treatment when he became ill.

Mr. Taylor was born in Wisconsin, where he grew to manhood. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the Union army and fought for the Stars and Stripes until the close of the memorable conflict. He married soon after the close of the war and moved to Kansas. Four children were born of this marriage. After the death of his first wife Mr. Taylor again married, and four children was born of this marriage. His second wife died in 1906. In 1910 Mr. Taylor married Mrs. Nancy Stallcup, of West Plains who survives him.

Mr. Taylor was a devout member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and also a member of John Rollins Post G.A.R. of this city. He was a retired farmer.

Surviving the deceased are his widow and four sons and four daughters, Mrs. Ralvh McMichael, of Day, Mo.; Mrs. Reuben Davis, Spokane, Mo.; and Mrs. R. L. Thomas, of Washburn, Mo., came here Monday to attend the funeral. Other children are Bert Taylor, Oakland, Cal.; Ernest Taylor, Kansas City; Chester Taylor, of Iowa; and a daughter who resides in Canada.

The funeral services were held at the West Main Street Methodist church Tuesday afternoon in the presence of many friends. Burial was in Oak Lawn cemetery.

(Gazette - Mar. 10, 1927)

William Thompson, 90 years old, a well-known pioneer resident of the Peace Valley district northeast of West Plains and better known among his friends as "Uncle Billy", died at his home near the town of Peace Valley, Tuesday, January 8. He had been frail for many months and became critically ill from an attack of influenza a few days before his death.

Mr. Thompson, who was a veteran of the Civil War, having served with the Union army, had been a resident of Howell County for more than fifty years, and was known to many friends in the community in which he lived. His wife died five years ago, but he is survived by two sons, George and Henry Thompson, who reside near Peace Valley, and one daughter, Mrs. A. C. Jones, who resides near Mountain View. One step-son, Joe Childers, who lives near Peace Valley, also survives.

Funeral services for the aged veteran were held at the Mt. Zion church near Peace Valley January 9, by the Rev. Fike, and burial was in Mt. Zion cemetery.

(Weekly Quill - Jan. 17, 1929)

An American flag furnished by the government and secured from the postmaster of West Plains, draped the casket of Jesse Todd, oldest Civil War veteran in this section, who died last week at his home in Mountain View. Mr. Todd was 92 years old, and lived nearly all his life in the vicinity of Mountain View and Hutton Valley. He is survived by one son, George Todd, of Mountain View. Spanish-American war veterans and members of the American Legion took part in the funeral services and burial was in the Mountain View cemetery.

(Gazette - Dec. 3, 1931)

The Kansas City papers announce the death there on May 5, of Frank Titus, veteran of the Civil War. Mr. Titus was 83 years of age and came to Missouri in 1867 and has practiced law there ever since.

He owned a fruit farm near West Plains and was a frequent visitor here.

(Journal - May 19, 1927)

D. H. Thuma, who formerly lived in West Plains, died Memorial Day, at the home of his son, C. W. Thuma, Lonora, Kan. He was 87 years old and a veteran of the Civil War.

Mr. Thuma was born in Lexington, Richland County, Ohio, April 1, 1844. He served during the Civil War as a member of the 163rd regiment Ohio volunteer infantry. He was the father of Mrs. Charles Williams, whose husband was a mailing clerk in the West Plains post office and moved from here to Hollister a number of years ago and operated a pleasure boat, the "Sadie H", on Lake Taneycomo for a long time. Mr. Thuma lived there with them and when they later moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, he accompanied them. He was visiting his son in Kansas when he became ill and died. His remains were buried in his old home town, Lamar, Mo., where his wife was laid to rest sixteen years ago.

(Gazette - June 18, 1931)

Benjamin Franklin Weaver was born Oct. 25, 1839, in England, and died Feb. 20, 1912, at the home of his son-in-law David Mansfield, in West Plains, Mo.

Served three years and six months in the Civil War. He was married to Miss Mary E. Davis on Jan. 28, 1866, and to this union were born thirteen children, seven sons and six daughters, two of whom are living, Anna M. Mansfield and Jas. F. Weaver. The mother of these children died Sept. 9, 1885. A year later Bro. Weaver was again married to Mrs. Fanny Spilman. To this union three sons who survive him, George M., Pearl, and Earl.

All the care and love that an anxious household could devise and apply for his comfort and assistance was given. About twenty-four years ago he obeyed the gospel, under the preaching of Elder Malory. His life was of labor, love and good cheer in hope of eternal life.

The funeral was conducted Friday Feb. 23rd, by the writer, after which the remains were laid to rest by the side of his little granddaughter in West Plains cemetery.

T. V. Foster

(Daily Quill - Feb. 26, 1912)

A. J. Verbick, aged 68 years, died at his home in this city on Thursday of last week after a lingering illness of pneumonia. Mr. Verbick resided for many years near Bly, and moved to the city several years ago. He was an old soldier and had many warm friends throughout the county. He leaves a wife and two sons, O. B. Verbick, whose home is in Arizona, and Robert Verbick, the well known freighter of Bly. The remains were taken to Bly and interred in the cemetery at that place.

(Gazette - Apr. 8, 1909)

Lem Trowbridge died, at his home in this city, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after a long sickness. His funeral was preached at his late residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Elder M. B. Preston, after which the body was taken in charge by the members of John W. Rollins Post, of which he was a member, and laid away in our city cemetery. The old man and the old soldier is dead. Life's battle has been fought and "lights out" has been ordered, and with him

"No more shall the war cry sever,
Or the winding rivers be red."
Sweet be his sleep and easy his rest.

(Daily Gazette - Apr. 11, 1890)

Father Of West Plains Man Dies In Memphis.

Major Martin Walt Quite Well Known Here. Pioneer Riverman and Business Man of Memphis.

Major Martin Walt, of Memphis, Tenn., father of Martin Walt, Jr., of West Plains, died at his home in Memphis, at 5:30 o'clock Saturday evening, after a prolonged illness.

Major Walt, who was 79 years old, was quite well known in West Plains, having been a frequent visitor at the home of his son in this city during the past several years.

Major Walt was a prominent pioneer business man of Memphis, having been engaged in business in that city for 65 years. The following is an extract taken from an account of his death given in the Commercial Appeal of that city:

"Mr. Walt was born in Parkersburg, Va., December 24, 1836, and came to Memphis when this city was a village. He entered the steamboat business and was captain on one of the early packets when only 19 years of age.

"When the Civil War began he went into the Confederate service with Capt. Frank Gailor, of the old staff of the Memphis Avalanche, who was first on the staff of Gen. William H. Carroll. Major Gailor was killed at the battle of Perryville on October 8, 1862, and was succeeded by Martin Walt, his comrade.

"Returning from the war, Major Walt engaged in the feed business on Front street. Later he went into the steamboat business again with his brothers and was interested in a number of boats plying up and down the Mississippi River.

A PIONEER BUSINESS MAN.

"In 1867 he entered the commission business at what is now 60 North Front staeet, and did business at that place for more than 40 years.

"Major Walt is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Guy W. Risley of Alexandria, La., and Miss Nell Walt of Memphis, three sons, Martin Walt, Jr., of West Plains, Mo., and Charles and Frank Walt of Memphis.

"The funeral will take place Monday with ritual high mass at the Sacred Heart Church at 9:30 o'clock. Interment will be private."

Daily Quill - March 8, 1915

Taps sounded on high Monday morning for A. J. Vowell, Union veteran of the Civil War, who passed away at the home of his son, Jett Vowell, near Lebo. He had been ill only a few days with pneumonia. One other son, Fate Vowell, living in Oklahoma, was with his father when he passed away.

"Uncle Jake", as he was affectionately called by his many friends, had been a resident of Howell County almost fifty years. He was widely known and had a host of friends. His funeral was held Tuesday and burial was in the McAlmurry cemetery near Moody.

(Gazette - Apr. 9, 1931)

Judge Hezkiah Weaver, one of the old pioneers of Shannon and Howell Counties, died at his home near Teresita a few days ago and ended a most eventful career. He was born in Laurel County, Kentucky, June 10, 1832, and there grew to manhood. At the age of 22 years, in 1854, he was united in marriage to Catherine Brock, a Kentucky girl, and to this union eleven children were born, and there survive Arthur of Oklahoma, Dan, of Oregon County, John, George, Thomas, Peter, Riley, Silas and Abby, of Shannon County. Mrs. Weaver died in 1890 and in 1891 Judge Weaver was married to Miss Mary J. Willbanks, of Howell County. To this union were born three children, Mrs. Mattie Smith, of Coffeyville, Kan., Mrs. Jennings of Shannon County, and the third child died in infancy.

In 1855 Judge Weaver, in company with his father and his family drove overland in wagons from Kentucky to the wilds of Southern Missouri, Shannon County at that time being a part of Oregon County. They settled on Birch Creek, where Judge Weaver lived until the breaking out of the war. In 1861 he joined the Woodside home guards and later Freeman's brigade, with which he remained during the war. He took part in some of the hardest fought battles in Missouri, among which were Ironton, Pilot Knob, Big Blue, Little Blue, Lexington and Cow Skin, being with General Price on his raid in 1864. He came through the whole war without a scratch.

When the war was over he settled in Arkansas and engaged in blacksmithing and farming until 1869, when he came back to Missouri and located in Howell County, near the present site of Mountain View, where he remained for two years. Then he went back to Shannon County and settled and improved a large farm in Hurrican Creek, south of Winona, staying there until 1889, then going to Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. After a year's absence he returned to the same place from which he started in 1899. He settled and improved a place on Rocky Creek. In 1906 he went to Mountain View and engaged in the hardware business with the late John Goldsberry and Sam Weaver. He remained there until 1912 when he went back to Shannon County.

Judge Weaver was long identified with the politics of South Missouri. He was a lifelong Democrat. He served as chairman of the Democratic county committee of Shannon County for many years and in 1886 was elected presiding judge of the Shannon county court. In 1894 he was elected representative in the state legislature and in 1894 was again elected presiding judge. He took pride in his official record, which was one of fairness and ability.

On account of ill health he retired from active public life in 1902.

Judge Weaver was long a minister in the Church of Christ, but had retired from the ministry several years ago, his health preventing him from preaching. He was one of the pioneer preachers of this part of the Ozarks, and often rode horseback for many miles to fill an appointment, his Bible in his saddle bags. He was a close Bible student, a careful observer of public affairs, and was beloved by everyone who knew him. He was a member of the Odd Fellows order. In his demise this section of the state loses a good citizen, the church a faithful worker, and the home a devoted husband and a loving father.

(Gazette - Mar. 13, 1919)

William Henry Harrison Wells, 85 years old, died at his home on North Washington Avenue Tuesday afternoon. He had been ill for several days with pneumonia.

Mr. Wells came from Iowa several years ago and acquired considerable property here. His wife Mrs. Esther Wells died here April 6, 1928.

Born at Plattsville, Ill., Mr. Wells spent his early life in that state. At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Wells enlisted in the cause of the Union and served with Company I of the 141st Illinois infantry. He took part in many important battles of that memorable war.

At his bedside when he passed away were his son, Nelson Wells and wife, formerly Miss Ethel Buford of West Plains. He also leaves three daughters, Mrs. Maggie Lewis Sawyer, N. D.; Mrs. J. W. Ranck, Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Laura Simming, Wynot, Neb.

(Gazette - Feb. 19, 1931)

B. R. WESCOTT, CIVIL WAR VETERAN, DIES

Benjamin Russell Wescott, aged 85 years, died at his home on West Main street at 1:45 o'clock Wednesday after a several days' illness of bronchial pneumonia, following an invalidism of a year.

Mr. Wescott, who has lived nearly forty years in West Plains, was born in Illinois, and served with the 35th Regiment of the Iowa Infantry during the Civil War. He was an active member of the local G. A. R. post for many years.

Besides his widow, who was Miss Ella J. Langel, Mr. Wescott is survived by a daughter, Mrs. M. M. Freeman, and a son, Ben Wescott, of Columbia, Mo., who with his son, Ben Wescott, Jr., had been at his bedside for several days before his death. Mrs. Ben Wescott, the daughter-in-law, arrived from Columbia Wednesday night.

The funeral services will be held at the first Methodist church, of which church Mr. Wescott had for many years been a member, Thursday afternoon at 2:30, the Rev. Roy L. Brown, officiating. Burial will be made at Oak Lawn cemetery.

Journal - Nov. 17, 1927

"I'm gone! I'm going home!" were the parting words of John West, who died at his home three and a half miles south-west of West Plains, Mo., Feb. 8, 1899.

Mr. West was born in Baltimore, Maryland, March 15, 1825. With his parents he moved to Muskingum county, Ohio. He moved from there to Jasper County, Iowa, then to Missouri, where he has lived in Carroll County, Dade County, and Howell County. He was the father of six children, five of which are now living. He served the first two years of the Civil War in Crocker's Iowa Brigade, Co. B, 13th Infantry Volunteers.

He leaves a wife, four sons, one daughter, a brother and a sister to mourn his loss. Our loss but his eternal gain.

(Journal - Feb. 16, 1899)

Squire W. H. Wheeler, one of the best known citizens of West Plains, died suddenly at his home on South Hill Street at 12 o'clock Sunday after a long illness with asthma. While his illness had in recent years been quite severe, still he was not in a dangerous condition and his death was very sudden. He had been about the city the day previous and Sunday he had a severe attack. A physician was summoned but when he arrived Mr. Wheeler was dead.

Squire Wheeler was born in Alabama and was 65 years of age at the time of his death. When a boy he moved to Kentucky and at the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted as a Union soldier. In 1868 he moved to West Plains and has since resided here, with the exception of two years which he spent on a farm near Sharp, Ozark County. He was twice married, first to Miss Margaret Anderson, who bore him two children. After her death he married Miss Annie Friend, who survives him. He left seven children. They are Sherman Wheeler, of Ozark County; Mrs. Della Blackiston of this city; A. G. and Fred Wheeler, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Amelia Thomas, Waco, Texas; Schuyler Wheeler and Miss Ellen Wheeler of this city.

Few men were better known in this section than Squire Wheeler. For twenty-six years he held the office of justice of the peace and was well read in law. He was a life long democrat and always took a leading part in the affairs of the city and county. When the Odd Fellows lodge was organized in this city many years ago, Squire Wheeler was a charter member, but afterwards, owing to declining health he withdrew from the order.

The funeral was held at the family residence Monday afternoon conducted by Rev. E. H. Robinson, and interment was in Oak Grove cemetery. In the death of this good citizen West Plains loses one of her old-time landmarks and Squire Wheeler will be missed by the people of West Plains as well as by his wife and children from the family fireside.

(Gazette - Feb. 14, 1907)

Sherman Clyde has received a letter from M. M. McCollister at Wichita, Kansas, bringing the sad news that Henry Westerhouse, who lived in this vicinity several years, was killed on the morning of March 27th by an express horse which he tried to catch.

His body was shipped to a brother in Wisconsin. Mr. Westerhouse carried a $1,000 policy on his life in favor of a minor son. He will also draw a pension of ten dollars a month until he is sixteen years old. Mr. Westerhouse was commander at one time of the John W. Rollins post in this city.

(Journal - Apr. 10, 1902)

C. S. WHEELER DEAD

Passed Away Tuesday At His Home, "Tanglewood."

Remains Were Shipped Wednesday To His Former Home In Kansas City For Interment.

Chas. S. Wheeler, one of the best known citizens of West Plains, died at his home, "Tanglewood," in the southern suburbs of this city Tuesday noon. For some time he hrd been suffering with a complication of diseases and his death, while very sudden, was a great shock to the community. His devoted wife and affectionate daughter, Miss Grace, were at his bedside when the end came.

Born in Illinois in 1842, Chas. S. Wheeler was 65 years old at his death. He went to Chicago when a young boy and at the breaking out of the Civil war enlisted and fought for the Union until mustered out. Soon after the close of the war he went to Colorado and did considerable mining and prospecting. Associated with him was the late E. C. Markham, a former citizen of West Plains, who was a step brother of Mr. Wheeler, as Mr. Wheeler's father had married Mr. Markham's mother.

In 1872 Mr. Wheeler went to Kansas City and in a few years his splendid business ability secured a most responsible position for him as manager of the John Deere Plow Company. Afterwards Mr. Wheeler organized the Bradley-Wheeler Implement Company and this firm soon became one of the leading implement houses of the country. He also became identified with other business interests and was vice president of the Traders' National Bank for a number of years.

The health of Mr. Wheeler broke down and in 1895 he came with his family to West Plains. Here he engaged in the real estate business and for several years was connected with the firm of E. C. Markham & Co. After several years residence here Mr. Wheeler again went to Kansas City to become secretary of the Thayer-Moore Brokerage Company. He again engaged in the real estate business and acquired a large list of patrons and correspondents.

As a business man Mr. Wheeler stood in the foremost ranks of this city. His zeal and untiring efforts for the upbuilding of Howell county have had much to do with the advancements made here in recent years. His services in all matters of public interest were always at the disposal of those who wanted to do something to advance the country. He had an unflinching determination to succeed in all his undertakings and in many cases accomplished his undertakings under circumstances that would have been deemed unsurmountable by one whose faith was less founded. His absence will be noticeable in city affairs as well as from his own family circle.

A few months ago when his condition became alarming Mr. Wheeler was taken to Eureka Springs and from there to Kansas City, where he was treated at a hospital. He was much improved on his return to his home several weeks ago, but has never been able to attend to his business affairs. Several days ago he grew worse and finally death claimed him Tuesday. Short services were held at the family home Wednesday and the remains shipped to Kansas City, accompanied by the bereaved wife and daughter and Alfred Markham. In Kansas City services were held at Armour Memorial Chapel and the remains placed in a vault there.

Gazette - Apr. 25, 1907

Winfield Scott White was born in Ashland County, Ohio, March 17, 1843, and died at his home near Roosevelt, Douglas County, Missouri, March 7, 1925, being 82 years of age lacking ten days. He and his two older brothers, Joshua and William, enlisted in the 15th Ohio volunteer infantry in April, 1861. This regiment being one of the notable regiments, he being 18 years old at the time.

William was captured at the battle of Chickamauga and died in Andersonville prison in February, 1865, being a prisoner 16 months. "Uncle" Scott fought in 14 or 15 battles besides skirmishes and other fights, and was badly wonded by a musket ball in the right arm at the battle of Stones River, Tennessee. The last day of December, 1862. He also contracted varicose veins from hard marching in the army. A shell exploded under him after burying itself in the ground in the seige of Atlanta, knocking the breath from him and making a large hole which he dropped into. It was the last shell thrown by the Confederates that day.

He served 3 years and 2 months in the Co. I, 15th Ohio volunteer Infantry, enlisting as a volunteer three times.

One of his sisters, Nancy, died while a young woman in her teens. He returned home from the army and was married to Frances Pugh in Ohio. To this union was born ten children, three of whom survive. They are William Thomas White of Buffalo, Ark.; Mrs. Rebecca Collins and Joseph Albert White, both of Roosevelt, Mo.

He moved from Ohio to Iowa, then to North Missouri, later to Arkansas, and finally to Southern Mo. His first wife having died in 1888, he married Amanda McCarty of Douglas County in 1892. To this union was born five children; three of which survive him. Elmer Ellsworth White, Allman White and Herbert Enfield White all of Roosevelt, Missouri. Five children by the first marriage died when quite small, one son while a small boy and the oldest daughter died May 7, 1923 at the age of 54 years and two children by the last marriage died in infancy, one brother Joshua died June 26, 1908 and his only surviving sister died December 24, 1922.

He was the third child of a family of four boys and two girls, his youngest brother James perhaps survives him. He has not been heard from in many years.

The deceased was a hard working fair dealing and always ready to help in time of need as his many friends know. A large crowd attended the funeral, he was respected and loved. One son Elmer served in the late war as a volunteer in Co. D, 128th M.G. Bn. & Co. D 130 M.G. 35th division.

He was afflicted with a number of diseases and had expected death, but had no dread. He passed away without a struggle. He died a little before 10 O'clock Saturday night and was laid to rest Sunday in a metal casket, the kind he wanted. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, five sons, and one daughter, 37 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren. All the sons and the daughter were present except Thomas who lives in Arkansas.
(Gazette - Mar. 19, 1925)

Elish Wicker, 95 year old Civil War veteran of near Crider, died October 14 from a complication of diseases. He was an old time resident of the community in which he lived.

Mr. Wicker was born in Tennessee and came to Crawford County, Missouri, with his parents as a child. He was married to Miss Mary Roberts during the Civil War, who proceeded. War from 1861 to 1865. He was a long time member of the Congregationsl Methodist Church.

A second wife and five children survive him. The children are: Mrs. Sarah Taylor of Texas, Mrs. Manda Martin and Mrs. Minda Taylor of Caulfield, Bill Wicker of Bakersfield, and Dock Wicker of Coweta, Okla. Two step-sons, George and John Callahan of Arditta, also survive. All were present at the funeral which was held last Thursday and which was conducted by the Rev. T. B. Minsen. Burial was held at the Bakersfield cemetery.
(Journal - Oct. 22, 1931)

Ira Harlow Wildman, age 80 years, died at his home near Pomona Saturday, January 15th.

Mr. Wildman was born May 16, 1846, in Ashtabula County, Ohio, where he lived until about 12 years old, when he moved with his parents to Keokuk County, Iowa.

February 18th, he enlisted in the Union army and was assigned to Co. F of the 1st Iowa Cavalry, with which he served until Feb. 15th, 1866, when he received an honorable discharge from the service.

On Sept. 10th, 1871, he and Sarah E. Conner were married in Jasper County, Iowa, where they lived until the following spring, when they moved to Butler County, Nebraska, filing on a homestead some 40 miles north of Lincoln, at that time their nearest town.

After receiving title to their homestead they returned to Jasper County, Iowa, but after living there a few years they again moved to Nebraska, this time to Hamilton county, where they purchased a quarter section of land from the Union Pacific railway.

In 1904 they moved from Nebraska to the present home near Pomona in Howell county, Mo.

In the earlier years of his life he was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, but when he moved to this community in 1904 he placed his church letter with Mackey church of the Cumberland Presbyterian faith, later when a church was built in Pomona by the United Presbyterians he transferred his membership to that church.

He is survived by three children, Earl C. Wildman of Sheridan, Wyo., Grace M. Eastman of the home address and Newton W. Wildman of Kansas City, and one brother, Thomas J. Wildman of Lynnville, Iowa.

(Journal - Jan. 20, 1927)

William Handle Willard, 89-year-old Civil War veteran, died at his home on East Cleveland avenue Tuesday morning. Death was due to a lingering illness due to old age and various ailments. He had been ill for nearly five months. Mr. Willard is the first Civil War veteran to die here who had a free government flag draped over his casket. The law stating that a flag is to be sent for the casket of each war veteran who dies just recently went into effect and the flag which draped the veteran's casket was the first to be given out by the local postmaster, who is in charge of the flags. The flag was given to the next-of-kin after the burial.

Mr. Willard was born April 10, 1846, near Rover, Mo., where he lived until he came, with his second wife to West Plains in February of this year. Mrs. Willard died shortly after they moved here. Mr. Willard was first married in 1866, his first wife dying in 1883.

During the Civil WAr he was a member of Company F, Regiment 60 of the Illinois Infantry.

For the past five months Mr. Willard had been ill, and his only living sister, Mrs. Katherine Edwards, of Greer, Mo., has been with him during that time. His son, William Perry Willard, local livestock dealer, and family, who live one and one-half mile east of town, has been with him for the past four months. The only other child surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Rachel Kemp of Herley, Mo., who is here. He is survived by 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Another son, Henry Willard, died last year.

Other relatives who were here for the funeral were a grandson, Paul Willard and family of Kansas City; two granddaughters, Mrs. Dewey Griffith of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Rachiel of Bartlesville, Okla.

The I.O.O.F. lodge took charge of the funeral which was held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Joliff school house, three miles east of Rover, and was conducted by the Rev. Perry Bennett, Baptist minister of Alton. Mr. Willard was a member of the Baptist church in the Rover community. Burial was held in the Joliff cemetery.

(Journal - Oct. 15, 1931)

J. W. Wilkerson died at his home at 114 Third Street, this city at 8 o'clock Sunday night of pneumonia at the age of 77 years. The family had resided at Siloam Springs for many years before removing to West Plains. He was a veteran of the Civil War and a member of the Masonic Lodge, the latter fraternity having charge of the funeral which was held here Tuesday morning. Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters and two sons all of Kansas City. The Rev. W. M. White pastor of the Presbyterian church preached the sermon and the body was laid to rest in Oaklawn cemetery.
(Journal - Dec. 6, 1917)

Rev. Robert A. Wiles, a retired Baptist preacher, died of consumption, after two years' illness, in Birch Tree, Monday, and was buried the following day. He was one of the best-known clergymen of his denomination in South Missouri, having been a minister twenty-two years and a missionary of Union Association composed of churches in Howell, Texas, Oregon, and Shannon Counties. He had also been pastor at West Plains and Birch Tree. He was a Union soldier and was 56 years of age.

(Howell County News - June 26, 1896)

On Friday afternoon, Jan. 27, the horse that Mr. H. C. Williams had been riding came home without its rider. Mrs. Williams started in search of her husband and found him about one mile from home, lying by the roadside, where he had either been thrown by the horse or had got off upon feeling the premonition of an attack of paralysis. He was speechless and helpless when found. He was taken to his home by James Ferguson, and Dr. Evans of Peace Valley, was called, but all the care and medical aid could not bring back his speech. He was conscious all the time, but gradually grew weaker and died Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 8 a.m. He had been a sufferer from heart trouble also.

The deceased was born in Wisconsin March 22, 1848, and moved from that state to Minnesota, where he was married in 1876 to Miss Frances L. Cabot. He moved with his family to the northern part of this state, Gentry County, in 1879 and to Howell County in October, 1890. He had been a union soldier in the Civil War.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, and five married sons living near the old home, and a brother, Homer Williams, in Oklahoma. He was aged 62 years, 10 months and 9 days. The writer has known him since he moved here as a kind, loving husband, and an honest, law-abiding good citizen. He always had a hearty handshake and a kind word for acquaintances and will be sadly missed in this community.

Burial was had in New Hope cemetery Wednesday, Feb. 1, after funeral services by Rev. James F. Heuer, in the presence of a large concourse of friends. May the good Lord comfort the bereaved.
(Journal - Feb. 9, 1911)

Theo. Williams returned last Thursday from Ponac City, Okla., where he was called by the illness and death of his father, G. W. Williams. The elder Mr. Williams, who was 89 years old, lived in West Plains until fifteen years ago, when he went to Fort Smith, Ark., where he lived until a short time ago. He is survived by six children, all of whom are known here. Two of the sons, Theodore of West Plains and J. F. Williams of Ponca City, were present at the time of his death and a daughter, Mrs. Jim Reed of Fort Smith.

Mr. Williams was a Confederate veteran, and for a time resided at a Confederate home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday of last week at Ponac City, and burial was at that place.
(Journal - Oct. 30, 1919)

Miles Jefferson Williams, well known resident of West Plains, died at his home on Webster avenue at 9:20 o'clock Monday morning, after a week's illness of heart trouble, complicated with gall bladder and stomach trouble.

Mr. Williams, who was 81 years old, was a veteran of the civil war, having served in the Union army, with the 19th Kentucky volunteer cavalry. He was born October 16, 1845 at Knob Creek, N. C., but moved to Kentucky with his parents when a boy. His father, George O. Williams, was killed in battle in the civil war.

In 1858 with his mother and brother, Mills Williams, he moved to Howell county, locating on a farm east of West Plains, and in a short time moved to West Pains.

Mr. Williams was a builder and contractor and during his years of residence here, built many of the earlier buildings in West Plains. He served one term as deputy United States marshall in the Springfield district.

Mr. Williams is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie Whiteaker Williams, three sons and two daughters, Tom W. Williams of Cairo, Ill., Frank Williams of Spencer, Iowa, Ed Williams of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Granville Dickinson of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Paul Page of St. Louis, all of whom were here at the time of his death except the son from Iowa, who was called home Sunday. An only brother, Mills Williams of the West Pains Quill, also survives.

Funeral services were conducted at the home on Webster avenue Tuesday afternoon, by the Rev. J. C. Montgomery, pastor of the South M. E. church. A male quartette, composed of Messrs. Leo Parks, J. F. Park, Charles Bohrer and J. E. Hull, furnished some beautiful vocal numbers.

The pall bearers were Ed Coats, C. E. Armstrong, George Halstead, R. S. Hogan, Clarke Galloway and W. H. D. Green, with Dan W. Buck, D. W. Reece, T. L. Curry, W. T. Harlin, T. J. Langston, E. T. Fisher, Geo. H. Carter, H. D. Green, R. G. Galbreath and W. J. Zorn acting as honory pall bearers.

Interment was made at Langston cemetery.

Journal - Aug. 26, 1926

R. A. Williams, of Lanton, Mo., passed from this life April 29, 1926. He was born in Davis County, Kentucky, May 20, 1842, where he spent his early life going to Indiana when the Civil War broke out. He volunteered for the Union and was made sergeant under Captain Fisher in Co. V of the 10th Indiana regiment. This regiment was credited with capturing the first Confederate flag taken in the war at Rich Mountain, Va., July 12, 1861. He was discharged February 30, 1865.

He came to Missouri in 1870, but later went to Sharp County, Arkansas, where for 17 years he operated a pioneer water power flour and grist mill. He resided near Lanton for the last 30 years. For about 50 years he has been a minister of the Christian church, and preached and practiced King James religion to visit the widow, the orphans, the sick and the afflicted and keep yourself unspotted from the world. Many friends have known his kindness, help and comfort in sickness trouble and death. It was never too far nor the weather too bad for "Uncle Dick", as he was familiarly called, to go when he could help in sickness. His home was known far and wide for the open hospitality he and his wife practiced.

He was twice married, first to Miss Anne Chambers, who died in 1886. Four children survive this marriage, Mrs. Alice Reed and Mrs. Viola Jones, Mammoth Spring, Ark.; D. M. Williams, Lanton, and Charles Williams, Bristow, Okla. In 1888 he was married to Mrs. Katherine N. Gunter, who with three daughters survive him, Mrs. Ethel Chapin, of Lanton; Mrs. Cora Vernon, Kansas City; Mrs. Julia Morris, Depew, Ok. Mrs. Henry Bayless of Lanton is a step-daughter. All of his children visited him in his last sickness and were at his bedside except Chas. Williams, who returned to his home at Bristow, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Clarkson of West Plains, and interment was at the Meredith cemetery. Many friends sympathize with the family in the loss of the loved one.
(Gazette - May 6, 1926)

For many years Uncle Wesley Williams resided at Thayer and was widely known. He was a veteran of the Civil War, fought in the Union army and had the great honor of being one of the guards who stood over the body of the immortal Abraham Lincoln as it lay in state at Springfield, Ill. One of his greatest joys was to meet with his old comrades at the Blue and Gray reunion at Mammoth Spring. There they would fight the war over. He was in many battles during the war and had some narrow escapes.

(Gazette - Dec. 18, 1930)

Died at his home on Tabor Creek, Saturday, July 11th, E. O. Wilson. The deceased was 74 years of age and was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the Federal army three years. He was highly respected by the community in which he lived. For several years Mr. Wilson had been in poor health but of late thought his condition to be improving and was very much encouraged. On Monday night he was taken very sick and suffered until Saturday evening when he went into a deep slumber from which he never awoke. He is survived by a wife and ten children, seven of whom were present at his death. The remains were laid to rest in the Thornton cemetery.

(Gazette - July 23, 1903)

T. H. Willis, aged 75 years, died at his home in Norman, Okla., last Sunday of heart disease. His death was very sudden, as he was ill but a short time.

Mr. Willis came to Howell County, Missouri, from Tennessee before the Civil War. He settled on a farm on Spring Creek, twelve miles west of this city. He married Miss Arminta Bingman, of this county, who survives him. They have three children, Mrs. Robert Glasgow, Norman, Okla.; Mrs. S. J. Garrett, South McAllister, Ok.; and Mrs. Sarah Elledge, Gooding, Idaho.

For forty years Mr. Willis resided in Howell County and took a prominent part in the affairs of the county. He was active in politics and was a prominent Democrat. During the Civil War he fought in the Confederate army and after the close of that memorable conflict returned to his home to live under one flag and one government. Mr. Willis was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows order, which conducted his funeral at Norman.

"Uncle Hense" Willis belonged to a band of sturdy pioneers that blazed the way through the Ozarks forests and laid the foundations for a great country. There are few of these pioneers remaining, but they have lived to see the fruits of their labors and watched the country grow and prosper.
(Gazette - Aug. 14, 1913)

At his home in this city, at 5:30 o'clock Monday morning, Jacob B. Winger succumbed to acute heart affection, a culmination of rheumatic troubles from which he had long been a sufferer in varying degrees. The final attack was of only about two hours duration. He was about the streets the day before, greeting acquaintances in his usual cheery manner, and was not feeling bad when he retired. The report of his death was a shock to the community, where he was held in high esteem.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. M. Livingston at the family residence Tuesday afternoon and interment was had at Oaklawn cemetery under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge. The deceased had been a Mason and a member of the M. E. church for many years. He was in the 87th year of his age, and is survived by his wife (who is also quite old) and two daughters--Mrs. J. B. Pettigrew of Webb City, and Mrs. Adaline Ellis, who is seriously ill at a hospital in St. Louis. The late Mrs. W. J. Orr was also his daughter.

Mr. Winger was a native of Pennsylvania. He was a soldier in the Mexican War and also in the Civil War. He was married to Miss Katherine Abbott in a southern state in 1856, and the couple celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in this city March 20th of this year. Coming to Missouri some years after their marriage, they located first at Springfield, later moving to Gainesville, and from there to Cabool, where they resided for about fourteen years, before coming to West Plains seven years ago.

The genial old gentleman will long be missed and mourned in this city, and there is universal sympathy for his aged life partner, who is prostrated by his absence from her side, and for the other bereaved relatives.
(Journal - Nov. 17, 1910)

Long obit. in Gazette of Nov. 17, 1910. Born April 1, 1824. Served in Co. H, 2nd Ohio Infantry in Mexican War. Served in Co. D of Phelps Regt. in Civil War. Married March 26, 1856, at Springfield to Katherin Abbott. Four children, two of whom survive, Mrs. Rose Pettigrew of Webb City and Mrs. Addie Ellis. Picture included.

Captain W. D. Wilson, who for many years resided in West Plains, died November 12th, of general debility and hemorrhage. His death occurred at Welaka, Florida, where he had gone seeking health. At the time of his death, his son, J. Brad Wilson, was with him.

Many of the old residents of this county will remember Captain Wilson. He was a veteran of the Civil War and drew a large pension. For a number of years he resided on a farm four miles northwest of town, but when he disposed of the place he removed to this city. Five years ago he went to Terre Haute, Ind., to spend his declining years with his son, John D. Wilson. The death of this venerable man will cause sorrow among his many friends in this county. The remains were interred in Florida.

(Gazette - Nov. 24, 1904)

In the death of J. E. Wood, which occurred on Wednesday of last week at his home in Gainesville, Southern Missouri lost one of her best citizens. He passed away suddenly at home, death resulting from heart disease.

Mr. Wood was assisting in putting up some wire fence in his yard. He was suddenly stricken. He was carried into his home and medical aid summoned. He lost consciousness and four hours after being stricken passed away. For more than a year he had been in poor health, suffering from injuries received when he was thrown from a horse.

Mr. Wood was 74 years old. He is survived by his widow, one son, Lee Wood, of Gainesville, and a daughter, Mrs. Alex Crumley, of Theodosia, Ozark County. He also leaves two brothers, John and Henry Wood of Gainesville, and two sisters, Mrs. Gordon Hill of Gainesville and Mrs. Emeline Wattenbarger, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. James M. Herd, at Broken Arrow, Okla.

Mr. Wood moved to Gainesville in 1871. He was a Union soldier during the Civil War. He was on the steamboat "Sultana" which went down with 1200 soldiers on board while coming up the Mississippi near Memphis. He was one of the few survivors of this terrible event, which came at the close of the war after the soldiers were mustered out and on their way home.

In 1882 Mr. Reed with his nephew, John R. Reed, founded the firm that is now known as the Wood & Reed Mercantile company, with stores at Gainesville, and several other places in Ozark County. Mr. Wood was a large stockholder in the firm at the time of his death. Mr. Reed, who is president and general manager of the Reed-Harlin Grocer Company of West Plains, also retains his interests in the old firm.

Mr. Wood was a member of the M. E. church and took a great interest in everything that stood for the upbuilding of the community in which he had long resided. "Uncle Jim", as he was best known to those who knew him best, will be greatly missed in his home town and also in West Plains, where he frequently visited and was well known.

The funeral was held at Gainesville, under the auspices of Robert Burns Lodge No. 496, of which Mr. Wood had long been a member. He was laid to rest in the Gainesville cemetery.

(Gazette - Feb. 24, 1916)

Carter Woodson, known to every man, woman, and child in West Plains, died at his home in the Negro settlement in the north part of West Plains Saturday afternoon of old age and hernia. He was one of the familiar characters of this city and had lived here for more than thirty-five years.

Woodson was reputed to be 93 years old. He was a powerful negro. He well understood the culture of tobacco and each year had a big patch adjoining his home. He cured the tobacco himself and sold the homespun long green on the streets.

Born a slave, Woodson saw the freedom of the black man. He often said that those were happy days, when he was with his old master on the Virginia plantation. At the outbreak of the Civil War the devoted slave followed his young master, Captain George Carter Woodson, into the Confederate army. At the battle of Shiloh Captain Woodson received fatal wounds and the faithful negro, himself wounded, carried the dying soldier to the rear of the lines, where he died.

After the close of the war the negro went to Southern Mississippi and later to Louisiana. There he lived among the French and Creoles, and learned to speak French fluently. He was one of the old time darkeys who knew his place and who had the profound respect for a white man. He was buried in the Ball cemetery seven miles northwest of town Monday.

(Gazette - Dec. 4, 1919)

J. Posey Woodside, a prominent pioneer resident of Oregon County, and a confederate veteran, died this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock after a long illness, at his home in Alton. Mr. Woodside suffered a severe nervous breakdown several months ago which left him an invalid. He was 68 years of age.

He is survived by four children, Hal Woodside of this city, Guy Woodside of Memphis, Claire Woodside and Miss Nova Woodside of Thayer, all of whom were with him at the time of his death. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. H. B. Pitts of this city, Mrs. W. W. McClellan of Thayer, and one brother, Judge L. B. Woodside of Salem. Mrs. Pitts has been in Alton with her brother the past several days.

Interment will take place at Thomasville, Thursday at 12 O'clock. A number of Masons and friends of the family will go from here to attend the funeral.

(Daily Quill - May 21, 1912)

William L. Wood, residing just west of Salem, Ark., and father of Mrs. Ora Skaggs, near West Plains, died a few days ago after a short illness. He was 86 years old and was a Confederate veteran. Almost all of his life was spent around Salem. He was the father of twelve children, eight of whom are living. He also is survived by his widow. His remains were laid to rest in Flint Spring cemetery in Fulton County, Arkansas.

(Gazette - Jan. 7, 1932)

John Yates, a Union veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in the Renfrow addition Thursday morning at 8:50 o'clock. He died from cancer of the liver. For some time Mr. Yates has been in frail health, but only recently became seriously ill.

Mr. Yates moved with his wife and son from Pueblo, Colo., to Howell County some eight years ago. For a time they resided on a farm near Amy, in the southern part of this county, and a few years later moved to this city. Last fall Mrs. Yates went to California to spend the winter with her grandsons in San Diego, and is so ill that she could not leave there at this time.

The remains were shipped Thursday night to Abbington, Ill., the old family home, for burial, accompanied by the son, J. V. Yates, and his wife. Two daughters of the deceased reside at Abbington.
(Gazette - June 3, 1926)

Elijah M. Woody, aged 72 years, a prominent pioneer farmer of Howell County, died at his home at Peace Valley at 1:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon after a brief illness from pneumonia.

Mr. Woody, who came from Stone County, Mo., shortly after the close of the Civil War, was for many years one of the most prominent and successful farmers and stock raisers of the county. He was born in Boon County, Tenn., and moved with his parents to Stone County, Mo., in his early boyhood. He was married in Stone County to Miss Martha Glassey, who died a few years later and after coming to Howell County, he was married to Miss Sicily A. Davis, who died a number of years ago.

Mr. Woody served in the federal army during the Civil War and was in a number of big battles, the booming of cannons injuring his hearing so seriously that he became entirely deaf.

After coming to Howell County Mr. Woody resided on a farm three miles north of West Plains, until fourteen years ago, when he retired from the farm and moved to West Plains. Since that time the family has lived alternately at their home on Leyda avenue and on the farm on Bennett's Bayou near Bly, where Mr. Woody sought quiet and fresh air for himself and his youngest daughter, Miss Josie Woody, who is an invalid. Miss Woody was accidentally shot by a cousin while with a camping party on Elevenpoints River thirteen years ago. The bullet severed the spinal cord, producing paralysis of the lower limbs.

During the thirteen years of her invalidism, Miss Woody's aged father has been her constant companion, and the young woman is completely prostrated by her father's death.

Besides the invalid daughter, the decedent is survived by four other children, Mrs. James Ingold of McAllister, Okla.; M. Woody of Dawson, Okla.; and Bert and Milliard Woody, both of Peace Valley. All of the children except Mrs. Ingold were at the aged man's bedside during his last illness and at the time of his death. Bert and Milliard Woody are both prominent stockmen.

The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow morning at nine o'clock and interment will be made at the Galloway cemetery two miles north of West Plains at two o'clock in the afternoon.
(Daily Quill - Mar. 17, 1914)

Peter Zorn, 82 years old, a brother of W. J. Zorn, and uncle of Will Zorn, editor of the Gazette, was instantly killed Saturday night at 9 o'clock at a street crossing in Hermann, Mo., where he resided. The driver of the car did not stop and his identity is unknown. It was raining at the time, which prevented Mr. Zorn from seeing the car.

Peter Zorn was born in New Orleans, La., and came to Hermann with his parents, who were among the first settlers of the town. At the age of 16, he went to Texas and joined the Confederate army. He took part in several important engagements during the Civil War.

He never married and was the oldest of a family of thirteen children, five of whom survive, W. J. Zorn, of West Plains; August Zorn and Mrs. Carrie Nichoalds, Kansas City; Dr. H. E. Zorn, DeSoto, Mo.; and Mrs. John Bohlken, Hermann.

Owing to his frail condition W. J. Zorn visited his uncle in Hermann two weeks ago.

(Gazette - June 16, 1927)

Joseph Zorn, cousin of W. J. Zorn, of this city, died May 28, at his home in Seguin, Texas, at the advanced age of 83 years and 18 days. When a lad of ten years he moved from New Orleans to Seguin with his parents. At the outbreak of the Civil War he joined the Confederate army and fought for the Lost Cause until the downfall of the Confederacy. He served three terms as treasurer of Guadaloupe County, postmaster of Seguin 11 years, alderman 4 years, mayor of Seguin 20 years, manager Southwest Bell Telephone Company in Seguin 19 years. He was prominent in the Masonic fraternity and a very devout member of the Methodist church. Recently he celebrated his fifty-second wedding anniversary, being confined to his bed at the time. More than a week before his death he realized that he was fighting a losing battle and made all arrangements for his funeral services, named the pallbearers and other arrangements in detail. He was buried in Riverside cemetery at Seguin.

(Gazette - June 7, 1923)

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