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Anderson, Sankey

Sankey Anderson Dies in Alva Hospital -- Sankey Anderson of Alva, Okla., died in the Alva hospital, Friday May 17. He was 76 years of age. He became ill Friday morning. Mr. Anderson, an early day Woods county pioneer rancher, was born in Germany and came to the United States when he was five years old. He made his home at Wilmore, Kans., for 12 years. When he was 17 he moved to Alva, where he continued to live until his death. His ranch home near Alva is considered a show place. It is unusual as the structure contains native stones from practically every state in the union and several foreign countries. He also built unusual lamps from seashells. He is survived by his widow of the home, two sons, Reo of Woodward, Okla., and Lytle of Alva; two daughters, Pansy Schupach, Kiowa, Kans., and Irene Hada of Alva; one sister, Mrs. O. R. Neal of Wichita; one half sister, Mrs. Bert Griffith of Coldwater and one half brother, Art Uhl, of Wilmore. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon, May 20, at the Baptist church in Alva. Burial was at Alva. -- The Western Star, May 24, 1957.

B

Baker, Farrel Marie

"Farrel Marie Baker, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker of this city, died at 10 o'clock p.m. on last Saturday after a brief illness resulting from whooping cough. The loss of their dear little one is a severe blow to the parents, and the sincere sympathy of all goes out to them in their bereavement. Farrel was born in this city on April 13, 1919. Her age at the time of death was one year and three days. She was a lovable child and will be greatly missed by the family. Funeral services were conducted from the Christian church in this city at 5 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the pastor, Rev. J. T. Wheeler, being in charge. Interment was in the Coldwater cemetery. Besides the father and mother, Farrel is survived by three sisters - Mary, Esther and Lucile, and by two brothers - Lawrence and Clayton." -- The Western Star, April 23, 1920.

Barnes, Maude

Mrs. Keasling's Mother Dies January 30 -- Mr. and Mrs. Dale Keasling of Protection and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Williams of Coldwater left Wednesday morning for Florence, Colo., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Maude Barnes. Mrs. Barnes is the mother of Mrs. Keasling, a brother to Mr. Williams, and a sister-in-law to Mrs. John Morton. She died Monday evening at the home of another daughter in Nogales, Arizona. -- The Protection Post, February 3, 1961.

Baxter, Billy

"Billie, the 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baxter of Protection, died on Monday of last week while he was being taken in a car to Wichita for medical treatment. Death occurred while the car was about four miles north of this city. Complications resulting from an attack of typhoid fever a few weeks ago, was the cause of his death. The sincere sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved parents." -- The Western Star, November 27, 1925.

Baughman, Nancy E.

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DIED. Mrs. Nancy E. Baughman, aged nearly 88 years, died on last Saturday at her home in Larned. She had been in failing health for some time, but it was not until a few weeks ago that she took to her bed. She was the mother of Mrs. Oscar May and Mrs. Flo Pierson of this county, and had visited here several times. Both Mrs. May and Mrs. Pierson were present at the funeral. Mrs. May had been with her mother since last October. Mrs. Pierson went to Larned about two weeks ago. Mr. Baughman is still living, and is past 92 years of age. He and his wife settled in Pawnee-co. in 1874. -- The Western Star, April 2, 1926.

Beeley, Mary E.

Mary Beeley Dies in Pratt -- Mrs. Mary E. Beeley, 96, died Tuesday evening, June 23, 1970 at the Pratt County Hospital in Pratt, Kansas. She was born December 9, 1874, in Cass County, Illinois, near Arenzville, Illinois. Funeral services will be held at the Assembly of God in Coldwater on Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Forrest Frazier in charge of the services. Interment in Crown Hill Cemetery. -- The Western Star, June 25, 1970. (Mary Ellen Webster Beeley was the widow of William Ellsworth Beeley.)

Bibb, Virgil

Virgil Bibb Dies in San Diego, Calif. -- Virgil Bibb, who was born and raised in Coldwater, passed away in a San Diego, Calif., hospital after a long illness on December 8, 1971 at the age of 47. He had lived in San Diego since 1949 was employed at General Dynamics for 20 years. Funeral services were held December 10th, at the Southern Baptist church in Claremont, Calif. Preceding him in death were three brothers, Claude, Charlie and Victor; two sisters, Emma Mae Richardson and Ann Magera; mother and father, Gertie and Tom Bibb. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Alice, and small son, Royal, of the home; one brother, Clyde Bibb of El Dorado, Kans.; four sisters, Viola Hackney of Wichita, Lottie Mills of Coldwater, Josephine Myers and Lelah Westergaard of Chula Vista, Calif., and a host of nieces and nephews. Virgil was loved by all who knew him and always had time to lend a helping hand to those in need. Clyde Bibb and a niece, Mrs. Patricia Dunn, Wilmore, Kans., were among those from out of town who attended the funeral services. -- The Western Star, December 16, 1971.

Bilyeu, Eugene

Eugene Bilyeu, 79, Dies Tuesday -- Eugene Bilyeu, 79, resident of Clark and Comanche counties 56 years, died Tuesday morning at the Ashland hospital. Mr. Bilyeu had been in failing health the past five years and was admitted to the hospital four weeks ago. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Protection Christian Church with Delmar Burgess, pastor, officiating. Mrs. Delmar Burgess, soloist, sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Does Jesus Care." Mrs. Glenn Maris was organist. Casket bearers were C. L. Kirk, Robert Bare, Tommy Hopkins, A C. Morlan, Robert Sangster and Paul Edmonston. Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Ashland. Brown Mortuary, Ashland, was in charge of arrangements. Obituary: Eugene Bilyeu, son of John and Ida Tilley Bilyeu, was born December 19, 1883 at Moweaqua, Illinois, a small town about 150 miles south of Chicago, and passed away at the Ashland District Hospital at Ashland, Kansas, February 26, 1963 at the age of 79 years, 2 months and 7 days. He grew to manhood in Illinois and at 23 years of age moved to Kansas where he and his parents rented a farm north of Sitka, this was the farm of the late Tom Rinker. On December 27, 1914 he married Leta Stuck of Guymon, Oklahoma. A few years later they purchased a farm and moved north of Protection where he and his family have lived for 43 years. He was a member of the Christian Church of Protection where he served as a Deacon. He also belonged to the order of the Odd Fellow Lodge at Protection. He served on the Comanche County farm board for 12 years. He was also on other civic enterprises. He leaves to mourn his wife, Leta; two sons, Estol E. of Coldwater and Oral W. of Ashland; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His life's motto was honesty and being a friend of man. -- The Protection Post, March 1, 1963.

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Blake, Della Catherine (Shylock)

DEATH OF MRS. GEO. BLAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beitler and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blake of this county were called to St. John last week by the sickness and death of Mrs. Geo. Blake, who was a sister of Mrs. Beitler and Mrs. Roy Blake. Roy Blake is a brother of Geo. Blake, husband of the deceased. The St. John News of last week contained the following obituary of Mrs. Blake:

Mrs. George Blake, one of St. John's most highly respected ladies, passed away at the family home on Fourth Avenue East at 7:55 o'clock Sunday evening, after a long illness. Her death was indeed a shock to both family and friends.

Early in the year Mrs. Blake underwent a number of operations at Grace hospital in Hutchinson, at which time her life was despaired of, but after a time she had so greatly improved that she was brought home. For a time she continued to improve; in fact it was not until the middle of last week that unfavorable change came. On Friday the family became alarmed. Her condition gradually grew worse until her death Sunday evening.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. D. McCormick, from the Methodist church at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon. Interment followed in Fairview cemetery. A very large number of relatives and friends attended the services at both the church and grave. The sketch below of the life and death of Mrs. Blake was read during the funeral services:

"Della Catherine Shyrock was born June 3, 1881, and died April 18, 1926, aged 44 years, 10 months and 18 days. She was born in Illinois, moving with her parents to Kansas in early childhood. She was married to Geo. Blake on August 26, 1900. To this union were born two children - Harvey and Mary, both now residents of St. John. Besides her husband and two children, she leaves to mourn her passing; one brother, Joe Shyrock, and five sisters, Mrs. O. C. Smith, Mrs. A. L. Smith of St. John; Mrs. Roy Blake and Mrs. Paul Beitler of Coldwater, Kansas, and Mrs. Lloyd Batchman of Fullerton, California. In early life she joined the U. B. church and after moving to St. John she connected herself with the M. E. church. She was a faithful worker in the church, always active and interested in everything that was for the best interest and up-lift of the community. She had strong convictions. She drew a radical line between right and wrong and was never afraid to speak her convictions. Her interest in young folks was simply marvelous. It seemed she grew younger as the years went by and her companionship was sought by those who were yet in their teens. It seems inexplicable that we should lose such from our community in the prime of their usefulness, but such is God's will and we must say to our Creator and Maker as our Savior. Christ, said on the occasion of his trying, "Thy will be done."

-- The Western Star, April 30, 1926.

Bryan, William Jennings

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EDITORIAL COMMENT - Death of William Jennings Bryan - The sudden death in Dayton, Tenn., on last Sunday of William Jennings Bryan deprived this country of one of its most distinguished citizens. For almost 30 years he had been a prominent figure not only in the political arena of the country but a leader in the promotion of temperance, righteousness and clean living. He was three times a Democratic candidate for the office of President of the United States, but failed of election each time. He served for a time as Secretary of State in the first cabinet of Woodrow Wilson, but resigned that office because of his views on the question of the U. S. entering the World War. He was an advocate of peace and opposed the principle of warfare as a means of settling differences between nations. We believe that it may truthfully be said that Mr. Bryan's greatest service to his county has been rendered on the lecture platform since he ceased to seek political honors. For 20 years or more he had gone about, using all the powers of his masterful oratory in advocating temperance, high Christian ideals and an abiding faith in the Bible. That he was a power in shaping public opinion no one who has ever heard him or who has ever read any of his numerous books and public addresses will deny. This country needs more men of the type of William Jennings Bryan in the matter of strict devotion to the principles of good citizenship and good government. There will be critics of his career and especially of some of his political beliefs, but the people all over the country will now concede to him those qualities which contribute most to real service to humanity - the principles of honesty courage in battling for the right and in sacrificial devotion to the highest ideals in private and public life. William Jennings Bryan has passed on, but the helpful influence of his unblemished character and high ideals will live for many years to come. -- The Western Star, July 31, 1925.

Burcher, Mrs. W.L.

"DIED -- Mrs. W. L. Burcher, mother of Mrs. C. W. Buchanan of this city, died on Thursday, October 22, at the Burcher home in Kinsley, Kans. She was 77 years and 20 days of age at the time of her death. Mrs. Burcher had been in failing health for some time. The aged husband and six children survive. For nearly 50 years Mrs. Burcher had been a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Kinsley. She and her husband were pioneer settlers in Kinsley. Few women were held in higher esteem in the community than was Mrs. Burcher. Mrs. Buchanan had been with her mother several weeks before her death." -- The Western Star, November 6, 1925.

Bussart, Ruth E.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES -- Mrs. Otis (Ruth E.) Bussart, 78, of Wichita passed away Friday, May 26, 1972. Services were held Sunday in Morris Funeral Home in Winfield, Kans. Survivors include her widower, Rev. Otis Bussart; two sons, Frank, La Crosse, Kans., and Willis of Admire, Kans., and two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Mitchell, Airway Heights, Wash., and Mrs. Anna Shipp of Winfield. The Bussarts lived in Coldwater from 1956 to 1958 when Rev. Bussart was pastor of the Methodist church here. -- The Western Star, June 1, 1972.

C

Callaway

The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Callaway died on Tuesday evening of this week of pneumonia. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of all in their bereavement. -- The Western Star, February 26, 1926.

Canfield, Charles Frederick

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"DIED -- Charles Frederick Canfield, aged 2 months and 10 days, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Canfield, died on Tuesday of this week after a brief illness, resulting from a weak heart. The little one was one of twins, his twin sister having died shortly after birth. The boy had never been very strong, but no alarm had been felt until shortly before his death. Burial was made in Crown Hill cemetery in Wednesday afternoon, following funeral services which were conducted at the home by Rev. J. B. Handy of the M. E. church. The sorrowing parents have the sincere sympathy of all in their sad bereavement. -- The Western Star, October 28, 1925.

Carter, Mrs.

Mrs. Carter Dead -- Thursday night, Mrs. Carter, who had been ill for several days with a malignant case of measles, died and Friday after a short funeral service at the house, the body was shipped to Lyons, in Rice-County, for interment. Mrs. Carter has made her home in this section of the state for the past year and in that time had built up a large circle of friends who regret her untimely death. She was a consistent Christian woman. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, children and numerous relatives and friends. The sympathy of all is extended to the bereaved in their loss. -- Protection Post, April 2, 1914.

Carthrae, Gilmer Guy

DIED. -- On Monday evening, February 13, 1899, Gilmer Guy Carthrae, aged 10 months and 13 days, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Carthrae, of Avilla-tp. Little Gilmer was a bright and healthy child. He had not known a sick day in his life until on last Saturday evening when he began to complain. During Sunday and Monday his suffering was intense, the affection seeming to be inflammation of the bowels. At 7:00 o'clock on Monday evening he breathed his last, and the heart-stricken family realized that they were bereft of a darling son and brother, one in whom many fond hopes were centered and upon whom love, in its best and purest sense, was bestowed. The funeral took place on Tuesday the exercises being conducted by Rev. C. M. Gray, of this city. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the grief-stricken family. "Though earthly ties be broken, it only serves to strengthen the ties over yonder." -- The Western Star, February 18, 1899.

Cayton, Mrs. Frank

DIES IN ABILENE, KANSAS -- Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Peterson received word on December 31 that Mr. Peterson's sister, Mrs. Frank Cayton, of Abilene, Kans., suffered a heart attack or stroke and died eight hours afterward in the Abilene hospital. She was 49 years of age. Burial was in the Abilene cemetery at 2:00 o'clock Monday of this week. Mrs. Cayton is survived by her husband and by two brothers, Laurel A. Peterson of Coldwater and Lester Peterson of Manhattan, Kansas. -- The Western Star, January 7, 1960.

Coughlin, Dale R. "Rick"

Dale R. "Rick" Coughlin; Born - April 22, 1929, Sioux City, Iowa; Died - January 13, 1996, Hutchinson, Kansas; Parents - Edward Monroe and Helena Johanna Klopp Coughlin; Married - Yvonne Beeby, September 5, 1952 at Ponca City, Oklahoma; Abstracted from obituary -- Protection Press, January 18, 1996.

Coulter, Ira Everett

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DEATH OF I. E. COULTER - Ira Everett Colter, aged 31 years, 2 months and 4 days, died at 1 o'clock a.m. on last Friday, April 23, 1926, at the home of Jacob Reiss, a few miles southwest of this city, after an illness which began about a year ago. During the past fall and winter, he had several sick spells, and not long since he was taken to Pratt, where physicians pronounced his sickness due to a tumor on the brain. No hope of his recovery was given by the attending physicians, and the patient was finally brought back to this county. He had been working for Mr. Reiss for about a year, and was an industrious and trustworthy young man. During his stay in our county he established a good reputation for honesty and honorable dealing in every way. He is survived by his wife and by three small children - Willard, aged eight, and Eugene and Eunice, aged six. He also leaves an aged mother four brothers and three sisters. Two of his brothers Esco and Ernest, were present at the funeral, which was held from the home on last Saturday at 4 p.m., with Rev. Harrison of the Church of God of Pratt, Kans., in charge. While in Pratt, Mr. Colter was converted and united with the Church of God. Several members of the Pratt church were also present at the funeral and gave much help and comfort. Deceased was born near Peace Valley, Mo., on February 18, 1895. On January 31, 1917, he was united in marriage with Miss Lillie Lee of Mountain View, Mo. To the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of all goes out in this their hour of deep affliction but God is able to give comfort and hope to troubled hearts. He has declared, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." -- The Western Star, April 30, 1926.

Coulter, Kathleen Newlin

FORMER RESIDENT DIES -- Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon for Mrs. J. R. Coulter, formerly Miss Kathleen Newlin of Greensburg. She lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Newlin on the former Ernest Miller place near the Comanche-Kiowa county line. Mrs. Coulter is a cousin of Donald Booth of Coldwater. Following is an account of her funeral and life: Mrs. J. R. Coulter succumbed early last Friday afternoon at the St. Joseph hospital at Del Norte, Colo. Rev. Armon Lathrop officiated at the funeral Monday afternoon. Interment was in the Del Norte cemetery. Obituary: Mrs. Kathleen Newlin Coulter was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Newlin, beloved and honored Del Norte citizen for many years. She was born June 28, 1910 at Greensburg, Kans., and came to Colorado when a child. She has lived most of her life in the community and was graduated from the Del Norte high school with the class of 1929. On September 30, 1931, she was married to Joseph Ray Coulter. Their home had been a pleasant meeting place for their relatives and scores of friends. Kathleen was a beloved member of Chapter B. H. P. E. O. Sisterhood, and a member of the Methodist church, since childhood. Her devotion to the church and all its activities was outstanding. The love and sympathy of the entire community rest upon her husband, Ray Coulter and their infant daughter, Kathy Jo; her brothers, Chester and Roy Newlin of Denver; her sisters, Mrs. Chas. Stewart, also of Denver and Mrs. Lloyd Aspinwall of Ventura, California, and her aunt, Mrs. George Behler of Alamosa. -- The Western Star, August 15, 1947. (Another Comanche County, Ks, resident who is buried in Del Norte, Colorado, is Tommy Wilmore.)

Cronch, Robert

A Funeral sermon will be delivered some time in the future at the home of Robt. Cronch, the young man who died in this city. -- Kansas Weekly Ledger, June 21, 1887. (Protection paper)

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Delair, Wayne

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WAYNE DELAIR DIES IN WICHITA JUNE 17 -- Wayne A. Delair, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Delair, pioneer Comanche county ranchers, passed away Wednesday, June 17, in Wichita. He was a retired cattle buyer and flour inspector. Born at Coldwater, he came to Wichita 21 years ago. At the time of his death he was 76 years of age. Survivors include his widow, Ethel M.; a son, Norman, Laramie, Wyo.; a daughter, Mrs. R. A. Patton, Cunningham; two brothers, Roy H., Cahone, Colo., and Ralph E., of Rockaway Beach, Mo., and a sister, Mrs. J. V. Newby, Wichita. Services were held at 10 a.m. June 20 in Resthaven Mortuary and burial was in Resthaven Garden of Memories in Wichita. -- The Western Star, June 25, 1970.

DeMoss daughter

DIED -- The six year old daughter of Kenneth DeMoss of Medicine Lodge passed away last Sunday. -- The Wilmore News, January 30, 1940.

Deyoe, J.F.

J. F. Deyoe, aged about 59 years, died at his home in Jetmore, Kans., on last Saturday, March 13, 1926. He was the father of Mrs. Roy Ellis and Grover Deyoe of this county, also Ezra and Isaac Deyoe of Jetmore, and Otis Deyoe of Santana, Kans. All of the children were present at the funeral. Mrs. Ellis had been with her father for about a week. Mr. Ellis and Grover Deyoe went to Jetmore Sunday morning to be present at the funeral. They and Mrs. Ellis returned home Sunday. Mrs. Ellis' mother accompanied them home and is making a visit here. -- The Western Star, March 19, 1926.

Dickinson, Jasper

DIES AT AGE OF 94 YEARS -- On Monday, April 28, E. A. Dickinson, Ansel Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Huck and Clifford Blount went to Winfield to attend the funeral of Mr. Dickinson's eldest brother, Jasper Dickinson. Of the 11 Dickinson children, five are still living, with three boys and three girls dead. All lived to be 70 years old or more. Victor Dickinson's son, George, and wife of Bogard, Mo., and E. A. Dickinson's niece, Mrs. Kathryn Mitchell, who lives in Scotland, accompanied Mr. Dickinson home and spent the week visiting at the Dickinson home in Avilla township, this county. On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Ewry Dickinson and the visiting relatives went to Adams, Kansas to attend a gathering of relatives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Van Glesen, who live on the old Bob Dickinson farm which he homesteaded in the early days of Kansas. -- The Western Star, May 2, 1947.

Doyle, Carl

CARL DOYLE DIES -- Word was received here last week of the death of Carl Doyle, who several years ago was a resident of this county, living on the former Arrington ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle moved from here to Kansas City, Mo., and were living there at the time of his death. --The Wilmore News, January 30, 1940.

Dykes, E.B.

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E. B. Dykes Dies In Los Angeles, Calif. - Was a Coldwater Druggist Before Moving to West Coast -- E. B. Dykes, a Coldwater druggist, passed away at his home in Los Angeles, Calif., on February 16 after an illness of three weeks due to a heart attack. Burial was in a Los Angeles cemetery on Monday, the 18th. Edgar B. Dykes, the oldest son of Branch T. and Hiley P. Dykes, was born August 30, 1876, near Rogersville, Tenn., and passed away in Los Angeles, Calif., at the age of 80 years, 5 months and 16 days. In 1884 the family came to Stafford county, Kansas, and homesteaded near St. John, where Edgar grew to manhood. He was united in marriage with Miss Margaret S. Ray of St. John on May 24, 1897. To this union was born one daughter, Laura. During the early years of their married life the family lived in Macksville, where they operated a drug store. Mr. Dykes was also postmaster there for a number of years. In December, 1913, they moved to Coldwater, where they had purchased the Phillips drug store, operating it until 1928. After living in Wichita a few years they moved to Los Angeles, Calif., for the remaining years of their married lives. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Margaret, a daughter, Laura Williams of Los Angeles, two granddaughters, four great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Emmons, of Copeland, Kansas. -- The Western Star, February 22, 1957.

E

Elliot, Bennie

"Bennie Elliott, son of John Elliott, died suddenly on last Wednesday at his father's home five miles west of town. He was 11 years of age." - The Western Star, April 18, 1891.

English, Forrest Lawrence

OBITUARY OF FORREST L. ENGLISH -- Forrest Lawrence English, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. English, was born near Clearwater, Kans., March 1, 1896. Departed this life January 25, 1947, of an heart attack in Wichita, Kans. In February, 1917, he moved to Clark county where he resided until his death. On September 1, 1917, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Ada Brock, and to this union were born three children, two girls and one boy. Mr. English was a farmer and well known stockman of this community. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Louise Gray of Wichita, Kans., Miss Maxine English of Wichita, Kans.; one son, Lawrence English of Protection; one son-in-law Floyd Gray of Wichita, two grandchildren, Allen and Forrest Gray of Wichita. Forrest being a name sake of his grandfather, his father Henry W. English of Coldwater, Kans.; one brother, Wayne English of Wichita, Kans.; besides a host of other relatives and friends. Mr. English was a kind and loving husband and father and a good neighbor and friend to all. (- Protection Post.) -- The Western Star, February 7, 1947.

Evans

A 13 year old son of T. C. Evans who lives on R. M. Watson's place between here and Protection, met with a sudden and sad death last Sunday evening. While leading a mule to water, he tied the halter around his waist. The mule became frightened and ran away with the boy, dragging him to death. - (Coldwater Star.) -- Kiowa Hearld, September 30, 1886.

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Farris

"The 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Farris, who live 8 miles west of this city died on Monday night." -- The Western Star, May 23, 1885.

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Flowers, Fred

FRED FLOWERS DIES SUDDENLY AT INGALLS -- Fred Flowers, a former resident of this county, died suddenly at his home in Ingalls, Kans., at 3 a. m. last Monday, February 21. He had not been ill, but had not been feeling well during the night. He became much worse shortly before three o'clock,, and died before a doctor could arrive. It was found that heart trouble had caused his death. It was not known that Fred's heart was affected, although he had several attacks during the past several months. Fred grew up in this county, living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Flowers, on a farm five miles north of Coldwater until 1928. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the home of Fred's parents, near Ingalls, because of the illness of his mother. Interment was in the Cimarron cemetery. Joe Fred Flowers, son of William Arter and Ella Lee Flowers, was born on September 2, 1907, at Shaffer, Rush County, Kans., and departed from this life on February 21, 1938, at Ingalls, Kans., at the age of 30 years, 5 months and 19 days. When a small boy, he moved with his parents to a farm five miles north of Coldwater, Kans. He attended the public school in Coldwater, and was converted in the Clara Meeker meeting in this city. He moved to Gray county, Kans., in August, 1928, and was united in marriage on June 1, 1930 to Waneta Dell Cessna of Ingalls, Kans. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Waneta, and three children, Billy Burt, Darlene and Jackie Dean, his parents, one sister, Mrs. Ivor Pounds, of Coldwater; two brothers, Clehbert Woodrow at home and Denver H. of Belpre, Kans., and two half-sisters, Mrs. Lee King of Lewis, Kans., and Mrs. Dean Kinman of Ingalls, Kans., also other relatives and a host of friends. -- The Western Star, February 25, 1938.

Foy

"Mabel, infant daughter of M. E. and Clara Foy of Protection, died August 19th, aged 11 months and 6 days." -- The Western Star, August 27, 1887.

Frazer, John

"John Frazer died on his claim near Reeder on last Friday. He was a most estimable citizen. Burial was made on Mr. Frazer's place, in accordance with his expressed desire before his death." -- The Western Star, April 22, 1891.

Friedley child

"A young child of Mr. Friedley died last night." -- The Coldwater Review, April 13, 1888.

G

Gates, Martin K. Luther

OBITUARY OF M. L. GATES -- Martin K. Luther Gates was born near Ottumwa, Iowa, December 24, 1861 and passed away at eleven o'clock Sunday, December 18, at Larned, Kansas at the age of 76 years, 11 months, and 24 days. The cause of his death was hardening of the arteries resulting in paralytic strokes. He lived most of his life in Kansas. In the year 1891 he was united in marriage to Anna Harper. To this union were born two children. He has been engaged in farming in Harper and Barber counties. His recent home was near Hazelton, Kansas. Mr. Gates leaves to mourn his death his wife, two children, Mrs. C. F. Nichols of Protection and Jesse M. Gates of Coldwater, thirteen grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one half sister, Mrs. Loma Trout of Girard, Kansas. One brother and one sister preceded him in death. He was a kind and loving father, a good neighbor, and a firm believer in God. -- The Western Star, December 30, 1936.

Gibson, George

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George Gibson Funeral At Ashland Today -- George Gibson suffered a fatal heart attack Wednesday morning at his home west of Protection. He was 51 years old. In this community he is survived by his wife and two small sons, Richard and Douglas, and Mrs. Paul Thielen, a sister, of Ashland. The industrious farmer's death came with deep regret in this community. He had lived in the Protection - Ashland area since 1919. Funeral services will be conducted this (Friday) afternoon at 2:30 in the Methodist Church in Ashland. Interment will be in Highland cemetery there. -- The Protection Post, October 3, 1952.

H

Hakes, Will

WILL HAKES PASSES AWAY -- Mrs. D. H. Rich received a telegram on Thursday morning of this week conveying the sad news her brother, Will Hakes, died at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday at his home in Rock Island, Ill. At press time, no particulars had been received as to the cause of his death. Mr. Hakes was well known here, having lived in this city for a number of years. While here he was employed in the Allderdice Store. From this city he moved to Wichita, where he made his home for a few years, having charge of the furniture department in a large store in that city. From Wichita he moved to Illinois. Burial will be made at 10 a.m. on Saturday, in Cameron, Mo., that city being his birthplace. Mrs. D. H. Rich is planning to attend the funeral. The announcement of Mr. Hakes' death brings sorrow to the relatives and to his many friends here and elsewhere. --The Western Star, September 20, 1929.

Harris, Roxie May (Dale)

DEATH COMES TO ROXY MAY HARRIS -- Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 31, 1972 at 2 p.m., at the Cox Funeral Chapel by Rev. Paul Wilhem and Rev. Jack Ramsey. Pallbearers were three grandsons, Jimmy Morris, Zearl Harris, and Ernie Harris and three great grandsons, James, Larry and Keith Dickerson. Burial was in the Adams Cemetery by Shinn and Son of Russellville, Ark. Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Harris lived in Coldwater for several years in 1940 and 1950. Obituary: Mrs. Roxy May Harris, aged 87, of Hagarville, Ark., died Saturday, January 29, 1972, at the Clarksville, Ark., hospital. She was a member of the Hagarville, Ark., Baptist church. She is survived by four sons, Reese Harris of Freedom, Okla., Dee Harris of Clarksville, Ark., Boyd of Covina, Calif., Kirk of Alcova, Wyo., one daughter, Mrs. Zearl Morris of Hagarville, Ark., 16 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, one brother, Homer Dale of Dover, Ark., two sisters, Mrs. Ora Jordan of Dover, Ark., Mrs., Bennie Loyd of Monacella, Ark. Her husband, N. M. (Pop) Harris and one son, Ernest, preceded her in death. -- The Western Star, February 17, 1972.

Hecht, Gail Marie

SERVICES HELD FOR GAIL MARIE HECHT -- Services were held at Howard's Park Mortuary in Denver, Colo., for Gail Marie Hecht, beloved wife of Keith Hecht, November 27th, 1969. Keith and Gail were on their way to Granby, Colo., to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hecht, when they were involved in a car accident 14.9 miles from Loveland, Nevada. Gail expired at the scene of the accident from head and chest injuries. Keith was taken to Washoe Medical center at Reno, Nev., where he is still in serious condition with head and chest injuries and a multiple fracture of the left leg and hip. He cannot be moved for at least two weeks. Keith had returned from his second tour of duty in Vietnam on September 4, 1969 and since that time, he and his wife have resided in Alameda, Calif., where he is stationed at the Naval Air Station at Alameda, Calif. Gail is survived by her husband, Keith, her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Johnson, two sisters, Marla and Jan, and brother, Bobby, of Arvada, Colo., also by Kieth's parents and brother, Mark, Granby, Colo., two brothers, Dan and Jimmy of Denver, and a sister, Beth Cox, of Denver. Kieth is a grandson of Mrs. V. W. Seyfrit of Coldwater and a great grandson of Mrs. Hattie Stevenson of Garden City, Kans. -- The Western Star, December 11, 1969.

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Hobbs, Katherine Lea

"Graveside services were conducted at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 15, 1955 in Wichita Park cemetery, for Katherine Lea Hobbs, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Z. Hobbs, Wichita, who died Thursday, October 13, in St. Joseph Hospital. Culbertson Mortuary was in charge of arrangements with Rev. E. E. Kardatzke, pastor of the First Church of God, officiating. Katherine Lea was preceded in death by a sister. Surviving, besides the parents, are two brothers, Charles and William, both of the home; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Louise Hobbs of Lanagan, Mo., and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lenertz of Wilmore, Kans. The mother was formerly Miss Emma Lenertz of Wilmore." -- The Western Star, October 28, 1955.

Hopkins Infant

BABY DIES -- The eight months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hopkins passed away Friday, death being due to pneumonia. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Assembly of God Church in Coldwater, with the burial in the Crown Hill cemetery. -- The Wilmore News, November 28, 1939.

Hume, Donald

DEATH OF DONALD HUME

From a Herington, Kans., paper we learn of the death, about three weeks ago, at his home in Herington of Donald Hume, who was well known in Coldwater, he and his wife having lived here for a few years prior to 1920. During the snow storm a few weeks ago Mr. Hume was stricken with illness while shoveling snow from the sidewalk in front of his house. He became some better, but shortly before his death he attempted to shovel more snow, and while doing so was again seized with an attack, presumably from heart failure, and died shortly afterward.

Mr. Hume was a native of Scotland, having been born in that country on July 4, 1847. At the time of his death he lacked but 3 months of being 79 years of age. He came to America in the year 1870, and settled in Kansas, near Junction City. He thus became a real pioneer in this state. He took part in many of the early day activities in the country near Junction City and Herington. Later he moved to Hodgeman-co., where he lived for several years. He served for six years as county commissioner and six years as county clerk in that county, and proved to be a capable and trustworthy official. Later he came to Coldwater and purchased real estate here - the former VonSchriltz property, also some other property, in the west part of town. From here Mr. and Mrs. Hume returned to Herington, where they continued to make their home.

Mr. Hume was a man of the finest type of neighbor, friend and citizen. He was honest, courteous and absolutely dependable under all circumstances. For many years he had been a faithful member of the Presbyterian church.

He is survived by his faithful wife of many years. Two sons were born to the union, but both died several years ago. The sincere sympathy of many Coldwater friends is extended to the bereaved wife.

-- The Western Star, April 23, 1926.

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Jabara, Sadie

Commanche County KS Deaths at CHS

Ninety Year Old Woman Passes Away -- Mrs. Sadie Jabara passed away Thursday forenoon at the home of her son, M. H. Jabara, in this city. She had been ill for several months. The cause of her death was gangrene of the feet. It is planned to ship her body to Wichita on Friday for burial. Mrs. Jabara was about 90 years of age. We are without further particulars. -- Western Star, June 24, 1938.

Johnson, Nathan L.

OBITUARY -- Nathan L. Johnston was born at Pemberton, Ohio, October 26, 1857 and died at his home near Clearwater, Kansas, August 9, 1928, age 70 years, 9 months and 17 days. Mr. Johnston grew to young manhood in his native state, where he was united in marriage at Quincy, Ohio, to Anna Virginia McMillian, November 6, 1885. To this union seven children were born. Two daughters, Mrs. Ray Angney, Lawrence, Kansas, and Mrs. Harry Carter, Clearwater, Kansas; five sons, C. W. Johnston, Wichita, Kansas, A. V. and Raymond, Protection, Kansas, Wilbur and Ernest, Clearwater, Kansas; also 11 grandchildren all of whom survive, together with his wife, with whom he walked hand in hand down life's highway for more than two fifths of a century, ___ experience the aching heart void that death brings and know the darkness which only the Son of Righteousness can bid flee away. Hearing the call of the West, Mr. Johnston and his family set their faces toward the land of the setting sun, coming to Kansas in 1901, settling near Belle Plain, Kansas. Later they moved to Protection and a few years ago, coming to Clearwater where he resided at the time of his death. To our deceased brother life was more than raiment, more than meat or drink. It was "righteousness," and joy and place in the Holy Ghost. He realized early in his years that the Supreme end of life is not material gain but spiritual possessions and the great task for every man is to build not a fortune, but a life. Faithfully and earnestly he set himself to the attainment of this lofty ideal, building into his own life in the ever fleeting years these stones of strength and sturdiness that forever defy decay. He knew and experienced that blessedness that comes from fellowship with the Infinite and the thrill that comes from sacred companionship with the better self-hood made possible through the Divine Grace and power. Upon his conversion in early manhood, he joined the M. E. Church and remained a devoted member of the same till God called him from the scenes of all earthly endeavor to membership in the Choir Invisible, where, with all the redeemed hosts he may chant forever the songs that angles cannot sing but only those whose sin stained garments have been made white in the Blood of the Lamb. Besides his immediate family, Mr. Johnston leaves two brothers, L. N. Johnston, Lamar, Colo., and R. W. Johnston of Sidney, Ohio, who together with a vast concourse of friends, share in the sorrow and darkness death had wrought. -- The Protection Post, August 30, 1928.

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Kendall Infant

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. (F. or P.) Kendall died on the evening of the 29th, after a short illness. Thus the flowers of youth are rudely plucked by the hand of death. The afflicted parents have the sympathy of their friends, in their bereavement. -- Evansville Herald, October 22, 1885.

Kindred Infant

DIED - Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kindred, Thursday night, September 10th, after an illness of almost its entire life. The bereaved parents have our heartfelt sympathy. -- The Western Star, September 19, 1891. (She is buried in the Wilmore Cemetery.)

Kirby, H.W.

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"Dr. W. D. Kirby received a telegram on Wednesday conveying the sad intelligence that his brother, H. W. Kirby, died that morning at his home in Ault, Colo. No particulars have yet been received as to the cause of death." -- The Western Star, November 14, 1919.

Kyle daughter

"A 4 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle, whose home in in the southern part of Kiowa-co., died on Tuesday and was buried yesterday. Rev. I. W. Bailey of the Baptist church conducted the funeral services, which were held at the family residence." -- The Western Star, February 17, 1905.

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Lemon, Bessie Blanche (Dotson)

Bessie Blanche (Dotson) Lemon; Born - September 10, 1917 at Gibbon, Oklahoma; Died - May 18, 1997, Ashland, Kansas; Parents - Absolom Scott and Ruth Armstrong Dotson; Married - Luther Daniel Lemon, January 2, 1938.; Abstracted from obituary -- Protection Press, May 22, 1997.

Lenertz, Harriet Rachel

DEATH OF YOUNG CHILD. Harriet Rachel, the 14 months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Lenertz, died about 9 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday of this week, after an illness of less than a weeks' duration. Some form of throat trouble was the cause of the little one's death. Harriet was a bright, lovable child, and her passing away brings sadness to many hearts. Burial was made on Thursday afternoon. -- The Western Star, December 25, 1925.

Lyon, Ruby

Mr. C. O. Masterson received a message Tuesday evening of the death of his cousin, Ruby Lyon of Hutchinson. Funeral services were held in Greensburg Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Masterson attended the funeral. -- The Wilmore News, November 27, 1936.

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Mason, W.R.

"On October 12, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, W. R. (Grandpa) Mason passed away. He was well known here, having made his home for some time with his daughter, Mrs. W. A. Beebe and family of Avilla-tp." -- The Western Star, October 28, 1925.

McClain

"J. M. McClain Tuesday received the sad intelligence of the death of his sister in Vigo county, Indiana. She died on the 18th inst., aged 30 years." -- The Western Star, August 27, 1887.

McCullough, Columbus

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"The sad news reached this county last week of the sudden death on October 29 of Columbus McCulloch, who was well known in this county. At the time of his death he was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burrows, in Vineland, Mo., Mrs. Burrows being a sister of Mrs. McCulloch. Death came suddenly as he was sitting in a chair. Heart failure was given as the cause of his death. His health had ben failing for some time, however. Mr. McCulloch was a man of exemplary habits and in every respect he was a good citizen. He was a cousin of Sheriff J. L. Williams of this city. A son, Claude, still lives in this county. Mr. McCulloch owned a tract of land in Avilla-tp., this county, also a residence property in the eastern part of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Williams, formerly of this city, now live at Morse Mill, Md. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of Mr. McCulloch. Morse Mill is the McCulloch's old home, and Mr. McCulloch was buried there. -- "DEATH OF C. McCULLOCH", The Western Star, November 20, 1925.

McDaneld, Cleve G.

ATTENDS FUNERAL -- Mrs. Elzora Butcher returned home Sunday afternoon after a trip to Missouri to attend the funeral of her brother, Cleve G. McDaneld. Funeral services were held at the Oakland Christian church in Livingston county in Missouri on Thursday, June 25, 1970. Cleve G. McDaneld was born October 28, 1892 and departed this life at St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., June 22, 1970, at the age of 77 years, 7 months, 25 days. While in Missouri Mrs. Butcher also visited her sister, Susie Beaver in Chillicothe, Mo., and other relatives there. -- The Western Star, July 2, 1970.

McKechnie, Pete

GREENSBURG EDITOR DIES -- Newspapermen and women all over central and western Kansas were grieved this week to learn of the death in Greensburg last Monday evening of Pete McKechnie, editor of the Kiowa County Signal of that city. He was 42 years of age. He had been in semi retirement for a few weeks due to hardening of the arteries and heart trouble and his death was due to an internal hemorrhage. Mr. McKechnie was an able editor and was a former president of the Kansas Press Association and of the Southwest Kansas Editorial Association. Last year he was District Governor of the Rotary clubs of Kansas. He is survived by a daughter, his wife and his mother, Mrs. Naney McKechnie. Mr. McKechnie learned the printing trade under his father in the Kinsley Mercury office. Funeral services were held in Greensburg on Thursday. -- The Western Star, May 14, 1948.

Meadows, Jewel Marie

DIED - Jewel Marie Meadows, age 7 and a few months, died on March 6 in the state hospital for the feeble minded in Winfield. She was taken to the hospital from this county several months ago. Marie was blind and handicapped in many ways. Burial was made in Seneca, Mo. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Meadows, also two brothers, Kenneth and Eugene, still live in this county. -- The Western Star, March 12, 1926.

Metzker, G.L.

"G. L. Metzker, aged 87 years, 11 months and 15 days, died at 1:15 a.m. on Thursday of this week at the home of his nephew, W. H. Metzker in this city. He was sitting in his rocking chair and was apparently in his usual health, when he was suddenly stricken with a heart attack and he died almost instantly. Mr. Metzker had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Metzker a number of years, his wife having died over 30 years ago. He was a very quiet and unassuming man and was not seen on the streets very often. He had lived an exemplary life and was a good citizen. Burial will be made on Friday in the Coldwater cemetery." -- "AGED MAN PASSES AWAY", The Western Star, November 20, 1925.

Millison, Billie Marie (Gigax)

Commanche County KS Deaths at CHS

Former Resident Dies at Pratt -- Protection native Billie Marie Millison died at Pratt Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, July 21, 1987. She was age 58, and had been a long time resident of Pratt. A secretary, she had been employed by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. She was born at Protection as Billie Marie Gigax on October 31, 1928, and had been gone from this area for many years. On September 27, 1950, she married Roy E. Millison at Panama City, Panama. Her memberships included the United Methodist Church in Pratt. Survivors include the husband of the home; daughter Lisa Conner of Pratt; a brother, Wayne Cogax of Springfield, Mo.; a sister, Janet Richards of Fort Myers, Florida, and one grandchild. The memorial service was Friday morning, July 24 at the First United Methodist Church in Pratt, with the Rev. Melvin Short officiating. Ayers-Calbeck Mortuary of Pratt was in charge. Memorials may go to the Heart Assn. -- The Protection Press, July 30, 1987.

Mosteller, Ethel (Hook)

Mrs. Mosteller will be known to people of this community as Miss Ethel Hook. She lived with her parents near Wilmore for about twenty years. They have lived in Oklahoma for several years. -- MRS. MOSTELLER DIES AT ENID -- Funeral services for Mrs. D. E. Mosteller, 41, who died Sunday night Nov. 29 in an Enid hospital after an illness of several months, will be held Dec. 1 at 2:30 o'clock in University Place Christian church. Dr. E. Edwin Osborn, pastor, will officiate. The body will lie in state at the church from i to 2:30 o'clock. Surviving her are her husband, D. E. Mosteller of the home, 2005 East Oak, her father, Will Hook of Lenapah, her mother, Mrs. Agnes Hook, a brother, Loyd Hook and two sisters, Mrs. Lester E. Mast and Mrs. Robt. Richely, all of Enid. (This item was taken from the Enid Morning News.) -- The Wilmore News, December 11, 1936.

Murphy

"The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Murphy of Logan-tp. died Tuesday night of dysentery. The little one was but two months old." -- The Western Star, May 26, 1896.

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Osborne, Emma

Mrs. Emma Osborne, 79, Dies in Wichita Hospital: Homesteaded Farm North of Protection; Had Lived in Ashland for Past 36 Years -- Mrs. Emma Osborne, 79, of Ashland, and a pioneer resident of Comanche County, passed away in a Wichita hospital Monday. Mrs. Osborne is a sister-in-law of C. H. Osborne, and an aunt of Harry Osborne. She came to Kansas with her husband, Fred Osborne, who preceded her in death, and settled on a homestead north of Protection. Later they moved to Ashland where she lived for thirty six years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. C. McCutchan of Independence, and Miss Evelyn, of Lawrence; and five sons: Harvey of Wichita, John B. of Kirkland, Ariz., Earl E. Of San Carlos, Ariz., Francis W. of Kansas City, and Ralph of Eylas, Ariz. -- The Protection Post, October 20, 1932.

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Pattulo, Pat (Wright)

Commanche County KS Deaths at CHS

PAT PATTULO DIES -- John Wright of Belvidere received a message last Friday stating that Pat Pattulo of Detroit, Mich. had passed away, after an operation for ulcers of the stomach. The Pattulos formerly lived in Wilmore. Mrs. Pattulo was formerly Blanche Wright, a sister of John, and was born and grew to womanhood at the home in the Ridge Summit community. -- The Wilmore News, October 31, 1939. (She was the daughter of James E. Wright and Alice Parminter Wright.)

Pendergraft, Fred

H. J. Pendergraft's Brother Dies -- H. J. Pendergraft received a message Thursday, stating that his brother, Fred, had died that morning at Jacket, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Pendergraft left immediately for that place, learning after they arrived that death was by suicide. No motive was known that caused him to take his life, but he had seemed despondent for some time. Funeral services were held Saturday. He leaves a wife and daughter, his mother, two brothers and several sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Pendergraft arrived home Tuesday evening and were accompanied by Kenneth Patterson, a nephew of Mrs. Pendergraft, who had been visiting in Missouri and will go from here to his home in Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Pendergraft have the sympathy of many friends. -- The Wilmore News, January 21, 1938.

Phebus, William

DIES IN CALIFORNIA -- William Phebus, only brother of Eyman Phebus, Coldwater postmaster, passed away on January 29, 1944, at his home in Inglewood, Calif., the result of a heart attack. He was born December 13, 1866, at Syracuse, Ind., and at the time of his death was 77 years of age. Mr. Phebus came to Kansas with his parents and brother in 1880, settling in Linn county and moved to Comanche county in March, 1889. William remained in this county until 1914, when he moved to Inglewood, Calif., and continued to reside there until his death. -- The Western Star, February 4, 1944.

Phillips, Ralph

Father of Mrs. Archie McDowell Dies -- Mrs. Archie McDowell received word last Tuesday, February 26, 1963, that her father, Ralph Phillips of Medicine Lodge, had been seriously injured when he fell from a ladder while working on a church at Sharon. Mr. Phillips was taken to the Medicine Lodge Hospital where he died on the morning of February 28, from internal injuries received in the fall. Funeral services were held on Saturday in Medicine Lodge. -- The Western Star, March 7, 1963.

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Quint, Alois

"(A recent dispatch from Ashland to the Wichita Beacon says: Ashland, Kans., July 7. (Special) - Alois Quint, age 28, a farmer who resided three miles east of this city, is dead from injuries received when he fell into a separator. Quint was badly mutilated, his right leg being slit from the heel upward. Five ribs were severed by the feeder knives, the last stroke puncturing a lung. Doctors were six hours dressing the wounds. The injured man lived 20 hours after the accident. He is survived by his widow and five small children." -- "THRESHERMAN KILLED.", The Western Star, July 10, 1925.

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Ray, Florence Elizabeth (Thomas)

Commanche County KS Deaths at CHS

DIES IN KANSAS CITY AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS -- Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Thomas and their daughter, Mrs. Clyde Blackard, of Coldwater and their sons, Cecil and Harley Thomas of Protection were called to Kansas City last Friday to attend the funeral services for Mrs. Olin Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Thomas. Her death occurred on February 9 in Northeast Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., where she had been for the past two months. She had been in failing health for more than a year. Funeral services were held in the First Christian church in Kansas City February 11 and burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery in that city. Florence Elizabeth Ray, eldest daughter of Richard F. and Mary Elizabeth Thomas of Coldwater, Kans., was born in Wichita, Kans., September 26, 1902, and passed away in Kansas City February 9, 1950, at the age of 47 years, 4 months and 14 days. She was united in marriage in Wichita with Albert Olin Ray in 1922 and they since have made their home in Kansas City. To this union were born four children - Doris, Mary Crandall, Charles and Lois Ray of the home who, with the husband, survive. Other survivors are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Thomas; four brothers, Ruel V. Thomas of Washington state, Cecil R. Thomas and Harley A. Thomas of Protection, Kans., and Rev. Forrest G. Thomas of Richmond, Ill.; three sisters, Mrs. Viola Butler of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Vivian Dorsey of Englewood, Kans., and Mrs. Thelma Blackard of Coldwater and many other relatives. A brother and a sister preceded her in death. -- The Western Star, February 17, 1950.

Raines, Mrs. Maurice

Louie B. Vonachen started last Sunday by way of the Rock Island from Pratt for Rock Island, Ill., in response to a telegram stating that his youngest sister, Mrs. Maurice Raines, had died early on that day. Mrs. Raines had visited in this county several times. At the time of her death she was about 30 years of age. She had not been sick very long. The cause of her death was pneumonia. Her husband had just begun to recover from a severe attack of pneumonia. -- The Western Star, March 1, 1929.

Raner

"Mr. and Mrs. John Raner were called to Pratt last Thursday by the death of Mrs. Raner's little brother." -- The Wilmore News, February 25, 1915.

Riggs, Hazel Charlotte (Shelit)

DIED - Hazel Charlotte Shelit was born February 14, 1907, near Lookout, Okla., and departed this life February 2, 1926, at the age of 18 years, 11 months and 19 days. Hazel was born and raised in Woods-co. with the exception of six months, moving at that time with her parents to West Plains, Mo. Three years ago she, with her parents, moved from Coy to a farm near Hopeton, Okla., where she resided until she was united in marriage to Dennis T. Riggs on May 13, 1925. Hazel was converted some time ago and tried to live a true Christian life. She was an obedient daughter and a kind and loving wife and sister. She was suddenly taken sick on Monday night, February 1, at 10:30 o'clock, and left for the Great Beyond at 2:45 Tuesday afternoon. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, Dennis F. Riggs of Carmen, Okla.; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shelit; three sisters and four brothers - Melvin and Rudy Shelit of Coldwater, Kans., and Beulah, Ira. Ruth, Gladys and Floyd Shelit of Hopeton; Mrs. Sarah Riggs of Carmen, Okla.; one grandfather, Jess Phimley of Topeka, Kans.; one grandmother, Mrs. Mary Shelit of Capron, Okla.; and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services and interment were at the Pleasant View church and cemetery, conducted by Sister Hull of the Hopeton Parsonage, Rev. John Baxter of Hopeton, Okla., and Rev. Bugg of Green Valley. -- The Western Star, February 12, 1926.

Roeher, Chester A.

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Chester A. Roehr Dies -- Chester A. Roehr, 75, brother of Alfred Roehr, Hutchinson, died Saturday, January 3, 1976, at his home near Clarendon, Texas. He was born September 25, 1902 at Bushton, Kans. He married Erin Burnett in 1935. He was a farmer and rancher and lived in Coldwater before moving to Texas. He was a member of Good Night Texas Baptist church, Clarendon, Texas. Other survivors are his widow; son, Rev. Richard Roehr, Silverton, Texas; sisters: Mrs. Helen King and Mrs. Lucy Williams, both of Coldwater. Mrs. Irene Merrifield, Artesia, N. M., and four grandchildren. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday, January 5, 1976, at the church. Burial will be in the Clarendon cemetery. -- The Western Star, January 8, 1976.

Robbins, Mrs. Frank

Mrs. Frank Robbins, whose home is near Chase, Kans., was badly burned on last Friday. She was using a gasoline iron with which to press a dress which had been washed in gasoline, and the gasoline ignited. Her clothing caught fire, whereupon she ran to a water tank not far away and jumped into the icy water, thus extinguished the flames, but chilling her badly and inducing pneumonia. She ran into the house, put out the fire and phoned for a doctor and her husband. She was badly burned about the arms and the entire upper part of the body, and suffered greatly. Her condition grew worse rapidly and at 10 p.m. on Sunday, she died. Burial was made in the Chase cemetery on Thursday. Mrs. Robbins was about 48 years of age. They had just held a public sale and were preparing to move to town. It was a sad accident, and elicits the sincere sympathy of all for the bereaved husband and 20 year old daughter. Frank Robbins is a brother of Mrs. J. B. Handy, Mrs. Jonas Swarner and W. B. and Levi Robbins of this county. On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robbins, J. B. Handy and Jonas Swarner motored to Chase to be present at the funeral on Thursday. -- The Western Star, March 19, 1926.

Ross, George

FORMER COLDWATER MAN DIES AFTER FALL FROM TREE -- From a Tulsa, Okla., newspaper we learn of the death of George Ross, formerly of this city and a nephew of Mrs. Mattie Nokes and Mrs. Walter Finney of Coldwater. The article follows: "Services for George Ross, 42, (address), who died Saturday from a fall from a tree while picking pecans near Broken Arrow, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Trinity Baptist church with Rev. J. C. Wilhelm conducting. The Tulsa Funeral Home will direct interment in Rose Hill burial park. Members of the Trinity men's Bible class taught by Mr. Ross will serve as pallbearers. Mr. Ross, employed as a pipefitter at Newman, Inc. (address), had gone on the pecan picking outing with his wife, two daughters and a neighbor. He had climbed a tree to a height of about 40 feet when a dead limb broke and he fell on his back across a log. The accident occurred on the Barwood stock farm, six and a half miles southwest of Broken Arrow. He died two hours later in a Broken Arrow hospital. A Native of Phillipsburg, Mo., he moved to Tulsa 11 years ago from Kansas City, Mo. Surviving are his wife, Willie; five daughters, Jean, Eula, Mae, Margaret, Georgeanne and Carol Ruth; a son, Billy George; his mother, Mrs. Ottilla Ross, Lebanon, Mo.; six brothers, Thomas of Morgan, Mo., Sidney of Washington, William of Denver, Albert of Tonganoxie, Kans., John Sam of Orchards, Wash., and Bennington Ross, address unknown, and three sisters, Mrs. Grover Deyoe, Crisfield, Kans., Mrs. Georgia Wood, Lebanon, Mo., and Mrs. O. J. Adkinson, Conway, Mo. -- The Western Star, December 17, 1948.

Roux, Mrs. R.A.

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MRS. R. A. ROUX PASSES AWAY - Mrs. R. A. Roux, aged about 80 years, and who was a resident of this county from 1912 to 1921, died on Monday morning of this week, July 17, 1933, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Laura Suiter, three and a half miles northeast of Mackville, Kans. Her health had been failing for some time, but she had been seriously ill for about a week. Burial was made in the Mackville cemetery on Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. John Hiner and Chester and Alberta Hiner of this county were present. Alberta is a granddaughter of Mrs. Roux. While Mrs. Roux was a resident of this county, she lived for a while in Coldwater, and for several years the family lived a few miles northwest of town. She was a devoted mother, and was liked by all who knew her. She is survived by two sons and one daughter - Lloyd Roux of Newton, Kans., Mrs. Laura Suiter, of Mackville, Kans., and Joe Cole of Kansas City, Kans. The sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved relatives. -- *The Western Star*, July 21, 1933. -- *The Western Star*, July 21, 1933.

Russel, Dr. R.D.

ATTEND FUNERAL AT DODGE CITY -- Mr. and Mrs. Alva Trummel went to Dodge City last Wednesday to attend the funeral of Dr. R. D. Russel who had passed away Monday. Death was due to infection resulting from bruises received in a fall. Mrs. Russell was formerly Regina Sailor of this place and a sister of Mrs. Trummel. -- *The Wilmore News*, March 26, 1940.

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Safford, Rev. C.W.

Rev. C. W. Safford Served 2 Churches -- Was Graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Vermont University. Charles W. Safford was born at Fairies, Vermont, on April 17, 1861. He passed from this earthly life on Monday, June 2, 1947, at 8 p.m. in Dodge City, Kans., at the age of 86 years, 1 month and 16 days. Mr. Safford was associated with the church from boyhood, spending 65 years in the ministry. He was graduated from the University of Vermont and from the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He was a Baptist minister in Kansas for 35 years, holding pastorates at Marion, Herington, Elkhart, Kingman and several other towns. He also served as a Baptist missionary for Kansas for several years. Rev. Safford was later a minister for the Assembly of God church, serving at Attica, Pratt, Coldwater, Garden City and Newton. After retiring from the ministry he served for three years as an instructor at the Great Lakes Bible School at Zion, Ill. In 1898 Rev. Safford was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Lynn Sheldon at Chollicothe, Ill. To this union were born two daughters - Ruth, now Mrs. M. B. Sinks, and Martha, now Mrs. Rex Jackson. Mrs. Safford preceded him in death in 1929. Rev. Safford is survived by his two daughters, Mrs. Sinks, now of Dodge City and Mrs. Jackson now a missionary in West Africa, and by two grandchildren, Ruth Ann Sinks and Monty B. Sinks Jr. of Dodge City. Rev. Safford was a capable and kind minister, husband and father and made many friends wherever he served. The sorrowing relatives have the sympathy of all. -- *The Western Star*, June 13, 1947.

Sampson, O.H.

Early day settlers in the vicinity of Protection will remember Miss Jennie Smith, sister of J. Frank Smith, Miss Ethel Smith and Mrs. Blanche Fisher. A number of years ago Miss Jennie married O. H. Sampson, and they made their home in Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Sampson died on February 26 at his home in Phoenix. The bereaved wife has the sympathy of many Comanche-co. friends. -- *The Western Star*, March 19, 1926.

Saunders, Cynthia C. (Shrake)

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Mrs. Dave Saunders -- Cynthia C. Shrake was born March 29th, 1848, at Manhattan, Patnam Co., Ind. At the age of 9 days she was left without a mother; at an early age she united with the United Brethren Church and has always been a good and faithful Christian beloved by all who knew her. Her early life was spent near Augusta, Illinois at which place she was united in marriage with David H. Saunders August 24th, 1866. To this union were born ten children. Two passed away in early infancy. The others are Nettie L. Binkley of Ralston, Okla., Emma L. Pool of Harris, Kansas, Mary E. Hunt of Wilmore, Kansas, William H. of Drexel, Mo., Geo. M. of Kansas City, Mo., Susan R. Bottrell, Chas. D. and Carrie A. Hearn of Parker, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders moved from Illinois to Jingo, Miami Co., Kansas in 1870 and in the spring 1885 they moved from there to their farm two miles northeast of Parker. At which place after 31 years Mr. Saunders passed away on May 24, 1915. Mrs. Saunders has spent the remainder of her life in the home of her son Chas. Saunders in Parker. For some time she has been in poor health and was taken seriously sick about five weeks ago. On Monday morning, July 2nd, 1917, she passed away to her Heavenly Home. She left a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Moore of Greeley, at the Methodist church at Parker, Wednesday at 11 a.m. The remains were laid to rest in the Parker Highland Cemetery. (from Parker Message) -- The Wilmore News, July 26, 1917.

Schenk, Chris C.

DEATH OF C. C. SCHENK - Fred Schenk of this city received the sad news on Thursday of last week of the death, on Tuesday, of his brother, Chris C. Schenk, in Cleveland, Ohio. Death was the result of a paralytic stroke. Chris was well known in this county, having lived here during the latter 80s (1880s) and the early 90s (1890s), and during most of the time between 1900 and 1908. He lived in Logan-tp. while a resident of this county. Since 1908, he and his family had lived in Madison, and later in Cleveland, Ohio. He was married near Cleveland in the year 1893 to Miss Eva Sinn, who, with three daughters survives him. One daughter died several years ago. The eldest daughter, Freda, is well known in the eastern part of this county. She is now married. Chris lived on the old Tom Reynolds farm (now owned by D. V. Wagner) in the county. Had he lived until next May, he would have been 63 years of age. -- The Western Star, February 19, 1926.

Schmidt, Colleen Ann

INFANT DAUGHTER DIES -- Colleen Ann Schmitt, infant daughter of John and Dorothy Schmitt of Lawrence, Kansas, died Sunday morning April 19, 1970 at the age of seven days. Graveside services were conducted Monday morning, April 20, 1970, by Rev. Edwin F. Price at the Oak Hill cemetery in Lawrence, Kans. Survivors include the parents of the home, the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Schmitt of Wichita, Kans., the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Barnhart of Coldwater, Kans., and many other relatives and friends. -- The Western Star, April 23, 1970.

Sever, Victor

DIED - Victor, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sever of Garden City, Kans., died on Wednesday of last week and was buried in the Dodge City cemetery on Thursday. Death was caused by the bite of a rattlesnake on the previous Monday. Mrs. Sever was formerly Miss Kate Von Schrittz. Friends here extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Smith, Karen Janene

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DEATH OF YOUNG CHILD -- Funeral services for Karen Janene Smith, who passed away Thursday, April 17, 1947, were held in the Hoisington Methodist church, Saturday afternoon, April 19, 1947, and were in charge of the pastor, Rev. A. E. Greenler, who brought a very comforting message. A quartet sang two songs, "Safe In The Arms of Jesus," and "When He Cometh." The pall bearers were Donnie and Gary Guthrie, Robert and Richard Nimz and Cecil Neal. The flower girls were Billie and Eldean Nimz, and Phyllis and Sally Neal. The body was laid to rest in the Hoisington cemetery. The little one was born January 28, 1947, and at the time of her death was two months and 20 days of age. Her parents, Ivan G. and Myra E. Smith, reside in Great Bend, Kans., one sister, Janice Ellen, also survives. Mrs. Smith before her marriage was Miss Myra Carlisle, daughter of Mrs. Floyd Carlisle of Coldwater. The sorrowing relatives have the sincere sympathy of all. -- The Western Star, May 2, 1947.

Smith, Mrs. Shird

MRS. SHIRD SMITH DIES -- The sad news was received Monday evening of the death of Mrs. Shird Smith at the Galloway hospital at Anthony. Mr. Smith had been called to Anthony on last Thursday by her serious condition. She seemed to improve and he returned home Sunday evening. About 4 o'clock Monday evening he received a phone call stating that she was very low, followed almost immediately that she had passed away. Mrs. Smith had undergone a major operation about two weeks ago. The body was sent by train to Reno, Ark., and burial will be made near there. Mr. Smith and the children, Wesley and Ellen left by auto Tuesday for Anthony and from there to Arkansas. Besides the husband and two children of Wilmore, Mrs. Smith leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mary Deckard of Datto, Ark., and other relatives, and friends. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire family. -- The Wilmore News, April 15, 1938.

Snare, Hubert H.

"Hubert H. Snare, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Snare of Wilmore, died last Sunday evening at 9 o'clock, aged about 19."

-- The Western Star, January 17, 1891.

He is buried in Wilmore Cemetery.

Sweeney, Rosa B.

DEATH OF MRS. C. H. SWEENEY -- Rosa B. Young, daughter of Perry and Mary E. Young of Pulaski, Ky., was born on May 9, 1875, and departed this life at her home in Ashland, Kans., on January 10, 1938. Her death was due to heart trouble and complications. At the time of her death she was 64 years, 8 months and one day of age. She was married to C. H. Sweeney on January 11, 1894, at Somerset, Ky. To this union were born one son, who preceded her in death at the age of 10 days, and two daughters, Mrs. Viva Ellis of Coldwater, Kans., and Mrs. Ida McAlexander of Altoona, Kans. There are four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mrs. Sweeney was converted at the age of 12 years. She later became a member of the Christian church at Stoutland, Mo. She always attended the Christian church in Ashland when her health permitted. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney moved from southwestern part of Kiowa county to their present home in Ashland in 1927, where they have been helping Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Burket. Burial was made on Wednesday, January 12, at 2 p.m. in the Ashland cemetery. C. H. Sweeney is a brother of B. E. Sweeney, who lives ten miles northwest of Coldwater. -- The Western Star, January 14, 1938.

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Taylor, Lulu (Little)

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Obituary - Mrs. Roy Taylor -- From last week's County Capitol, St. John, Kans. Lulu Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Little, was born in Richland-tp., Stafford-co., Kans., August 16, 1880 and died at her home in Cleveland-tp., November 20, 1919, aged 39 years, 3 months and 4 days. Her girlhood and school days were spent in St. John, Kans., where she grew to womanhood and won many friends. In 1897 she was united in marriage to Roy Taylor, making their home first in St. John and later moving to the present home in Cleveland-tp. To this union were born eight children, Mrs. Vida Miller, Vera, Vergie, and infant who died in 1907, Lawrence, Faraldine, and twin boys for whose life the mother sacrificed her own. One of the twin boys living only 24 hours passed with the mother into the spirit world while the other lives to be a comfort to the family. Besides these children, the near relatives who share in the loss of this loved one are the husband, father, two sisters, Mrs. Bert Brenner of Portland, Ore., and Petta Little of Tillamook, Ore. The sisters could not be present at the funeral on account of illness. Two brothers, Ben Little of Claflin, Kans., and Less Little of Frost, Ohio. A host of friends also sorrow in the departure of a dear friend who had promise of years of life yet in which to enjoy fellowship and association. The deceased became a member of the Baptist church in 1897 in which faith she served the master to life's end. The influence of her Christian spirit was felt in the home and at large and will live on in those whom she leaves here. She was interested and active in the religious interests of the community, doing well her part in church, Sunday school and in benevolent work. There was always a readiness to minister to the afflicted. In these lines of activity she will be missed for her place will be vacant. Most of all she will be missed in the home for there she was queen. She was a true mother with a mother's sincere love for her own. Nor was her life unduly sober, for while she was a true mother, she was a girl in spirit with her daughters. Long live the influences of a woman of such worth. May her good qualities be duplicated and multiplied in the lives of others. "She rests from her labor and her works follow her." A short service was held at the home. The funeral was held at the M. E. church in St. John, in charge of Rev. A. D. Sollenberger, assisted by Rev. S. A. Chappell. A very great number of people were present at these services thus expressing sympathy for the sorrowing family and which also indicated the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery. The following out of town relatives attended the funeral: - John Little, Ben Little, and family of Claflin, Kans., Lee Little of Frost, Ohio, Mr. Taylor's sisters, Mrs. Ida Watts, Winona, Kans., Mrs. Millie Janson, Mrs. Anna Carleton, Mrs. Earl Guizlo of Coldwater and Mrs. Jim Sheldon of Eldorado, Kans., Oscar Taylor and family and Tom Taylor of Coldwater. The singing was furnished by O. O. John, E. H. Durham, Mrs. Nellie Shepherd, Mrs. Milo Yoder. Pallbearers were: Frank Coen, John Batchman, W. Hohner, Fred Howard, Glen Rixon and Mr. McCormick. -- The Western Star, December 5, 1919.

Tennison, Lucy

DIED - at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Platt, in Rumsey township, on Saturday, April 2, at 4 o'clock p.m., of la grippe, Mrs. Lucy Tennison, aged 70 years. The deceased moved to Johnston county, from Illinois, in 1850, being one of the early settlers there, removing to this county about 10 years ago and has since made her home with her daughter. She calmly passed away seeming to be hopeful of the future that was before her. She leaves several children and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was laid to rest in the Aetna cemetery Monday. -- The Western Star, April 9, 1898.

Thomason

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomason who lived on the Barber ranch a few miles southeast of this city, died on last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Thomasons' parents near Macksville, Kansas. Mrs. Thomason had gone there on a visit, when the little one took sick. Friends here extend sincere sympathy. -- The Western Star, March 7, 1912.

Thompson, Earl

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EARL THOMPSON DIES IN SEDALIA, MISSOURI -- Harvey, Roland and George Thompson and George's wife, also Victor Thompson of Manhattan, attended the funeral in Sedalia, Mo., last Saturday of Earl Thompson, a brother of Harve, Roland and George. Mr. Thompson, who had been in failing health for about two years, or since most of his stomach was removed, died in a veterans hospital where he had been for two weeks. The cause of his death was uremic poisoning. Earl and family lived on the Thompson ranch west of Coldwater a number of years before moving to Sedalia and was well known here. At the time of his death he was 61 years of age. -- *The Western Star*, May 31, 1957.

Thompson, Mrs. M.L.

Mrs. M. L. Thompson Killed -- "Mrs. M. L. Thompson, formerly of this city, was killed by lightning at her home near Amsterdam, Mo., Monday night while in the yard cleaning a chicken. She leaves her husband and four children, two of whom are twins. The Thompsons are well known here. E. C. Thompson, who has a real estate office in the Palace Block, is a brother of Mrs. Thompson. He has gone to Amsterdam. Burial will be there." -- *Wichita Beacon*, July 25. The above item tells briefly the story of the death of a sister of Mrs. Fred Ferrin of Wilmore. Mrs. Ferrin received the sad news by telegram last Monday and left at once for her sisters home near Amsterdam, Mo., going by the way of Greensburg. Mrs. Ferrin has the sympathy of her many Wilmore friends in this very sad bereavement. -- *The Wilmore News*, July 26, 1917.

Todd, Helen Ruth

DIED - Helen Ruth Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Todd of Ingalls, Kans., died at 1 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday of this week in Dodge City, where she had been taken for medical treatment. She had suffered an attack of whooping cough and pneumonia, and, although everything possible was done for her, her vitality continued to grow less until death relieved her of her suffering. Had Helen lived until the 6th of next July she would have been three years of age. She was a lovable child, and from her, sunshine and cheer radiated to all who knew her. She was the only daughter. She is survived by her parents and by two brothers - Omer Zent and John H. The funeral will be held on Friday of this week in Ingalls. The parents, who are now sorely bereaved have the sympathy of many Comanche-co. friends. -- *The Western Star*, April 30, 1926.

Turner, Chester

Mrs. Oscar Barber received word Wednesday morning of the death of her uncle, Mr. Chester Turner of Lyons, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Lorraine, Shirley and Lois Johnston, a niece of Mrs. Turner, were on their way from Lyons to Cunningham to visit at the Harve Manshan home. The tie-rod on the car broke making it impossible for Mr. Turner to guide the car. The car turned over twice and it is thought it must have rolled on Mr. Turner once as he was crushed internally so badly that he died Wednesday morning at the home of H. Manshan. The other occupants of the car escaped without serious injury. Mrs. Manshan and Mrs. Turner are sisters. Funeral rites will be held Friday at Lyons for Mr. Turner. -- *The Wilmore News*, July 16, 1937.

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Umberger, Archie Arthur

FARM LABORER DIES FROM HEART ATTACK -- Archie Arthur Umberger passed away Wednesday night of last week in his sleep at the home of P. C. Peterson who lives southeast of Coldwater. The cause of his death, at the age of 58 years, four months and one day, was given as heart failure. Mr. Umberger had been working the past year at the Peterson farm. The body was taken Tuesday to Genos, Colo. for burial. Mr. Umberger is survived by four children and wife. He had no relatives in this county. -- *The Western Star*, August 1, 1947.

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Ward, Harry Randolph

"Harvey Randolph Ward, aged 2 months and 18 days, died at 8 p.m. on last Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Ward, 16 miles southwest of this city. The little one was a favorite in the family and his death causes an aching void in the hearts of the bereaved relatives. Funeral services were conducted from the home and were in charge of Rev. V. L. Darby of the M. E. church. Interment was in the Coldwater cemetery on Monday afternoon. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of all." -- The Western Star, April 23, 1920.

Watson, James Harvey

James Harvey Watson; Age - 49; Died - June 18, 1983 at Research Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.; Born - May 29, 1934, Belvidere, Kansas; Graduated from Protection High School and Kansas State; Suvivors - Wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, parents, 2 sisters; Burial - Brooking Cemetery, Raytown, Mo. -- (excerpted from obituary published in The Protection Post, June 30, 1983.

Welch, Mrs. R.J.

"Mrs. R. J. Welch, who was well known in this city, having lived here for a number of years, died at 6:45 a.m. on October 28, 1925, at the home of her son, G. W. Welch, in Augusta, Kans. She had been in poor health for two years or more and for several weeks before her death had ben confined to her bed. She was a patient sufferer, and died with her faith and her hopes fixed on Christ as her Savior. She had been a faithful member of the Christian church for many years. Burial was made in the Pond Creek, Okla. cemetery, by the side of her parents.

After leaving Coldwater about six years ago, Mrs. Welch made her home for a time with her daughter, Mrs. Cal Graham, and family, who then lived near Elk Creek, Mo., and who now live near Thayer, Kans. During the past two years she had made her home with her son, Will, in Augusta, Kans.

Mrs. Welch was a woman of the finest type. Wherever she went she won many friends by her uniform kindness and by her unceasing devotion to her family. She had experienced the hardships of pioneer life in Knasas and in Oklahoma, and still was ever cheerful and hopeful.

Deceased is survived by three sons and one daughter - Norman W. Welch of Goodland, Kans.; Herman A. Welch of Olympia, Wash.; G. W. Welch of Augusta, Kans.; and Mrs. Dora Graham of Thayer, Kans. She is also survived by three brothers and two sisters - J. W. Bird and Mrs. Dora Hoskins of Pond Creek, Okla.; and Mrs. Sadie E. Decker of Alva, Okla. At the time of her death Mrs. Welch was 67 years, 3 months and 19 days of age. She was born in Volga City, Iowa, on July 9, 1858." -- "DEATH OF MRS. R. J. WELCH", The Western Star, November 6, 1925.

Wilhite, Vella Mae "Pat" (Patterson)

Vella Mae "Pat" (Patterson) Wilhite; Born - July 12, 1911, west of Protection, Kansas; Died - May 13, 1997, Coldwater, Kansas; Parents - George Armor and Maggie Woolfolk Patterson; Married - Lloyd H. Wilhite, December 29, 1937 at Protection, Kansas; Abstracted from obituary -- Protection Press, May 22, 1997.

Willoughby, Sarah

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"Mrs. Sarah Willoughby, aged about 75 years, died on Wednesday of this week, September 6, 1933, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Keith, in Greensburg, with whom she had made her home for several months. She suffered a stroke last May and from then until death came, she gradually became weaker. Burial was made in the Macksville cemetery on Friday afternoon. Her husband died several years ago. For twenty three years they had made their home in Macksville. Mrs. Willoughby is survived by one son and three daughters. Mrs. S. J. Gilchrist of this city is one of the daughters." -- "DIES IN GREENSBURG", The Western Star, September 8, 1933.

Wilson, Lela Fern (Jellison)

Lela Jellison Wilson Dies at Augusta -- Death came unexpectedly to Lela Fern Jellison Wilson at Augusta, Kan., on Thursday, July 23, 1987. She was the sister of Virgil Jellison of Protection and Tom Jellison of Coldwater. Mrs. Wilson also had many nieces and nephews in Comanche County. Mrs. Wilson was age 65, and had graduated with the Protection High School Class of 1940. She came back to Protection for the five-year PHS reunion over Memorial Day weekend. At that time she appeared in good health and spirits and met and visited with many old friends and classmates here. She and her husband Albert Frank Wilson lived three miles east of Augusta in a rural area. She became ill there and was taken to a hospital at Augusta where she was pronounced dead. She was born on November 16, 1921, in the home of her parents, Wyatt Jellison and Anis Young Jellison. That is six miles east and a mile south of Protection; Howard Jellison now resides there. Lela married Albert Wilson on May 7, 1955, at Turner, Kansas. They recently celebrated their 32nd anniversary. She was a retired Civil Service worker, serving 23 years in positions for Beech Aircraft for the Internal Revenue Service, and at the present Wichita Airport. Survivors, in addition to her husband of the home, are two daughters; Vicky Brooks of New York City and Susan K. Broach of Wichita; three grandchildren, Stephanie Brooks of New York City, and Kristie Broach and Jennifer Broach, both of Wichita; brothers, Virgil and Tom Jellison of Comanche County, and many other relatives. She was a member of the First Christian Church at Augusta, and her funeral was there on Monday morning July 27. Officiating was the Rev. Jon Grissom. Dunsford Funeral Home of Augusta was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery at Augusta, with six of her many nephews as her pallbearers. Memorials may go to the First Christian Church at Augusta. -- The Protection Press, July 30, 1987.

Wright

"The one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright died Friday morning from blood poisoning, which resulted from a broken leg, caused by falling from a high chair. The family have the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement." -- The Western Star, June 6, 1891.

Wunderlich, Mrs.

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FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT - While Albert Wunderlich, a farmer living near Gracemont, Okla., accompanied by his wife, was traveling about 40 miles per hour in their new Buick six touring car on the Albert Pike Highway south of this city about 7:00 p.m. on Thursday of this week, Mrs. Wunderlich heard a rear tire go down. Her husband turned his head to see the tire and in an instant the car swerved to one side. When the steering wheel was suddenly turned to guide the car back into the road, the auto turned over completely, landing on its wheels in the ditch. Mrs. Wunderlich was killed instantly, both legs being broken and her skull crushed. Mr. Wunderlich was only slightly bruised. The body was brought to the Roberts undertaking parlor in this city, and as the Star goes to press late Thursday evening, Mr. Wunderlich has made no definite plans, having hardly recovered from the shock. Mrs. Wunderlich was 48 years of age and leaves, besides her husband, one son, Fred, who is on the home place near Gracemont. Mr. and Mrs. Wunderlich had worked hard since spring and were on their way to Ness City to visit with Mr. Wunderlich's mother and two sisters. Two orphans whom they had taken to raise decided to spend their vacation in Oklahoma, hence they were not in the car when it turned turtle. The accident is a very sad one and elicits the sympathy of the entire community. -- The Western Star, July 24, 1925.

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York, Marjorie Lorene

"Marjorie Lorene, the 11 day old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Truman York, who live near Sitka, in Clark-co., died on last Saturday night and was buried in the Ashland cemetery on Sunday. The bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of many Comanche-co. friends." -- The Western Star, November 20, 1925.

Young

"The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Young died last Monday morning of membranous croup, after an illness of 36 hours. The child's age was 16 months." -- The Western Star, January 5, 1895.

Young, Russell Lee

Russell Lee Young, aged 1 year, 10 months and 24 days, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Young, who live on one of the Wm. Oller places in Avilla-tp., died on Tuesday of this week after a brief illness resulting from stomach and liver trouble. The family came to this county from Zendt about a year ago. The family now consists of the parents and one daughter, Leona Pearl. They have the sympathy of all in their severe affliction. Funeral services were conducted from the home on Wednesday afternoon and were in charge of Rev. H. W. Cummings of the Coldwater M. E. church. Internment was in Crown Hill cemetery. -- The Western Star, March 19, 1926.

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Zimmerman, Edna

ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES AT ENID -- Virginia Carthrae accompanied her mother, Mrs. Ralph Beeley, to Enid Tuesday, Mrs. Beeley's mother, Mrs. Edna Zimmerman, age 92, passed away in her sleep Tuesday morning. Services were held on Wednesday afternoon. Ralph Beeley, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Beeley and Peggy attended the services. -- The Western Star, January 1, 1970.