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Introduction

What started as an attempt to locate obituaries for some names listed in early records of Undertaker J. M. Hayden's, who in June, 1895, established his funeral business in Ponca City has expanded into another volume that includes other towns of Eastern Kay County. Early day undertakers were primarily furniture stores. Among the furniture items they sold were caskets. Early records for his undertaking business were receipt books giving the name of the person buying the casket. Sometimes the name of the deceased was included on the receipt, sometimes not. Most of the very early records of Newkirk funeral homes were lost in a disastrous fire in the business district.

Because of the proximity of Newkirk, Kildare and Kaw City to western Osage County, many of the death notices are of people who lived there. There are many connections to the southern Kansas counties of Sumner, Cowley and Chautauqua. The data collected is from September, 1893, the beginning of settlement of the Cherokee Outlet, to the date when death certificates were first filed in Oklahoma, late 1908.

There is probably few, if any, death certificates filed with the Bureau of Vital Records in Oklahoma before November 1908. Even after 1908 the filing of this statistical information was haphazard. Many deaths went unrecorded because laws made it the responsibility of the families to file the information. For various reasons, they often did not. The filing of vital records was not strictly observed until about 1933 when laws required doctors, hospitals and funeral homes to file this information with the state.

With no laws requiring death certificates in this early period, and if tombstones were not placed at graves, newspaper records are the only source of death information, especially since many cemeteries' records have also been lost. Also, early cemetery records often contain the name of the person who purchased the lot, and not the name of the person is interred in the lot. Fortunately, Oklahoma newspapers have been very well preserved on microfilm. Most early Kay County newspapers are in the microfilm collection of Ponca City Library. Issues for other cities and counties are available for viewing at the Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) in Oklahoma City. These microfilm rolls may also be purchased from OHS

Unfortunately, some newspapers were lost before they were microfilmed because they were not sent to the Oklahoma Historical Society. Some of the preserved papers were so faded by the time they were photographed; the microfilmed copies are nearly unreadable. Many of the original papers had items clipped from the original copies long before they were microfilmed; thus this data and that of the back of the page is lost forever. The newspapers were originally bound in large volumes, and the microfilming technicians may have accidentally missed some editions. Unfortunately there are few newspapers from Kaw City or Kildare that have been preserved from this time period.

Many of death articles were merely funeral notices, which appeared in long columns of set type, with no white space or headlines between them. Thus, it was difficult to locate items on these cluttered pages. Some funeral notices were, no doubt, accidentally missed. If you have an ancestor who died in Eastern Kay County during this time, and you know the exact date of death, post a query on this web site, and someone will look up your missed ancestor for you and add it to this site.

In some cases lodge resolutions, legal notices, or thank you cards were the only mention of the dead person. Many of these only list the survivors' names. There were reports of the deaths of unknown folks who were just passing through this newly settled land. With no identification on their body, there was no way to know who they were; nor could their relatives be notified. The kind and sympathetic pioneers usually took up collections and gave these unfortunates decent burials.

Most certainly there were many deaths that went unreported in the newspapers. In the early years, there even seemed to be reluctance for the newspapers to report any deaths at all. Sometimes newspaper only printed news items relating to their subscribers, ignoring others in the community. Maybe the editors thought that reporting such bad news would give outsiders a negative impression of the area. Services may have also been announced from the pulpit on Sunday mornings, so by the time the newspapers were printed later that week the Sunday announcements were "old" news and not printed.

The first deaths reported in Kay County following the opening of the Cherokee Outlet were published in the Arkansas City, Kansas, newspapers. These were fatalities that occurred during the Cherokee Strip Run. Some were accidents. Some were murders brought on by fights amongst the claimants disputing who reached the claims first. And, there were murders, which were the result of the illegal settlers known as "sooners" driving off legal participants of the run. These disputes were also the cause of murders for many years after the territory had been opened for settlement.

For the reader who is a little squeamish, some of these death reports are very graphic, even gruesome by today's journalistic standards. Injuries and wounds are described in every gory aspect. Such reports were very popular with the readers of that era. Our ancestors' desire for such grisly detail may even now be reflected in that hidden part of our psyche, which we try to deny, but is the reason tabloid journalism is so popular today.

A note to readers: most typographical errors and misspellings of common words have been corrected, but spellings of proper names remain exactly as they appear in the newspaper. There is an index at the end of this book to aid in searching for your family names. Often there is confused spellings of names from one newspaper to another, or even within the same news article. When possible, other sources have been consulted in an order to reconcile these spelling differences. Sometimes a death announcement will mention the hope that an obituary will be available for later publication, sometimes it never appeared in the next issue of the paper was lost.

An effort has been made to maintain certain writing style differences not used today. Examples of these differences are the "run-on" sentences and comma splices, and noun/verb tense agreements which the authors used then, but not today.

In order to make it easier for the reader scanning the pages of this book, the name of a deceased person appears highlighted in bold type within the text of the obituary. Names did not appear in bold face type in the original columns of the newspapers. Also, the obits are listed in chronological order except in a few instances when continuing investigations or trials occurred.

To a historian, groups, movements, and nations represent history; to a genealogist, history is the sum of all the individuals who have lived in these groups, movements and nations. The stories appearing in this book demonstrate how people were involved in the history of the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Century.

I hope that readers will find the names of lost relatives on these pages and record them in their family genealogy for future generations to know. But please take time to read the entire text; don't just scan the pages looking for names of those ancestors. When viewed as a whole, the accounts of these individuals' lives will give an amazing flavor of this time in history and the extraordinary hardships of everyday life.

Loyd M. Bishop
March 2008

From the Newkirk Republican, 4 December 1893

OBITUARIES.

Donald Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burke, was born Dec. 5th, 1886, died Nov. 21, '93, in Newkirk, O. T.

The deceased was the son of Mr. Burke of the law firm of Burke & Son. They have the sympathy of the community in their thus early bereavement in their new home.

May Ada Clark, daughter of John F. Clark and Ellen F. Clark born Sept. 30, 1883, died November 26th, '93 at 10 a.m. She attended Newkirk Sunday school, in Ventura County, Cal., also, and Galesburg, Kans., She has gone to be one of "His Jewels."

John W. Cunnick died at his home in this city, on Wednesday, November 29th, at 10 o'clock, at the age of 42 years and 16 days after an illness of five weeks.

The deceased was an enterprising lawyer and businessman of this place. He had been county attorney at Seneca, Kan., two terms and also had been a prominent teacher there. Within recent years he had engaged in business in Arkansas City. He came to Newkirk and located business lots, having taken quite an interest in Strip matters and published in connection with Mr. Dune, the best map of K County. He was president of the Santa Fe Mercantile Company.

The exposure incident to the last two months induced the fever of which he died. He was a thorough Christian gentleman, a member of the Congregational church. Jos. Dreibeibis, Mrs. Cunnick's brother from Sabetha, Kansas, arrived today (Fri.) and the remains were taken to their former home for burial accompanied by the bereaved family. Mr. Cunnick's death is a great loss to the business and special interests of our town.

Died. Mrs. James Morris died at her home in the north part of town last Thursday night. She had been sick about four weeks with fever, and succumbed at last. She would have been 35 years of age if she had lived till the 15th of this month. She leaves a husband, three [microfilm unreadable]. The remains will be buried at Arkansas City next Sunday.

From the Newkirk Republican, 8 December 1893

Died, little "**Bobbie**," infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Chrisman, last Sunday morning, at the age of nine months. He had been sick about three months and his parents brought him here with hopes of relief, but to no avail. Rev. Ratliff conducted the services at the house; temporary interment taking place at the usual place.

Frank Smith, who died Wednesday afternoon after two or three weeks illness, was a stranger in the city. He had been ministered to by kindly sympathizers. Especial mention is due R. A. Williams, Dr. Briggs, Marshal Brown and Capt. Hilligoss for their distinguished labors in behalf of the deceased. About \$16 was raised yesterday to defray burial expenses, but later a telegram was received from the sister of the deceased, in Chicago, requesting shipment there, so we do not know at the present writing, what will be done.

From the Newkirk Republican, December 29, 1893

It is reported that the body of a **murdered man** was found near Kildare lately. The man had been shot and his head cut off.

From the Newkirk Republican, January 5, 1894

Obituary.

Rebecca J. Bellamy was born in Switzerland County, Indiana. Her parents removed to Iowa in 1853, where her home has been ever since. She was married to C. M. Burnett in 1873. She leaves four children, the youngest 5 years of age, to mourn the loss of a mother. She died Dec. 14 last after about three weeks illness. The sickness was not considered dangerous at first, as that word did not reach Mr. Burnett here till too late to reach home before her death. He Daughters of Rebekah, of which lodge Mrs. Burnett was an esteemed member, passed touching resolutions of sympathy on her death.

In Mr. Burnett's short stay with us he has gained many friends who deeply sympathize with him in his affliction.

The Shooting.

Isaac Brown, a Negro, was shot by Marshal Brown this morning about 2 o'clock. At about 8:30 last evening a noise was noticed in front of Simon Metzger's clothing store, and his niece in the meat shop came out. A Negro ran away and it was discovered he had cut the putty nearly off from one pane of glass. Metzger notified Marshal Brown and he stayed in the store. At about 2 a.m. the Negro returned to his work. Brown stepped out quickly and the Negro ran; Brown ordered him to halt but the fellow kept on running. The marshal pursued, calling to him to halt and firing several shot. The last shot brought the man down near the west side of the square. The ball entered his back near the spine and will probably prove fatal. There was also a wound in the shoulder. The Negro drew a gun on Brown when he came up, but didn't fire it. He was taken to a saloon for the time being and Dr. Briggs called.

This is the first shooting in our town, and it will be a wholesome lesson to the burglars who have been committing depredations for some time. [It was not reported if the shooting victim later died.]

From the *Newkirk Times*, 21 February 1894

Eddie T. Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George died last Saturday night of spinal meningitis. The remains were taken to Warsaw, Indiana, last Monday morning.

From the *Kildare Journal*, 20 April 1894

Mel Ransom, the claim holder residing near Blackwell, who was shot last weekend and fatally wounded by **Frank Cooper**, the man who was contesting him, died on the 17th. The trouble that led to the shooting is as follows: Mr. Ransom lived on one side of a creek and his contestant on the other side, the claim being about evenly divided by the creek. There was but one ford, which each tried to hold possession of. On the morning of the 11th Mr., Ransom went across on the side Cooper lived on and commenced to plow with a view to gaining possession of the ford. When Cooper saw him it so enraged him that he ran toward Ransom flashing a revolver and his accompanied him with a club. When they arrived on the scene Ransom quit plowing and promised to await the decision of the courts rather than have any trouble. Mrs. Cooper began to assault Mr. Ransom with the club. Ransom's cousin interfered and then Cooper raised his gun to fire but Mr. Ransom's cousin turned his hand away and told him to not act rash. Cooper swung his gun around in another way and fired the fatal shot. He then made his escape and his whereabouts are a yet unknown.

From the *Newkirk Times*, 1 August 1894

Cooper arrested – Sheriff Fenton Gets Him in Rushville, Missouri.

With bowed head and eyes red from weeping, Barney Cooper sits in a lonely room of the county jail. He is confined there on the charge of taking the life of Mel Ransom. Saturday last, Sheriff Fenton arrested him in Rushville, Mo., and arrived here Sunday and placed him in jail.

Barney Cooper and Mel Ransom were both on the southwest quarter of section 32, township 28, range 3 west, the land lies two miles north and three miles west of Blackwell. On April 19 they got into a quarrel and Cooper shot Ransom, mortally wound him. He was taken to his home in Mulvane [Kansas] and died a few weeks later. Cooper made his escape and nothing was learned of his whereabouts until a few days ago when he was located and arrested as above stated.

Tuesday a *Times* representative called at the jail and through the courtesy of the jailer, we were permitted to have a talk with Cooper and during his conversation said: "No one regrets this trouble more than myself. I acted in self-defense, as any man would have done. When I come to trial I will tell my story. I have a family of small children and this blow on them is hard, as they have nothing to go on when my support is taken from them. I do not care to say anything for publication but the published reports as to me being a character is untrue and I will prove it."

Cooper is a man about forty years of age, rather tall and slender. He does not look like a person that would do a fellow man bodily harm un-called for. He is very entertaining in his conversation and is gentlemanly and polite.

When the *Times* man called, he [Cooper] was surrounded by his wife and five little children. How little did these little prattling tongues realize the cloud that is hanging over their once happy fireside. The wife and mother sitting there within those walls of iron, with her infant babe, clasped unto her breast, was weeping tears of anguish. Who can help extending their sympathy to that sorrowing woman and pity the sleeping babe. Three bright eyed, rosy cheek little children were playing in childish glee while a daughter, just budding into womanhood sat in one corner, with her head pillowed against the door that shut her father from the bright world, was weeping as only the heart can weep in time of sorrow. How the tread of footsteps on that iron floor must have sounded to the unhappy family. It was terrible to witness and would cause pity from the strongest heart. Here we felt them.

Cooper will have his preliminary Friday, before judge Woodon. Blevins, McGinis, & Lane will defend him.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 27 April 1894

The Suicide.

A. H. Lee died in town Thursday morning at 6 a.m. from strychnine by his own hand. He was discovered only a few minutes before death. Dr. Briggs was called but it was too late.

We were well acquainted with the deceased while preaching for the Christian church at Udall, Kans., last summer. At the opening of the Strip Mr. Lee came down to Blackwell and shortly dropped into a course of dissipation. He leaves a wife and two children living at Parker. [Blackwell] The father J. H. Serviss lives at Dexter, Kans. The remains were taken to H. C. Brownwells and prepared for burial.

Sad unutterably sad, is such an ending. A life with many better qualities and noble aspirations gone out

in utter darkness, a fearful warning to the transgressor.

From the Newkirk Republican, 16 March 1894

Frank Williams was murdered in cold blood last Saturday night on the S.W of 10-28, 3 east. He and his companion David Tillman were fired on through the window. Both jumped up and the next moment Williams was shot dead. Tillman got his shotgun and fired into the attacking party scaring them away. Coroner Briggs held inquest Sunday but no clue to the murderers was found. The evident intent was robbery, as Williams had a little money on his person.

Obituary.

Mr. W. N. Davis died at his residence in this city, March 10, after a brief illness. Mr. Davis was a member of the Stevens GAR Post in Seattle, Wash. He was born in Virginia in 1810. He came to Newkirk at the opening of the city.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Dr. Johnson at the home, after which the remains were conveyed to the train for shipment to Pleasant Hill Mo., for interment. A son lives at Seattle, Wash. The sympathy of the community is with the family in the sudden bereavement.

From the Newkirk Republican, 27 April 1894

Jas. K Caldwell of Kildare received dispatch Monday from Chicago announcing the sudden death of his son there. He left that same evening for Cameron, Mo., his former home where the remains will be taken for burial.

From the Newkirk Republican, 18 May 1894

Obituary.

Mrs. Ruth Campbell, wife of J. R. Campbell died at their home in Newton, Kansas at 2 a.m. Thursday of last week. She had ill health for some months and Judge Campbell had taken her to Perry and here in hopes that the change would help her, Mrs. Campbell was about 43 years of age and leaves three grown daughters. She had been prominent in social and school circles at Newton and over 550 persons attended the funeral last Saturday. She was a Christian woman and her works of usefulness and charity do follow her,

Mrs. Campbell was born at Winchester, Ohio, Dec 25, 1851. Her maiden name was Ruth McMillen. She was married to J. R. Campbell Sept, 2nd 1869, and came to Kansas with her husband Sept., 1870, landing in Paola, afterward lived in Garnett, Hutchinson and Newton, her last residence. Mr., Campbell was superintendent of the city schools of those cities, and

Mrs. Campbell had charge of the primary department. She was considered one of the best primary teachers in Kansas. For fifteen years she taught the little ones in the Newton schools, and always with marked success. She was a prominent worker in the Sunday school and in the Order of the Eastern Star, which she faithfully served as worthy matron.

From the Newkirk Republican, 18 May 1894

In Memory. Newkirk, 15 May 1894.

Mr. Editor, This morning there is a little grave in the churchyard, to us the dearest spot on all the earth, where sleep the remains of our darling baby, awaiting the resurrection.

Permit us through your paper to thank all the good friends whose kind sympathy and generous help cheered our hearts during the trying ours of last week. We are grateful to God that our lot has been cast in a place where not on the Christian ministers, an experienced physician and the members of our own church, yet even strangers whom we were not able to recognize called at our house to offer their sympathy and service in our time of trouble. We will be pleased if every one of them will call again until we get better acquainted.

We may never be in a position to return their kindness, but we sincerely pray that He who remembers a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple will make them to realize that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

James Gardiner Mordy was born on the 21 of August 1893 ad was taken away on the 18th of May 1894, having remained with us 8 months and 22 days. He was a strong, healthy child, and a bright center of enjoyment in our home from the time of his birth until he was sized with the fatal disease which took him away,

Many good friends whose kindness will never be forgotten made all the arrangements for the funeral, which took place on Monday at 3 p.m. The services were conducted by Rev. Stewart of Arkansas City, assisted by Revs. Swarts and Johnson of Newkirk. The church was filled with a sympathetic congregation, who at the close of the services in a quiet and orderly manner, passed around in front of the pulpit where in his little casket lay our darling in the midst of the beautiful flowers which loving hands had tastefully arranged around him. The coffin was then lowered into the grave, and the school children, who had gathered around, repeated in concert the Lord's Prayer, which was followed by the benediction. A number of children dripped their flowers into the grave, which was then filled up burying from sight the sweetest flower this world has ever seen.

As we returned to our lonely home the feelings of us all were aptly expressed by one of the children who said, "When Gardie was sick it seemed as if he were going to die, but now that he is gone it seems as if he were not dead but gone to heaven:" "He is not dead but asleeph," and we are looking forward to the time –

When our faded flower shall freshen,
Freshen never more to fade.
Where the shaded skies shall brighten,
Brighten never more to shade.
Where the sunblaze never scorches,
And the starbeams cease to chill.
Where no tempest wakes the echoes,
Of the wood or wave or hill,
Where the morn shall break to gladness,
And the noon the joy prolong.
Where the daylight dies in fragrance,
Midst the burst of holy song,
Darling, we shall meet and rest,
Mid the holy and the blest.

John Mordy
Jennie Mordy

From the *Kildare Journal*, 1 June 1894

Obituary.

Little **Vivian Shipley** infant daughter of Mr., and Mrs. D. L. Shipley died t their home southeast of Kildare Sunday May 27, 1894. Funeral services were held at the residence on Monday and all that was mortal was interred on the home place. To the bereaved parents the *Journal* extends its sympathy, as do their host of friends. The following named little misses acted as pallbearers: Nelly Horn, Belle Johnson, Miss Quinby, and Inize Jordan.

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 13 June 1894

[This edition of the *Democrat* contains information about the shooting of **Addison Carter** by Tom Maddox. Including detailed information of the testimony of witnesses at the coroner's inquest held on June 11, 1894. Details of the crime are reported in the *Kildare Journal* and the *Newkirk Republican*, following.]

From the *Kildare Journal*, 15 June 1894

MURDER AT NEWKIRK. **Special to the Journal**

On Sunday evening at about two o'clock this town was thrown into a fever of excitement by the report that Thos. H. Maddox had shot one **A. C. Carter**. Carter's dying statement is as follows:

"I and a friend, whose first name is bill, but whose

last name I do not recollect met the sister and wife of Maddox and the said Bill insulted them, thinking they were women of loose virtue. We then passed on to the wagon in which we were traveling. A friend told Maddox what occurred and pointed to me as the man who had made the insulting remark, whereupon the said Maddox commenced shooting at me."

Maddox emptied his gun at his retreating victim and then walked away, Carter fell after running a few blocks. The first shot took effect; the bullet passed through the body a little below the heart. He died the next morning.

Maddox was promptly arrested by Constable Sellers and taken before Judge Woodson, who told Maddox to come around in the morning and give bail. He was then turned loose, but was promptly re-arrested by the sheriff and lodged in jail. Judge Woodson is strongly censured for his unjudicial action in giving the prisoner a chance to make his escape.

The murdered man was traveling through town with his family and appears to be a quiet, hard working man, and not a man that would be guilty of insulting ladies. Mr. Maddox is a saloon Keeper who runs a "joint" of bad reputation.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 15 June 1894

MURDER. A Blameless Traveler Shot down in Cold Blood by T. H. Maddox

Many of our readers already know more or less of the terrible shooting affair, and we will only undertake to give a brief story of the case, based on a careful sifting of all the circumstances, reports and evidence as we understand it,

About noon, Sunday last, a light wagon drawn by a team of ponies followed by a single buggy leading a horse drove into town. In the wagon were two men and a woman, and in the buggy one man, who it seems was Al Campbell. The others were Addison O. Carter, his wife Phebe, and a fellow named "Bill." These parties camped about a hundred feet south of the north east corner of town in the road and near a wire fence. They got dinner and then the men went off down town. It seems that Carter and ["Bill" were passing on the street east of Maddox saloon, and met Mr. Maddox's wife and sisters. Bill accosted them and asked if a certain girl was over at the dance hall. The ladies replied they didn't know, and remarked to the fellow that they "guess he was mistaken: in who he was talking to. Some further remarks passed. The women claim very insulting language was used by the other fellow, and that he had said nothing himself.

The two men went on the wagon and Carter stated he told Bill he must not speak to women he met that way. When the women told Mr. Maddox about the

meeting he was greatly aroused and started to hunt up Carter and Bill. He found the Al Campbell and got him or forced him to go with him to show the camping place. Tom's father went along, up Main St. and then east. As the men came up (Tom's father had stopped about 200 ft. back) Carter was seated on the ground in front of wagon \, where his wife and Bill had just eaten supper; with hardly a word of warning, Maddox drew his pistol and fired the fatal shot; as the gun was drawn, Carter started to leave, the ball struck him about two inches to the left of center line and just below the last rib in front and ranged downward obliquely, coming out about the last short rib and about three inches to the right of the backbone, Carter whirled and ran, falling or crawling through the wire fence. Maddox fired three more shots then got through the fence himself and chased east in the pasture about 150 yards and came back. The wounded man ran about a quarter of a mile and fell. Constable I. P. Sellers was on the ground when Maddox returned and placed him under arrest. Some of the crowd that had gathered at the alarm of the shooting went out to the wounded man. J. H. White was the second man there, and took down his statement statements in writing. Carter said he did not know the man who shot him nor why. Said it was a big man, had not seen him before. When his wife came up, he asked her if she knew why the man shot him.

A team was gotten after a while and Carter was taken to a room near the northwest corner of the square. Excited crowds of men gathered around and the indignation and horror ran high. The poor fellow was made as comfortable as possible, opiates being administered to lessen the pain. Justice Apperson took his dying statements. The discharge from the wound showed the perforation of the intestines and of course there was no hope of recovery. His stricken wife hovered over him all night long as his life slowly but surely sank away, and about 8 o'clock in the morning nearly twelve hours after the shooting, death came to his relief. About midnight Rev Mordy prayed and talked with the dying man. W. W. Pleasants, J, H, White, and others we do not recall staid with the wounded man through the death watches, and then Mr. Pleasants took the bereaved wife to his home.

THE INQUEST.

The jury viewed the remains and then the body was taken to Alberta's to be prepared for burial. We have not space to give an outline of the testimony of the witness, but the following persons were called Monday: J. H. White, G. W. Andrews, D. A. Hanna, Mrs. Jennie Moore, Mrs. C. W. Hoover, W. D. Hoover, and the wife of the murdered man, Mrs. Phebe Carter.

Jury adjourned, and in the morning T. B. Ward and I. P. Sellers were examined. The Testimony was virtually the same; the case was then given to the jury who soon brought in the following verdict:

Territory of Oklahoma "K" County

An inquest held at Newkirk, in "K" county on the 11 day of June A.D. 1894, before me J. D. Briggs coroner of said county, on the body of Addison Carter there lying dead by the jurors whose names are hereafter subscribed.

That on the 11th day of June, 1894, from the effect of a wound from a pistol in the hand of Thomas Maddox, the said Addison Carter came to his death as aforesaid and that the same was feloniously and maliciously done. In Testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hand \s this day and year aforesaid G. H., Bowman,

NOTES.

The victim remarked two or three times: "Is this the way they do to a man when comes to this town—shoot him,

Tom's father and Al Campbell both seemed to have not expected a shooting scrape, as they called out not to shoot him.

The Al and Bill should be had for witnesses at all hazards. Both got away in the excitement.

Mrs. Carter has two children, 10 and 8 years. She had been married to Mr. Carter, her second husband, about four years. These children are at her mother's in the Cheyenne and Arapaho country and the Carters were on their way there from Wichita.

We have no faith in the "sensational" story afloat about the Brinkman prostitute being Carter's sweetheart,

The light remarks reported to have been made by Tom and his father just after the shooting did much to incense the public.

Some of Sheriff Fenton's overzealous friends (?) were very severe in their criticisms of the placing of Maddox in a cell. He could not legally do otherwise under the circumstances.

The attempt to charge the public indignation at the shootings as a "political move" is merest folly. The officers in charge of the case that do their duty fearlessly will be commended by the public without regard to politics.

A prominent official of our county remarked soon after the murder that Southern people don't allow their wives to be insulted on the street." Neither do northern people, but the difference lies in the method of righting the wrong. It is about 299 miles too far north for the method used in this case.

Attys. Cottrell & Halfhill have instituted suit against Tom Maddox and his father of \$5000 each, as damages for the killing of the father and husband. This of course

is a civil action in addition to the criminal proceedings in progress.

The brother of the murdered man, Wm. Carter of Valley Center, Kas., and brother-in-law, M. B. Widdoes of Wichita, came Monday evening. Both men betoken industrious and respectable life. Mr. Widdoes is an old soldier and was one time deputy sheriff of Sedgwick County. John Burson, a plasterer of this place is nephew of Widdoes.

We were not intimately acquainted with Mr. Maddox, but looked on him as a good business man in his line, and a man that took an active interest in public matters, and we were surprised as much as any of his friends at this terrible rash deed.

It is all right for any man to defend the honor of his home but society here will not tolerate this way of vindication. Besides it is evident that Carter was innocent of any such insulting sets, and "Bill" evidently thought he was talking to some of the customers of the restaurant kept in the rear room of Maddox saloon.

We believe that at like nine-tenths of the people of this town condemn this affair as cold blooded murder, and wish to show it to the world at large by insisting that the law be vindicated.

Some funds have been raised to assist the widow in her present need, and it is the least our town could do to show its sympathy in a substantial way,

The preliminary trial of Maddox was set yesterday before Burke but was postponed till next Wednesday at the instance of the defense. We hear Bill Hackney will be one of the defendant's attorneys,

THE ARREST.

Considerable criticism has been passed on Constable Sellers for turning Maddox loose after the arrest. We got the following account from Mr. Sellers as to what occurred.

Sellers arrested Maddox and took him to Woodson and told him he had arrested Maddox for shooting at a man. "Woodson asked Maddox what had been doing. Tom replied that he had been having a little fun up there shooting at a man, Woodson asked, "did you kill anybody?" Tom said he didn't know. Woodson said "I can't fix up your bond now but come around at 9 in the morning and I'll fix it." Sellers replied "Judge, are you going to let this man go that way?" Woodson said, "Yes, Mr. Beale (standing by) you take charge of this man and keep him till 9 in the morning." Sellers then said, that releases me does it?" "Yes sir, you have nothing more to do with it till 9 o'clock in the morning." The Judge replied and Sellers then left.

The funeral

Of the unfortunate man took place at the undertakers, G. Alberti's, Tuesday at the 11 conducted by Rev. John Mordy. A large number of people assembled about the door where the remains were unconfined. Rev. Mordy spoke very plainly and forcibly of the terrible affair that had occurred in our midst and of the part the people should take to show their condemnation of such occurrences. After the close of the services the remains were taken to the proposed burial ground on section 13. A few sympathizing persons accompanied the bereaved family to the cemetery. [The Newkirk cemetery where was buried, apparently in an unmarked grave.]

[Note: A preliminary hearing for Maddox was held on Wednesday, June 21, 1894, and he ordered held without bail. He was bound over for action by the grand jury on Thursday.]

From the Newkirk Times, 27 June 1894

W. W. **Ferguson** received the sad news by telegram of the death of his **brother** in Illinois, who was struck by lightning. Mr. Ferguson started Friday evening for Mansfield, Ohio, to attend the funeral.

From the Newkirk Times, 25 July 1894

Died. Wednesday morning, at the residence of her son, **T. S. Smith**, in this city, Mrs. Sarah Smith, at the advanced age of 77 years. Death was due to her declining years. The end came peacefully and she passed away surrounded by sorrowing relatives. She was buried Thursday. The *Times* extends sympathy to the relatives.

Charles Dunlap died Monday of typhoid fever and was buried Tuesday. He had been here only a few weeks and came from Guthrie.

Charles Orcutt, a Santa Fe section boss, was found dead on the Santa Fe track between Cross and Ponca Sunday morning. He had presumably been run over and killed by a train and a coroner's jury yesterday returned a verdict of accidental death. Joe Hartman and another man were killed recently near the same place which leads many people to fear foul play. They think that all three men were murdered and their bodies placed on the track to throw off suspicion. Orcutt, when last seen alive, had \$11 on his person but this was missing when the body was found.

From the Newkirk Republican, 8 August 1894

Obituary.

For our light afflictions which are but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we looking not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal but the things which are not seen are eternal. – 2 Cor. 4 17-18.

Typhoid fever invaded the home [of] **H. C. Miller**, about three miles east of town, about two months ago, and the two eldest children suffered severely ever since. Willie, who is very well known as one of the best and cleverest scholars in Prof. Cowan's room in the public school, seems to now be on a fair way to recover; but **Garfield**, who had gained quite a reputation among the neighbors as a manly and industrious boy who was always willing to sacrifice himself to help his parents and other members of the family, has been removed to the home above. He was born on the 29th of September 1881, and was 12 years, 8 months, and two days old when he died on the 21st day of July 1894.

He was probably named for President Garfield whose death occurred on the same day as our little friend was born. The great President in his early life distinguished himself among the boys by his untiring industry, his indomitable courage and self sacrificing to his family, and we are glad to be able to record that Garfield Miller studiously imitated his great namesake in these qualities, which gave promise of a great useful manhood.

His death is a great blow to his family, and the removal of this manly, intelligent, and industrious boy will be a great loss to the neighborhood.

\ **From the Newkirk Democrat**, 8 August 1894

White Hair, the oldest of the Osage Chiefs died last week. He had been married four times and was the father of 23 children. At his own request he was buried after the fashion of the white man, in a coffin.

From the Newkirk Republican, 31 August 1894

The Ponca Shooting.

Yesterday the city marshal of Ponca shot and instantly killed **Frank Baker**, a drunken cowboy. Baker was taking in the town and resisted arrest, shooting at the marshal twice. The marshal (Nolan) gave himself up and was brought to Newkirk last evening. In the night a report was telegraphed from Cross that a party of seven cowboys with Winchesters was on the way to avenge Baker's shooting. But they didn't show up and would have got a warm reception if they had. The coroner's inquest will be held today. Even Cowboys will learn that the day for rowdyism is past in the country.

[The name of this shooting victim as reported in the Ponca City Newspapers is **Isaac "Ike" Baker**. He was

from Kimball County, Texas.]

From the Newkirk Democrat, 5 September 1894

Killing at Ponca City.

Last Friday evening, **I. W. Baker** a cowboy, became intoxicated at Ponca City, and raised a disturbance by miscellaneous shooting. Marshal W. Nolan attempted to arrest Baker, and followed him two miles from the city. Here shots were exchanged resulting in the death of Baker. The testimony at the coroner's inquest vindicated the marshal but there is strong feeling that the shooting was the result of an old feud and unjustifiable. [Greater details of this shooting are available in the Ponca City Courier and the Ponca City Democrat, which are available in *Some Obituaries of Early Kay Pioneers extracted from Ponca City Newspapers* by Loyd M. Bishop.]

From the Newkirk Times, 12 September 1894

The Hand of Death.

Died—Last Monday night at her home on Walnut Avenue, **Mrs. W H Powell**, aged 33.

Mrs. Powell came to Newkirk last April, where her husband was engaged in the drug business. It was but a short time after her arrival that she became sick and for the last four months was a constant sufferer, until death relieved her.

The funeral occurred last Tuesday, when the body was escorted to the train by the Uniform Rank, K. of P., and who with knightly courtesy did all in their power to assist and cheer their bereaved brother. The interment takes place today in Chanute, Kansas, under the escort of the K. P.'s of that place.

From the Newkirk Times, 26 September 1894

At Rest.

Died—last Monday at his home on Walnut Avenue, of hemorrhage of the bowels **Louis H, Craig**, aged 29 years.

The deceased was born at Princeton, Mo., and came to the Strip at the opening. Lou as he was familiarly known, was a very warm-hearted man and numbered his friends by the score.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Whittaker, of the Baptist Church, after which the Knights of Pythias took charge and escorted the body to his last resting place.

To his wife, father and brother we extend our deepest compassion in this their dark hour of trouble.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 26 September 1894

After an illness of several weeks, **L. H. Craig** passed into the death sleep Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Craig was one of the best known citizens of this county. He came here in the early days and has been engaged in business ever continually. He leaves a wife, and three children, and aged parents to mourn his death. The funeral services were held at the residence of the deceased yesterday, under the direction of the K. of P. brotherhood, of which order Mr. Craig as a member. He was 29 years of age.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 5 October 1894

In Memory.

Mary A. Sellers, wife of J. P. Sellers, died on Friday morning, September 28th a 3:30. The deceased was in her 34th year. She had been troubled for about six years with tumors and cancerous growth, the result of an attack of the measles. Cancer of the stomach was the immediate cause of her death. She leaves no children. The bereaved husband and two sisters and a brother mourn her loss.

From the *Newkirk Times*, 17 October 1894

Another Shooting Affair.

Early Monday morning this city was greatly excited over the arrival of E. T. Hand, who gave himself up to the authorities for the shooting of **Geo. F. Rohr**, on a claim three miles west of Kildare.

Tuesday a *Times* reporter called at the jail and through the courtesy of the Jailer we were permitted to have an interview with Hand.

The reporter entered the corridor and in the steel cage we saw Hand with bowed head and eyes red from weeping. He is a man about 35 years of [age], rather tall and well built and wears a full beard.

In his conversation he said, "I deeply regret this. I have always lived an honest and upright life and my past life is like an open book. I am graduate of the State University and State Normal of Kansas, and my occupation is teaching. For some months past I have been principal of the Blackwell Schools."

Hand is a married man and the father of three children, who little realize the awful cloud that is hanging over the head of their father.

Hand has an excellent education and it does not seem possible that he would have premeditated this crime.

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 17 October 1894

[This newspaper contains another very brief account of the shooting of **Mr. Rohr** by Mr. Hand.]

From the *Kildare Journal*, October 19, 1894

FOR A CLAIM – ONE MORE VICTIM ADDED TO THE DEADLY CLAIM CONTEST.

Geo. F. Rohr and Ed. F. Hand Contest for the Same Claim Which Terminated in a Quarrel in Which Hand Shoots Rohr Through the Heart.

When we pick up a newspaper and read over their long list of murders, we hardly give them a second thought, but how different it is when we learn that one of our respected neighbors has been taken by this monster without a moment's notice cut down in the prime of life, without even being able to bid loved ones a good bye, yet, on last Monday morning the neighborhood was startled by the astounding report that **Geo. F. Rohr** and Ed T. Hand had met, quarreled and Rohr had been shot and killed by Mr. Hand, Rohr having been shot four times, one bullet going through the heart.

After the shooting Hand went to Newkirk and gave himself up to the authorities. Mr., Rohr's body was taken to Arkansas City, where his family resides. Both men stood well in society; Mr. Hand being principal of the Blackwell schools, and was to have assumed charge of his duties the morning he committed the rash act. Mr. Rohr was a resident of Arkansas City before the opening and was resident and proprietor of the Elzina Lumber Company.

The story of the shooting as told by Rohr's friends is as follows: When the strip opened Mr. Rohr made the run from the south line of Chilocco. He located on a claim three miles west of Kildare and has resided and made improvements on the claim ever since. Ed. T. Hand filed a contest on the claim because Mr. Rohr ran from Chilocco. Mr., Rohr talked the matter over with Hand and said it was no use to have trouble over the land and the contest could be settled in the courts. He would go ahead and improve and Hand could do the same and both could live on the land until the question was disposed of. Mr. Rohr fenced the claim, left opening for Hand and went to work. Hand recently fenced the claim just inside of Mr. Rohr's fence and shut Mr. Rohr out. However, Mr. Rohr went in and was continuing in the even tenor of his way until the trouble Monday morning.

Mr. Rohr was plowing on the claim when Hand came and ordered him to stop. Mr. Rohr refused and went on with his work. Hand then stopped the team, and Mr. Rohr ordered him to desist, and finally struck at him with his whip. At this Hand pulled his revolver and shot Mr. Rohr, firing at him four times. An employee of Mr. Rohr notified neighboring farmers of the crime, and they came and looked after the body until the authorities arrived upon the scene.

From the Kildare Journal, 26 October 1894

DIED. In Colorado, October 19th, 1894. Mr. **McGaunagal**.

Mr. McGaunagal came to the K County at the time of the opening of the strip and settled on a find claim in the Ox Bow Bend. He has been in the employ of the Santa Fe railroad company as superintendent of the coal mines of the company, and after locating his claim and moving his family here, returned to the mines in Colorado, where he had over 8000 men under his supervision. Mr. M, was known as the "rich" man of the "bend" and spent his money freely in improving his claim. His sickness was of but short duration, being inflammation of the bowels. His faithful wife, on learning of his illness, went at once to his bedside; Mr. M. leaves a large family. His remains were taken to his former home in Illinois.

A Card.

I desire to express my most sincere thanks to neighbors and the people of Newkirk for their great kindness to my deceased wife during her last sickness and to myself after the loss of my beloved companion.
I. P. Sellers.

An **Infant child** of J. R. **Scott** died Wednesday night after an illness of three weeks. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Whittaker. The remains were placed in the residence lot temporarily. The bereaved ones have our earnest sympathy in the loss of this little flower from the family circle.

From the Newkirk Republican, 9 Nov 1894

Died. On last Friday night, Nov. 2, **Joseph Jenkins** son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jenkins living 2½ miles southeast of town. We will give the obituary next week. [The deceased, Josiah Jenkins (15 February 1882 – 2 November 1894), is one of the two children and William Jenkins and Delphina W. Jenkins. The Jenkins are donors of the burial ground that is now Wolf Creek Cemetery. The promised obituary is not available; the next issues of the newspaper were not preserved.]

From the Newkirk Republican, 7 December 1894

Deaths.

A **Mrs. Brown** died in town last Tuesday after a short illness. The remains were taken to some point in Kansas for burial. She was about 33 years of age and leaves a husband and some small children in a home without a mother.

Henry Kuchler's little boy, about three years old, died last Wednesday night. He was buried yesterday, Rev. Mordy conducting a short service at the house. [**Louis F. Kutchler**, 1892-1894, buried at Newkirk Cemetery]

From the Newkirk Republican, 4 January 1895

Died. This morning at 5:30, Rhea Beatrice, **Infant daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. **Endicott**. The little one would have been two years of age the 31st of this month. The sickness was short, an acute attack of pneumonia. Rev. Simms will conduct a short service at the home tomorrow morning, and the remains will be taken to Arkansas City for burial, where the bereaved parents have another little one laid to rest. The reaper, Death, spares not even the flowers but bears them away to the Lord of Paradise.

From the Kildare Journal, 11 January 1895

Alpha Palmer, oldest child of George and Ida Palmer, died of typhoid fever on the 8th, aged 5 years and 22 days. The remains were laid to rest in the new cemetery, near the stone schoolhouse. [The burial place in which the child was interred is the Oak Grove Cemetery located at that time at Uncas, Oklahoma. It is now a section of the IOOF Cemetery at Ponca City, Oklahoma. *Kay County Cemetery Inscriptions* lists dates of birth as December 17, 1885, and death as January 8, 1895. Her mother Ida, b. 12 September 1870, d. July 8, 1897, is buried in the same cemetery.]

FOUND DEAD.

Mr. Beck, an old soldier and farmer living 14 east of Kildare was found dead in a field near his house last Monday.

He had been missed for two days and had been searched for but without effect until about noon Monday and when found was laying in a plow furrow face down. Indications are that he took suddenly sick and became so weak that he laid down in the furrow to keep out of the wind and chilled to death. Coroner Horner went out Tuesday and examined the remains and found no marks of violence on his person and as a considerable sum of money was found on the remains it was considered unnecessary to summon a jury.

From the Newkirk Times, 6 February 1895

Obituary.

In memory of **Louise Bright**, wife of W. W. Bright who departed this life on February 2, 1895, in the 45th year of her age, of consumption.

On last Saturday, the spirit took flight from its tenement of clay, to the realms of eternal bliss and happiness. The ebb of life so dear was watched by her devoted husband, children and friends, thinking perhaps that God would stay the hand of death and spare her a little longer to those who with anxious faces lingered near to administer to her relief and comfort.

From the Newkirk Republican, 11 February 1895

DIED. We are called on the record another sad death this week. Tuesday, at 6 in the morning, **Eva Jones** the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jones the postmaster, passed away, after a sickness of two or three weeks with scarlet fever. The little one was born Dec. 27, 1889, and was 5 years and 12 days of age at her death. No public service was held owing to the contagious character of the disease. The burial took place at the town cemetery Tuesday evening. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

On Wednesday, January 2, at Peabody, Kas., the **mother** of **Chas. Milne**, one of our citizens, passed to her reward, Mr. Milne had just returned here from that part of Kansas, and was suddenly called back on that sad errand. In life we are in the midst of death.

Mrs. J. W. Wenner, who resides east of Newkirk, was called, last Friday, to the bedside of her aged **father**, who resides at Forest Ohio. He was stricken with paralysis.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 13 February 1895

Robbers Killed! John Dunbar and Frank Pyle will steal no more.

Last Saturday morning the citizens of this city were startled by the report that a man had been shot and killed on the western limits of the city, and soon a large crowd had gathered at Undertaker Alberti's to view the remains of the dead man. For months the citizens of this city and surrounding country have been suffering from the depredations of a gang of chicken thieves, and farmers living west of the city planned to watch and capture them. On

Friday evening, the thieves appeared at the hen roost or Bryant North and were caught in the act. Two of the thieves were **John** and Frank **Dunbar**, and the third was standing as sentinel is supposed to be R. P. Franklin, but who escaped and not arrested until next day. Lew and Bryant North, F. P. Freeman, J. R. Sheets, B. J. Hoobs, and Mr. Norton took the thieves in hand and were bringing them to town when John Dunbar

broke away and started to run. A halt was called, but was answered with, "Shoot and be damned." Two shotguns cracked and the soul of John Dunbar went before its maker. The Dunbar boys have been in jail several times on similar charges, and public sentiment was so strongly against them that the citizens who did the shooting were turned loose.

Scarcely had the excitement of the above mentioned shooting subsided until the report was spread over the city that highwaymen had held up the stage and mail on the Blackwell road. The sheriff's officers were seen to arm and leave the city hurriedly in different directions. Nothing further was heard until about 9 p.m. Marshal Austin and Deputy Masters returned with one of the robbers and reported the killing of another. The robbers were both young men scarcely 21, and held up a gentleman west of Kildare, after which they rode to the residence of H. C. Miller just this side of the river where they made arrangements to remain over night.

The men were armed to the teeth, each carrying two .45 caliber revolvers and a Winchester rifle, and had in their possession two splendid horses. The officers tracked them to Mr. Millers, and no sooner had they entered the house than the men attempted to draw their guns for battle. One of the men was seized by Mr. Miller while the other snapped a revolver in the face of Marshal Austin but fortunately the gun failed to go off. Both officers then fired and the man fell back gasping but game to the very end. Recovering himself he pulled the second revolver and would have shot before the second crack of Austin's gun ended the life of the man at once. The men are supposed to be amateur highwaymen, imitators of the yellow back novel heroes, and they have not been in the business long. The surviving robber gives his name as Alfred Stratton, son of well to do and respected parents at Arkansas City, and a graduate of Arkansas City Schools, and was a former schoolmate of Mr. Masters who captured him. The dead man is identified as Frank Pyle alias Johnson whose home is in Cherryville, Kansas.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 13 March 1895

Another Murder.

The contests over claims in this county resulted in another bloody killing six miles southeast of the city last Friday morning. Cyrus Cowan and one of the Coleman boys are contesting for the same piece of land. They have had frequent fights to which many of the neighbors have been a party. In fact the trouble is a neighborhood feud. Cowan was attacked by Willie and Pete Coleman, and sustained a fracture of the skull from being hit with a rock. He then shot and killed Willie, aged 14, and seriously wounded Pete Coleman aged about 21. Cowan

immediately gave himself up to the officers and Jacob May and son were arrested later as being accessories to the murder, all of whom have waived a preliminary examination. Public sentiment is divided, many persons claiming that the shooting was justifiable, and as in all these claim contests it is difficult to get the real facts in the matter.

The funeral of **Willie Coleman** was held at the M. E. Church in this city last Sunday morning. [1880-1895, buried by Anna & James, Newkirk Cemetery.]

From the Newkirk Republican, 14 June 1895

Last Saturday between four and five p.m., **Mrs. Celia L. Snow**, wife of John Snow died at her home in town, leaving a babe six days old. She was in her 47th year and leaves a little girl of four and boy of about seven years of age to mourn her loss, besides the husband and some older children. The Salvation Army came down from Arkansas City, Sunday and assisted in the funeral rites at the city tabernacle. Kind neighbors have materially assisted the bereaved family in this sudden and irreparable loss.

From the Newkirk Times, 23 June 1895

The hand of Death.

Died—Friday, January 18, 1895, at his home in this city of consumption, **Frank M. Moore**, age 38 years and eight months.

Frank M. Moore was well known in Newkirk, he being a member of the firm of Baldwin & Moore. He was universally respected by all his acquaintances and his death has cast a cloud over his friends.

To his wife, whom he leaves to mourn his death, the sympathy of the entire community is given her. His remains were laid to rest on Sunday followed to the Silent City of the dead by a large number of friends.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 23 June 1895

Frank Moore who has been ill the past two months has peacefully passed into that sleep that knows no waking in this world. He was a young man beloved by all who knew him, and had an extensive acquaintance in the city. He came here with the first settlement and with Ollie Baldwin opened the first barber shop in the city. The funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at the U. B. Church, the ceremonial sermon being delivered by Rev. Whittaker. W. G. Jones, J. L. Potts, B. E. Hixson, Wm. Munday, Mr. Burkes, and M. G. Voris were the bearers of the earthly remains to the cemetery, followed by a large body of sorrowing relatives and friends. Mr. Moore was born in Whitesville, New York, May 4, 1856. His early days were spent in Shelby

County, Indiana, and he started in business at Warsaw, Indiana, where he lived for nine years. In 1890 he was married to Carrie Thompson, the wife who suffers the unspeakable loss. In 1890 he removed to Salina, Kansas where formed the partnership with Ollie Baldwin which has continued up to the time of his death.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 24 June 1895

Died.

On June 20, at 8 o'clock p.m. the **infant daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. **Long**, of summer complaint; aged 13 months. The funeral took place from their residence on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mordy officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Long have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

As the shadows of Saturday night grew darker the spirit of little Maud took its flight to the realms above there to meet its maker. Well may it be said the grim death always chooses a shining mark, as it has this taken one of earth's fairest blossoms.

From the Newkirk Republican, 19 July 1895

Died on July 8, 1895, **Mrs. C. W. Worley** aged 25 years. Disease Typhoid Malarial fever. Also her little daughter **Mary L. V. Worley**, of same disease, aged five years. Both mother and daughter were buried in the same grave. The bereaved husband and father has the sympathy of the entire community in which he lives.

Died at her home near Tonkawa, Monday July 15th, at 1 a.m., **Mrs. Mary Judd**, wife of Thomas Judd. She was in her 47 year and had been sick some time of heart trouble. The funeral took place at the home Tuesday a.m. Rev. Mordy, of Newkirk, conducting the business. The deceased leaves two sons and three daughters besides the bereaved husband. She was a woman of excellent character and respected and loved by all who know her.

Mrs. Judd was the mother of Mrs. G. H. Brower who is the wife of G. C. Brower's son. Mr. and Mrs. Brower went over to the funeral.

Frank Lorry of Owen Township passed north Tuesday evening on his way to Cale, Kansas, where his wife was already at the bedside of her mother who was at the point of death. Mrs. Lorry is Mrs. D. M. Sifford's sister.

From the Newkirk Republican, 11 October 1895

DEATHS.

On Oct. 3, **Thomas M. Jones** died at his residence in

this city, aged 41 years 4 months and 2 days the funeral was conducted by Rev. T. Arthur Whitaker, and the body was taken to Mound Ridge Kansas, and placed beside the remains of his wife who died about three years ago. He leaves a family of seven children to whom is extended the sympathy of many,

Also, last Friday evening; **J. C. Cradler** died at the residence of T. J. Homes in this city of inflammation of the bowels.

Mr. Cradler came to this city a few months ago. He was a young man of good moral character and an industrious workman. His brother, J. M. High came from Ottawa, Kas., to attend the funeral which was conducted by Rev. Whitaker. The deceased was 34 years old.

Saturday, **Mrs. N, T. Smith** received a telegram telling of the death of her **mother** in New Mexico where she had gone for her health.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 6 December 1895

DIED.

Elizabeth Duncan, aged 50 yrs. 8 mo. 26 days, died at her home one mile south and four miles east of Newkirk, Nov. 27, at 11 o'clock of consumption. She was born in Floyd County, Va. Left twice a widow, leaves a large family of children, four sons and one daughter four of whom live with her. She was converted some four years ago and died happy in the Lord with a true hope. She was a sufferer for 20 years. Greenwood cemetery at Council Grove, Kas., her former home.

J. J. Vanderpool wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to kind friends and neighbors for their assistance at the time of sickness and death of his wife. He wishes especially to mention Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins in this connection. [**Jane Vanderpool**, 18 August 1853 --12 November 1895 is inscribed on her stone at Wolf Creek Cemetery]

From the *Newkirk Times*, 2 January 1896

At Rest.

George Apperson died at the home of his father, W. W. Apperson in this city on Monday evening at about 5:20 p.m. and was buried in the cemetery north of the city Tuesday at 4 p.m. He came here a few weeks about was not thought to be dangerously ill until a few days since. He died of organic heart disease and had been treated by some of the best physicians in the country before he came here. Mr., Apperson was a handsome and gifted gentleman and had reached the gloom of

manhood. Intellectually he had attained that position in life to be honored and respected by all literary men. Before he was taken sick and the shadow and gloom of despondency had crept upon his intellect, and stolen the virtues of a literary genius he was the correspondent for the Chicago Herald and ranked among the youngest and best writers of correspondents the capital of our nation. His genius as a literary writer was to be admired by all who knew him. But the sweetest and brightest flower must wither and die and we hope that his efforts have not been in vain, and his intellect may live beyond in the brighter realms of thought. The *Times* extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 3 January 1896

OBITUARY.

At the home of his father, W. W. Apperson, in Newkirk on Monday evening, Dec. 30th, **Geo. H. Apperson** passed to the life beyond. The funeral took place at the home on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Keller. A large number of sympathizing friends of the family gathered to pay their last respects to one who was a stranger within our gates. The burial took place at the Newkirk cemetery.

The deceased was born at Mattoon, Ill., on June 29, 1859. He was educated at Wesleyan University at Bloomington, and chose journalism as a profession. Since 1887 he had been the Washington correspondent of the Globe-Democrat and the Chicago Times-Herald. His health was broken by his arduous labors on the bureau of election returns in 1892. Since then he had traveled for his health—was here a few months ago on his way to California. He came east again recently and but three or four weeks ago stopped with his father here and became suddenly much worse. The immediate cause of death was heart failure due to dropsical condition. It is always sad to see one useful in life thus cut off in its prime, and it admonishes us, "Be ye also ready".

John Apperson, a brother of the deceased was summoned from St. Joseph, Mo., as also was Charlie Apperson.

The pallbearers at the burial were J. W. and Charles Masters, Herbert Smock, W. F. Pardoe, Frank Wood and George Dickman.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 31 January 1896

Died, Jan 13, 1896, at her home near Newkirk, O. T., **Mrs. Olive Stansburry**, wife of J. W. Stansburry. They formerly lived here and it is with sorrow and condolence that we learned of the death of so noble a woman. — Reprinted from *Winfield Courier*. [Buried at Fair view

(Banner or Cale) Cemetery.]

Mr. Rowland, an uncle of Gus Lorry over near Tonkawa, died on Jan., 19 after a lingering sickness, at Mr. Lorry's home.

From the Newkirk Republican, 7 February 1896

IN MEMORY.

Angus Mckinley passed from this life to that "Home of the soul" on Tuesday January 28, 1896, at the age of 83 years, 9 months, and 11 days.

Our local readers will pardon a somewhat extended mention in this bereavement, as it is but once in a life time a son can pay such a tribute to a beloved and faithful father; extra copies of this edition will reach many personal friends of the deceased.

Angus McKinley was born in Montgomery Co. eastern New York, May 17, 1812. His boyhood was spent in central and western New York. He learned the glovers trade at Johnstown, N. Y. and followed that business at various times in after life.

In 1834 he came west with other brothers and settled in Stuben Co. northwestern Indiana where he made his home in that and LeGrange Co., adjourning, till toward the close of the war.

November 4th, 1844, he was married to Sarah Ann Murray who died on April 17, 1846. On February 23, 1847, he was united in marriage to Fanny Forbes. Eleven children were born to them, seven of whom, with their mother and seventeen grand children and one great grand child survive to mourn the loss of "father,"

About the close of the war the deceased lived for two or three years near Vicksburg, Miss., then removing to Crawfordsville, Ind., and later to Cameron, Mo.

In April, 1874 he moved with his family to its present home in Ninnescah Twp., Cowley Co., Kansas, 10 mi. northwest of Winfield, where had lived most of the years since. The early spring it was about the first settlement of that country and though then a man of 69 with a large family to support he did not shrink from the task of making a home for them out on the bare prairie. Many an old settler will recall the buffalo robes he dressed those early years to add to the meager income. A comfortable home was the reward for the hardships of the early days.

The deceased received his early religious training among the Scotch Presbyterians of N. Y. In early manhood he became a Christian and led an exemplary Christian life three score years. He had membership in the Presbyterian Church except when not in reach of his fathers, when he united with the Congregational and United Brethren denominations. He had been a continuous subscriber to the N. Y. Evangelist

(a Presbyterian Church paper) for about 50 years.

Of several brothers and sisters only a younger brother and sister survive. The deceased's life of over four score years witnessed the growth of the nation from almost its infancy and the development of science, invention and art that would have been deemed miraculous if prophesied at the time of his boyhood. He always took a keen interest in the social and political and national question of the time and cast his first vote for the Whig candidate. His mind was clear and active to the last and his interest in public matters unabated.

The deceased was physically hale and active to the time of his death doing more chores than many men twenty years younger—the result of his uniformly temperate habits. On the afternoon of the 28th, he was at work dressing a calf skin alone near the house. At suppertime not coming in the family became alarmed and at once went to where he had been and found him lying where he had dropped his work probably two hours before. The faithful heart had ceased to beat evidently without a struggle or pain.

The funeral took place at the Vernon Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock January 30. Many of the old settlers of 1871-1872 were present to pay their last respects to one who had been an honored Christian friend and neighbor so many years. The services were conducted by Rev. Mentler, of Udall, and Rev. Burton Woodford, the local pastor. Rev. Mentler gave most gracious words from the text in Job 5:26 "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season." Some of the hymns he loved so well "Asleep in Jesus", "The Lord is my Shepherd", and "All is well with my Soul" were sung, and the body was laid away in the beautiful Vernon cemetery to rest till the resurrection morn shall clothe it in immortal glory. The family rejoice that the glorious sunset of his noble Christian life was prolonged to them so many years and rest in the assurance, "Blessed are the dead that die to the Lord."

From the Newkirk Republican, 28 February 1896

SHOT AND KILLED.

Just after going to press, the report came in that Atty. **E. A. Hurst** was shot and killed [by] a Mr. Welsh over claim troubles.

From the Newkirk Republican, 26 June 1896

A Card.

Mr. and Mrs. Long desire to express their earnest thanks to the many friends who assisted and comforted them during the sickness and death of their little daughter, so recently called to the heavenly home.

[**Mava C. Long**, 16 May 1895 – 20 June 1896, Daughter of J. G. and M. M.]

From the Newkirk Republican, 25 September 1896

A man by the name of **Jam Jacobs** was killed at Round Pond recently who claimed to have a brother in this county.

Mrs. **Jennie Close** reached home last Tuesday from near Easton, Ill., where she was called a short time ago to attend the funeral of her father.

From the Newkirk Republican, 23 October 1896

In Memory of Orah E. Randall

Died at home in Kellogg, Kansas **Mrs. Orah E. Randall**, wife of L. D. Randall and daughter of D. D. Kellogg.

After a very brief illness, she departed this life with the blessed assurance of life eternal awaiting her entrance through the gates of pearl, in that beautiful city—the Christians eternal home. Our hearts ache with the thought of her absence. The home circle is broken; there is a vacant place which never can be filled, for the loving voice is stilled.

Orah was born in _____ Illinois, December 28, 1861. With her prayers and Christian influence she helped to build up a Sunday school in the new country where she has lived. She united with the Baptist Church when only 14 years of age, and has ever since been a fervent worker in the church and Sunday school.

The family and L. D. Randall.

Mrs. Randall and infant babe died on October 15 at her father's home in Cowley County. Her home was six miles west of town. Many friends in this county will mourn her untimely death.

From the Newkirk Republican, 18 December 1896

Death has called from our midst a prominent citizen and businessman. Last Sunday evening Mayor Ferguson received a telegram announcing the death of **F. W. Geisler** at San Antonio, Tex. He immediately took the train for that point and returned yesterday morning with the remains. The funeral took place yesterday at 2 p.m. We have not at this writing data at hand for full mention of three deceased and will give further notice of their great loss to our community next week. A large circle of friends in the city and country join with the *Republican* in extending their sympathy to the family of the deceased.

From the Newkirk Republican, 25 December 1896

In Memory.

Frederick William Geisler died at San Antonio, Texas, Sunday morning, December 13, 1896, a 3:30 o'clock. The family here [microfilm damaged and unreadable] and mayor Ferguson left home by the first train to bring the remains home, arriving Thursday morning. He was met at the depot by the town council and many citizens. And the deceased was carried for a short rest to the pleasant home from which he has been called to an eternal home.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. in the presence of a crowded house. Revs. Moore and Snyder conducted the services. The pallbearers were Dr. Ezell, J. G. Long, C. M. Burnett, F. B. Eastman, Henry Spencer, and L. McKinley. There was every evidence of the esteem in which the deceased was held in the community.

F. W. Geisler was born in Berlin, Germany, November 30, 1816, where still lives his father, a brother and sister. His mother and one sister died about a year ago. He came to America in 1868, locating first in Dickinson Co., Kans. From 1870 to 1880, he located at Denver, Col., and from there went to San Marical, New Mexico, losing by the disastrous fire of 1882. From there he went to Socorro, where he was in very successful business for years, and where he now leaves a considerable town property. He moved his family to Arkansas City in June 1889 and was at Guthrie a considerable time that summer looking up business for investment.

At the opening of the Strip Mr. Geisler secured the present location of his store and established one of the best grocery stores in Oklahoma. In 1894 he built the splendid stone building which is a credit to himself and the town. Mr. Geisler was a thoroughly Americanized German, and was familiar with all phases of western life and business interest and had a keen insight into financial projects in the '70s he hunted buffalo on the plains. He was at every great mining excitement or land opening in the west. In Idaho Black Hills, Leadville, and C and A, Sac and Fox, Strip, etc.

As a businessman of this town he was always public spirited and liberal and took a lively interest in all matters for the town and county, and was firm in his convictions of right. He was an honored and valuable member of the city council.

Just a year ago he took a trip to Cripple Creek and caught a cold that resulted in pulmonary troubles. He went to Texas in October to get possible relief. At San Antonio he made his home with a most excellent family who gave him every care. His letters home seemed encouraging and the fatal terminal illness came unexpectedly to the family here.

He leaves a wife and one son and daughter to mourn his untimely death. The town loses a valuable citizen and extends to a bereaved family its earnest sympathy.

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 3 February 1897

Body found.

Monday while some boys were out hunting and in crossing the pasture on J. C. Columbia's farm northwest of town, they found the dead body of **Jack Riley**. Riley had been missing for two weeks, he was under the doctor's care when J. Doctor, who was sitting up with him fell asleep, he got away from the house, and no doubt wandered to where he was found.

When the news reached the city a large crowd went to see the body. The coroner was notified and as the body was frozen he ordered it to be taken to the city where it was placed in the undertaking rooms of G. Alberti. Tuesday an inquest was held and the verdict was, died from exposure. Mr. Riley was a stonemason by trade but of late had been on a protracted spree. They buried the body Tuesday afternoon.

In Memoriam.

Died February 2 at 6:30 a.m., the **infant daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. Duvall **Jackson**.
[Mildred Jackson, 4 February 1897.]

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 12 February 1897

DIED.

Day Robert McMasters died Feb. 7, 1897 at Rock Falls, of typhoid pneumonia fever; aged 6 year, 4 months and 24 days. He was the youngest son of David McMasters and wife, a bright manly little fellow, beloved by his playmate and all who knew him, adored by his elder brothers and sisters. But to his parents we can but extend our heartfelt sympathy. To them we hold doubly dear. How fondly they looked forward to the time when he would be the stay of their old age. But God in his infinite wisdom saw fit to call him to his home beyond the skies. The little fellow's favorite hymn was "Bringing in the sheaves". Oh, but this was unripened grain.

"I know life's way, at best, is rough and steep'
Before he felt the crows he laid it done;
Across his soul the storm may never asleep;
Without the conflict he has now, the crow.
"He doeth, all things well," and it is best I know;
Yet, O my child my child, I loved you so!
A Friend.

A RIPE SHEAF.

Mrs. Ester Woods died at the home of her son David Woods, two miles north of Newkirk on last Sunday, February 7, at the age of 91 years and 7 months. Rev. Moore conducted the funeral services at the home on Monday afternoon. The deceased was converted at the age of 16 and for over three quarters of a century had lived a Christian life. So she has gone to her reward like the fully ripened grain. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 19 Mar 1897

A Sad Accident.

A boy 1 years of age, a **step-son** of Rev. **Booth**, of north Waltham, was accidentally shot through the leg last Monday by a charge from a shot gun, shattering the thigh bone. The boy, Vern Carlton, and his brother were playing with the gun which was usual "not loaded". Tuesday afternoon Drs. Miller and Ezell went out to amputate the leg. They found the boy very low but the only hope for his life was in amputation. He died in a few minutes after the operation. A gun is a boy's deadly enemy.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 9 April 1897

A couple of weeks ago **Chas. Mayes** of Longwood Twp., died a singular death. Six days before his death strange swellings began in his extremities and in a day or two the effected part would literally die and become putrid. It was a living death. [The deceased is probably Charles W. Maze, b. 9 July 1865 – 2 April 1897, who was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery originally near Uncas.]

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 30 April 1897

In Memory.

For the second time the *Republican* is called on to note the death of a darling babe in the home of G. P. **Endicott** of this city. In January '95., Death invaded their home and took an infant daughter, **Rhea Beatrice**, and again on last Saturday night at 10 o'clock the Reaper plucked another flower from the family circle. Their infant daughter, Hazel Temperance succumbed to an attack of measles and pneumonia,

The little one was born August 31, 1896. The funeral was held at the home early Monday morning, led by [microfilm damaged and unreadable], and the remains were taken to Arkansas City to rest beside their other family treasures that have gone before.

Last week there came an angel
From that better world above.
And took our little Hazel

To dwell in peace and love.

Her little cot is empty,
That little face is gone.
And we pray to God to meet her,
In that bright land of joy and song.

Goodbye, Hazel, not forever,
We will meet you by and bye.
When our mission here is ended
We will meet you in the sky,
A Friend.

George Patchet [microfilm is blurred] living in northwest Newkirk Twp., died last Monday morning of Bright's Disease. He was [microfilm unreadable] years of age and leaves a family of wife and little daughters and a son,

From the Newkirk Republican, 14 May 1897

OBITUARY MRS. MARTHA A. BROOKS.

Died at her residence in Newkirk, Oklahoma on Wednesday evening, May 5, 1897, of paralysis, Mrs. **Martha A Brooks**, aged 53 years.

Martha A. McClellan was born in Smith County, Tennessee, and lived in her native state until 1881. While living in that section she was married to Samuel Jones in 1860 who died in 1867, and in 1871 to H. C. Brooks. Two children blest the first union, one of whom, C. C. Jones of Garden City, Kas., survives. Of the three children who came to bless the last union, but one, Vallie, survives. The tide of emigrants pushing westward, the family moved in 1881 to Kansas and subsequently in 1893 to Oklahoma, where they have since resided.

By the death of this most worthy sister, the community has lost an exemplary Christian, a kind and generous friend and her family a loyal, loving and self-sacrificing wife and mother. She belonged to that type of female character which delights in deeds rather than words, and the memory of her generous services for others will not soon be forgotten. She had been a constant sufferer nearly a year, but died, as she lived, with the brightest of Christian faith in a home beyond. The sincerest sympathy of the entire community is extended to the stricken family in their great bereavement.

The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. Burchfield, where a large number of friends gathered. The remains were laid away in the Newkirk cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

From the Newkirk Republican, 21 May 1897

L. D. Randall received word this week of the death of his **brother Leverett** at Napoleon, Ohio, May 14.

OBITUARY.

Lena, little daughter of G. H. and Lizzie **Kimmel** of Dale, passed away after an illness of only a few weeks. Everything was done that loving friends and [microfilm unreadable] could do to restore her health. On Monday, April 26th at 7 p.m. she quietly went to sleep to awaken where there is no more pain. Mr. Kimmel was obliged to be absent and when all hope was gone he was immediately dispatched for. The dying babe seemed to await papa, but the train was to late, and just as the last gleams of sunshine heralded the approach of night her little soul beheld that other light whose brightness is celestial. The funeral was held at the residence Wednesday afternoon. The flowers were beautiful and profuse. "Some Sweet Day" was sung and Sylvester Brewster read the xvii chapter of Matthew. After "appropriate services the remains were interred in Mercer cemetery. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 23 June 1897

Leroy Gale Walton died of whooping cough at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walton, ten miles northwest of Newkirk, on Monday June 21, 1897 aged 2 years, 4 months and 23 days. Although his sufferings were long and severe, he bore them with great patience. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday forenoon, Rev. T. P. Eaton officiating, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Newkirk Cemetery. Little Roy was a bright lovable child, and the parents have the sympathy of all in their bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Walton extend thanks to their friends for the kindness shown during his sickness. T.P.E.

From the Newkirk Republican, 25 June 1897

DIED.

Leroy Gale Walton died at the home of his parents, N. west of Newkirk on June 21, 1897, aged 2 years, 4 months, and 23 days, with whooping cough. Funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday and the remains were laid to rest in the Newkirk cemetery. Rev. T. P. Eaton officiating.

Little Roy went heaven,
On a bright and sunny Morn;
In his momma's arms he rested,
When his spirit took its flight.
When the angels were descending,

To convey his spirit home,
Little Roy pointed upward,
And we thought we heard them come.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton extend their thanks to the friends for their kindness during the sickness. [Son of J. H. and G. Wilton.]

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 30 June 1897

Henry Jackson died yesterday evening in the north part of town, of lung trouble. He was an old soldier and belonged to Co. C, 43rd Indiana Volunteers. The funeral will occur this afternoon, conducted by the G. A. R. The deceased leaves a wife and five children.

At Rest.

Ruby Gertrude Winkler died at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Gordon in Newkirk, June 27, 1897; age 4 years, 4 months, and 5 days.

She was born in Arkansas City, October 2, 1893. She bore her sickness with patience 'till God called for her to come. She passed away calm and sweetly, as though asleep. Funeral services were held at the home her aunt where her parents of their power to save their darling. The remains were laid to rest in the Newkirk Cemetery Tuesday, June 29th.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 2 July 1897

DIED.

Ruby Gertrude Winkler died at the house of her aunt, Mrs., Gordon in Newkirk, June 27, 1897' aged 4 years, 4 months, and 5 days.

She bore her sickness with patience and passed away calmly as though asleep. Funeral services were held at the home of her aunt by Rev. Moore and the remains were laid to rest in the Newkirk cemetery June 29.

Darling Ruby fare the well.
Gone thy soul with Christ to dwell.
Short and pleasant was the road;
Thou hast traveled back to God.

T'was Jesus called me home,
With him I sweetly rest.
My sufferings now are over,
And I am forever blest.

I've only gone before you.
And when you are called to come,
I will put my arms around you,
And bring you safely home.

Mr. and Mrs. Winkler and Mrs. Gordon extend their thanks to the kind friends for kindness during the sickness of the little one.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. **Jemison** return thanks to their neighbors for their kindness tendered during the sickness and death of their **infant son**.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 9 July 1897

On July 1st Mr. and Mrs. Joe **Thomas** lost their little son **Carl** at the age of 5 months. The funeral occurred on the 2nd conducted by Rev. Moore. The little flower of this brief life has gone before to beckon the bereaved parents to the better life beyond. [Joseph Carral Thomas is buried in Newkirk Cemetery.]

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 16 July 1897

Obituary.

Mrs. Ida Palmer died at her home in east Waltham Twp. on July 8, after a short illness. Funeral services were held Friday at the Oak Grove schoolhouse, and Rev. Birchfield, of Newkirk, delivered a touching sermon. A large concourse of people followed the remains to their last resting place. The sorrowing husband and children have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. [Ida E. Palmer, 12 September 1870 – 8 July 1895. Death date is obviously incorrect in *Kay County Cemetery Inscriptions*, as death is reported in the July 1897 newspaper. She is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.]

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 17 July 1897

In Memoriam,

Last Thursday morning the angel of death called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.

S. Thomas and claimed for its own their infant son, **Joseph Carl** aged five months and fourteen days. I was hard to part with their first born who was their joy and pride. Though lost to them now, they can look forward to the time when they will be re-united in the great beyond where parting is unknown. The funeral services were held at the residence, Rev. Moore officiating.

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 21 July 1897

Died.

The many friends of **Ed Patton**, formerly manager of the bankrupt store in this place, but later manager of the Hotel Royal in Guthrie, will learn with surprise and sorrow of his death at the latter place.

He had been complaining for several days of a pain

in his head, but it was not thought to be anything serious. Wednesday evening after listening to a story in front of the hotel, he remarked that he would go to his room and lie down. In a few minutes a guest in an adjoining room heard him groan and hastened to his assistance, but before medical aid arrived, death had claimed all that was mortal of genial Ed Patton.

He was courteous, genial and well liked by all [that] came in contact with him and leaves a large host of friends to mourn his demise.

[News item] Sam L. Gilbert, Of Newkirk claims to be the first white child born in the Mississippi Valley. His grandparents were the first white couple to be married in the Territory of Iowa, in 1832, near Fort Madison. Mr. Gilbert passed through Kansas City in 1857 when the only hotel was a little shack under the bluffs. He was in many an Indian fight and when the war broke out, joined a California regiment and saw hard Indian service in Utah and the southwest. On the Bear River in one desperate [battle] the soldiers lost sixteen and the redskins three hundred and six. He is a picturesque and entertaining character.—*Leader* [Guthrie newspaper?]

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 28 July 1897

Deaths.

Mr. J. R. Ames of Dale Township died July 24th aged 58 years 6 months. Funeral services were conducted at the home of deceased, by Rev. E. A. Goodrich at 4 p.m., July 24th. [Jasper R. Ames, 25 January 1839 – 23 July 1897.]

Benjamin F. Duncan, infant son of John A. and M. M. Duncan of Newkirk, died July 24th aged 7 months. Funeral services were held at the home of the parents, by Rev. E. A. Goodrich at 10 a.m. July 25th.

Vera Fern Miller, the two year-old daughter of Mr. J. C. and Mrs. Miller, died July 23 1897. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Goodrich at the Friends Church on Wolf Creek at 11 o'clock a.m. [several members of this miller family are buried at the Wolf Creek Cemetery.]

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 30 July 1897

Deaths.

Benjamin F. Duncan, an infant son of John A. Duncan and wife, died at their home in Newkirk on July 24 at the age of 6 months and 25 days. The funeral occurred Sunday, conducted by Rev. Goodrich. [Buried at Newkirk cemetery]

J. R. Ames died at his home 5 miles northeast of town on July 29 and was buried at Wolf Creek cemetery. Rev. E. A. Goodrich officiated at the funeral. Mr. Ames was 58 years 5 months and 29 days old and was a member of the Methodist Protestant church. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss. [According to *Kay County Cemetery Inscriptions*, Jasper R. Ames is buried at Newkirk Cemetery.]

Vera Fern Miller, daughter of H. C. Miller, died July 28, and was buried at the Wolf creek cemetery. Rev. Goodrich officiating at funeral. Little Vera was nearly two years old. She has gone to join her two little sisters and one brother who have gone on before.

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 4 August 1897

Accidental death.

Last Wednesday as **Chas. S. Wilkinson** of Longwood Twp., was returning home from fishing, his horse became unmanageable and began to jump and pitch until he jumped against the barbed wire fence which threw Mr., Wilkinson from the horse at the same time the horse fell on him. He was picked up unconscious and remained so until his death Thursday afternoon. He was 25 years of age and unmarried. Rev. E. A. Goodrich preached the funeral sermon.

Last Sunday the angel of death gained the young son of M. and Mrs. Ira J. Stevens aged seven years and three months. The funeral took place from the family residence Monday morning, Rev. E. A. Goodrich officiating.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 24 September 1897

Sad Accident.

Last week **C. H. Carlton**, of Vernon Twp., received word that his son Louis had been killed near Cambridge, Kas., by his horse falling down with him. The body arrived here Friday evening accompanied by Mr. Cruse, for whom Louis was working, when the sad accident occurred. The funeral was preached Saturday at 11 by Rev. Burchfield, in the church, and interment was made in Newkirk cemetery. It is said Louis was a splendid young man little over 2 years of age. [Louis E. Carlton, 21 years six months, 12 days.]

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 29 September 1897

A week ago last Saturday **Chas. Fennell**, a threshing machine hand, was thrown while riding horseback and the horn of the saddle made a wound in the abdomen. He was brought to his city and received the best of care and attention, but to no avail. He lingered until last

Monday evening when he died. Fennell was a stranger here, having but recently arrived and had no known friends or relatives. He was buried Tuesday at the county's expense.

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 13 October 1897

A Sad Accident.

Newkirk has added another sad case to the endless list of casualties by the careless handling of deadly weapons. Our citizens were shocked last Monday when they heard of the accidental and fatal shooting of an innocent little girl 5 years old, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Delbert Turner**, who recently moved here from Missouri. The scene of the tragedy was at the home of a family named Bagby at the hands of Howard Bagby a 6 year old lad, cousin of the little girl.

Monday morning the two children were playing in a room by themselves and the little boy succeeded in finding a loaded revolver. Childlike and all unconscious of danger, he playfully pointed the deadly weapon at his cousin presumably to frighten her. The inevitable result followed; there was a flash, a report, and the little girl fell bleeding and dying to the floor, her tender body pierced by the leaden messenger.

Medical aid was summoned and all possible done for the little sufferer, but there was no hope for her, as the ball entered the region of the heart. The end came within thirty minutes.

Such a tragedy is sad beyond measure and it would teach all parents to keep deadly weapons beyond the reach of their children. The stricken parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 24 November 1897

Died.

Rosa Brown, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Riggs, of consumption, last Friday age 21 years, 2 months and 19 days. The deceased was born in Marion County, Iowa, July 31, 1876. Funeral services were held Saturday.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 3 December 1897

Obituary. (This was accidentally omitted last week)

Died, Nov. 19, 1897, **Rosa May Brown**, who was born in Marion Co., Iowa, July 31 1876. The deceased was the daughter of Mrs. A. D. Riggs and died after a lingering sickness of several months. She struggled bravely for life but in vain. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Burchfield and many sympathizing neighbors were present. The remains were laid to rest in the Newkirk cemetery till the resurrection morn. [Daughter of J. W. and A. O. Brown]

From the *Newkirk Democrat*, 29 December 1897

Died.—at his residence 6 miles northeast of Newkirk, Wednesday, December 1897, **J. W. Hewett**.

He was born June 17, 1864, and was 36 years 6 months and 5 days old at the time of his death. In 1877 he was united in marriage with Miss Bell Dunn at Pawnee, Kan.

The issue of such marriage being four children, the youngest of which died of typhoid fever in October 1897; since that time each member of the family has had the fever, with the exception of Mrs. Hewett, who has continually watched by the bedside of her loved ones. The deceased was born in Neosho County, Missouri. His parents having died in his infancy he was reared by his sisters, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Sweringen, who came from Nevada, Missouri in answer to a dispatch, sent them at the time of his death. His wife, two sons, daughter, two sisters, two half brothers and a half sister, and friends mourn his departure. He was an active member of the Woodmen, and will be missed by the members of his order.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Faubian of Arkansas City.

The Last Roll Call.

Died – **Dwight Munson Hamlin**, of this city, at the National home, Leavenworth, Kansas, December 22, of dropsy. Aged 54 years 1 month and 29 days

Dwight Munson Hamlin, oldest son of Rev. Henry N. Hamlin of Boston Mass., was born at Franklin, Morgan County, Illinois, Oct. 23, 1843. When quite young his parents moved near Springfield, Ill, where he resided when the late war occurred. He enlisted in the spring of '62 and served as first sergeant of Company D, 129th Illinois Volunteers until the close of the war. Having a great many miles to march through swamps when he was discharged to a place of transportation home his feet were in such condition that he could not walk for months after arrival home. As soon as he was well, he returned to college. After leaving there he taught in the public schools until 1875 when he entered the state superintendent's office as chief clerk. He was also clerk of the state equalization board of Illinois. Received a position as clerk in the War Department in the fall of '79. He was also clerk in the office of supervising architect of the treasury. Later he held a clerkship in the customs house at Memphis, Tenn. He was also sent to inspect government buildings by supervising architect Bell, after which he was appointed special pension examiner under Commissioner Black which position he held in New York City and other places for four years.

In 1874 he organized the Sherman Guards to take

part in the dedication of Lincoln's monument at Springfield, Ill., and as a mark of honor, General Sherman marched on foot with this company. He was, afterwards, commissioned by the governor as the captain of the company.

At the opening of the Strip, the captain, along with thousands of others made the race for a quarter section in the land of the Fair God. He secured a claim, but finding that another man with a large family had subsequently located on the same quarter, he generously and true to his nature waived his prior rights to the land and came to our city, and took prominent part in forming a municipal government for the town. He was elected police judge at the first city election. During his incumbency he honestly, faithfully and impartially performed the duties of his office, hewing to the right regardless of where the chips might fall. At the expiration of his term he opened an office, and acted as a pension attorney until his death. He was quite successful by reason of his intimate knowledge of the pension laws and the rules of procedure thereunder and obtained many increases, arrearages and allowances for his old comrades residing in this vicinity.

As a citizen he was broad minded, liberal and progressive. He continuously advocated and gave of his time and of his means to the advancement and upbuilding of the town and country in which he resided. He was frank, outspoken and firm in his convictions of the rights and duties he owed to himself, his friends and his political associates. He assisted in organizing Stephenson Post of the G. A. R. He was prominently identified with the organization of the W. R. C.

The funeral services were held Sunday last in the M. E. Church, conducted by Rev. Burchfield. Afterwards the remains were followed to their final resting place by the W. R. C. the local G. A. R. post, headed by the Newkirk Military band, and a large concourse of friends. The people turned out en masse to do honor and show their respect to the deceased, and it was the most imposing funeral profession that has ever congregated in our city.

Died – L. S. Patton, at his home in O. K. school district, Sunday, December 26. Mr. Patton was stricken with paralysis on the previous Wednesday and never recovered from the attack. His remains were laid away in the Newkirk Cemetery.

From the Newkirk Republican, 7 January 1898

MURDER.

What appears to have been a most cold blooded murder was committed 1½ miles east of Kay Center (Parker) [now Blackwell] last Saturday, Proof **W. W. Carver** being the victim.

Mr. Carver was a school teacher of considerable ability and experience in Kansas Schools. He secured his claim about the time of the opening. In 1891 he was a candidate for county superintendent, but stood no show at the convention. He had announced in this paper, but it turned out his note was all he had to pay with. He was very hard up till this summer when he had a fine wheat crop, and like an honorable man he redeemed his note of long standing with cash. He had recently completed a very good residence on his claim; and Mr. Carver was somewhat eccentric and was the architect of his new house.

As we get it, R. H. Fair, a young man from Arkansas City had built Carver's house and had come down to the farm last week to collect his pay. He claims he had a settlement with Carver in a satisfactory manner. About sunrise Saturday morning the house burned and Carver's body was found in the cellar with a bullet hole in the back of his head. Fair gave the alarm and claims he had gone off about one-fourth mile to water some horses and left Carver getting breakfast. He noticed the fire and ran back. He says he found a revolver on the table with one load shot out and he shot out the rest to give the alarm. Neighbors that got there first say the cellar door (outside) was locked. It was too late to save the house.

Fair's story is improbably. Carver's body showed it was in the cellar when the fire began as it was not burned on the underside. Fair's actions at the fire and afterwards and at the inquest aroused suspicion and he was placed under arrest and lodged at the Newkirk jail.

Fair's preliminary was held before Judge Neff yesterday and resulted in the defendant being bound over to district court without bail. [Winfield S. Carver 1852-1898, is buried at Blackwell IOOF Cemetery. This story was also reported in the *Ponca City Courier* on January 6, 1898.]

From the Newkirk Republican, 14 January 1898

Obituary.

Died at Benton, Kans., Jan. 3rd, 1898, at 8 o'clock, **Lilly Fiorezelle Stouder**, wife of A. W. Stouder, of Emporia Kans., and daughter of A. H. and D. S. McKee of Newkirk Township, Kay County, O. T.

She was 26 years old and was a kind and loving wife and mother. A short time ago she was visiting her parents here in the gloom of health and on returning home was taken sick at her uncles' home at Benton, Ans. She is the victim of typhoid fever for six weeks, lacking 1 day, before her death. All was done that human power and kind loving hands could do. She was brought to this place and laid to rest in the Newkirk cemetery. Funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Rev. Moore, Presbyterian minister of Newkirk. The deceased

leaves a husband, two little children, father, mother, and brothers to mourn their loss; also a large circle of friends.

From the Newkirk Republican, 4 February 1898

On last Friday evening a party of white men and Indians boarded the north bound passenger train at Kildare. Most of the party had been drinking some and one of them a Pottawattomie Indian, refused to pay his fare, although he had money and his companions urged him to do so. Conductor James kindly but firmly insisted that he pay and finally put him off. The Indian was good natured and seemed to have walked on after the train and lay down and his skull and feet were cut off by the next train. This is simply another victim of drink. [This incident, also reported in the *Ponca City Courier* of 3 February 1898, identifies the man as **Phillip Dunlap**.]

From the Newkirk Democrat, 9 February 1898

Deaths.

Minnie L. Ames, wife of William Ames, of the Kaw Reservation, died January 30, 1898. Funeral services were held at the Jenkin's church, Rev. Goodrich officiating. [Wolf Creek Cemetery.]

Cecil Stevens, son of Ira J. and S. E. Stevens, died Feb. 1, Funeral Services were held in the M. E. Church, Rev. E. A. Goodrich officiating.

From the Newkirk Republican, 11 March 1898

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Katherine Fischer died at Newkirk, O. T., Mar. 4, 1898. Katherine Fischer was born in Worms, Germany, March 31 1821. She was confirmed in the Lutheran church at the age of twelve and a member of that church. She was highly educated both in German and French and read English readily. She came to New York at the age of twenty, married and lived there about five years, afterwards moved to Columbus, Ohio, lived there during the war time. She crossed the Atlantic Ocean three times. Was the mother of two daughters and four sons; all of whom are living except the oldest daughter. Her husband died Sept. 28, 1888; since that time she has been an invalid for over ten years; she was always "ready to die and longed to go where there is no more pain and sorrow." Her favorite hymn was "Nearer my God to Thee" and requested that it should be sung at her funeral. The funeral services were held at the house Sunday at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Thos. Harper of the Congregational church.

From the Newkirk Republican, March 25, 1898

OBITUARY.

Died at his home in Round Grove, township, one half mile of Round Grove, **Jordan J. Saylor**, of Feb 26th of consumption. Mr. Saylor was born in Jefferson County, Kansas, where his father and mother now reside. He married Margaret Richter, in Jefferson County, where he parents reside.

The Saylor and Richter families are among the oldest and most successful families of the county. Mr. Saylor's father came to Kansas with Jim Lane and was a leader in all the early campaigns which made Kansas a free state.

The deceased came to the Strip with his wife among the first and established his home on the claim where he resided with his wife till his death. He possessed the sterling qualities of his parents and was recognized to his neighborhood as a valued citizen and his loss will be keenly felt.

On Sunday his remains were brought o Ponca City and taken to his old home for interment. His brother, J. H. Saylor, Felix Richter, brother of his wife, and his bereaved widow accompanied the body t Perry, Kansas.

There was a very large number of his friends at the house offering their sympathy to his widow and relatives and during the simple service conducted by Rev. Dr. Harper. There was scarcely a dry eye in the audience. Many followed in the procession to Ponca City and waited to say a last farewell to their former friend and neighbor.

Mr. Saylor was just past 30 years old and was married in Dec. 1892. He left no children. He never was strong and the exposure incident to a new country was too much for his constitution. For more than a year his health had been gradually failing and for several months he has realized his life was fast nearing the end, that the terrible disease was swiftly and surely doing its work.

He leaves a most devoted wife, whose bravery in facing the inevitable was remarkable and a long list of friends to mourn his loss.

Death has claimed our friend and neighbor
We will see his face no more
Till we cross the silent river
To that happy golden shore.

Sweetly sleeps he, pain and passion
Burn no longer on his grow,
Weary watchers you may leave him,
He will never need you now.

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From the Newkirk Republican, 1 April 1898

Capt. Jack Curtis Dead.

Capt. O. A. Curtis, father of Congressman Curtis, died suddenly last Monday afternoon at his home east of Newkirk in the Kaw reservation. His burial occurred at Topeka, to which point the remains were accompanied by his brother, and were met there by his son, Hon. Chas. Curtis.

Capt. Curtis was born in Vermillion Co., Ind., and lived there until 1855, when he came to Topeka. He was a participant in the border war, which so aroused eastern Kansas in the early days. He was an ardent free state man. He has been married five times, and his first wife was Miss Quick, and their one son, John is now a brakeman on the Rock Island railroad. The Captain was divorced from his wife and later married Helen Pappan, a lady of Kaw blood. From this union were born Congressman Chas. Curtis and Mr. Elisabeth Colvin. After his wife's death, the Captain married Mrs. Hatch, and after being divorced from her married Miss Lucy Jay, who was the mother of Miss Dollie Curtis.

Captain Curtis was the eldest of 14 children, eleven of whom are still living. Of these, Mrs. Cynthia Smith, Mrs. Eunice Wise and Mrs. Elizabeth Brown are residents of Topeka. Charles Curtis lives in Lawrence and William Curtis in California. The mother is still living at the old Curtis house in North Topeka and is 91 years old.

Capt. Curtis was in his 69th year.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 6 April 1898

Died.

Mrs. Gunther, of Arkansas City, was found dead in bed last Monday morning caused by heart disease. The deceased is the mother of Mrs. G. S. Fenton, who lives one mile south of town. The entire community extends their sympathy to Mrs. Fenton. The funeral will be today.

From the Newkirk Republican, 22 April 1898

Deaths.

J. W. Cochran, a prominent farmer in Newkirk Twp. died at his home on the morning of April 15, at 65 years of age. He was a native of Ohio but most of his life was spent in Iowa till coming to the Strip.

The funeral occurred Saturday p.m. at the home in charge of the Masonic order here, Rev. Moore officiating.

On April 17 at 1:30 a.m. **Mrs. Elizabeth Sifferd** died at the home of her so, P. M. Sifferd near Cale, Ks.

She would have been 77 years of age May 12, next. The burial took place at Hope cemetery in the state. She was also the mother of W. L. Sifferd of this county. She lived to a ripe old age and died in the triumph of the Christian faith a blessed death.

From the Newkirk Republican, 27 May 1898

MURDER.

Tuesday forenoon a brutal and cowardly crime was committed here. A little after 11, a shot was heard near the northwest corner of the square, and about a half minute later, a second shot. The alarm was given the **M. L. Duncan**, the blacksmith, had been shot. Crowds rushed to the shop just northwest of the Haynes block, and the murderer, a tall angular, rough looking customer was walking slowly north with a coat on one arm and the murderous 44 caliber Colt cocked in the other hand. Marshal Seng quickly overtook him and started back with him at the point of his gun. Ed Rooney had given the alarm at the sheriff's office and toy this time Deputy Dick Myers came up and took the assassin's gun and he was quickly lodged to jail.

The crowd found Mr. Duncan in the corner of the shop with a wound in each leg. The right one broken. He was quickly taken to Rose & Duncan's hardware store where all possible was done to dress his wounds till he was taken home.

The assassin is Ed Justus, whose home is in the flint hills in the northwest part of the flint hills in the northwest part of Chautauqua County, Kas. The history of the case is about as follows.

On Thursday night, April 23, J. W. Thompson of Grenada, Kans., brother-in-law of Mr. Duncan had a spring wagon stolen and his son a harness the same night. They thought it had gone this way and Thompson came down here then. Justus claimed then to have clue to the thief, but didn't show up as he agreed then, but last Monday afternoon he came to Newkirk and told Duncan he had located the thief and team and wanted Duncan to wire Thompson to come at once, which he agreed to do. But when Mr. Duncan got home he consulted with his wife and after they after they decided to wait, as there was something in Justus manner that aroused a suspicion of some fraud intent. Sometime after 10 o'clock Tuesday morning he came to the shop and wanted to know about the telegram, and when Duncan told him that he had not telegraphed, Justus seemed much angered and after swearing he wouldn't do a d-----d thing more about it he went off, it seems, to Miller & Stanford's saloon where his gun was and told them he wanted as he was going off on the train. He went right back to the shop. Duncan says it was about 20 minutes from the time he left. Duncan was shoeing a

pair of mules and Charley Hoover was asleep in the wagon outside Duncan says Justus made remark that he would "teach him better" and pulled the gun square at his head the first time but it failed to go. The next time the shot went and struck Duncan in the left leg, about half way from knee to hip, going through the flesh just left of the bone. Justus then turned and walked away 20 or 30 steps and Duncan crawled [film damaged] of mules where he had been fitting a shoe, to the southeast corner of the shop, groaning and calling for help. Like a fiend just went back, and calling him a s__-of-a-b____ told him he would kill him if he didn't keep still, and shot again, the ball going through the right leg about midway on the thigh bone shattering it. J. R. Scott and Ed Rooney saw the last shot from the Haynes block.

Excitement ran high and if the others had not got their man to jail at once he would have been strung up right there.

If a Winchester had been in Scott's office it would likely have saved the county expense of trial. F. [microfilm damaged] pointed a double barreled (empty) shotgun on the assassin to stop him.

The preliminary has not been set yet.

Mr. Duncan is in a critical condition and will hardly pull through. As we go to press he is reported dying.

The family has the sympathy of the whole community in this awful interaction.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, June 3, 1898

In Memory.

Martin Luther Duncan was born in Ray County, Mo., Sept 29, 1859. At the age of 28 he was married to Miss Amanda Lee, October 27, 1878. They moved to Elk County, Kansas March 7, 1882. From Elk County they moved to Kay County, Okla. Feb. 15, 1894. Mr. Duncan was converted in the month of Feb. 1898 and lived a Christian life to the day of his death. He died May [film damaged, either May 26 or May 27] 1898, at the age of 47 years, 8 months, 17 days.

As indicated in our report last week, the victim of the foul murder was dying as we went to press. He suffered much in the 55 hours he lived after the fatal shot, but the end came very peacefully. Sympathizing friends assisted in the preparations for the funeral in every way. The services were held at the Presbyterian Church at 1:30 last Saturday, conducted by Rev. E. M. Rumbaugh the United Brethren pastor of which church he deceased was a member. The I. O. O. F. attended in overflowing and the procession was the largest seen here lately. The sermon was full of comfort for the bereaved ones.

The family wishes to thank heir many friends for the kindness rendered in this affliction.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 29 July 1898

Miss Ona V. Cochran died on Tuesday and was buried on Wednesday. She was victim of consumption. Rev. Moore conducted the funeral service. Perhaps data will be furnished by next week for a more extended notice. [Buried at Newkirk Cemetery, Ona Bell was born 1 August 1869, and died 26 July 1898.]

A mother gone.

On last Monday morning, Mrs. Hiatt of this city died leaving a babe 4 days old. This is a very sad case and the neighbors and friends have done all possible to assist the bereaved family. The funeral took place Wednesday Mrs. Alice Hunt and a niece had arrived from Denver. Rev. Burchfield conducted the service and many sympathizing friends were present.

Luella Copeland was born in 1862 and was married to L R. **Hiatt** in 1885. She was the mother of seven children, five of whom survive her. She was always a loving and dutiful wife and mother. About 6 months ago she was converted and became a member of the M. E. Church. When she realized her end was near she said she was not afraid to go and only regretted to leave her family. It is a consolation that nothing else can give in to know our friends die in the blessed hope of the Christian faith.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 23 September 1898

Mrs. George Andrews died at her home in this city last Friday and was buried Sunday. The funeral service was held at the M., E. church by Rev. Burchfield at 11 o'clock. The Red Men attended in a body, the pallbearers being of their number. The funeral procession was very large. The deceased was past 30 years of age and leaves a husband and two little girls to mourn her death. To them is extended the sympathy of the community.

From the *Newkirk Republican*, 30 September 1898

A Veteran Gone.

Wednesday last week, the community was startled by the news that **Mr. O. H. Bowman**, whose family resides on a claim east of town, had suddenly died of heart disease. Mr. Bowman was born in Kingstown, Indiana, in 1840. He came west in the latter fifties where he was employed in the Little Big Horn Valley of Wyoming, by the Benard Fur Co., of St. Louis. Here he was associated with Gen. Hardy and other frontier celebrities, and, had a taste of the "wild west" of romance. When the civil war broke out, Mr. Bowman was at Denver and hastening to Omaha he enlisted in the Union Army

where he did faithful service until the conflict closed. His passing was quiet and peaceful, a fitting end to a genial kindly life. The sympathy of many friends is extended to the bereaved wife and children.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Moore of the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Thursday, Grand Army post assisting. A large number of sympathizing friends and neighbor followed the remains to their last resting place.

Obituary.

The many friends of **Mrs. William Hill**, formerly Miss Jennie Davidson of this township were shocked last Friday when the news spread over the city that she was to be brought back to the home of her youth for burial. It was not generally known here that Mrs. Hill was in poor health. She and her husband have been living happily at Newkirk where they had moved some nine years ago. They first tried the grocery business and then exchanged for farm life. Here they were doing well and were happy. About five months ago Mrs. Hill's health began to fail. Her devoted husband did all in his power to save her life. He even sold his [microfilm damaged and unreadable] to Indiana with her. They arrived at Terre Haute and at once went to a sister of Mrs. Hill. But all that he could do availed nothing. The patient, faithful devoted wife and companion quietly passed away Thursday Sept 16. The Rebecca sisters of Terra Haute and Clinton showed her every attention and their efforts were supplemented by the sisterhood at Clinton where the family and the precious dead arrived

Mrs. Jennie Hill, as she was known to us all, was about 44 years of age. She was united in marriage with William Hill in 1880. She was a kind gentle and noble hearted woman very popular among her acquaintances. Her husband, now that she is taken away, returns to the home of his youth heart broken and crushed. *Argus*, Clinton, Indiana.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 5 October 1898

In Memoriam.

Died – Thursday evening last at the home of C. E. Hans, **Harry Zillig**, of paralysis of the brain. He was called to his eternal home in the springtime of his life when everything looked bright for the future. He came here a few months ago to assist his uncle in his business. A few weeks ago he was taken down with the fever but seemed to be getting along nicely when without a warning he was called away.

It can be truly said that in life we are in death, and while it is hard to bear to see a loved one taken away, we should feel that he has gone to a home where there is no sorrow or death, and where at some distant day all will

meet again to part no more.

His remains were taken to Germantown, Neb., for interment. The *Democrat* extends its most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Died.

Last Thursday morning at his home in this city, **Thomas J. Blevins**. In the prime of his life the grim warrior of death claimed him at the command of the Supreme Architect of the Universe who doth all things well and for the good of the called, and while we mourn for the absent one, we should humbly bow to Him who rules the world.

In the death of T. J. Blevins, Newkirk has lost one of her best citizens. He was at all times ready and willing to respond to the call for aid for the needy and those in distress. He had labored hard to procure a comfortable home for his family and just as his labor had given him what he had wrought, he was called to the Celestial Home to work in the sight of his Supreme Master.

The *Democrat* joins with his many friends in extending their sympathy to the bereaved family.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church after which he remains were taken in charge by the Masonic Order, of whom he was the Worshipful Master, and laid to rest in the cemetery amid the impressive services of the Masonic Order.

[Thomas J. Blevins, 29 June 1851 – 29 September 1898]

From the Newkirk Republican, 7 October 1898

Deaths.

The past week has seen the passing away of four of our neighbors [microfilm damaged and unreadable.]

As mentioned last week, **Thomas J. Blevins** died Oct. first at 2 p.m. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian Church Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. under the auspices of the Masonic order, Rev. Moore preaching the sermon. "The impressive rites of the order fittingly laid to rest a prominent and useful citizen of our town who had been with it from the first. The immediate cause of his death was a collapse following a severe attack of pneumonia. He leaves a family to mourn the loss of a father.

After an illness of about three weeks, Hank Zillig departed this life Sept. 29. The young man was nearly 21 years of age, of stout, robust physique, but the grim monster claimed him. He was loved by all who knew him and his death was a tremendous shock to his relatives and friends. He has gone, but not forgotten. He was a nephew of C. C. Hans the grocery man, and died at his residence. His father arrived here Sept. 30, and after funeral service, conducted by Rev. Harper, his remains were shipped to Germantown, Neb., where his

parents now reside. He was a member of the German Evangelical church, and a leader amongst the young people.

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved friends.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank all kind neighbors and friends who were of so much assistance to us during the sickness and death of our beloved son and nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Zillig, Germantown, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hans, Newkirk, Ok.

T. O. Williams's father died the fore part of this week in Logan County while on a visit to a son there. We have no particulars at this writing.

On Wednesday, **Roy Connelley**, the 8 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Connelly, died of typho-malarial fever. The funeral was held at the M. E. church yesterday conducted by Rev. Burchfield.

All the bereaved friends have the sincere sympathy of a large number of friends and neighbors.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 12 October 1898

In Memoriam.

Died – At the home of John W. Shartel in Guthrie, October 4th **Simon A. Williams**, father of our townsmen T. G. and Byron Williams, aged 70.

Grandpa William's, as he was known, had been ailing for some time with bowel complaint and which was the cause of his death.

One of the saddest partings on earth is that of parting with a parent who is called to his heavenly home. But while they mourn for the absent one they should remember the promise of the Redeemer that this prating is but for a short time, and that they will be united again in the world beyond.

The funeral services were held at Guthrie, and from there the remains were taken to Crescent City for interment.

The friends of the family join in extending their sympathy.

From the Newkirk Republican, 11 November 1898

Obituary.

On Nov. 4 1898, Death took from the beautiful new home of **C. C. Witt**, the life and light the devoted wife and indulgent mother,

Nancy Elizabeth Williams first saw the light in Parksville, Mo. On Nov. 30 she would have been fifty-three years old. She was the mother of twelve children

[film unreadable] living. Mrs. Dickey, who has done so much to save the mother, is her only daughter of woman-hood years.

Mrs. Witt was loved by young and old. She was interested in all good deeds and could see good in everyone. Her's was a frank forgiving nature. Her generous hospitality and hearty welcome gave each guest a desire to go again. She had been ill since the early springtime and the constant suffering made her say, "I'm ready to go if I could only see William, the only one of her children she had not lately seen. The mother's yearning for the absent son was great, but the Good Shepherd yearned even more and she was called.

A large number of friends and neighbors followed to the Newkirk cemetery where the remains were interred as the slanting rays of sunshine kissed the earth where we laid her.

A Neighbor.

From the Newkirk Republican, 25 Nov 1898

In Memory.

Died at 1 o'clock p.m., Nov 21, **Thomas Hamlin**, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. **Morris**, aged 4 years and 23 days.

Chas. R. McClung Killed.

One of the saddest occurrences, which this paper has been called upon to chronicle, was the killing of **Chas. R. McClung**, a prominent farmer residing nine miles west of this city. He was driving home Saturday evening after spending the afternoon in this city, and when crossing the Santa Fe section line [microfilm unreadable] by the north bound passenger train. The team was killed and he was thrown quite a distance landing upon his face and head breaking his neck. Death came to him instantly. Engineer John Rains stopped the engine and the unfortunate man was picked up and taken back to the station. This morning the remains were taken to Winfield Kansas for interment.

Mr. McClung leaves a wife and three children to whom the awful; death was a shock which words cannot "portray." He was a kind and indulgent father and husband and left his family well provided for with this world's goods. He was insured in the AOOW and was a member of the local lodge, which suffered its first loss since its organization.

How the accident happened is a mystery the evening was not stormy and the train can be seen quite a long distance before it arrives at the crossing. Mr. Rains said he saw the team coming and braked for it to stop before \reaching the crossing. When the team was in the middle of the track, Mr. McClung pulled back hard on the lines. If he had dropped them and fallen back into

the wagon he wouldn't have been hurt, as the wagon was not badly damaged. It was one of those unfortunate actions which may never be fully understood.

A jury met yesterday before Coroner Germain rendered a verdict that Mr. McClung was accidentally killed by the cars.

The deepest sympathy of this community is extended to the bereaved family.

--*Ponca Courier*.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 30 November 1898

Necrological.

Died – Sunday morning, **James O.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. **Nichols**, of membranous croup. Master James was a bright and winsome boy and the pride of his parents, whose fond hopes of a bright and happy future for their son was suddenly shattered. His illness was of short duration and while his loving parents were doing all in their power to relieve his suffering, the angel of death claimed him and bore his pure spirit to his eternal home.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon. The *Democrat* joins with their many friends in extending sympathy to the sorrowing family in their hour of bereavement.

Died – Sunday evening, **Alice**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. **Metzger**, of paralysis of the brain; aged 6 years, 5 months, and 27 days.

Little Alice was the only daughter of the fond parents. She was a bright and cheerful child and loved by her schoolmates who will miss her. Alice had been sick about two weeks and while her parents hoped to have her well again the grim messenger of death claimed her.

The funeral was held from the family residence yesterday afternoon, and the remains were followed to the cemetery by a large concourse of friends.

The *Democrat* joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Died – Sunday morning, the **son** of Mrs. **Clover** and nephew of John Weaver of membranous croup; aged 6 years. The child took a severe cold during the storm two weeks ago and which caused his death. He was a bright young boy and loved by all his classmates.

The *Democrat* extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

From the Newkirk Republican, 2 December 1898

The Reaper, Death.

“Comes the Reaper whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen.
He raps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between.”

Lewis Schafer – The deceased was born in Bravaria, Germany, in 1859 and at 5 years of age came to America with his parents, who settled in Massillon, Ohio. In 1851 he married Rebecca Williams, who survives him, living at Belleville, Ohio. Six children survive, four daughters living near their mother, and two sons living in this country: E. W. Schafer a leading man, market merchant here, and W. A. Schafer, a prominent farmer of Round Grove Township. The father would not be parted from his sons so made his home here. The deceased succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever on Nov. we. The funeral took place at the home on Friday following, Revs. Moore and Harper conducting the services. [Lewis Schafer, b. 6 November 1830, d. 22 November 1898, buried at Newkirk Cemetery.]

Alice Metzger – This little one, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Metzger of the Model clothing house in this city, died Sunday at 4 p.m. from a spasm. She had not been very strong for some time, but was very fond of her books and school. She was six years old, ten days. Mrs. Metzger's brother arrived Tuesday morning and the funeral was held at 2 p.m. one of the teachers and some schoolmates of the deceased assisting. [Alice Metzger, d. November 27, 1898, buried Newkirk Cemetery.]

J. C. Nichols -- The death Angel has suddenly considered the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Nichols and takes away their only son. “J. C.” who died of membranous croup, Monday morning. He would have been four years old on the 23rd of next February. The little fellow was a remarkably hearty child and the first symptoms of the dread disease only appeared the Friday before. All the medical skill could do was done but to no avail. The Savior has called home one of his “jewels” and left the home desolate but for their faith in the Father of all. The funeral took place from the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. conducted by the pastor and Rev Craighead. The K. of P. lodge attended in a body. It was an impressive service and the remains of the little boy were laid to rest till the morning of eternity,

The bright little **boy** of Mrs. **Clover** died last Sunday morning in this city, of membranous croup, aged 5 years. He was a nephew of John West.

“Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” The

bereaved homes in our city have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 21 December 1898

Necrology.

Died – at the home of his parents last Friday evening, **Sobern Smock**, of hemorrhage of the bowels caused by typhoid malarial fever, age 21 years. [Following this announcement is a lengthy funeral sermon that contains no genealogical information and has been omitted here.]

From the Newkirk Republican, 23 December 1898

In Memoriam. (Published by request of friends.)

Samuel Hanlin, the subject of this sketch was born in Summerset County, Pa., Nov. 1st 1832, and died April 21, 1898, in South Haven Township, Sumner County Kansas. He came to Anderson County Kansas in 1877, and made his home with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Boucher, who also came to Anderson County, Kansas from Pa., in the year 1855, locating in the northeast corner of Anderson County on a small stream now known as “Boucher Branch” of Potowatomie.

Samuel Hanlin was a soldier of the war of the Rebellion having enlisted in the Third Kansas Cavalry, and afterwards transferred to Company “D” of the Fifth Kan. Cavalry. He was honorable discharged at [microfilm damaged and unreadable] faithful soldier of the war, but unfortunately for himself found himself a victim to complicated army diseases which completely disabled his right arm leaving him a cripple for his remaining years, and inducing an incurable ailment of the heart.

He was brought by loving friends to the Boucher home, where for six long weeks of suffering he was kindly cared for so far recovering health and strength as to enable him to be about among friends but never regaining the use of his right arm, and never afterwards labor of any kind. Hindered he was a constant sufferer since the war and up to the day of his death April 21, 1898. He was cared for by the tender hands his sister regarding and watching over him as though one of her own children. Being of generous and kind disposition, he was widely known and esteemed in the state of Kans., respected for his manly spirit, and cherished for his heroic sacrifices for his country’s sake his familiar form is now missed by many people.

Frank Boucher, being the last of the Boucher family to marry, “Uncle Samuel was welcomed to Frank’s home in Sumner County, Kansas, where he lived the last eighteen months of his life. During the three months

preceding his death he was wholly helpless and suffered constant pain, But his faithful sister, Mrs. Boucher and three of her children assisting and lovingly performed the task of administering to his every want and gently handing him down to his rest in the grave at South Haven, Kansas beside his father and nephew, Samuel F. Boucher.

Samuel Hanlin was one of three brothers who went to the war the other two enlisted in Pa., serving in the Army of the Potomac. J. H. Hanlin remained during the war fighting in the battle of the “Wilderness” and marching with the triumphant army into Richmond, Va. He lived but a short time after the close of the war,

Three aged sisters still live to speak with pride of the patriotic devotion of their heroic brothers, and to mourn with common tears their loss. These sisters are Mrs. S. [Film damaged and unreadable] of Newkirk and Mrs. M [film unreadable] the first president of the Relief Corps of Arkansas City, Kans., but now of San Diego, Cal. Where she holds a like [film unreadable]; and Mrs. Ben Russell living near Spearland, Illinois and where the widow of a soldier wounded in the war and who died as a results of his wounds after long and painful suffering,

Mr. Samuel Hanlin was a member of the G. A. R., belonging to post no. 1007 at South Haven, Kans. He and his sister, Mrs. Boucher here during the historic days of the illustrious John Brown.

Rest soldier, a nations gratitude will guard thy grave.

**IN MEMORY OF
Sebern John Smock**

Thursday night Dec. 15, the community was startled by the announcement of the death of one of our prominent young men, **Sebern Smock**, who was thought to be improving from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. Smock’s death is a loss to this community of one of the most promising young men. He was well known among our businessmen as a young man of integrity and efficiency. In the social world of our little town he was a favorite, his [film damaged and unreadable] and altogether gentlemanly bearing won him many friends. Morally he was excellent and he occupied prominent places in the church and C. E. work of the communities where he has lived.

He was taken sick while filling a position in the land office at Alva, and came home Dec. 4th. The disease did its work quickly, and he passed quietly away on Thursday evening at 11:10 o’clock. The services were held from the Congregational Church, and were conducted by Rev. Graham, pastor of the Christian Church, Rev. Harper of the Congregational and Rev. Moore of the Presbyterian Church. A large and representative audience of sympathizing friends were in

attendance.

Sebern J. Smock was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1877. His school days were mostly spent in Winfield, Kansas. He assisted his father while in the county treasurer office and was an expert accountant. Since then he became very proficient in shorthand and typewriting.

Many expressions of sympathy have been received by the family in person and by letters.

The *Republican* extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved friends and feels the loss of a personal friend in the deceased who was crowned on earth with true Christian character of soul.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 4 January 1899

The Oldest Kaw.

Alex Wauhoo the oldest member of the Kaw Tribe of Indians, died at the agency; last week. He was supposed to be 95 years old, although there is no way of making sure of his age. He was buried in the regular Indian style. On the top of the hill overlooking the agency those who had the funeral in charge dug a grave and in it placed all his belongings, beads blankets, etc. After the grave had been filled up over the body his horse was taken to the grave and shot. This was done to enable the defunct Indian to reach the happy hunting grounds more readily. Over the body of the horse which was placed on the grave, a new tent was pitched and the interment of the Indian was complete. — *Traveler* [Arkansas City, Kansas.]

From the Newkirk Democrat, 25 January 1899

Found Dead.

Saturday evening word was received over the telephone that **J. S. McCoullough**, who lives eight miles southwest of this city, was found dead in his bed. A neighbor called that evening and noting that the stock had not been cared for, for some time, he fed them and then went to the house where he found the deceased. The last time he was seen alive was Wednesday evening and the supposition is the he died Thursday evening. A coroner's inquest was held and the verdict was cause of death, heart trouble. The local K of P lodge took charge of the body and [it] was taken to Alberti's undertaking rooms, until they could hear from a brother of the deceased who lives in Colorado and a sister in Texas. The deceased was a man about 36 years of age, and lived alone on his claim.

The funeral services held at the M. E. Church Monday afternoon.

From the Newkirk Republican, 2 February 1899

Died—At her home in Kildare, January 30, **Mrs. Susan Bellmore**, age 53, of apoplexy. She leaves a husband, two sons and four daughters to more her loss. They have the sincere sympathy of a great number of friends tendered to them in their sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM.

Acheah S. Millard was born in Ohio, July 27, 1820, died at Newkirk, Oklahoma; January 31st of an illness of about 3 months, aged 78 years, 7 months and 3 days old. Her maiden name was Barston. She was united in marriage in 1874 to A. W. H. Millard, which whom she lived 44 years and until his death in 1882. There 5 children born to them, but two of whom survive, a son C. C. Millard, now a resident of Dodge City, Kansas and a daughter, Mrs. E. F. Korn, of this city, from whose residence the funeral took place Wednesday at 2 o'clock p.m. conducted by Rev. Thos. H. Harper of the Congregational Church. The deceased became a member of the Seventh Day Advent Church about 25 years ago, and was a faithful and exemplary Christian to the day of her transition. The departed has been a member of the writer's family for the past fifteen years; she was a good mother and a dear grandmother to our two children. She was never so happy as when doing something that would contribute to the enjoyment of others. She bore her illness with patience.

Grandma is gone and deeply will we miss her.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 8 February 1899

Obituary.

Mrs. A. S. Millard was born near Marietta, Ohio, in the month of July 1819, being in her 79 year. She was married in Ohio and to her five children were born. Her husband moved to Iowa in the early fifties, and together they toiled for many years, but her companion was called home long ago. Two children survive her, Mrs. Ed. Korn of this city and a son at Dodge City, Kansas.

She lived a Christian life from her childhood, and about 25 years ago she became a member of the Seventh Day Adventist and was a firm believer in their faith and doctrine.

There seemed to be a special tie between mother and daughter as she has lived with her daughter Mrs. Korn for several years and became greatly attached to her grandchildren and who always tried to make them happy.

Three days before her death, she aroused from her slumber and said to her daughter, {I believe I am going to --" the last word was never spoken and she sank back to sleep.

She departed this life on Monday afternoon about 5

o'clock, and in going out of this light a mother loved and cherished is missed yet she is only asleep.

From the Newkirk Republican News Journal, 7 March 1899

L. F. HOOPS, DEAD

The community was shocked to learn of the death of **L. F. Hoops** who passed away Monday at 11 o'clock. His trouble was inflammation of the brain caused by catarrh. Thursday he was plowing in the field, when he took suddenly ill. Physician was called Saturday morning, but the malady was so deep seated nothing could be done for him. The funeral was held at the M. E. church Wednesday afternoon and the remains were shipped to Russell, Iowa, for burial. Mr. Hoops has been a resident of Parker since the "opening" having originally from Lucas County, Iowa. He was an honored citizen having twice served as justice of Blackwell Township, and twice honored by the Republican Party. In 1896 he was the nominee of his party for county attorney and in 1898 for probate judge – *Times Record*

From the Newkirk Republican News Journal, 24 March 1899

IN MEMORIAM.

Telluride, Feb 3, 1899
O. C. Ward, Esq.

Dear Sir, Your missive containing the sad news of our much regarded fiend **J. S. McCulloch** we have just finished reading while our of the bosom's deep, wells up the sweetest of memories for one so staunch and true, one t'was ever ready to answer to duty's call and ever faithful to his trust. Let come what would, the fiercest storm found him waiting at his post. Always full of that beautiful sunshine that ripples from out of the manly soul's deep recess. While side by side we battled with snow and wind that shook the hoary heads of the Ricky Mountain peaks as they dipped their snow capped brow into the measureless space of heaven's fog like gray, and not once, oh comrade, was't thou deaf to the call or slow to respond to duty's continued. We supped together at the table and noted the change the years had made. Naught else but good have I known of thee, why not feel that one link of life's brittle chain is missing. Can memory steal back and look upon thy brotherly face and not feel a regret or check the flow of sorrow's tears.

From his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Gus VonFintel

[Memorial written in honor of the death of J. S. McCullouch, b. March 3, 1860, and died 21 January 1899. He is buried at Newkirk Cemetery.]

From the Newkirk Republican News Journal, 24 March 1899

IN MEMORIAM.

Emma C. Cassity was born in Illinois Dec. 22, 1836. She married Jacob Rauch, Oct. 26, 1859. They lived in Illinois until 1876 when they removed to Dallas, Texas, where they lived until they came to Oklahoma in 1897. Their residence has been in K County since March 1898 when Mrs. Rauch died of a heart attack on Thursday morning, March 16, 1899. Her remains were taken to Dallas Thursday evening where funeral services were held from her daughter's residence Saturday afternoon. She leaves a grief stricken husband, one son, Byron J., and daughters, Mrs., R. H. [unreadable] of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Dargan of Atlanta, Ga., to suffer the loss. A large number of friends here, she was known

From the Newkirk Republican News Journal, 24 March 1899

Joseph Twiggs who lived with his brother and mother on the Geo, McCoy claim just north of Kildare died Tuesday, March 21, of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 5 April 1899

There is in this edition an account of the murder at Ponca City, Oklahoma, of **Lincoln "Link" Sweeny** by Clyde Mattox that was, also, reported extensively in the *Ponca City Democrat* and the *Ponca City Courier*. Transcribed version of these articles also available in *Some Obituaries of Kay County Pioneers Published in the Ponca City Newspapers* by Loyd M. Bishop.]

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IN MEMORIAM.

Died March 23, 1899, **Ira Smith**, son of Wm. and Emma Smith, at the age of 18 years and 2 months. He was first taken with the measles, then a complication of diseases terminated in to spinal meningitis. His suffering was intense but borne with patience and kindness. Skilled physicians, loving parents and friends stood by, but deeply conscious of the weakness of

human power.

Many in advanced years were impressed by his personality. His associates often spoke of his ideas and example. He was very conscientious and had a strong will power, and looked at things seemingly not from a young boy's view. He had done the work of an engineer successfully for three years. He was of a religious turn, and studied the Bible for his guide and support, and was baptized by A. H. Zihner last fall. He said to his sister a short time before his sickness, I am so anxious to be good and want to do only that which is right."

Oh, to see so young a life taken from us causes a vacancy.

From the Newkirk Republican News Journal, 2 April 1899

Died.

Mrs. **Katie E. Armstrong** (nee Moore) died at her home in Rock Falls Township of cerebro-spinal meningitis, April 1, 1899. A husband and two small children are left behind the children never to know a mother's love and care. She was a member of the M. E. Church. Rev. Ed Williams conducted the funeral.

From the Newkirk Republican News Journal, 28 April 1899

OUR BABE.

Such was in the inscription on the casket at the residence of Mr. Wilbur **Root** last Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Root have been married eleven years, and on last Thursday a son was born, but the lily which God gave them was plucked on Saturday about midnight. The funeral services were held at the residence, the sermon being preached by Rev. Harper. It was a sad funeral indeed. The little **Jewel** looked so bright, and it was indeed a hard task to give him up. The cherub has flown and the home has lost the voice which brightened it. A very large number of friends were present and all extended deepest sympathy to the parents in their great loss and deep bereavement. [Root, Infant son, b. April 19, 1899 – d. April 22, 1899]

From the Republican News Journal, 1 May 1899

OBITUARY.

One of the saddest events of the year is the death of **Mrs., Annie Curtis** of Waltham Township, which occurred Sunday evening at 4 o'clock. All that could be done by physicians availed for to save the life of this estimable woman, who passed away secure in her confiding faith in her Lord and Master, leaving a fond husband to mourn her loss and eight children who will

ever miss a dear mother and faithful friend. The funeral took place Sunday and was conducted by the Catholic priest at Ponca, there the remains were tenderly laid to rest. The sermon was a most beautiful tribute to the Christian qualities of this worthy lady.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 3 May 1899

The funeral of **Mrs. Coyer** who died last Saturday of consumption was buried Sunday Afternoon from the Congregational Church, Rev. Harper officiating. To Mr. Coyer is extended the sympathy of the entire community. [Stella Coyer, 18 August 1868 – 29 March 1899. Husband H. H. Coyer. Buried in the Paris family plot.]

From the Republican News Journal, 26 May 1899
Murder! -- L. H. Hiatt A Peaceable and Hardworking Citizen Found Dead With Marks Of Foul Play.

About 5 p.m. Last Thursday day word was telephoned from Kildare by Deputy Sheriff Myers to the sheriff's office, that **L. R. Hiatt** had been found dead in a pasture five miles east of Kildare. This startling news could hardly be credited as Mr. Hiatt was a man in seeming fair health, of steady habits, and had no known enemies. Coroner Dunn was summoned from Ponca, and on going out found that death had come in violence. The body was taken in a wagon to Mr. Eckley's barn nearby and guarded over night.

The inquest was held the next morning: jury as follows: Geo. W. Palmer, W. H. Eckley, G. W. Parsons, W. J. Emmons, Earle Stanley and Jeff Byron. Six of the seven witnesses were examined, and the jury brought in a verdict of death from unknown cause. The Ponca City Courier reports the verdict read, "Deceased came to his death from wounds inflicted with a knife in the hands of some party or parties unknown."

From hearing the evidence and talking with most of the persons knowing the facts, and from examination of the grounds, we gather the following story of the case. Mr. Hiatt began drilling a well for Mr. White about Wednesday, May 10. On Saturday [film damaged and unreadable] and he came to town for a new drill rope. He was home over Sunday with the family, and afternoon out to their mother's grave in the cemetery. On Monday he returned to Mr. White's put on the new drill rope, and by Wednesday noon, May 17, had finished the well. White paid him \$10.00 more on the well, and he came to town to get his drill sharpened. Saturday he had paid Ferguson's \$13.25 cash for the new rope. On this evening and on Thursday morning he paid some small bills, paid his lodge dues and gave the children some money just before he left home. All say

he had a pocket book and some silver and one or more bills.

He got back to Mr. White's about noon; at once handed his drill to Mr. McClaskey's about a mile away to start a new well. Returned and ate a late dinner at Mr. White's. He had led his team to his buggy in the barnyard. Just after dinner Mr. and Mrs. Boudon came along in a wagon, and Mr. Hiatt came to the fence just as they started and asked White who he could get to help him load the "power" to move it to the new well. White told him McClaskey, or Crick, a near neighbor. The wagon started on and Crick's boy plowing in a field a few hundred yards away saw Mr. Hiatt go back through the yard past the power and on southeast in the pasture toward Mr. McClaskey's. The boy says Hiatt went till he got to a slight draw and sat down with his face toward the boy, who was then about the end of the furrow and turned forth. When the boy came back on the next round he saw and thought nothing more of Mr. Hiatt. At noon White had offered to pay Hiatt the balance on the well, \$1.80, but he could not make change for \$5.00. White got home late from Kildare and the team was still tied to the buggy. After a while he hobbled out to the buggy, unharnessed the team and put it in the pasture. Friday White saw his neighbor Crick and they wondered what had become of the well driller that thought he had gone to Newkirk. All who saw him down there said Hiatt didn't talk much and came and went without telling his plans. Friday evening a stepson of McClaskey came along by Cricks and Whites and expressed wonder as to what had become of the well driller. Saturday morning Crick came to Newkirk and White told him to inquire if Hiatt had been to town, and he (*White) went to Kildare and back by about noon. After dinner he went to Lauden's to see if he knew anything about Hiatt. He didn't, but Crick's boy was there and told about seeing Hiatt go down the pasture toward McClaskeys. They both went on to McClaskeys and learned Hiatt had not been there. They came back across the fields and pasture and found the dead body about where the boy had seen him stop. They sent for neighbors to guard the corpse and went to Kildare. He body was not touched till the Coroner and Myers came.

The body was lying face down with the head southwest in clotted blood. Just four feet back under the body was a spot of less blood. The right leg was drawn slightly up, the left hand under the breast with a 12 inch file in it; the right hand was up almost under the chin with an old rusty, dull, broken pointed blade knife in it; dried blood was on the knife and some whiskers to it at that point. The neck was cut on each side from the center forward and slightly downward, the cuts nearly meeting at the front. The left side was the deeper, but

each seemed deep enough to have severed the veins and arteries. The head was tightly on the head. It was hard to tell whether or not there were any bruises on it. There seemed to be little blood on the clothes and none down the body inside the clothing. The body was very little discolored but the wounds and head and face were in a horrible condition. There wasn't a spot or slain of blood on the hat.

If this was suicide it was from sudden and fierce insanity for one can scarcely conceive how anyone but a maniac could kill himself with that case knife. But his pocketbook, his money and the lodge dues receipt are gone, and until they are found the chances of murder are more than even with suicide.

Mr. Hiatt was a quiet man of religious turn of mind, and very kind in his family. His wife died last July. There are three little girls under 13 years and a boy of about four years. He had about \$500 worth of personal and real estate and a \$1000 policy in the National Aid Association. He was a hard working, honest and respected by all who knew him. The children are being cared for by friends till relatives arrive.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church of which he was a member at 4 p.m. Sunday. The casket was not opened, and kind friends covered it with flowers. The deceased was 37 years of age.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 26 May 1899

A Card of Thanks.

This is to announce that Mr. and Mrs. J. R. **Steinberger** extend their heartfelt gratitude to their many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted them during the prolonged illness and death of their infant daughter, little **Joy Justine**, whose remains were interred in Newkirk cemetery, May 20, 1899.

Died

May 18, 1899 of inflammation of the lungs, **Joy Justine Steinberger**, age 8 months and 8 days.

Little Joy was one of those loving sweet faced little ones, and had won the affection to all who knew her. She had been sick over two months and all that medical aid and the untiring hands of kind friends and neighbors could do to give relief to the little one was done, but to no avail, and a few minutes past the hour of 3 a.m. the little soul passed quietly away. Not enough can be said in comfort the bereaved ones left to mourn her loss. White and red roses, peonies, apple blossoms and smilax in profusion were the flowers presented as a token of esteem and remembrance. Mr. and Mrs. Steinberger have the sympathy of all in this sad hour of bereavement.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 7 June 1899

Judge Eckert who owns a farm five miles northwest of Newkirk died suddenly at the home of his daughter in Arkansas City Saturday night. The funeral took place at Arkansas City Monday.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 21 June 1899

Died.

On Monday last, Miss **Frances Arrendall** of Newkirk, Miss Arrendall was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arrendall of our city and had a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Her death came as a sad blow to her relatives and friends. Her parents and friends have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Died.

Last Monday, the **infant** child of Mr. and Mrs. **McKaig**.

From the Republican News Journal, 23 June 1899

Obituary.

Magnolia mourns the loss of a good and respected neighbor, **Mr. John H. Eckert**, who died very suddenly of heart failure on the night of June 3, at his daughter's house in Arkansas City.

John H. Eckert was born in Monroe County, Ill., August 13, 1838, and was in his 61st year at the time of his death. He leaves a wife Mrs. Fannie H. Eckert, and a daughter Mrs. Fannie A. James, an elder sister, Mrs. L. Wangelin of Belleville, Ill., and a brother, T. Eckert of Arkansas City.

Dale Township extends their heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved wife and daughter and to the other members of the family.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 12 July 1899

Word has been received here Monday of the death of **W. H. Connors** of Pawhuska. The deceased fell under a car in Monett, Missouri, and was instantly killed. He was one of the most prominent full bloods in the Osage nation.

From the Republican News Journal, 28 July 1899

Jerry Nutting, son of the late W. Z. Nutting who was killed in Hunnewell last May, reports to this office that on July 6th, in Ponca City, he lost a fine black horse while he was busy settling up the affairs of his father. He left the horse in charge of friends who put the horse out to pasture and thereafter the animal became lost. He is willing to give a reward of \$15 for its recovery at

Ponca. The horse weights about 1150, large neck and short mane, star in forehead.

From the Republican News Journal, 11 August 1899

Tuesday about 11 o'clock, **Mr. Aldrich**, a brother-in-law of Mr. Louck who lives on the Bodock just west of town, met with a horrible accident. He was running a threshing machine and accidentally got his leg torn off the in the machine. Later, Aldrich died from his injuries Wednesday Morning.

The little **girl baby** aged 10 months of Lewis **Bacher** of Waltham Township died Saturday.

From the Republican News Journal, 18 August 1899

Obituary.

Died. August 9, 1899 **Arthur Martin** son of William Martin and Leona Ellen **Logue** aged 2 months and 15 days.

Rev. Wm. Prosser preached a very beautiful and impressive funeral sermon at the stone schoolhouse, after which the remains were taken to the Newkirk cemetery for interment.

A-rthur, dear thou art now at rest,
R-eposed on Jesus' sacred breast.
T-hy presence with us was, Oh! So dear.
H-eaven now doth seem more near,
U-nseen hands of angels beckoned thee away,
R-emoved from our home till the judgment day,

L-ittle darling so tender and sweet
O- my we yet in heaven meet.
G-od knew best and called our treasure away.
U-nto Himself, till that better day
E-nds our loneliness if we "trust and obey."

[Arthur Martin Logue, b. 25 May 1899 - d. 9 August 1899, buried Newkirk Cemetery.]

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to all the kind friends and neighbors who rendered assistance during the illness and death of our little son.

Wm. M. Logue.
Leona Logue.

From the Republican News Journal, 8 September 1899

Found Dead.

John Hicks, a member of a threshing gang, was found dead on the morning of Aug. 27 at the farm of John Ross, 10 miles northeast of Newkirk. Hicks went to bed in a granary in his usual good health, and died sometime during the night. An inquest was held before

Robert Neal, Justice of the Peace. The verdict was that Hicks came to his death by some natural cause unknown to the jury. The remains were sent to friends at Greenwich, Missouri.

Deceased.

On Aug. 31 **Alfred Board** died at his home in the Ponca reservation of typhoid fever. The funeral took place the next day. The deceased was son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Board well known to many of our readers. He was born in Hamilton Ohio, in Oct., 1875, moving with his parents in to Kansas, in 1883 and Oklahoma in 1889. He leaves a wife and one child. Mrs. E. S. Kelly of this place is a sister. He was an exemplary young man and his untimely death is mourned by a large circle of friends.

From the REPUBLICAN NEWS JOURNAL, 8 September 1899

OBITUARY.

Died on Thursday Aug 31, 1899, **Pearl**, daughter of Lawrence and Ellen Cummings, age seven months and six days.

Earth could not bind thy stay on earth Pearl;
Thy spirit released.

The pangs that rent thy little heart.

And shook thy frame have ceased.

Thy happy soul hath fled away,

To brighter worlds than this.

To remain where love can never die

Where all is peace and bliss.

A FRIEND

From Republican News Journal, 15 September 1899

In Memoriam

In the rush of the busy world, in the contending strife of the opposing forces of politics, business and other affairs of life, now and then an occurs an event occurs which causes the great struggle to cease, uniting all hearts temporarily into a bond of sympathy and sorrow. Such an event was the death of **Charles Ira Willson**, a young businessman of this city,

He was born at New London, Henry County, Iowa, January 10, 1879 being 20 years, seven months and twenty-seven days old. He came to the Strip with his parents when this new country opened and for the past four years had been in the employ of the Flisher Lumber Company.

He was married June 25 of the present year, to Miss Pearl Trent who survives him. A very much prostrated and grief stricken widow, at one time her life was despaired of and only after the utmost vigilance of the

family physician was she able to recover from the sad shock of his death.

Mr. Willson was a young man of exemplary habits, energetic and honest, his integrity being unquestioned, but best of all can it be said that he accepted Christ as his savior and went home to the mansions yonder redeemed and purified by the blood of Him who died that we might live. The funeral, which took place Sunday, was largely attended including the Newkirk Band of which Ira was a member. Rev. Harper came up from Oklahoma City to preach the sermon.

From Republican News Journal, 29 September 1899

Obituary.

But a few short weeks ago our worthy townsman, **Mr. Jessie H. White** was with us, energetic and enterprising assisting to make the beloved city of his adoption one of the best towns in Kay County. Tuesday he was laid tenderly to rest by a large concourse of his friends the Odd Fellows and the Bankers Union of which lodges he was a valued member. After a long illness from Typhoid fever, he succumbed to the dread destroyer, unable to master the fatal malady. He died at his residence Monday morning at 7 o'clock, leaving a sorrowing widow and four children, two of whom are also down with the disease. Jessie White was a hard worker and a good citizen. He came here at the opening and just prior to his deathbed succeeded in getting himself comfortably established in business. He was 37 years of age and left a policy of \$200 in the Bankers Union. The entire community are united in tender sympathy for the distressed widow and children.

From the Republican News Journal, 20 October 1899

Obituary.

The funeral of **James G. Shaw**, husband of Myrtle Shaw, residing in Newkirk, took place at the residence of his brother one mile north and two miles east of Newkirk, Sabbath at 4 p.m., conducted by Rev. C. H. Reynolds, assisted by I. F. Philsom, pastor. There was a large attendance, and the remains were followed by a large procession of sympathizing friends to the Wolf Creek Cemetery where they were laid to final rest. He was in his 34th year a member of the Baptist Church, leaving a wife and three children, and other relatives to mourn their loss.

The death of James G. Shaw was very strange and sudden. The deceased was a brother of Charles F. Shaw of Dale Township. He moved to Newkirk from Kansas last July and opened a restaurant he has been running since. A week ago last Wednesday evening he was at the show and after it ate a lunch, part of which was

canned tomatoes. During the night he was attacked suddenly with cramp and colic very severe, but a physician brought relief. He was seemingly all right till Saturday, and that evening he and his wife went out to his brother's to stay overnight. He ate supper as usual.

About 11 o'clock he was again attacked with cramp and suffered excruciating pain. He had three spasms of cramping in rapid succession, and as the third spasm passed off, life went out. He died before a physician could reach him, but the attending physician in the first attack seems to think it was likely caused by tin poison in the tomatoes, as all symptoms of poison were present.

From the Republican News Journal, 27 October 1899

Obituary.

We are called upon to chronicle the death of one of the most promising young farmers in the county. **Charles Henry Beck** of Waltham Township passed away to the great beyond, Tuesday October 17, 1899, after a brief illness from erysipelas. Mr. Beck was born April 26, 1866 in Henderson County Illinois and came to Kansas at the age of seven. At the opening of the Strip he took a claim which he has lived upon and improved. Shortly after coming here he was married and leaves a widow to mourn the loss of a devoted husband.

The funeral took place Wednesday at Oak Grove and was largely attended.

From the Republican News Journal, 3 November 1899

Obituaries.

Mrs. **Maggie M. Dobbs** was born in Mansfield, Indiana, November 8, 1867 and died at Arkansas City, Kansas, October 13, 1899. She was a sister of Miss Edith Murphy of this city.

The deceased had been ailing for three years, and the end came gradually and not unexpectedly. She was an earnest Christian, and calmly and tellingly awaited the call of the Master [microfilm damaged and unreadable] and selected the Scripture and songs and the minister for her funeral service. The burial took place at Oxford, Kansas, her old home. She leaves a husband and one child and a father and three sisters and a brother to mourn her loss till all shall meet beyond the river.

“THE REAPER AND THE FLOWERS”

The home of H. B. and H. N. **North** has been darkened by the presence of death. On October 19th, the Reaper took from the home their little daughter, **Theola Dora**, who was born May 30, 1895. The little one had been sick about ten days with spinal trouble enduring severe suffering with a fortitude remarkable in a child so

young, She was conscious to a few minutes of her death. The funeral was at the Presbyterian Church, conducted by the pastor, and the remains laid away in the Newkirk cemetery till “He cometh to take His jewels.”

We are called upon to chronicle the death of one of our leading citizens, **John McClellan Thomas**, the esteemed brother of our townsman, Mr. Joe Thomas, died Tuesday Oct. 1, 1899, in the afternoon at 3 o'clock p.m. at Blackwell, where he had been ill for several weeks with typhoid fever, at his death he was 35 years 11 months and 26 days old. The best medical skill and the most attentive care and nursing on the part of his parents and brothers and sisters availed not. The funeral took place from the Presbyterian Church in this city Wednesday afternoon and was very largely attended. The family have our sympathy in the hour of their bereavement.

From Republican News Journal, 17 November 1899

Died:--The little daughter of our esteemed fellow citizen, “deacon” **White**, was called on high Monday, November 13, 1899 at 6:00 p.m. **Viva** was a lovable child, 9 years, 3 months, and 19 days old, and was born at Talmage, Nebraska. Her death was due to typhoid fever. Mrs., **White** was distracted with grief. The family have our kindest sympathy in the hour of their terrible bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. **Helton**, of Longwood Township buried their little 11 year old **daughter** the 12th last. Funeral was conducted at Maple Grove School House. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of all.

From the Republican News Journal, 8 December 1899

Killing at Gray Horse.

[There is a reprint of an article of the murder of **Chas. Brooks** at Gray Horse, Oklahoma that is reprinted from the Ponca City Courier of 2 December 1899.]

From the Republican News Journal, 1 January 1900

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. M. A. Shannon and family desire to thank their friends and neighbors for their kindness during the sickness and death of their beloved husband and father, **D. W. Shannon**. [Buried at Newkirk Cemetery, Daniel Shannon was born 2 January 1843, and died December 26, 1899. He was a Civil War soldier.]

From the Republican News Journal, 16 February 1900

Obituary.

Mrs. **Helena France**, born April 1843, died February

12, 1900 after a long illness of 13 months she finally succumbed to the dread disease consumption. Her sister, Mrs. Anna Utley of Brooklyn, N. Y., came to her bedside in October and remained until her death. She took the body on the morning train Wednesday for her old home to be interred in the Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn N. Y.

Mrs. France was brought up in the Episcopal Church. When 20 years old she was converted and united with the M. E. Church, soon after which she received the blessing of a clean heart followed by great earnestness in Christian work, always laboring for the salvation of the lost. She was superintendent of a mission in Quincy Ill., for a number of years, lending a helping hand to the sorrowing and distressed. Her last words were that she had a full assurance of the life of the redeemed. She was patient to the last.

From the Republican News Journal, 9 March 1900

Obituary.

Bruce Erwin Steiner as born Dec 11 1878, in Edgar County, Illinois, and died Feb. 27, 1900. Aged 21 years 2 months and 13 days.

Before his spirit took its departure he left this testimony that he was ready to go ad only waiting the master's call. And looking up he prayed, "Come, Lord Jesus, take me, take me." Oh glorious thought of resting, sweetly resting in our precious Savior love. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." He leaves an aged father and two brothers to mourn their loss, which is his eternal gain. Jesus called his mother home to her reward when he was left nine months old, also a sister whom he goes to meet happy, happy meeting.

His death occurred at the home of his brother, L. N. Steiner, of the city of Newkirk. The following day at 3:00 p.m. the funeral was preached by the writer from John 1:25, at their home to an attentive audience of friends and relatives.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From whence none ever wakes to weep.
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes."
O. F. Bulsom.

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From the Republican News Journal, 30 March 1900

Obituary.

Died at his home in Kildare, Okla., March 24, 1900, **James Berry**, aged 68 years 2 months and 21 days old.

Father Berry had suffered for several months with stomach trouble, but the immediate cause of his death was apoplexy followed by partial paralysis,

Mr. Berry was born in Moravia, N. Y., and united with the Presbyterian Church over thirty years ago, since which time he has been living a consistent Christian life. During his long illness, though suffering much, he showed a spirit of Christian fortitude and patience. "Blessed are the dead who die for the Lord." He leaves a wife, two sons and three daughters and a host of friends to mourn his loss. [Buried Newkirk Cemetery]

From the Republican News Journal, 20 April 1900

The death of the mute mother in our town recently had unusual elements of sadness. **Mrs. G. W. Booker** died of Pneumonia at 4 a.m. March 24, almost alone, as her husband thought she was better and had gone out to the farm. Her maiden name was Marian J, Cockrill and she was born at Jacksonville, Ill., 37 years age. Her schooling was at the deaf and dumb institute in that city. She married G. W. Booker, a mute, in 1883, and she leaves three children 10 to 15 years of age to mourn the loss of "mother." [Buried Newkirk Cemetery]

From the Republican News Journal, 8 February 1901
[Inserted out of chronological order]

Apparently insane.

Geo. Booker, a deaf mute farmer who recently lost his wife, and who was imprisoned on a petty offense, having killed a neighbor' hog, which strayed onto his farm, for which he was fined \$25.00, and lieu of which went to jail fourteen days, seems to have become deranged; and on his release demanded of the county officials the \$25.00 which he had gotten into his head belonged to him. After lingering about for several days he purchased a revolver at Ferguson's and entering the county attorney's office discharged the same by firing two shots into the wall and ceiling. He is again confined to jail awaiting an examination as to his sanity. The condition of the unfortunate man is something to excite pity.

From the Republican News Journal, 11 May 1900

Died at his home in Osage reservation twenty-five miles southeast of Ponca City, April 5, **Samuel S. Countryman** of hemorrhage of the kidneys. Mr. Countryman was born in Somerset, was married to Dinah S. Walker, Sept. 8 1859 at Berlin Pennsylvania. His wife and eleven children are left to mourn his death, seven being present at his death bed, four sons being unable to attend, three living in Nebraska, and one in

Washington. [Reprinted from the Ponca City Courier, which reported Mr. Countryman, was buried in Pawnee County.]

From the Newkirk Democrat, 16 July 1900

Died. – At the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Amrine, **Mrs. J. M. Holloway**, aged 61 years. Mrs. Holloway was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1839 and when fifteen years old her parents moved to Illinois where in 1857 she was married to J. M. Holloway. Eleven children were born to them five of whom are living.

Grandma Holloway had long been a sufferer, but from her early youth she had been a devout Christian and bore her suffering with fortitude.

The funeral services were held in Arkansas City and a large concourse of sympathizing friends followed the body to its last resting place. To the sorrowing relatives the heartfelt sympathy of the community is extended in this their great bereavement.

From the Republican News Journal, 3 August 1900

In Memoriam.

Mrs. D. W. Olmstead, wife of D. W. Olmstead, died at her home in Newkirk on Sunday, July 12, 1900. The following beautiful lines we write in memory of our mother.

“There is a sadness in our household,
Lone and bitter tears are shed.
Young and aged weep together,
O’er the loved and silent dead.
All family gathered round her,
But the band is broken now.
And clouds of sorrow gather
Sound each fair and youthful brow.

Mourning hearts weep not in darkness
But prepare to meet her there,
Listen! hear we not the music,
Of our mother safe at home.
And amid the brighter glories
Safe amid the angels train.
On the banks of life’s pure river,
We will meet with her again.”

Obituary.

Mrs. Lydia A. Beck, wife of John A. Beck, died at her home on Friday morning, July 27, 1900, after a very short illness with typhoid fever,

Deceased was born in the state of Pennsylvania, April 19, 1845, consequently was 55 years of age last April. She was a member of the M. E. church and had been for a number of years and was of highly estimable character. She leaves her companion and five children, three of

whom are married to mourn her loss. The funeral services were conducted at the home on July 28, at 4 o’clock p.m., Sermon by the writer from the text, Rev. 14:13 after which the remains were taken to the Oak Grove cemetery for interment. Thomas, C. Puckett.

From Republican News Journal, 14 September 1900

Capt. D. F. Stiles Dead.

Captain D. F. Stiles died at Oklahoma City at 7 o’clock Tuesday morning. He had been ill but a few days and his death resulted from the exhaustion of an operation that was performed on him the day before his death, when he was on the operating table nearly three hours. Captain Stiles was one of the most prominent figures in the early opening and settlement of Oklahoma. He was provost marshal at the time of the settlement of Oklahoma City and did his duty faithfully. He was retired from the army on half pay in 1893. He was captain to the Tenth Infantry at the time of his retirement and had been continuously in the service from 1861 when he was enlisted as a member of the District of Columbia infantry. He had been a resident of Oklahoma City since his retirement and one of the most active citizens there. He leaves a widow and two grown sons. [Stiles had business interests in Ponca City, and his death is also reported in the *Ponca City Democrat* and the *Ponca City Courier*.]

From the Republican News Journal, 19 October 1900

Kildare Notes.

Mrs. George died last Thursday evening at 4 o’clock. Her remains were taken to Missouri for interment. She leaves a husband, mother and brother to mourn. Mrs. George was a Christian and an active worker in the Christian church. Mrs. George had many friends and no enemies. Her place will be vacant and all Kildare mourns her loss.

Obituary.

Died, October 15, **Mrs. Margaret Onstott**, mother of Mrs. Dr. Bradfield at the home of her daughter in Newkirk. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Cole, and interment was made in the Newkirk cemetery. Mrs. Onstott was born in Woodberry, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in 1817, and was the mother of 10 children, 7 of whom survive her. She was a member of the M E. church, having united with same at the age of 18 years. She took sick only three days prior to her death, which was peaceful amid intense suffering; passed away with the assurance of eternal life.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 31 October 1899

Hugh B. Owens.

Last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock the news was telephoned to Newkirk that Hon **Hugh B. Owens** had suddenly died at his home of heart failure.

Hugh was a character among Characters. Honest, loyal to his friends, generous to a fault, he stood a man among men, without any enemies and with everyone his friend. He was charitable to the week and deserving and a man that any community, county or state could well be proud of.

Ponca City has lost a citizen that will make a vacancy that can never be replaced. He was a moving spirit toward everything that was beneficial to his town and townsmen.

His friends and admirers had honored him with the nomination for the legislature and his election would have been practically unanimous.

But death, which sooner or later greets us all, claimed him, and we can do nothing but submit to the divine power. Newkirk and the entire county extend to the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy.

From the Republican News Journal, 2 November 1900

H. B. Owen Dead

[Reprinted in this edition is a report of H. B. Owen's death from the *Ponca City Courier* of October 1, 1900. Mr. Owen's death was, also, reported in the *Ponca City Democrat* of 1 November 1900.]

From the Republican News Journal, 9 November 1900

Bad Accident.

A very sad case of accidental shooting occurred Wednesday morning in this county near Chilocco Creek, a party of movers on their way to Texas being the sufferers. One of their number, a young man named **Wesley Maxwell**, from Benton County, Missouri pulled his shotgun towards him with the purpose of shooting something along the roadside. The gun went off, discharging its contents in his stomach, killing him almost instantly. The party came to this city and secured a coffin to ship the body to Texas. The young man leaves a wife and little child. It was a sad affair.

From Republican News Journal, 23 November 1900

Word was received this week of the death of **Mrs. C. C. Dennis** at Colorado Springs, Colorado where the family had lately located for the benefit of her health. She leaves a husband and three small children to mourn the loss of a faithful wife, and loving mother. To them is extended the heartfelt sympathy of the people of Newkirk.

The burial occurred at Colorado City. Death seems like a grim monster but it is only a temporary separation for loved ones to all who trust in the Lord, as did the deceased. He has gone to her reward.

From the Republican News Journal, 7 December 1900

Last Sunday, while out hunting with a party of young men, **A. Thorp** was accidentally shot and killed with a 44 Winchester. They had just jumped a jack rabbit and in getting out of the hack, Thorp struck the hammer of his gun against the side of the back bed and discharged it, the ball entering his breast near the heart, causing his death almost instantly. Mr. Thorp is a brother-in-law of Fred Ammond, of this city who is in the employ of J. L. McCarty, [reprinted from the *Ponca City Times*]

From Republican News Journal, 11 December 1900

Death of Mrs. D. B. Lawhead

[Mrs. Lawhead was formerly from Newkirk]

The community was sadly shocked Saturday evening to hear of Mrs. **Edith Lawhead's** death. She was apparently in her usual health Friday and spent the evening sewing

Miss Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David VanKirk, was born in Tuscolusa County, Ohio October 25, 1875, was married to D B. Lawhead My 5, 1889, near Kingfisher, Okla., and died at Garber, Oklahoma, December 1, 1900. She leaves a husband and two children--a girl of eight and a boy of five years. She was buried from the M. E Church Sunday afternoon, services conducted by Rev. Snider

Mrs. Lawhead became a member of the Congregational church at Newkirk many years ago [Article is reprinted from the *Garber (Oklahoma) Sentinel*.]

From the Newkirk Democrat, 19 December 1900

Last Friday evening our community was shocked to learn of the sudden death of **D. Carmichael**. Mr. Carmichael was at his place of business all day Friday until about four o'clock when he went home feeling ill. He rapidly grew worse and expired about six o'clock. Heart Failure was the direct cause of his death. He has been a citizen of our town for several years and enjoyed the friendship of every one. He was a kind father and a loving husband. The entire community extends their sympathy to the bereaved family. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, [Douglas Carmichael 1863 - 1900]

From Republican News Journal, 24 December 1900

Death of Mr. Carmichael.

Perhaps no event in the history of Newkirk has so stirred the sorrow and sympathy of the community as the sudden death of Mr. **Dugald Carmichael** at his home last Friday evening,

Mr. Carmichael was well known as a man of sterling integrity and industry, and while he had many difficulties and hardships to face, he was always merry and kind in his manners. No one ever found him sulking; he bore no grudge, and although blunt at times with his tongue, his wrath was never nursed. He worked hard to provide for his large family a home, and it was his anxiety in this matter that led to the overwork which was the indirect cause of his death,

The esteem in which he was held, as well as the kind spirit of our citizens was shown by the fact that in a very short time a subscription was raised more than sufficient to pay off the mortgage upon his little property and leave it unencumbered for his widow and seven children, who were in somewhat straitened circumstances.

The funeral was one of the largest the town has ever seen, and was an honest tribute to the memory of an honest man. He was buried from the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. H. L. Moore, the pastor, assisted by Rev. Cole of the M. El. Church.

From Republican News Journal, 28 December 1900

Dead.

On Saturday, Dec. 22, 1900, **Vida**, daughter of Ross and Icel **Scott**, aged 11 months and [microfilm not readable.]

We should not grieve for thee, Vida,
Nor mourn thy early doom,
Nor weep that thou from earth had fled,
In innocence and bloom.

We would not call the back to life
From the blest home on high.
Nor wish thee in this world again
To suffer and to die.

A Friend.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 23 June 1901

Obituary.

Last Tuesday evening the spirit of **Martin Reagan** took his flight from its tenement of clay to the realm above, where we are taught it is eternal bliss and happiness.

Yet indelible are the sad scenes impressed on our memories, at the ebb of life was watched by his devoted

wife and children, but the irrevocable decree of, who giveth and taketh alike, had decided that his troubles and trials of life should cease, and gently he fell to sleep as though wafted by the breeze of surrounding angels.

The many friends of the family join with the *Democrat* in extending to them their sincerest sympathy in their hour of bereavement. [Martin Reagan 12 Nov. 1817 – 15 Jan 1901]

E. W. HOYT

Last Thursday, **E. W. Hoyt** editor of the *Ponca [City] Courier*, laid aside his pencil after writing "30" and answered to the call of the grim reaper of death. His duty has been ended on earth and no more will he hear the cry of his typos' for copy. He will be missed by his associates and by the fraternity throughout the land.

He was honest and liberal to all a good citizen and a loving husband. Kay County has lost an honored son and his party a valuable member. We extend to the bereaved family our sincerest sympathy.

From the Republican News Journal, 1 February 1901

Arleigh Lambert died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lambert, in Blackwell, last Thursday morning, at 2 o'clock, of brain fever following pneumonia. Arleigh was a most estimable young man. [Buried Blackwell IOOF Cemetery.]

Ollie Brizendine son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brezendine, died Monday of last week, at the home of his parents, two miles northwest of Blackwell. Ollie was attacked by pneumonia some time in December, and later with an abscess in the head, of which he died, [1882-1901 buried at Blackwell IOOF.]

Frank L. Freeland, foreman of the *Times-Record office*, died at his home in Blackwell of pneumonia, at about 90 o'clock Sunday morning, after an illness of but a week. Frank had been suffering with la grippe he week before, but with his usual devotion to employers' interest had refused to stop work, thinking that he could wear it out. When he did go down with pneumonia it was of such a serious nature that no hope of his recovery was entertained.

From the Newkirk Democrat, 2 February 1901

Died at her home in this city, **Mrs. Arthur Crain** of consumption, aged 35 years. Mrs. Crain had long been a sufferer of this dread disease but she bore her burden with fortitude. She was a kind and loving mother. A husband and five children mourn her loss. [Cordelia Crain, 17 March 1867 – 22 February 1902 are dates on

stone, but obituary appears in 1901.]

H. C. Miller died Wednesday last at his home east of Newkirk of Pneumonia fever. Mr. Miller was one of Kay County's prominent farmers. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. The funeral services were held at the Jenkins Chapel, Rev. H. C. Reynolds, of Emporia, Kans., officiating. [5 April 1848 – 19 Feb 1900, are dates on stone, but obituary appears in 1901. He is buried at Wolf Creek Cemetery.]

From the *Republican News Journal*, 15 February 1901

Obituary.

Mrs. Arizona Consant, wife of H. H. Constant died at her home near [film not readable], Feb 7th, 1901 aged 39 years and 14 days. [Film out of focus and not easily readable.]

Funeral sermon was preached by Mr. Cipe, Pastor of Oak Grove Protestant Methodist Church with interment in the Oak Grove cemetery. The remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of relatives and friends. Mr. Constant has the sympathy of the entire community in his irreparable loss.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 15 February 1901

Obituary.

James W. White, one of the settlers of this city a member of the Woodmen and Tontie Lodges died Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, at his residence in this city, after a brief illness from pneumonia. He leaves a widow and four children of this city, the eldest of whom Elmer is one of the employees of this paper. The funeral took place Thursday from the Christian church, being largely attended by friends and the members of the lodges of which he deceased was a member in good standing. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

Rev. E. R. **Cole's brother, Willis** who visited Newkirk a short time ago, died at his home at Panama, Kansas last Tuesday

Elmer, the little son of Rev. and Mrs. **Thomison**, born at Kildare, died at Braman, Feb 2, 1901. The friends of Rev. Thomison extend their heartfelt sympathy in the hour of their sad bereavement.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 22 February 1901

A Card of Thanks.

Uncas, O. T., February 14, 1901. I wish to return my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assist us during my beloved

wife's sickness and death. Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Newell, Mrs. Fender and many others who were so good and kind to us that I feel so very grateful to all that I have taken this method of informing them that I do most assuredly appreciate their kindness.

H. H. Constant.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 8 March 1901

Frank Smith, the popular druggist, died at his home in that city February 28, of a complication of diseases of long standing. The deceased was a public spirited man and Ponca feels his loss.

From the *Republican News Journal*, April 26, 1901

In Memoriam.

After several years of patient suffering endured with Christian fortitude **Isaac L. Carr**, one of the pioneer settlers of this city and county departed this life at the hour of two o'clock Wednesday April 24, 1901, at his residence in this city. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon from the Presbyterian Church the services being conducted by Rev. Thos. Harper of Oklahoma City, formerly pastor of the Congregational church of this city. A man much respected by the deceased, also, Rev. H. L. Moore the pastor of the church. Mr. Carr leaves three children to mourn his loss, Mrs. Zucalia Peck of Los Angeles, Leonard Carr of Carthage, Missouri and our esteemed fellow townsman Mr. Bertram Carr.

The deceased was born September 4, 1849 in Montgomery County, Indiana. He moved from there to Mercer County, Missouri, with his parents in 1751 and in '52 moved to DeWitt County. He married Miss Mary J. Day of Clinton Illinois, in 1865 and then moved to Iowa where their first child was born. After one year's residence in Iowa they moved to Illinois and remained five years when they moved to Kansas and stayed two years and removed again to Illinois and engaged in farming until 1880 when they removed to Iowa. In 1893 he made the race in the Cherokee Outlet and secured one of the finest claims in the county near this city.

He built two business houses in this city one on the east side of the square where Ferguson Brothers now have their mammoth hardware establishment and the other on the west side where Mrs. Lehman now resides.

Mr. Carr lived on his claim until 1898 since which time until his death he had been a constant sufferer from the stomach trouble of which we died. What he suffered cannot be told, yet he bore it with a true Christian spirit and without murmuring. His death was easy. He was a member of the A. O. U. W. of Iowa.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 26 April 1901

In Memoriam.

Florence Winnie, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. **Wilkinson** of this city died April 20, 1901 at 5 o'clock p.m., after an illness of about two weeks. She was born March 25, 1899. The funeral services were held in the M. E. Church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock conducted by the pastor, Rev., E. R. Cole. The little body was laid to rest in the Newkirk Cemetery to await the day of resurrection.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 3 May 1901

Suicide of R. A. Maxey.

R. A. Maxey, the manager of the Pond Lumber Company of Arkansas City, committed suicide Tuesday morning by shooting himself in the head with a .38 caliber revolver. He was short \$3,646.47 at the bank but same will be made good. R., A. Maxey had as many friends as any other businessman in the city. He was 47 years of age and leaves a wife and two cons—Craven, who is not connected with a St. Louis lumber firm, and Clarence who is in school. He has been the resident manager of the Pond Lumber Company's yard in this city for a number of years and was regarded as a good businessman. He has also been city treasurer of Arkansas City for four years. He was a member of the congregational Church. He carried a \$10,000 worth of insurance as follows: Four thousand in the Home Annuity Association of St. Louis which was only written about four weeks ago, \$4,000 in the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company, and \$2,000 in the A. O. U. W.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 10 May 1901

Obituary of Verne.

The little son of James and Nellie **Castle** died of membranous croup on April 30, 1901, aged 2 years and 4 months. Little **Verne** was sick only short two days and his symptoms were not regarded as alarming until Monday noon, when it was realized that his condition was extremely critical. Dr. Hazen of Newkirk had been prescribing and Dr. Guinn of Arkansas City was summoned but all efforts were unavailing, and the end came at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. The funeral services were held at the home Tuesday at 34 p.m., Rev Prosser of Newkirk officiating. Interment [was] in Newkirk Cemetery.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 10 May 1901

In Memoriam.

Death is the lot of all of us and it is a sad affair even

when our affairs are in good shape but to be suddenly called to the presence of our maker with our business matters incomplete and our family unprovided for it then assumes the aspect of terrible misfortune there died last week at 11 o'clock on the morning of May 4th, after a brief illness from brain fever one of our best citizens **Mr. A. E. Everley**, a pioneer settler and one of the hardest working men in the community. The funeral took place Sunday from the M E. Church and was probably the largest ever held in this city. Mr. Everley was an Odd Fellow. The lodge showed by their presence at the grave the esteem in which the deceased was held. The deceased left a widow. We understand he carried no insurance.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 17 May 1901

DIED: May 4th, 1901, of brain fever, **A. E. Everly**. The funeral service \s were held at the M. E. Church, May 5th under the auspices of the I. O. O. F., of which he was a member. A. E. Everly was born October 4, 1862, at Vandalia, Owen County, Ind. He was one of a family of ten children: four girls and six boys, of which six, together with the father survive to mourn the loss of the brother and son departed. He was married May 3, 1894, to Mary A. Busch at Colorado Springs, Colorado. There was no offspring of this union. He was a man of exemplary habits, a true friend a loving husband and an honest and industrious citizen. For a few years after he had attained his majority he followed he vocation of a teacher and afterward learned the plasterer's trade which he followed until his death. He leaves a wife and a host of true friends.

From *The Democrat-Herald*, 27 May 1901

From the *Republican News Journal*, 21 June 1901

Obituary.

Elizabeth Jones died in this city June 18th, 1901. The funeral was held at the United Brethren Church, Rev. T. J. Maxwell preaching the sermon. The deceased was born July 13, 1830, at Columbia County, Ohio, and was married to Levi Jones 49 years ago at Elkhart, Indiana. There were seven children three of whom are dead. The survivors are: Henry Jones of Omaha, Nebraska, Mrs. George Bear, of Sedalia, Missouri, Mrs. William Bancroft of Sac City, Iowa, and Mrs. J. M. Strain of Woodward County, Oklahoma.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 28 June 1901

DIED. — In this city June 20, 1901, **William Arrendiell** aged 69 years. Mr. Arrendiell was one of the pioneer settlers here. He was born and raised in

Tennessee. He leaves an aged wife and several children to mourn his death. The funeral was held at the residence of Rev. H. L. Moore by the Masons.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 26 July 1901

Death of Mr. Long.

As the paper goes to press the sad news is received of **Mr. Joseph G. Long** who has been a sufferer during the past ten days [Film out of focus and unreadable] occurred Thursday morning at . . . Mr. Long was born in . . . Ohio on June 24, 1861, and educated in Illinois and Kansas. He married Marian (?) . . . Kansas. Their . . . has been blessed by three children, two sons and one daughter. He served four terms as . . . [Kay County Cemetery Inscriptions notes he is buried at Newkirk Cemetery, and he was born 24 June 1861, and died 25 July 1901.]

From the *Republican News Journal*, 23 August 1901

Thomas H. Cuppage Deceased.

For several long weeks many people of Newkirk watched with saddening interest an unequal struggle between a brave spirit and the disease that won the victory last Friday and took from our midst a prominent citizen.

Thomas Harding Cuppage was born in Toronto, Canada, September 23, 1864; he came to the states with his parents in his childhood, living in New York, and later Cowley County, Kansas. At the opening of old Oklahoma, he became a resident of Guthrie, where he lived till coming to Newkirk in 1896.

As a citizen, Mr. Cuppage had the respect and esteem of his townsmen and his general acquaintance throughout the Territory. As an attorney he had won a large practice especially in the way of very important land cases; and in his death the bar of the county and land district loses a hard working and able attorney,

For several months prior to his last sickness he had been working almost constantly on very complicated land contest cases at Perry, and there is no doubt that the arduous labors of his work overtaxed his strength.

On Friday, June 8th he yielded his work to a recurring attack of appendicitis which, with complications, resulted in a septic condition and fever that slowly dragged him down to death. He was greatly prostrated from the very beginning of his disease, so full of pain, but was patient and uncomplaining to the end with the exception of a day or two his mind was clear and calm to the hour of death; and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of August 16th the spirit was freed from the emaciated body. It had been his repeated request that the funeral should be held at the home, and on the day of burial a

large number of friends gathered there at the appointed hour Rev. E. B. Cole conducted the services, and earnest and consoling were the words of Christian comfort he gave.

Mr. Cuppage was a Christian and a member of the Presbyterian Church. In his last sickness he expressed the spirit of a humble trusting Christian, one day he said, "I have always trusted in the Promises: I have never lost faith in my Savior since I first found him. I have been very negligent and gone out of the road, but I have always been doing a little for Jesus: I ought to have done more." Again he said one morning after a night of much suffering, "Yes, Mother, I have been praying that the Lord would take me soon or heal me. I would like to live but I am ready to go or stay; and if I am taken away, always remember that I am saved and that I shall be there waiting for my mother." He has left a blessed assurance to comfort those who mourn.

The deceased is survived by his parents, five sisters, and one brother. For years the parents and sisters had looked to him for counsel and guidance in all the family affairs his tender devotion to the dear ones and especially to his mother, was fully known but little outside the circle of a few friends. Another marked trait of Mr. Cuppage's character was his fidelity to his friends he was silent as to their faults. Nothing would induce him to betray a confidence, and he would suffer an injustice himself to shield a friend which he has done more than once as some of his friends well know.

It is always a loss to any community when a business or professional man is stricken down in the prime of life and usefulness; a loss that is deeply felt by many of our citizens as they sympathize with the bereaved family.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 6 September 1901

Obituary.

The **infant son** of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. **Pellman**, of Longwood, died Aug. 31st, 1901, of typhoid fever, aged 3 months and 2 days. The little one constantly suffered for five weeks before his death, although all was done that lay in human power to do.

"When we see a precious blossom
That we tended with such care/
Rudely taken from our bosom,
How our aching hearts despair."

DIED. -- Agnes, the little **daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. **Frick** died on Aug. 26, 1901, born April 28, 1901, age, 4 months and 8 days.

A bud the Gardner gave us—
A pure and lovely child.

He gave it to our keeping,
Pure and undefiled;
But just as it was opening,
At the glory of the day.
Down came the heavenly Gardener,
And took our bud away,

Resolution of Sympathy.

Whereas, the Supreme Ruler of the universe has seen fit to remove by death the father of our esteemed brother **A. Grant Davis** we can offer but little to assuage their grief in this hour of trouble. Now may the blessing of God rest on you, your mother and sister; and when you are called to join your father may you have a passport to that home where sickness or death will never come, is the prayer of Newkirk Lodge No.27, I. O. O. F.

C. M. Shaver, J. C. Ward, Harry Geisler, committee

From the *Republican News Journal*, 5 November 1901

Ruth Pohl, little daughter of H. H. E. and Nettie Rose Pohl was born April 12, 1898 at Winfield Kansas, and died Oct. 28, 1901 at Kildare, Oklahoma. She was baptized Oct. 26, 1899, by her grandfather, Rev. W. H. Rose. She was a lovable child kind, unselfish and obedient. The messenger came, Her Spirit has taken its flight. The fragrance of her memory will remain. Hers was a perfect love. She basks in the smiles of her Savior. She beckons her loved ones to a brighter, purer home, Rev. G. W. Martin, pastor of the M, E, Church in Perry, Okla., conducted the funeral services.

From *Republican News Journal*, 22 November 1901

The Kildare Killing.

The town of Kildare, five miles below this city, was the scene of a killing Thursday of last week. **Joseph Donahoe**, a prominent citizen of Kay County and quite well known, was shot and instantly killed by Levi Thurman, a bartender at Kildare. It seems that Donahoe had been drinking hard for the past week and on the evening mentioned, went into the saloon and ordered up a drink. He drank it and started out without paying for it. The bartender called to him and just as he reached the door he turned and pulled a gun from his pocket. This he started to raise, it is supposed to shoot at the bartender, and when the latter quickly pulled a gun from under the bar and shot Donahoe. The bullet struck him in the forehead just between the eyes and he died almost before he fell to the floor. There was no inquest held as the officers deemed it unnecessary. The deceased leaves a wife and two children. He was a man past middle age and was formerly a resident of Kansas, and representative of the Atchinson district in the legislature

for six terms. The remains were taken to Ponca City where the funeral was held at the residence of J. J. McGraw, his son-in-law.

Thurman says that Donahoe came into his place of business about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and bought two drinks from the bartender and sat down a few minutes. After a short time he got up and approached Thurman and said, "I know you, don't you know me?" Thurman replied that he did not. Donahoe started for the front door and had his hand on the latch. Suddenly he turned and drew a gun on Thurman who at once grabbed his gun and fired. Thurman gave himself up immediately, but was released, and was active in his assistance at the fire in this city Friday. Levi Thurman has been engaged in farming and assisting as bartender in the vicinity of Kildare ever since the opening, and has always been of a peaceable disposition and not in the habit of drinking to excess or in any way quarrelsome, minding his own business and allowing others to attend to theirs. Although engaged in the saloon business his habits were better than the average of this class.

The killing is very much to be deplored. At the preliminary examination held before Judge Hubler, Tuesday, Thurman was completely exonerated. Eight witnesses showed that Thurman shot in self defense, and not a syllable of testimony was otherwise offered.

From *Republican News Journal*, 22 November 1901

Dr. Shaffer, of Ponca, Dead.

[Here reported is a reprinted news story of the death of **Dr. Shaffer** from the *Ponca City Courier* of 14 November 1901.]

From *Republican News Journal*, 20 December 1901

Obituary.

Died, at her home in Newkirk on the morning of December 14, 1901, **Mrs. Sophia Preston**, aged 71 years, 7 months and 14 days.

Sophia Preston was born in Perrin Parish, Cornwall England, May 1st 1830; came to America with her parents in 1842 and settled in Southwest Wisconsin. She was married to Lorenzo Preston on Sept. 23, 1847. She was the mother of four children, three of whom with the aged husband and father survive her, also seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

"Grandma Preston is dead," were the words that went from ear to ear at an early hour Saturday morning. Many hearts were filled with grief and many eyes were filled with tears at the sad news. Kind friends and neighbors were hastening to and fro to do what they could for grief stricken grandpa.

Grandma was beloved and respected by all who knew

her, and there are many hearts saddened whom she at sometime helped or befriended in her kindly way. She had many friends at a distance that will be pained to hear of her death. She was often seen reading her Bible, and said many times that she was ready to go any time, and she has left that Blessed assurance by her kindly words and deeds that she has gone to that Bright Beyond.

Grandma is dead! How strange it seems
Like some mysterious feverish dream,
O mighty Death, you've laid her low,
And filled our home with gloom and woe.
How can we drink this bitter cup;
How can we give our mother up;
And yield her thus to death's embrace
Except Thou help us, God of Grace.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 3 January 1902

Condolence.

Death has entered our school and taken from our midst a young man with all the possibilities of life before him; a young man with all the possibilities of life before him; a young man who has been our schoolmate for a number of years. No more shall we hear his pleasant voice in the classroom or spend the time pleasantly with him on the playground. We have seen his smiling face for the last time and our hearts are filled with sadness. As it has been said of old, so still it must be said, "The Judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether"

Whereas it has pleased Providence to remove from our midst our loved friend and schoolmate, **Claud Cochran**, we the pupils and teacher of district No. 7 submit the following resolutions:

Resolved that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his broken-hearted father, to his grief stricken grandparents, and to his mourning relatives.

Resolved: that as a token of love for our departed schoolmates we dismiss school for the day and attend the funeral services

Resolved, That we request our teacher to drape the desk of the deceased which desk shall remain so draped through the remainder of the school unless necessity demands occupancy.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the county paper for publication: a copy placed on file by the district clerk; and a cp. sent to the heart-broken father

Teacher and pupils, D. No. 7.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 10 January 1902

Judge Whitfield Dead.

J. D. Whitfield was born in Niagara County, New York, April 29, 1836, died December 30, 1901, in

Apache, O. T. He was Probate Judge of Clark Co., Kansas, at Ashland for two terms. He came to Oklahoma in an early day and settled in Kildare at the opening of the Cherokee Strip where he resided with his family until the opening of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache country when he moved his business from Kildare, Kay Co., O. T. to Apache. He had been a sufferer from rheumatism for a number of years and that with other complications caused his death. Judge Whitfield was a man highly respected and esteemed by those who knew him best. He was the father of six children, two of whom, a son and daughter, with their mother are living and left to mourn his loss.

A nephew, Wesley Baker of Carthage, Mo., attended the funeral which was held in the M. E. Church at 2 p.m. Jan. 1. Services were conducted by the Rev Beck of Apache, after which the body was laid to rest in the City Cemetery.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 17 January 1902

In Memoriam.

Nothing more grievous or distressing in the annals of this county has occurred than the sudden demise of **Mrs. Marion Willey Leech**, at Red Rock, Saturday afternoon, January 11. Her death was due to heart failure and was wholly unexpected by the physicians and others in attendance. It was no doubt due to the latent weakness developed by the recent attack of illness just prior to her marriage. Her husband, Mr. Edwin Leech, the manager of the lumberyard at Red Rick is prostrated with grief. Both of the young people were very popular at Kildare their old home, and the grief of everyone in that vicinity where they are so well known, is genuine and sincere. The keenest sympathy if felt for Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Willey and her brother Morton in this suddenly losing their only daughter and sister. Also for Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leech parents of the husband, who were deeply attached to 'Marion,' as she was popularly called.

Mrs. Leech was born in Uniontown, Kansas, December 10, 1876, she was married last New Year's day at St. John's Episcopal Church, where the funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at ten o'clock by the right Rev. F. K. Brooke, Bishop of the diocese, assisted by Rev. L. H. Snell, the rector. The interment took place at Wichita, her old home, where she had a host of friends, six former schoolmates acted as pallbearers to the grave and the remains were laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery in the presence of many sorrowing friends and relatives who keenly feel their loss.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 24 January 1902

Died.

Miss Jennie North, a sister of Lou and Bryant North, died at the home of her brother, Lou last Tuesday at midnight.

Miss Jennie during her short stay among us made many friends and was especially popular among her fellow students at the Academy where she was a faithful student.

The sympathy of her many friends is extended to her beloved father and brothers who were present at her death. The body was shipped to her home at Plainville, Kansas. A large company of friends attended the service held at the depot by Rev. H. L. Moore. The Academy students attended in a body.

Her friends will deeply feel the loss of one who was a cheerful friend to all about her.

The father, brothers, and sister desire to thank her many friends for their sympathy and assistance during her illness and at her death.

From the Republican News Journal, 31 January 1902

James Hamilton Sumpter, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sumpter, of Sumpter, O. T., died January 18th, after a three weeks' illness. In his death a bright and promising life was ended, and the parents have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in the Kay and Cowley Co. [Reprinted from the *Winfield Courier*.]

Obituary.

The bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas **Waldron** died Saturday, January 25. "Little" **Claude** was born December 11, 1900 and in his brief life on earth was the pride and comfort of his parents who are greatly grieved over his death which was due to pneumonia setting in after an attack of measles. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community,

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank all the kind friends and neighbors who assisted during the illness and funeral ceremonies of our beloved little one Claude E.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Waldron.

Death of a Pioneer.

Robert Shannon, a pioneer resident of Cuyahoga Falls and Summit County, died at the residence of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Emmet Burns, on Front Street, last Saturday evening about 9 o'clock, of typhoid pneumonia.

Mr. Shannon was 74 year, 6 months and 19 days old. He was born in

Essex County, New York. He came to Cuyahoga Falls 53 years ago, and had lived here nearly all of the time since until about four years ago when he went to Newkirk, Oklahoma, where he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Korns, for some time. After which he went to New Hampshire, where he visited his only surviving sister for several months, who is now the only surviving member of a family of eleven children. Mr. Shannon returned to the Falls last fall.

The deceased was the father of ten children, only four of whom are now living, as follows: Mrs. Minnie Korns, Newkirk, Oklahoma. Robert Shannon of New Hampshire, and W. M. Shannon and Mrs. Richard Underwood of this village. Mrs. Shannon died 18 years ago

The funeral was held from the M E church, Tuesday at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. J. Wilson officiating. Interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. [Reprinted from the *Cuyahoga Falls Reporter*.]

Mrs. John Korns, of this place, was at the bedside of her aged father at his death.

From the Republican News Journal, 7 February 1902

Bi Terrill Dead.

Bi Terrill, well known in this county and especially Kildare, died at Geuda Springs, Kansas, last week. It is probable that he was the oldest stage driver in this part of the country. He was acquainted with all of the old timers who helped make history in the Southwest and himself quite a figure. Mr. Terrill came to Oklahoma when the Strip opened and established a stage line from Kildare to Blackwell. Recently he established a stage line from Geuda Springs to Arkansas City, and it was liberally patronized by people who were fond of the fast rides he was wont to give them. It is said that he could not hitch up a team properly, but he could drive either a four or six or eight horse stage better than anyone in the country. He came to Kansas in 1868 from Colorado, where he had driven a stage since his boyhood days. Hi first work was to drive the stage from Wichita to Ft. Sill, I. T. When the railroads encroached upon this business he went to Arizona and drove a stage. He was held up while carrying a load of passengers and in the hold-up distinguished himself by his bravery. The people rewarded him by electing him sheriff. He held this office several years, but finally had trouble with one of the outlaw bands of the territory and, after warning him to leave, they drove him away.

From the Republican News Journal, 14 February 1902

Mrs. J. L. Combs, daughter of C. C. Cain, died Tuesday morning at her home at Grand Island,

Nebraska. Mrs. Cain left Tuesday night to attend the funeral. Mrs. Combs was here on a visit last summer. She was a fine, estimable woman and leaves two bright boys to mourn her loss.

From the Democrat-Herald, 21 February 1902

Mrs. Anne Cooper, wife of A. T. Cooper, died at her home in this city on Tuesday morning at 8¹⁵. Mrs. Cooper was well known in this community as one who was already and efficient in works of charity and mercy. There are many who well remember her timely help in case of sickness and distress almost to the very hour of her fatal illness. She was rich in that which is better than gold, and leaves a legacy of gratitude and blessing to her many friends.

Mrs. Cooper was a native of Ohio, born near Piqua in 1841. She was married to A. T. Cooper in 1867, came to Kansas in 1882, and to Newkirk in 1894. Four sons and three daughters mourn her loss.

Mrs. Cooper was a charter member of the Stephenson Relief Corps No. 34, and was the president at the time of her death. She will be greatly missed in the Corps, as she was so ready and willing to help in everything especially in looking after the poor and sick men. The Corps held their services for the dead at the family residence just before going to the church.

Mrs. Cooper was a consistent Christian, a member of the Presbyterian Church and died in the full faith and hope of the Gospel. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved husband family and friends.

From the Republican News Journal, 28 February 1902

Obituary.

Died at his home near Longwood, Feb. 18, 1902, **Mr. H. H. Constant**, aged 61 yrs. 1 mo. 22 days. The cause of his death was Plura-pneumonia terminating in quick consumption, a disease of which his wife died just 1 year and 11 days previous to his death.

Mr. Constant was born near Louisville, Kentucky, was married three times. His first marriage was to Miss Lydia C. Highbaugh, Nov. 22, 1866 to this union one child was born but both wife and child died. His second marriage was to Miss Laura J Shaw, Fe 15, 1872. Of this union six children were born. Mr., Constant migrated from Kentucky to Kansas in the seventies, locating in Cowley Co., then moved to Wellington, Sumner Co., where he buried two of his children, then moved to Galena, Kans., where he buried his second wife and one child, they having died of small pox. He then moved back to Arkansas City, Kansas, where he struggled hard with disease and poverty to raise and educate his three remaining children, the late John

Constant, James M. Constant of Floral Kansas and Mrs. Mary Dial of Peckham, Oklahoma. His third marriage was to Mrs. Argonia A. Shierbon May 19, 1887, to this union four children were born two of which preceded the mother to the better land. Mr. Constant was a Mason and exemplar Christian being a member of the church of "the Followers of Christ,"

He had a fine claim and was in shape to enjoy the comforts of life with his two little girls, Lulu, aged 12 and Ida, aged 6. These two girls have the sympathy of the entire community, also Mrs. Dial who faithfully nursed her father from the first to last of his illness, a period of ten weeks.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Cope, pastor of Oak Grove Protestant Methodist Church, text First Cor., 1 Chapter, and 22 verse, with interment in Oak Grove cemetery beside his wife.

[A resolution of sympathy presented by Newkirk Lodge, No. 21, A. F. & A. M. appears in the 14 March 1902 *Republican News Journal*.]

From the Republican News Journal, 28 February 1902

O. J. Stowell died at his home in Cross at 7:30 yesterday morning of pneumonia, after a week's illness. The funeral will be held at the home at 5 o'clock this evening and the body will be shipped to Kansas City tonight for burial. Mr. Stowell was one of the first settlers of Cross, a lawyer by profession, and was well known in this locality. He was an old soldier, and the funeral today is attended by the Grand Army Post. He leaves a wife and three children, two sons and a daughter. One son is a clerk in the U. S. land office at Alva and the other son and daughter are at home. [Reprinted from the *Ponca City Courier*]

From the Republican News Journal, 7 March 1902

Obituary.

Mrs. Sarah Allen Countryman, the beloved wife of our fellow townsman, Mr. Stephen Country, died suddenly Monday morning, March 3rd, 1902, at 8 o'clock, after a short illness of several days, from pneumonia complicated with neuralgia of the stomach and heart. Her death came unexpectedly. Mrs. Countryman was born in Madison County, New York, November 10. 1848. She was married at Webster City, Iowa in 1874 and leaves one son. The funeral services occurred Thursday morning at the Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. E. B. Cole, the Methodist minister, assisted by the Presbyterian minister, Rev. H. L. Moore. The Daughters of the Rebeccahs, of which lodge she was an honored member, also had services at the grave. Mrs.

Countryman was a Christian lady highly respected and esteemed, and in her short stay here had won all hearts by her many womanly qualities. Her loss is deeply deplored and the greatest sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband and son.

Obituary.

Died, February 27, 1902 at Longwood, **Elsie McSmith**, of pneumonia fever, age 5 years, 5 months and 28 days. Little Elsie had been a sufferer for about ten weeks previous to her death was a bright and loving child and is greatly missed in her home and by all who knew her. The grief-stricken parents and brothers and sisters have the sympathy of the entire community. Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Doughty, with interment in Oak Grove cemetery.

From the Republican News Journal, 21 March 1902

Card of Thanks.

We take this means of thanking our many friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our little **Violet**.

M. J. and E. H. **Adams**

A Pioneer Gone.

G. Lorry, commonly known as Grandpap, died Sunday morning at the home of his son, P. A. Lorry, three miles southeast of town. The body was interred at the Mount Hope cemetery five miles south of Arkansas City, Monday afternoon, Mr. Lorry was 83 years of age at the time of his demise, and leaves a very sick wife who was eighty years of age the day of his burial.

Mr. Lorry was born in France and moved to this country in 1856 and came to Oklahoma at the opening of the Strip. He was an energetic worker and always remained at home. Of nearly nine years' residence near Tonkawa, he has never been in town although he was well known by nearly everybody in the country. His relatives have the sympathy of the entire community. [Reprinted from the *Tonkawa Journal*.]

From Republican News Journal, 12 (24?) March 1902

Obituary.

Johnnie McGowen was born in northern Missouri, July 5, 1876. His childhood was spent there. In March 1893 he went with his uncle to Nebraska and in September 1893 came to Oklahoma. He loved Oklahoma. Most of his time here was spent on a ranch in the Kaw Reservation. Three years ago his sister and brothers came to this country. Since then he has been engaged in farming in the Kaw Reservation. About two years ago it was discovered that he had consumption.

Last November he started to Arizona for his health, which had been failing for some time. He remained in Arizona for a while hoping that his health would be regained but instead he [microfilm damaged and unreadable] to return. He arrived home Feb. 12, in a much weakened condition, yet comforted by the blessed words of a minister who was on the train.

After gradually sinking for two weeks, he passed away at 7:20 o'clock, Sunday, March 2nd, 1902 in the presence of friends and relatives. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robertson of Newkirk, March 3rd. On March 4th his many friends and relatives followed his remains to their last resting place, the Newkirk Cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We hereby thank our friends for their kindness during the sickness, death, and burial of our dear bother John.

Maude, Frank and Orville McGowan.

From the Republican News Journal, 4 April 1902

Death of Mr. Tubbs.

Nehemiah M. Tubbs, one of our leading citizens, superintendent of the new college buildings at Langston and Tonkawa, died suddenly at the Okla. Hotel, in Guthrie, at some time Tuesday night of heart failure. Mr. Tubbs was an old soldier and incurred disabilities in the army. Just prior to his death his pension had been increased to \$10 per month. About one year ago he fell from the roof of the Santa Fe Bank building then in process of construction, and incurred fractures of both legs which permanently disabled him and caused him constant pain which he bore with great fortitude. Mr. Tubbs was considered one of the most competent builders in the territory and the impress of his skill is to be found in many of the bank buildings and other prominent structures of Oklahoma City and elsewhere. He went to Langston Monday, and returned to Guthrie, Tuesday. At six o'clock he ate a hearty supper and retired early, in the best of health. He was in the habit of leaving the city on some of the early trains, and when he did not appear for breakfast nothing was thought of it. A meeting of the board of regents of the Langston school was scheduled for the afternoon, at which meeting Mr. Tubbs was expected to be present and take part in the business. He did not come and a messenger was sent to the hotel to ascertain his whereabouts. The porter went up to his room and found the door locked. The lock was broken and when entering the room it was found that Mr. Tubbs was dead, evidently expiring some time during the night. The body was discolored, death having come early in the night. Nothing could be found in the room that would indicate other than that the deceased

came to his death by heart disease.

He leaves a widow and several children to mourn his loss. The city also loses one of its most valuable citizens.

The funeral took place this Friday forenoon at 2 o'clock at the Christian Church.

[It was reported in the March 27, 1892 edition of the *Ponca City Daily Courier* that Mr. N. W. Tubbs was a resident of Newkirk, and reported to be about 57 years old. *Cemetery Inscriptions Kay County, Oklahoma* indicates that Mr. Tubbs is buried at the Newkirk Cemetery with a military headstone inscribed Company C, 212th Pennsylvania Infantry.]

From the Republican News Journal, 4 April 1902

An Old Timer. [not an obit]

David Mitchell, father of John Mitchell owner of the 320 Acres 2½ miles east of this city celebrated his 101st birthday at his home at Burtonview Illinois, on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. This was a fitting birthday for the old gentleman, he having been born in 1801. He emigrated to this country in 1847 and worked on the Erie Canal. Mr. Mitchell is a hale and hearty centurion. His father lived to be 103.

From the Republican News Journal, 11 April 1902

Mrs. Sybil Muchmore, wife of Albert Muchmore, died suddenly at their home in Blackwell, O. T Sunday, March 31.

Charles J. Axtel, a prominent and prosperous young farmer living west of Blackwell died Monday morning from the effects of eating too many Easter eggs. Sunday he had company for dinner and Wm. Ferris and he engaged in an egg eating contest. Axtel ate fourteen and Ferris twelve. That night Axtel was taken seriously ill and gradually grew worse until this morning when he died. Mr. Ferris has been very sick, but is now on the road to recovery. Axtel was 25 years of age and came here sixteen months ago from Denver, locating on a good farm, which he purchased. He leaves a wife and baby.

From the Republican News Journal, 18 April 1902

Word comes from Eddy that **George H. Coulson**, a prominent farmer, living in that vicinity, committed suicide Friday by hanging. The dead body was found hanging from a tree in the orchard about 6 o'clock the same evening though it is not known how long it had hung there. A rope was drawn tight around his neck, and the aged man's neck was broken in two places. Coulson was 62 years of age.

[Poems written to honor the memory of **Dugold Carmichael** who died December 4, 1900, also, for Donald Carmichael who died April 5th, 1891, aged 14 years 6 mos., and 5 days, both written by Hugh A. Mclean, are published in this edition of the Republican News Journal.]

From the Republican News Journal, 30 May 1902

Elisha Whitehead aged 22 years, died Friday night at the home of his father, J. T Whitehead, northwest of this city. The deceased lived between Peckham and Newkirk, but his wife was visiting in the new country, and during her absence he was staying at the home of his father, where he was taken fatally sick with fever. His brother is also dangerously ill with the same disease. Elisha Whitehead married Ella Millender about a year ago. [Reprinted from the *Blackwell News*.]

[Elisha was born in August 1878, and died 23 May 1902.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 13 June 1902

George Love Dead.

Last Tuesday at 4:30, **Geo. B. Love** died at his home two miles east of Kildare. Last winter he suffered from a severe attack of the grip and it left him with the quick consumption. He has been sick for several weeks and he had his relatives realized that the end was near. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at the home with burial in the Newkirk cemetery.

George B. Love was born in Illinois on October 12, 1860. In 1885 he located in Arkansas City and in 1890 was married to Miss Laura Gould.

He was well known to the people of this city and was a man who made a friend of everyone. He had charge of the Y. M. C. A. for several years and was one of the most popular young men of the city.

When the Cherokee Strip was opened to settlement, he secured a fine claim east of Kildare. This he has improved until it is one of the most valuable in Kay County,

For the past three years he has been a consistent member of the Methodist Church and has been one of the foremost workers in the Kildare church.

He leaves a wife and three children, two girls, aged 10 and 5 years, and a son aged 8 years. Two other children were born to Mr. and Mrs., Love but died in infancy. He also leaves five brothers and two sisters, J. Mack Love of this city, Dr. J. D. Love of Geuda Springs, Will Love of Joy Ill., Frank and Hayes Love of Arkansas City, and Mrs. Ella Colville and Mrs. Mary Dodd of Newkirk. All were present at the funeral except Will. –

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Mr. Love was chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee of this county.

From the Republican News Journal, 20 June 1902

On Thursday, June 12, there was a sad occurrence here which resulted in the death of two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick **Leigh** from a stroke of lightning, which also killed two horses. Mrs. Leigh, with the little girls went to the harvest field to see the work progressing and there was a slight cloud appeared and work was stopped to see if there was to be a storm. While the teams were standing the little girls were sitting on one of the horses and the mother was holding the bridle when the fatal bolt fell. Mrs. Leigh was shocked and injured, but is likely to recover. **Vinieta** was 11 years old and a very intelligent child. She had talked with her mother the past few weeks in a manner which displayed remarkable thoughtfulness for one of her age, and it seemed that she was studying to become a comfort and help to her parents. **Zola** was a babe of three years, a dear loving child and the joy of the home. Both children were the sunshine of the whole neighborhood, loved by all. [Story from the *Ponca City Courier*.]

[Note: The article in the *Courier* gave the name of the Family as Patrick **Lay** rather than the using the name Leigh used in the Newkirk paper. The event happened about three miles east of the Otoe Agency that is about 15 miles southeast of Ponca City. The bodies were removed to a funeral home in Ponca City, but a burial place was not named.]

From the Republican News Journal, 27 June 1902

Obituary.

A long useful and Christian life has ended. **Mrs. Elizabeth Feagins**, the beloved wife of Daniel Feagins, a soldier of the 3rd Iowa cavalry, passed away Tuesday night, June 24 at her residence in this city, from disability due to the fall she received last May, from the shock of which she failed, by reason of weakness of age, to rally. Mrs. Feagins was a type of pioneer motherhood. Her sturdy sons and daughters will always revere her memory. She was the mother of eight children, six of whom are living. They are J. W. Feagins, William F. Feagins, Jesse C. Feagins and Thomas J Feagins, Mrs. Mary Etta Ammons, of Wayne County, Iowa, and Mrs. Emma Bannister of Lincoln County, Oklahoma. D. T. Feagins and Mrs. Elvira Christy are deceased,

Mrs. Feagins was born in Fayette County, Ohio, and moved to Iowa in 1848, thence to Kansas in 1877, and

there remained until March, 1902, when she moved to Newkirk and took up her residence here to be near her stalwart sons, who affectionately and tenderly cared for her day after day until she passed away. We cannot to highly commend the long and useful life that has ceased. The memory of this splendid mother will long linger in the love and affection of her sons, daughters and descendants.

The funeral occurred at the residence on east 4th street. She was buried the Mercer graveyard in Cowley County, Kansas. Rev. Roberson, of the Christian Church conducted the services.

Billy Morgan Dead.

William J. Morgan, one of the most noted characters of this city, after the opening is dead. He came here in 1893 and was connected with several questionable enterprises for years. Finally the town became to civilized for him and when the new country opened last fall he went to Hobart, where he was elected to membership in the city council. In a saloon row there, four months ago, he was shot in the hip and blood poisoning set in the wound causing his death in a hospital at Wichita.

The doctors told Morgan they would have to amputate his leg and that he had small chance of recovering. He took the chance and called for a priest who comforted him all that he could. Morgan was put under the influence of chloroform and in a few minutes afterward was dead.

Five years ago the dead body of a stranger was found in a straw stack near Arkansas City and the Coroner's jury returned a verdict charging Morgan and others with the killing. There was never any positive evidence of his guilt and he was never prosecuted. He was 48 years of age,

Obituary.

Died, **Charles Venice Eaton**, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Eaton, aged one year, one month and three days. Little Charles had been a constant sufferer the past nine weeks. Although four different doctors were employed, his stay on earth could not be prolonged. The grief stricken parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

From the Democrat-Herald, 27 June 1902

Obituary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Feagins, mother of Jesse Feagins, died at her home in this city last Wednesday morning. Elizabeth Feagins was born July 28, 1821 in Fayette County, Ohio, and was married to Daniel Feagins of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry at Bloomfield, Iowa.

She moved to Cowley County, Kansas, twenty-four years ago, where she resided until last March when she moved to this city.

She was the mother of eight children, seven of whom are living; Willis Feagins, Osage country; D. F. Feagins, dead; Wm. T. Feagins Kay County; Elizabeth E. Bannister, Lincoln County; Elvira Christy, dead; Mary E. Ammons, Wayne County, Iowa; T. J. Feagins, Kildare; and J. C. Feagins, Newkirk,

Funeral services were held at her home in this city at 1 o'clock Wednesday. She was buried at 3 o'clock Wednesday in Bolton Cemetery, Cowley County, Kansas.

James Howell, one of Newkirk's pioneer residents, died at his home in this city last Sunday Morning of dropsy. Funeral services held Monday afternoon. Mr. Howell was born in Lyon County, Kansas, Feb. 26, 1859 and died June 22, 1902. He was married to Miss Latcham, of Independence, Kansas, April 7, 1890. He had many friends in this city who join with the Democrat-Herald in extending sympathy to his bereaved wife.

From the Republican News Journal, 4 July 1902

[In this edition there is another obituary of **Mrs. Elizabeth Feagins** with only slightly different information than the one previously published in the June 27, 1902 newspaper. In this obit it was noted that Mrs. Feagins was born on July 28, 1825. Also noted were places of residence of her children. J. W. Feagins resided at Ponca City, W. T. and Jesse Feagins at Newkirk, Thomas J. Feagins at Kildare, Mrs. Emma Bannister at Chandler, O. T., and Mrs. Mary Ammons was of Wayne County, Iowa.]

From the Republican News Journal, 22 August 1902

Obituary.

After a lingering illness from typhoid fever **Mr. Thomas Waldron**, a popular barber of this city, succumbed to the inevitable and passed to the beyond Saturday morning at three o'clock. He leaves a widow, the daughter of Mr. H. D. Brooks. Tom was an excellent tonsorial artist and did a good business. When the new country opened he went to Hobart where he was unsuccessful in business, and it is believed returned to this city with the germs of the disease in his system which caused his death. Soon after his return, his infant boy baby sickened and died. Kind friends did all in their power to assist in the sad hour of bereavement. Tom was ever a genial spirit and he will be missed in a large circle of friends. The funeral took place Sunday at 2

o'clock,

Death of Dr. Francis Phillips.

Dr., F. M. Phillips, brother of Dr. W. A. Phillips died a Kildare, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, after a lingering illness from consumption. He was a talented young man, a son of Ex-congressman Phillips of Kansas. After retiring from the navy where he held an important position he took up his residence a Kildare to practice medicine. He had a severe attack of fever in the Philippine's and never fully recovered. The funeral occurred Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

From the Republican News Journal, 5 September 1902

Died. Richard Wooley, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Alford Wooley, at their home 3 miles east of Kildare, Okla. August 27, 1902. Little Richard was greatly loved by all who knew him, and his sudden death came as a great shock to the whole community.

The writer has been entertained in the Wooley home and takes great pleasure in saying little Richard was one of the brightest sweet faced baby boys she ever met. The funeral services were held in the M. E. Church, August the 28th at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. L. Nuckolls, pastor. A large number of sympathizing friends and neighbors were in attendance and followed the body to its last resting place

The bereaved parents relatives and friends have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

[Note: *Cemetery Inscriptions Kay County, Oklahoma* lists the family's name as Woolsey rather than Wooley. Richard was born July 25, 1900, and is buried at Newkirk Cemetery.]

From the Republican News Journal, 10 October 1902

The Ponca Shooting. [Reprinted from the *Ponca City Courier*.]

At about half past 10 o'clock this morning City marshal Brown was called to the Wat Patterson livery barn on Central Avenue, to arrest "Skinny" Branine, who was creating a disturbance. The officer attempted to persuade the young man to cease his noisy demonstrations but was met with abuse and threats. The marshal then took him in charge and started with him toward the city jail. When at the street corner south of the jail Sharp came up behind him and began shooting at him with a revolver. Sharp was at that time within 100 feet of the officer. The marshal released his prisoner and started after Sharp, who dodged behind a telephone pole and fired again, and then started to run. The marshal chased him to Fourth Street where he fell. Sharp had fired five or six shots at the officer none of which took

effect, and the officer had fired three or four shots, one of which entered Sharp's left breast just above the heart, and came out through the left shoulder blade. **Sharp** was apparently as dead as a man could be when he was loaded into a wagon and taken to Dr. Murray's office. Later he revived somewhat and was able to say that his mother lived in Kansas City, Mo. He is alive at the time we go to press at 3'oclock this evening, but seems very near the end.

[Note: There seems to be no report regarding the death (or recovery) of Mr. Sharp.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 11 October 1902

Chris Farrell, a butcher from Ponca, who was laying out a fin in the county jail, died suddenly Tuesday night. It is said that he was a great sufferer from rheumatism, which probably had something to do with his sudden death. He was a single man of [film damaged, but it appears to read "about 35"] years. The body was removed from the jail to the Undertaking establishment of G. Alberti.

[For additional information check news article in 15 October 1902 edition of the *Ponca City Courier*, also, in *Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Oklahoma Pioneers Extracted from Ponca City Newspapers* by Loyd M. Bishop]

From the Republican News Journal, 24 October 1902

Mrs. G. E. Rees, who has been lying at the point of death for the past four weeks, passed quietly away Wednesday afternoon. Her remains were conveyed to the Lawn Grove Cemetery southeast of Newkirk, Thursday, where they were laid to rest to await the judgment day. [Reprinted from the *Peckham Leader*.]

[Note: The cemetery referred to in this funeral notice is probably Oak Grove, but could be Wolf Creek, or Longwood.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 31 October 1902

Mrs. A. Rudolph, mother of Mrs. O. I. Booth, died at the home of her daughter in the east part of the city. The remains were laid to rest in the Jenkins Cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

From the Republican News Journal, 21 Nov. 1902

Mrs. Hattie A. Norris.

Mrs. Hattie A. Norris, wife of Lyman Norris, after a protracted illness died at her home southwest of the city, on Saturday morning last, at about seven o'clock. Mrs. Norris' maiden name was Barnes, and she was a native

of McClain Co. Ill. At the age of six she removed with her parents to California, and afterwards to Oxford, Kansas. She was married to Lyman Norris, Dec 9, 1891. Mrs. Norris had many friends, her quiet kindly disposition commending her to all. She was a consistent Christian woman a member of the Presbyterian Church of this city. The funeral services were held from the church and was largely attended, many friends coming from a distance to pay the last honors to the dead. The services were remarkably solemn and Impressive and the floral offerings and decorations were profuse. The sympathy of many friends is attended to the bereaved husband and the little son and daughter.

H. L. Moore, Pastor.

From the Republican News Journal, 21 Nov. 1902

Bad Accident.

The neighbors and friend of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. **Sims** will be sad to hear of the sudden death of their little son **Delbert**. The sad accident occurred Friday, the 14. Mrs. Sims, in company with her two little children was on her way to Kansas to make a visit, and while in Arkansas City waiting for a train, went to Dr. Guinn's office for some medicine. While there little Delbert, in some unknown way, got hold of a bottle of morphine tablets. In just five hours, the little fellow breathed his last. Two doctors did all that mortal hand could do to save his life but it was to no avail. Mr. Sims arrived about ten minutes before the little life went out,

Kind Friends assisted the sorrowing parents and laid the dear little one, who had been such a joy and hope, to rest in the Gueda Sprints Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

From the Republican News Journal, 21 Nov. 1902

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our thanks to those, who so kindly assisted during the long illness and at the death of our loved wife and mother

L. M. Norris and Family.

From the Republican News Journal, 28 Nov. 1902

Boy fatally shot.

A shooting accident happened Sunday at 2 p.m. Near Nardin. The victim was about 16 years old, named **Charley Paul**, and the boy who did the shooting was named Stratton, and is about 13 years old. The boys started to go hunting and stopped at the house of a man named Englehart, who is a brother-in-law of the boy who was shot. The two were standing in Englehart's yard, the smaller one holding the gun, when it was discharged, and no one knows how exactly, the contents entering Young Paul's body just under the heart making

a hole as large as a hen's egg. The fatally wounded boy stated to walk home, but had gone only about twenty rods when he fell, exhausted from loss of blood. He was placed on a door and carried back to Englehart's house. It is reported that he said to the boy who shot him; "You couldn't help it."

[Charles F. Paul, b. 27 January 1887, d. 23 November 1902, buried at Mr. Olive Cemetery, Nardin, Oklahoma.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 12 December 1902

T. Gabriel Dead.

The announcement that **T. Gabriel** one of Newkirk's old and respected Citizens was dead came as a shock to his many friends last Tuesday morning. He retired Monday evening in his usual good health and when he was called in the morning by his wife, and he made no reply, it was discovered that he was dead. A physician was immediately summoned who found that he must have passed away some time during the early morning hours with heart failure. The deceased was one of our pioneer residents and a retired merchant. All the children and relatives from a distance were here to attend the funeral services which took place yesterday afternoon at the home of the deceased. The *Democrat-Herald* extends its sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

From the Democrat-Herald, 26 December 1902

Dr. C. W. Hedges Dead.

The death of **Dr. C. W. Hedges** at his home in this city on North Maple Avenue, occurred last Sunday evening a 7:20 after a short illness,

The deceased was taken ill about two weeks ago with appendicitis and attending physicians agreeing that an operation was necessary, Dr. Teller of Arkansas City was called to perform the operation. It is claimed that the operation was very skillfully performed but the case was to far advanced and the patient slowly passed away. Dr. Hedges took a deep interest in his own case and toward the last, although he knew he could not recover, he would tell how he felt and was anxious that an examination be made to ascertain whether he had diagnosed his case correctly.

Dr. Hedges was 26 years of age, had been married nearly a year, and leaves a wife and child. He located in this city about 18 months ago and at the time of his death was the county physician.

The remains was taken to his old home in Urbana, Ill., last Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Hedges, parents of the deceased, Mrs. Dr. Hedges and baby, and C. F. McCaffrey accompanied the remains.

The *Democrat-Herald* extends its sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

From Republican News Journal, 26 December 1902

Mrs. Dodd's Death.

Death comes to all and in his own way. This imperious master beckons us hence when he will and how he will. None may choose the time nor method of his departure to the spirit world. Suffice it that one has lived a perfect life when forever blossoms in the memories of those left behind. Such was the beautiful life of **Mary Dove Dodd**.

The circumstance of Mrs. Dodd's death were of the saddest character heart-breaking in their nature to her husband and aged parents and her dear brothers and sisters. She had been accustomed to horses all her life, and her husband, Mr. Ed. Dodd, arranged on Saturday to stay at home and look after the baby and farm while she went to town to do some necessary shopping. On her way home the wheel of the buggy became entangled with a wire and she drove into Mr. Sheets' place to have it removed. She left there on her way home. Not arriving, her husband became alarmed about the dusk and set out to search for her. Her hat was found by the roadside, whereupon a thorough search was instituted, resulting in finding her mangled body dragged by the buggy behind the barn. A place in the road showed the scattered imprints of the horse's hoofs, and the fact that her head showed a horrible contusion, with all the hairpins broken, leads to but one conclusion and that is she must have been kicked in the head and rendered instantly unconscious, sinking limply down and her hair catching in the buggy wheel.

The deceased was a sister of J. Mack Dove of Arkansas City and Mrs. Colville. She leaves a husband and babe and her aged parents to mourn her death. They have the sympathy of the entire community.

Death is a harsh reaper, cutting ruthlessly the flowers that grow to make earth a paradise along with the tares and weeds. The ways of Providence are hidden. Let no one question the wisdom of the mystery of life and death.

[Note: There is another account of this accident in the *Ponca City Courier* of 23 December 1902, as well as in the December 26, 1902 edition of the *Newkirk Democrat-Herald*.]

The Death of Dr. Hedges.

In the death of **Dr. Charles W. Hedges** which occurred Sunday night about seven o'clock our city loses one of its brightest citizens. Genial and well educated, lately out of college, Dr. Hedges came to Newkirk about

two years ago and settled down to the practice of his profession. He enjoyed a considerable measure of success, so much so, that he resolved to make it his permanent home and after his marriage, which occurred in little over a year since to one of Nashville's best young ladies, he took up his residence in the north part of the city and settled down to the rugged duties of life. A few months ago a baby was born, elating the young physician, and spurring him on to renewed effort,

About two weeks ago, the doctor incurred appendicitis. It was thought an operation was unnecessary and the same was deferred until his parents from Urbana, Illinois, should arrive. The operation revealed the fact that the intestine had been eaten, a dangerous symptom. The doctor carried \$1,000 in the Woodman, \$1,000 in the Equitable, \$1,000 in the Franklin. The body was shipped to Urbana Monday morning for burial. The widow will go to her mother to recover from the awful shock of her husband's death.

From Republican News Journal, 26 December 1902

Sunday morning Mrs. L. M. McKinlay received word that her father, **Rev. S. Knickerbocker**, was worse and she left on the evening train for Cedar Falls, Iowa. He has been sick for several weeks. Rev. Knickerbocker and wife spent the winter here two years ago, and will be remembered by a number of friends.

From the Republican News Journal, 16 January 1903

In Memoriam.

David F Clarke died at the age of 17 years Sunday January 11 at 4:25 a. m. Mr. Clarke was a brother of Mrs. Dr. Hamblin, and came here a short time ago. From his home in Wichita, lacking health. He was born in Lima, Illinois and leaves a widow, brother and sister to mourn his loss. Mr. Clarke was greatly respected at his home in Wichita and his remains were taken there on Monday for interment.

From the Republican News Journal, 23 January 1903

[Note: A lengthy tribute to **Rev. Smith Knickerbocker**, reprinted from the *Cedar Falls (Iowa) Gazette*, of January 13, 1903, appears in this edition of the *Republican News Journal*. Included here in this account is content of genealogical importance.]

Dr. Smith Knickerbocker died at his home in this city [Cedar Falls, Iowa] last Saturday morning [10 January 1903] at o'clock, after a lingering sickness of eleven weeks.

Smith Knickerbocker was born near Rochester, New York, July 8, 1833. At the age of seventeen he came to

Delaware County, Iowa. In 1852 he was married to Anna Vera Tubbs at Delhi. The children of this marriage were George E., Chauncy W., and Jennie. The mother died in 1864. In 1865 he was married to Susanna Emerson of Forrestville, and five children were born of this marriage. The mother died February 19, 1894. He was married June 21, 1894 to Eliza Helen Bancroft who was a most faithful and loving wife in his declining years, and survives him, and with his children a witness to his triumphant death.

Rev. Knickerbocker is survived by a brother, Hon. Frank Knickerbocker of Savannah, Mo., and a sister in Michigan. The living children are D. C. W. Knickerbocker of Tulsa, I. T., Mrs. Jennie McKinlay, Newkirk, Okla., Frank and William of Chicago, Mrs. Florence Mattison of Beloit, Wis., Mrs. Edith Kellogg of Charles City and Garfield of Kansas City.

From the Republican News Journal, 4 February 1903

Obituary.

Mrs. Margaret Shirley died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Admire, of Newkirk, Monday, January 19, 1903, aged 63 years, 4 months and 9 days. Her death was caused by la grippe. She was converted and united with the church when a young woman, she leaves four children to mourn her loss, all but one of whom were present at the funeral.

The funeral service was held at the home, Thursday, Jan. 22 and on Friday the remains were taken to Olathe, Kansas, where she was laid to rest.

A. R. Grant, Pastor of M. E. Church.

From the Republican News Journal, 6 March 1903

Obituary.

The sad angel death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bright, Monday morning, March 2, and took from them their infant son **Arthur Henry Bright**. Aged 5 months and 18 days. The parents have the sympathy of all in the hour of their bereavement and mourning. The little babe has departed but lives in the hearts and memory of those who remain. The funeral occurred Tuesday at 2 o'clock from the residence.

Obituary.

Mrs. Charity Ellen Mathis was born in Ohio, April 2, 1851, and died at her home in this city February 19, 1903. She was married to James K. Mathis in Ohio, October 6, 1867, which union was blessed of God with two children, both of whom, Mrs. J. S. Thomas and R. W. Mathis, reside in Newkirk.

Mrs. Mathis was converted and joined the Baptist

church when a young woman and later united with the Methodist church of which she was a member until death, though her illness for the last ten years has prevented her attendance upon the public service.

She was a loving mother a devoted wife and a kind neighbor. She leaves a husband, two children, and many warm friends to mourn her loss.

The funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. A. R. Grant, Pastor M. E. church and the remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery February 20.

From the Republican News Journal, 13 March 1903

Dave Brogan, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brogan of Braman died Monday morning March 2, having drank some sulfuric acid the night before, that had been left in an adjoining room by the creamery company. Little Dave had just recovered from a protracted sickness.

Miss Lula May Reece, daughter of Cyrus Reece, deputy county clerk, died at the home of her parents in Blackwell, Sunday morning Miss Reece had been suffering from Bright's disease of the kidneys for a long time, and all that was possible was done for her. She was sixteen years old, with a gentle, lovable spirit. [Buried at Blackwell IOOF, Lula was born 16 May 1886, and died 8 March 1903.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 13 March 1903

Died.

Miss Lula May Reece, daughter of Cyrus Reese, deputy county clerk, died at the home of her parents on East Padon Avenue, Sunday morning at about seven o'clock. Miss Reece had been suffering from Bright's disease of the kidneys for a long time, and all that was possible as done for her, but without avail. Dr. Aud had attended her during the recent days of her illness, with the hope of relieving her pain, until death should come to release her. Sunday morning an unexpected heart complication brought the end sooner than it was expected. Lula Reese was sixteen years old, with a gentle, lovable spirit, patient through all the long weary painful days of suffering and when death finally closed her eyes in that long, long sleep, and her sweet spirit winned its flight through the trackless fields of space to that beautiful beyond. It left many weary aching hearts here upon earth that will mourn for her. — *Blackwell News*.

C. C. Hunt a farmer of Longwood Township drowned in Turkey Creek. The heavy rain in the early

part of the evening had caused the creek to rise and overflow its banks. Mr. Hunt went out to his pens on the bank of the creek to look after his hogs. It is supposed that while he was trying to save the hogs from the water which was rising into the pens he fell into the creek and was drowned. The body was recovered from the creek this morning. Coroner Morey was notified later in the day and will probably hold an inquest. Hunt was a man of about 55 years of age and lived with his wife, who is an invalid on their farm in Longwood Township. They had one child, a grown daughter, who was not at home at the time of the accident

From the Democrat-Herald, 16 March 1903

The **Infant child** of Arthur **Bright**, after a prolonged sickness, died on Last Monday morning. The funeral was held from the residence, and was conducted by H. J. Moore pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Large numbers of sympathizing friends were in attendance.

From the Democrat-Herald, 27 March 1903

Obituary.

Roy Edmond Little son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Little of this city, died March 23, 1903 from the effects of a burn received the day before while playing with matches. He was 3 years 1 month and 3 days old. The funeral was held at the home of his parents Tuesday March 24, by Rev. A. R. Grant. The friends and neighbors extend their heartfelt sympathy to the parents in their sad bereavement.

Beulah Orene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. **Gilleland**, born at 2 o'clock p.m. died 11 p.m. of March 22. The body was taken to Winfield Monday for burial.

From the Republican News Journal, 27 March 1903

Obituary.

Mrs. Magdeline Mathis, aged 80 years, the widow of John Mathis, died last Wednesday March 18 at 10 o'clock a.m., at the beautiful residence of her son, Albert Mathis just south of the city. Mrs. Mathis was a type of perfect womanhood and was the mother of ten children all of whom are living. Eighteen years ago she became a widow and remained true to the memory of her deceased husband and partner in the joys and sorrows of life. She was a consistent Christian lady, having been a member of the German Lutheran Church. She was born in Alsace, when that beautiful province had not been wrested from France by the German Empire. Mrs. Mathis was a perfect mother and her memory will linger through life in the hearts of her children. It is of such the fitting words were spoken, "Well done thou good and

faithful servant.”

The deceased had lately returned from California and was shortly to visit Illinois. Her demise was due to age and she passed peacefully to the beyond surrounded by those of her children who reside in this county. Her body was taken to Yorktown, Illinois, accompanied by her sons, Emil and Jacob, where it was laid tenderly to rest in Yorktown Cemetery by the side of her late husband. What splendid monument is such perfect womanhood and motherhood.

Died. Roy Little, the three-year-old son of R. E. Little, of his city, was boy burned Saturday afternoon. His mother had gone for some water, leaving him alone in the house. On her return she found him wrapped in flames. Instantly she dashed the water over him and extinguished the flames. The injured boy says he climbed upon a chair and got some matches. He was striking them and one burned his finger causing him to drop it in his lap and his clothing caught fire. He was severely burned, and the sufferings of the little boy ended with his death Monday night. It was a sad blow to his parents who have the sympathy of the community.

Obituary.

Roy Edmond Little, son of Mr. and Mrs., Robert E. Little of this city, died March 23, 1903, from the effects of a burn received the day before, while playing with matches. He was 2 years, 1 mo., and 3 days old. The funeral was held at the home of his parents at 4 o'clock Tuesday March 24 by Rev. A. R. Grant.

The friends and neighbors extend their heartfelt sympathy to the parents in their sad bereavement. [Buried at Newkirk Cemetery, Roy was born 20 February 1900.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 10 April 1903

Mrs. Nellie Alford, wife of W. W. Alford, died at her home in Dale Township, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Funeral services at the home Wednesday, Rev. Garrett officiating

From the Democrat-Herald, 17 April 1903

Obituary.

In loving Memory of **Mrs. Nellie Alford**, wife of W. W. Alford, who departed this life April 7th 1903 after a few days illness with measles, aged 40 years and 22 days. She leaves a husband, two sons and one sister, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Truly we can say this neighborhood has lost a true Christian friend. She united with the Methodist Church early in life. The funeral services were conducted at the house 7 miles northeast

of Newkirk by Rev. E. E. Garrett. The degree of honor A. O. U. W. Lodge, of which she was a member, performed the last sad rites to the Newkirk Cemetery where she was tenderly laid to rest. May he who is able to bind up broken hearts comfort this grief stricken family, and may they so live that when the summons comes to them they may meet their loved one in an unbroken circle, where family ties no more are broken around the great white throne of God.

From the Republican News Journal, 24 April 1903

Obituary.

Reuben A. Booton died at his home seven miles northeast of Newkirk, Thursday, April 9, 1903, aged 42 years. Death was due to a complication of diseases. The funeral occurred Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Mount Zion Church, Rev Ward of Arkansas City officiating, interment in Mercer cemetery. A large concourse of sorrowing friends followed the remains to their final resting place.

R. A. Booton was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, the 23 day of October 1860, remaining there until the year 1883, at which time in company with his brother Joseph, he came west, arriving at Arkansas October 3, 1883. He remained there during the winter, his father following the next spring, arriving at Arkansas City, he and his brother Joseph cultivating the farm until the year 1888, at which time her sold out his interest and conducted a dairy 11 miles west of Arkansas City, following that occupation some five or six years. During which time he became united in marriage to Miss Lottie Davenport. To said union two children were born, Verna and Georgia, they and his wife surviving him. In earl life he united with the M. E. Church South, at Mr. Zion, Greenup County, Ky., taking his letter from said organization and depositing it in the M. E. Church at Arkansas City, Kansas.

From the Republican News Journal, 1 May 1903

In Memory.

Last Saturday evening, **P W, Smith**, president of the First National Bank returned from Sulphur Springs, Ohio where he had been to the deathbed of his father. The local newspaper has the following to say:

“Alexander Smith, of Sandusky Township, died Wednesday night of infirmities incidental to old age. The funeral services were held at his late home Friday at 10 o'clock, Rev. Chas. H. McCaslin officiating, interment in the Sandusky Township graveyard.

“Mr. Smith was born in Washington County,

Pennsylvania, June 2, 1821 and was a son of Joseph S. and Jane (Hogan) Smith. The deceased came to Crawford County with his parents in the fall of 1825 and settled on the farm where he died. He received his educational advantages in the old pioneer log schoolhouse, with its puncheon floor, slab benches and greased paper windows.

“In 1843 after his marriage he erected a log cabin on a portion of his father’s farm, which he operated on the shares thus continuing for about five years. In the meantime, however the farm had been divided and on the expiration of the five years he purchased the interests of the other heirs and thus became the possessor of the entire homestead.

“In 1857, he erected his present substantial frame residence and his farm is considered one of the most valuable places in Crawford County. For the past twenty-five years he had lived retired, in the enjoyment of a well earned rest, the result of unfaltering energy, wise judgment and business ability.

“The year 1843 witnessed the marriage of Mr. Smith and Miss Nancy J Dix, a native of Columbiana county, Ohio. This union was blessed with seven children, four of whom still survive, namely; Joseph M. a resident of Crawford County; Porter W. of Oklahoma; Alexander, who operates the home farm; and Martha J. wife of Oliver McKeehen of Sandusky Township. The wife and mother passed away in death August 14, 1887 at the age of sixty-five years.

“For the past fifty-nine years Mr. Smith has been an active and zealous member of the Presbyterian Church, and during all that time has served as an elder therein, much of the time also acting as a trustee. The family has the sympathy of a host of friends in their sad bereavement.”

P. W. Smith reached the bedside of his father just a few hours before he passed away, and in time to be recognized and hear his father’s voice once more before death stilled it for this world.

Mr. Smith is an old settler of southern Kansas and of the county, but the 78 years his father passed in one home makes the 32 years since southern Kansas was settle seem a short span. But life cannot be to long no can death cause any regrets when we know the character of the deceased, dying in the assurance of the Christian faith.

The deceased was quite wealthy and remembered his Newkirk son in his will.

From the Democrat-Herald, 29 May 1903

Died – At his home on Saturday night, **John Russell**, aged 77 years, 4 months, 19 days. Deceased was one of the old pioneers of the west moving from Durham County Canada to Illinois in 1857, to Sumner County, Kansas in 1872 where he resided until 1889. Since that time he has made his home with his son, S. I. Russell one of Kay County’s first settlers living one and one-half miles west of Middleton. The deceased had been a member of the Advent church for the past thirty years. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church on Monday at one o’clock, Mr. Williams of Sumner County officiating. Interment was in the Newkirk Cemetery. Mr. Russell leaves an aged wife and one son to mourn his loss. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in this their hour of affliction.

Mrs. **Sarah Earhart** departed this life Monday evening, May 25th aged 83 years. The body was shipped to her former home Unionville, Mo.

The **infant son** of Mr. and Mrs. Allen **Funk** of this city, died last Friday at 4 p.m. Funeral services at the residence Saturday at 10 a.m., conducted by Rev. F. D. Wharton, pastor of the Christian Church. [Charles Funk, aged 3 months.]

Accidental Shooting.

Near the east end of the Santa Fe Lake on their new road to Kaw City, was the scene of a fatal accident last Monday. The accomotion [sic] train which leaves here for Kaw City at noon was delayed at the lake by one of the car leaving the track. While the trainmen were trying to get it back on the rails, two passengers, **J. L. Stevenson** and a Mr. Barnes, left the coach and sat down on the bank of the lake at the foot of the railroad bed. At this point some of the passengers sighted some ducks on the water and asked the express messenger, Scott Wetmore of this city, to get his gun and take a shot at them. Mr. Wetmore went to his desk and got the gun, a .38 Smith and Wesson, and as he approached the car door, the revolver from some unaccountable cause exploded, the bullet striking Mr. Stevenson in the back passing through his heart, killing him instantly. The body was brought to this city and the coroner notified, who decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The home of the deceased was Wichita where the remains were shipped Tuesday for burial. It is reported that Mr. Stevenson carried \$9,000 of life insurance.

The Wichita Beacon in writing of the deceased in part says, “Mr. Stevenson left here yesterday morning on business in connection with the business of C. W.

Southward, his brother-in-law, and a peculiar fact about it all is that he seemed to have a feeling that all was not right; that something was going to happen. He had been in a wreck near Anthony recently and laughed his feeling off, dismissing it from his mind as coming from that experience.

John L. Stevenson was a brother of Mrs. C. W. Southward. He was a Kentuckian by birth, and came to this city from New York City about five years ago. Since coming to Wichita, he has been identified continuously with the business of his brother-in-law, who trusted him with the details of the business, and who recognized his splendid business qualities to such an extent that he often left the management of the concern to him while he himself was out of the city, sometimes for weeks at a time." Mr. Stevenson leaves a wife and an 8 year-old son to survive him. The wife is nearly prostrated by the blow which fell so unexpectedly and which deprived her of the companion, of a protector and life partner.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 29 May 1903

Accidental Killing.

A very sad accident occurred here yesterday by which **Mr. Stevens**, a Wichita traveling man, lost his life, and Scott Wetmore is left with the awful impression on his mind that he was the cause of his death,

The Kaw City train left the depot Monday on schedule time and when near the reservoir southeast of town one of the fright cars jumped the track. While the train crew were at work on the wreck Scott Wetmore, express messenger picked up a double action pistol from his desk in the express car to shoot at some ducks on the pond. Just as he was raising his gun it discharged, the ball striking Mr. Stevens who was sitting on a rock near the train with another passenger, killing him instantly. The body was brought to Newkirk and turned over to undertaker, C. J. Carlson. The deceased carried a \$5,000 accident policy, was a man of a family and universally well liked.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 5 June 1903

Obituary.

"**Uncle**" **Ben Smith** died suddenly at his residence on the east side on Monday afternoon. He was in his seventy-third year, and had been ailing for some time. The funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian Church by Rev. H. L. Moore. The G.A.R. attended in a body and took charge of the services at the cemetery.

Mr. Smith was well known in this community and had hosts of friends, as was evidenced by the large attendance at the funeral. He was an enthusiastic

member of the G.A.R. having served with honor in the Civil war. He was a member of Gen. Sickles' Brigade and participated in the battles of Bull Run, Antietam, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg. At the latter battle although excused by the surgeon he was in the thick of the fight and at the crisis when Gen. Sickles was wounded, helped to carry him from the field.

Mr. Smith was prominent in local politics, and at one time represented his ward on the Board of councilmen.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was regarded with universal kindness, and his sudden death was a distinct shock to the community.

O. F. Griswold, one of Ponca City's pioneer citizens and a frequent visitor to Newkirk, is reported to have died at his home in Ponca, Wednesday evening of heart failure.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 5 June 1903

Obituary.

"**Uncle**" **Ben Smith** died suddenly Monday noon of heart failure. The funeral, which was largely attended, occurred Wednesday afternoon from the Presbyterian Church, Rev. H L. Moore preaching the sermon. R. F. Smith was familiarly known to everyone, was 673 years old and past at his death. He was an old soldier, having served faithfully under General Sickles from July 1861 to July 1864 in Co. F 74th New York Volunteer Infantry. He was a sturdy character, and trudged manfully about selling milk up to the time of his death, having made his regular round the morning of his death. The G. A. R. took charge of the funeral arrangements. He leaves a widow, also, one son who lives at Joplin. [Note: in Cemetery Inscriptions book as G. F. Smith.]

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 19 June 1903

Died – Thursday, June 11th, **Karl Marx Farnsworth**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Farnsworth. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church Friday, and burial was made in Newkirk Cemetery.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 24 June 1903

HORRIBLE DEATH.

Felix Frazier found dead on the Santa Fe R. R. Last Friday morning, June 19th.

Felix Frazier was a man about 38 years of age, a painter by trade, and came to Newkirk about one year ago. He was a good mechanic and has been employed from time to time at good wages. He was a victim of strong drink and frequently got on protracted sprees. Thursday he had been drinking very hard and was last

seen alive about 9 o'clock Thursday evening in an intoxicated condition. The next seen of the unfortunate man is later told by the testimony of witnesses at the coroner's inquest at police headquarters Friday afternoon.

Deputy Sheriff M. T. Hale testified as follows: "I was notified to come down to the railroad track; that here had been a man cut up. I first came to the man's body, and a little further came to one of the lower limbs, a little farther on I found an arm. From all appearances the man didn't have his coat on when he was hit. From all appearances he must have been using the coat as a pillow. The coat was about three rails length from where he was hit.

Following is some of the testimony of Mrs. M. C. Moore at whose house the unfortunate man spent part of the day previous to his death.

"Frazier came to our house just about 11 o'clock. He stopped and said he wanted a drink. He said he was going to Ponca. Mr. Moore took the pail and went out to the well and drew a pail of water, and gave the man a drink. Mr. Moore was well acquainted with him, he talked with him and then Mr. Moore came back to me and said, "That man is as drunk as a lord." I told Mr. Moore that he was not able to walk to Ponca City. He came into the house and leaned up against the door and said to Mr. Moore, "I'm drunk." Mr. Moore said, "I see you're drunk," and then took him into the tent and told him to lay there until he got all right. He was at the tent from 11 o'clock until about 5 o'clock. When he left our house after 5 o'clock he said he was going home. I asked him if he was able to walk right and he said he was. During this time he had two bottles of whiskey in his pockets. After 5 o'clock was the time I saw him alive:"

Roy H. Hill, another witness, saw Frazier about 9 o'clock at Stanley's saloon. He testified, "I went to the saloon for a chunk of ice and just as I was coming out I heard a couple of fellows say, "We'll fix that son of a b---." I don't know who the parties were, and couldn't say as to whom they were addressing. Frazier didn't seem very drunk at that time. He spoke to me and all I heard him say was 'good evening.' That was about 9 o'clock. I know nothing further about his being on the track,"

There were other witnesses but nothing that would throw any further light as to the manner of Frazier's death."

The coroner's jury ruled the death was the result of being run over by the train.

No personal property of any kind was found on the body and no personal property belonging to him was found to exist.

Killed At Ponca.

From the findings of the coroner's jury, a murder was committed last week at Ponca City. The victim was **Ben McGaslin**, a member of the Otoe Tribe of Indians. Last Wednesday McGaslin had a check cashed at the bank, and that night he put up at a lodging house run by a Negro named Reeves. The next morning Reeves and his wife left for Topeka, Kansas leaving the place in charge of a man named Eddy.

Nothing more was heard of McGaslin until a boy by the name of Ben James discovered that the door of McGaslin's room was locked. He notified Eddy, who broke in the door and found McGaslin's body suspended by the neck to the bedpost by a common black handkerchief, with the feet and legs on the floor. Death had evidently occurred on Wednesday night, and as this was on Friday, the body was badly decomposed.

The coroner was notified and a jury impaneled, which after viewing the body, and hearing testimony returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death at the hands of unknown parties.

By order of the coroner the boy, Ben James, who worked at the Reeves place, was held as a witness and was taken to Newkirk to be held in jail in default of a bond, -- *Blackwell News*.

[There are more details on this murder in an article appearing in the *Ponca City Daily Courier* of 20 June 1903 which is available on microfilm or in *Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Oklahoma Pioneers Extracted From Ponca City Newspapers* by Loyd M. Bishop.]

Alec Frazier, a painter who has been in the town for the past year was run over and horribly mangled by a train last Thursday evening. The body was removed to the undertaker's rooms of G. Alberti. A coroner's inquest was held Friday morning. Effort was made to find his relatives but to no avail. The body was buried in Newkirk Cemetery Saturday.

A. J. Blackwell, one of most well known characters in Oklahoma, died at Chelsea, I. T., Friday last of heart disease. He was the founder of Blackwell in this county.

From the Republican News Journal, 3 July 1903

Herbert Denoya, aged 19 years, son of Frank Denoya died in Colorado Sunday morning, and the body will arrive here tonight. The body will arrive here tonight. The funeral will be held from the Catholic Church at 9 o'clock a.m. tomorrow. Herbert when to Colorado some months ago in the hope of benefiting his health, but the disease of which he died, consumption,

was too far advanced to yield to the beneficial effects of the change of climate. [Reprinted from the Ponca City Courier.]

John R. May this morning received a letter from Mrs. Blackwell, written from Chelsea, I. T., and dated June 22. The letter stated that **Mr. Blackwell** arose Friday morning, the 19th, at 5:30 o'clock and called the children to get up. He was standing by the bed dressing himself when he complained that his head hurt. As he raised his hands to his head, Mrs. Blackwell noticed that he was turning purple in the face. He said, "Mother, I am going to die." Mrs. Blackwell sprang up; and caught him in her arms and held him up with all her strength, but he sank slowly to the floor and expired at 6:30 o'clock. Five minutes before he died she said he was as happy as ever was. [Reprinted from the *Blackwell News*.]

Obituary.

Mrs. Sarah Earhart died at her home, corner of Second St. and Chestnut Ave., Newkirk, Okla., May 25th 1903, age 82 years, 11 months and 7 days.

Sarah, daughter of John and Mary Shotwell, was born June 18, 1820 on the Shotwell farm near Bethel, Clearmount County, Ohio, where she resided until her marriage with Hiram W Bodware, July 17, 1838. To them were given three children, Elizabeth H., Charlotte N., and Hiram W., Jr., in 1845 she was bereft of her husband. February 14, 1848 she was married to Benjamin Earhart, father of Henry H., Samuel J. and Martha J., by a former marriage. To this happy union three children were born, Mary E., Nancy L., and William S. March, 1854, Mr., Earhart and family left their old home in Ohio and settled on a farm near Unionville, Mo., where they resided with the exception of a few years until Mr. Earhart was called home to his savior, Sept 20, 1894.

Although each of her daughters desired her to share their home, Mrs. Earhart came west to be near her youngest son, and shared her home with her unmarried daughter. Mrs. Earhart was a faithful Christian for 66 years, having united with the Bethel Methodist Church when 17 years old. Of the nine children she raised to call her "blest," seven remain to mourn her loss with the many friends. She leaves one sister, Mrs., Lourend Riley of Bethel, Ohio, aged 78 years, the last of a family of eleven.

Services were held at her residence by Rev. A R. Grant, of the M. E. Church before shipment to Unionville, Mo., where she was buried by the side of her late husband Benjamin Earhart.

Although no one ever left her door hungry or cold,

her charity reached beyond food and raiment and was ever ready to raise an erring one.

From the Democrat-Herald, 10 July 1903

Mrs. Hawkins [Hatty], Wife of Attorney Hawkins and daughter of J. M. Haynes, died at her home in the Academy addition last Wednesday evening after a short illness. The funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian Church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. [5 July 1903 – 10 July 1903, buried at Newkirk Cemetery.]

From the Republican News Journal, 10 July 1903

In Memoriam,

On the first day June 1903, at his home in the city died **Benjamin F. Smith** who was born in Livingston County, State of New York on the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1831.

When the struggle for the preservation of the Union came, this man, actuated by a love for his country and the cause of human liberty, enlisted in a home regiment and during the long and trying period served his country faithfully and well and at the close of the war retired to private life with a record of which any soldier may well be proud.

Afterwards he removed to Illinois and at Bunker Hill in that state, on the 5th day of April, 1866, he and Miss Marie E MacGowan, in the Catholic Church of that City, were married, and through all the changes which afterwards came to him while living in Kansas and this Territory, this faithful wife and mother was ever devoted to his interests and faithful to the vows taken upon her at the marriage altar.

To this devoted couple one son alone was born, and upon him has fallen the mantle of his father, and those who know him fondly believe that he will lovingly protect the mother whom the father has left to his charge.

From the Democrat-Herald, 17 July 1903

Obituary.

The Presbyterian Church as filled to overflowing at the funeral services of **Mrs. O. E. Hawkins** who died at her home on the Academy addition on Wednesday of last week. The services were deeply impressive. Mrs. Hawkins, formerly Miss Hattie Haynes, has been prominently identified with the social life of our city, ever since coming to this place in 1894.

The deceased became the wife of O. E. Hawkins, a popular and rising young attorney, Nov 7th, 1900. She was a kind and dutiful daughter and sister, and took the place of mother to her younger brother and sisters, who mourn her loss. Her amiable disposition and hearty hospitality made her universally popular and her sudden

demise came as a distinct shock to the community. She was a member and faithful attendant of the Presbyterian Church. Few persons have more genuine friends than she possessed.

From the Democrat-Herald, 24 July 1903

Drowned in Lake.

Last Friday evening about five o'clock, **Hershel Clark** an employee at the Santa Fe depot in this city was drowned at the lake two miles southeast of here. Young Clark in company with Frank Mayne went to the lake to bathe. Both being good swimmers, they decided to swim the lake which is about 200 yards wide. When about half the distance across Clark either got cramps or became exhausted, probably the former, and called to Mayne for assistance. Mayne did everything possible to rescue his friend but finally became exhausted himself and was hardly able to reach the shore. Word was brought to the city by some lads who were also present, and men with boats, rafts, hooks, etc., went immediately to the scene.

After dragging the lake for some time it was decided to wait until morning and then use dynamite, which they did, with the result that the body was recovered at the first explosion. Mr. Herschel Clark was about 21 years old, came to this city last January from Quincy, Ill. He was a nephew of Dr. H. M. Hamblin with whom he has been staying. The funeral was held Saturday evening with interment at the Newkirk Cemetery,

From the Republican News Journal, 24 July 1903

Drowning of Herschel Clark.

Herschel Clark, and employee of the Wells, Fargo Express company and a nephew of Dr. Hamblin of this city where he made his home was drowned in the Santa Fe pond east of the city last Friday. Clark was about 20 years of age In company with Frank May and another friend he went swimming in the lake, which covers 100 acres of ground. The boys had been swimming a little while when Clark started across the lake. When he reached the middle, which is about 20 feet deep, he either became exhausted or was taken with a cramp and went down. His companions were unable to reach him in time to save him and immediately gave the alarm. Men with dragnets, hooks, and appliances went at once to the lake and tried to recover the body but their efforts were useless. The lake was dynamited and the body arose to the surface. Clark was an exemplary young man and his untimely death created a profound feeling of sorrow in the community. The funeral occurred Saturday at the Episcopal Church. Rev. Adams conducted the obsequies which were attended by

numerous citizens.

Card of Thanks.

We take this manner to express our sincere and heart felt thanks to the numerous friends and citizens who so faithfully rendered assistance in the securing the recovery of the body of our nephew, Herschel Clark. May god bless and reward them.

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamblin.

From the Republican News Journal, 7 August 1903

A tragedy occurred at Kaw City Tuesday night about 1 o'clock. Mrs. **Newton Ferris** shot and killed her husband who was drunk and abusive and Mrs. Ferris says attacked her with a knife. Two shots took effect. Not much sympathy is expressed for the deceased. He was formerly a deputy United States marshal at Guthrie. About a year ago he inherited some money and since then has spent most of his time around the saloons. Mrs. Ferris is a sister of Mrs. Hank Paris of this city.

From the Democrat-Herald, 7 August 1903

Word was received from Kaw City Tuesday of a shooting affray that took place in that city Monday night. The participants in the affair were wife and husband. Mrs. Emma Farris shooting her husband, **Newton Farris**, three times, one shot in the right breast, one in the left hand, and the other in the abdomen. From current rumors the shooting was done in self defense. Coroner's jury fund deceased came to his death at the hands of Mrs. Emma Farris. The preliminary hearing will take place next Tuesday at 1 o'clock p.m. before the Probate Judge.

Mrs. Garth Mettz, who was called to Falls City, Nebr., by the serious illness of her **sister** from which death resulted, returned home Wednesday of this week.

After an illness of only one-week, little **Mamie**, daughter of Lachlan **Carmichael** passed quietly into eternity last Saturday morning. The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian Church, and were largely attended and very impressive. The little girl showed great fortitude in her great suffering. She was much beloved by all.

From the Republican News Journal, 14 August 1903

KILLING AT KAW CITY. SOME DAMAGING TESTIMONT.

The Defendant Was Held By The Court Without Bail.

The preliminary trial of Mrs. Farris for the killing of

her husband **Newt. Farris** at Kaw City, Wednesday morning August 5, took place in the probate court Tuesday. The defendant was represented by lawyers D. Lafe Hubler and H. S. Cline of the city and young Mr. Beecham of Arkansas City. The witnesses examined were Frank Randall, B. H. Kener, Mrs. Diamond, Dan Bain, J. T. Taylor, M. C. St. Clair, C. H. St. Clair, W. H. Bell, Frank Lowder, S. T. Scott and Louisa Scott.

The trial lasted all afternoon and was continued until Wednesday morning, when lawyers for the defense and county attorney Moss made their arguments. Considerable interest was manifested in the case and the court was compelled to adjourn to the district court room to accommodate the crowd. The case took a sensational turn when it developed that Farris and J. H. Taylor, a saloonkeeper in Kaw City had an altercation in the deceased's tent several days before. The deceased charging Taylor with being intimate with his wife, the defendant. It seems that Farris was sleeping in elevator and not the tent, having been advised to seek an enclosed place. On going to the tent at night he found Taylor there undressed. A fight ensued and Taylor was pretty badly damaged. This occurred about ten days before the killing. Taylor is a partner of Mr. Lowder in the saloon business at Kaw City.

Mrs. Farris's statement at the inquest was in effect that her life was in jeopardy as her husband was drunk and was threatening her life. She said at the inquest that he was going to cut her throat with a pocketknife; that she plead for mercy but to no avail. She stated that her husband, she thought died about 3: a.m. Wednesday. She said "I killed him; I fired the shot that killed him."

At first the witness appeared very nervous, but when the examination began she was very calm, only when she came to the point where she admitted she killed him. She stated that the fuss began about sundown as they were on the Main Street in front of the Town Company's office. Here, she said, that they were talking concerning a matter of boarding some of the railroad men of the place, which she asserted he wanted to do, and which she had agreed to do, but that night he said he was only trying her and that any woman that would do that was not fit to live.

She says she got the buggy with him and rode to the tent where he told her first he was going to kill her, and to prepare for the death, also if she had anything to say to say it at once for she should only live a short time. She said he held a knife in his hand with which he was sticking her, and saying he was going to torture her before he killed her. She showed some scratches on her neck, also a bloody spot on her corset near the waist where she alleged he stuck her with a knife,

There is also evidence which tends to conflict

with defendant's statements. Judge Howsley held the prisoner without bond for the action of the grand jury.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 4 September 1903

Another Killing

There was another killing a few miles southeast of this city Sunday. **J. C. Potts** was shot and almost instantly killed by Thomas Hollon.

The feud between the parties is of long standing running back to the opening of the Strip, when both settle upon the same piece of land and shortly afterwards began a contest for its possession. The case has from time to time been decided in Hollon's favor, and lately he has received a patent for the land. Potts however has managed to keep the case before the courts in one shape or another, thus holding possession of a portion of the land which he lived upon and cultivated.

The feud has been bitter, and Hollon has lost several head of horses from his pasture which he accused Potts of stealing or assisting to steal. Two or three colts were also shot or cut to pieces in the pasture, and Potts was supposed to be guilty of the acts. Lately Hollon has been missing corn from his field, and Saturday night he determined to watch the field for the purpose of apprehending the thief. He concealed himself in the field and waited. He heard someone shucking corn in the field, and prowling in the direction from which the sound came discovered Potts in the act of filling a sack with corn. He raised his gun and fired and Potts fell to the ground dead.

The sympathy of this community seems to be for Hollon and but little sympathy is expressed for Potts. The land case is now pending in the Supreme Court. Potts having had four acres set aside for his use upon which he was living.

The authorities were notified of this killing and the lady or Potts was removed from the field to his house. As Hollon admits the shooting, an inquest was deemed unnecessary. At last reports, Hollon had not been arrested.

Hollon is a married man with a family. Potts was a single man, his sister keeping house for him,

The killing took place Sunday morning about 5 o'clock. After being shot, Potts walked and crawled about 100 yards, through two wire fences and died within a few feet of his house just as his sister reached him. His funeral occurred Sunday.

[Note: It was reported in the *Republican News Journal* of October 15, 1903 that the court in Newkirk had fixed bonds of Tom Hollon, Mrs. Ferris and Messrs. Taylor and Lowder, charged with murder at \$5,000 each. About a dozen leading farmers immediately went on Mr.

Hollon bond and he was released from custody.]

Billy Stanley

Billy Stanley has returned from Indiana, where he went to attend the last illness and death of his aged mother. Mr. Stanley's father is still living on the farm about 25 miles west of Indianapolis.

From the Democrat-Herald, 4 September 1903

Jim Potts Killed

Last Sunday morning between the hours of four and five **J. C. Potts**, living four miles southeast of this city was shot and almost instantly killed by Thomas Hollon.

Having for some time past noticed that his growing corn was being stolen by some unknown parties Mr. Hollon concluded to make an attempt to find out who the marauders were. After staying out several nights in the cornfield without result he last Saturday night set an alarm clock to awake him at the hour of four. At this hour he arose and getting his shotgun which was loaded with buckshot, started for the cornfield. Hollon's house is in the southwest corner of the 160 and Potts' house on the southeast corner of the same quarter, he living on four acres. Hollon when he left his house went direct east to the creek which divides the farm and along which the corn was planted. As he neared the spot where the stealing had been done in the past, a faint noise could be heard as if someone was snapping corn. Crossing the creek and entering the field, he got within fifteen steps of the prowler pulled up his gun and fired. It was a sure shot and the man after getting hit, dropped the sack which he was filling and started on a dead run for his house which was about two hundred yards from the place of the shooting. Just as he entered his own barnyard he dropped dead near where his sister was milking the cows.

This shooting is the direct result of a land contest that has been pending ever since the opening of the Strip in 1893. Mr. Hollon who did the shooting has received the decision of the land department and now has a patent for the place but through different proceedings Mr. Potts was still on the place in possession of four acres. During the past ten years that this contest has been pending the Hollons have had stolen 11 horses from his pasture which he accused Potts of stealing or assisting to steal.

From the Democrat-Herald, 25 September 1903

A Sudden Death.

All Newkirk and vicinity was shocked to learn last Sunday morning of the death by heart failure of **C. M.**

Shaver, register of deeds of Kay County

Clem, as he was known to his many friends, had been absent from the city for the past week, and returned home Saturday evening on the 7:15 train from the south. He went home on south Walnut Avenue, retiring seemingly in good health. At 8 o'clock Sunday morning his brother Ray Shaver called him up over the phone and told him to come over to breakfast. Clem replied that he was not feeling well and would go back to bed. Shortly after his little girl aged about 10-years, entered his room and not being able to awake her father, became uneasy about him and left to hunt her Uncle Ray. On the way she encountered County Clerk Davis and to him stated that she believed her father was dying. Mr. Davis went to the house and found Clem in an unconscious condition with doctors working on him. They had been phoned for by the boy. By this time the patient was beyond human help and soon passed away, surrounded by friends but never regaining consciousness.

C. M. Shaver probably had a larger circle of friends and acquaintances than any one man in the county. He came to this county at the opening, secured a claim but later disposed of it. Was in the newspaper business in Ponca City for a time as editor of the *Tomahawk*. In 1896 to 1898 was deputy register of deeds under J. P. Hammond and since then up to the election last fall as register, was at the head of the C. M. Shaver Abstract Co.

Everyone liked Clem. It is generally said that his worst enemy was himself. He was ever courteous, affable and liberal to a fault. The remains were shipped Sunday Evening to Lincoln, Kansas, where his parents reside.

Mrs. Shaver, who was on her way west, was intercepted by a telegram and will reach Lincoln in time for the services. The two children, a little boy and girl accompanied the remains to Lincoln and will likely stay with the grandparents for a time.

The deceased was a member of the I.O.O.F., K of P's and Woodman lodges, in the latter of which he carried a policy of \$3,000. It is understood that he also was insured in an old line company.

From Republican News Journal, 25 September 1903

Obituary.

Register of Deeds, **C. M. Shaver**, died suddenly at his residence in this city, Sunday morning at about 9 o'clock. His death was due to physical causes and heart failure. Mr. Shaver was a prominent Odd Fellow and a member of other organizations. He carried about \$7,000 life insurance. He had been in the country since the early days, having been editor of the *Tomahawk*, a lively newspaper at Ponca City. He leaves a widow and two

children. Clem possessed a highly professional nature and was a poet of no mean agility. Many of his poems having been accepted by eastern magazines. As a politician he was extremely popular.

The body was embalmed and taken to Lincoln Center, Kansas, Monday, by Messrs. Countryman and Williams, accompanied by the two children. Mrs. Shaver was in Denver at the time of his death and immediately started for Lincoln Center.

From the Republican News Journal, 15 October 1903

Obituary.

Mrs. Pearl Coyer, beloved wife of Henry Coyer, died Friday morning October 9, 1903, at Winfield, Kansas. The news of her death cast a gloom over the community where she had grown into womanhood. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Paris and had lived here since the country opened to settlement until her marriage about two years ago. Since then she had made her home at Shawnee and Pawnee where her husband was engaged in business. She was a member of the Royal neighbors and very popular in local social circles. The heartfelt sympathy of all the early day settlers and neighbors are extended to the bereaved parents and husband. Mr. Coyer was long a resident here and very popular. The funeral occurred Saturday, October 10. Rev. Moore, of the Presbyterian Church, preached the sermon and touched most tenderly on the good qualities of the deceased. She was buried in Newkirk Cemetery. She was aged 23 years and 6 months at her death. [Pearl Coyer b. 27 March 1880 – d. 9 October 1903.]

From Republican News Journal, 25 November 1903

Obituary.

Mrs. Helen M. Carmichael died at her residence in this city, Monday evening at 9 o'clock, after a lingering illness of several weeks. Her husband Douglas, who was well known in this community as one of the early settlers, died December 11, 1900. Seven children are left to mourn the loss of both parents. Miss Christina, teacher in the public school here, Miss Mary, clerk in the Grant, Humphrey & Co.'s Dry Goods Store, John a typesetter for the *R.N.J.* Donald and Lachlan, and Flora who is only four-years old. The parents were born and raised in Scotland and were both members of the Presbyterian Church. They were excellent people.

The deceased was born August 8, 1858 in Glasgow, Scotland, married June 14, 1878 to Dugald Carmichael. He came to America and settled in Washington County, Kansas and came to Oklahoma in 1893.

From the Democrat-Herald, 4 December 1903

Mrs. Al Savage Dead.

Mrs. Al Savage died Thursday with pneumonia at her home west of town. She had only been sick for a few days, and was not in a critical condition at any time,

Mrs. Savage was well known throughout this vicinity, and also well liked by her acquaintances. She leaves five children and a husband to mourn her death. – *Blackwell News*.

From Republican News Journal, 18 December 1903

Mrs. Mina Sane Ruby died at the home of her son, Henry Ruby in Ponca City, at 1 o'clock a.m. Nov 26, 1903, aged 97 years, 8 months and 6 days. Short services were held at the home on Thanksgiving Day, and the body was taken to Seward, Nebraska, for burial. Her husband was a personal friend of General Wm. Harrison, who was elected to the presidency of the United States in 1844. She recalls many things that transpired during his campaign, election and inauguration and his sad death one month after the inauguration. During this campaign he wore a suit of clothes spun and woven by his wife.

From the Republican News Journal, 4 January 1904

Death of James E. Clapp.

News reached the city Tuesday of the death of **James H. Clapp**, ex-county treasurer of this county. His death occurred Monday on his ranch in the Osage Country. He was out feeding stock with his son-in-law, Mr. Mills G. Voris and when stricken was some distance away trying to round up a stray heifer. Mr. Clapp was seen to throw up his arm as if to motion for assistance when Mr. Voris reached his side he seemed to be suffocating. His death was believed to be due to bronchial or asthmatic affection with which he had long been afflicted caused by diphtheria in his early days.

Mr. Clapp was born in Washington County, New York in 1846, and lacked 15 days of being 58 years of age at the time of his death. His folks moved to Iowa City in 1856, thence to Illinois in 1886 and in 1878 to Nebraska, whence he came to Oklahoma at the opening of the Cherokee Outlet taking a claim near Ponca City which subsequently became involved in the township troubles of the town of Cross. He was a life long republican and in 1900 was nominated without opposition for the important office of county treasurer and was elected by a handsome majority. It was the consensus of opinion that he made a popular official. He declined to run for another term feeling that he could do better in private life, and he and his son-in-law, Mr. Mills Voris, took up farming and the cattle business in

the Osage country,

The deceased leaves a widow Mrs. Catherine A. Clapp, and three daughters, Mrs. Otto Elliott, of Hobart, Mrs. Mills G. Voris, and Miss Clara Clapp of this city, also two sisters Mrs. Jennie Voorhees, and Mrs. M., C. Steel of Jerseyville, Illinois, and two brothers, D. C. Clapp of Casper, Wyoming, and C. L. Clapp of Harrison, Oklahoma.

The funeral took place Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church conducted by Rev. H. L. Moore.

Mr. Clapp was an affable man always willing to help and stay by a friend. He was influential in territorial politics and took high rank to the councils of the Republican Party. He was domestic in his habits and nothing delighted him so much as to be called "grand pa" by the children of his daughters, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Voris, to whom he was devotedly attached,

From the *Republican News Journal*, 29 January 1904

William Howard of Round Grove Township has ordered a beautiful monument to be placed over the grave of the horse that enabled him to secure his claim.

Tom Knox, Brother of A. H. Knox, of Braman who was so badly injured at Leon, Kansas in a runaway died Friday evening, January 15, 1904, at 9:30, and was buried Sunday following. He was 37 years of age and leaves a wife and four children in comfortable circumstance. Mr. Knox was hauling a load of ear corn about a mile from his home, in descending a hill the neck yoke came off the wagon letting the tongue down and scaring the horses, and in trying to stop them Mr. Knox was thrown from the wagon and run over,

Obituary.

It was with profound sorrow that the friends of **Mrs. F. D. Eckert** learned of her death, which occurred Friday January 15th at Los Angeles, Cal., where she was spending the winter in the vain hope that a change of climate would prove beneficial to her health, which had been fast failing her for the past two years or more. The funeral occurred Friday, January 2nd from the M. E. Church at Arkansas City, with interment at Riverview cemetery,

Mrs. Eckert with her husband, the late J. H. Eckert, were among the Pioneer settlers of this community, having settled on the farm, which still remains in the family, shortly after the opening of the Strip. Mrs. Eckert was a woman of many admirable qualities. Possessed of a strongly intellectual nature, of an earnest Christian character, a kind and loving mother, she endeared herself to a host of friends. A daughter, Mrs. H. James and a granddaughter, Miss Ethel Nunnally, of

Newton, Kas., are her loss. To the grief stricken family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Found Dead on Santa Fe Track.

A section hand named **Myers**, who had been paid off and foolishly spent his money for whisky, was killed by the Santa Fe passenger train Wednesday night last week. The man had been arrested and was locked up in the calaboose during the day. He paid his fine and was released and evidently trying to board the blind baggage when he was knocked down and instantly killed. His cry attracted the attention of the freight crew which was switching at the time. Undertaker Carlson cared for the remains of the unfortunate man.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 12 February 1904

Undertaker Carlson, who has had charge of the body of the unfortunate **Fred Meyer** who was killed at the Santa Fe depot buried the same Monday. The funeral ceremony was held at Mr. Carlson's store and was conducted by Rev. A. R. Grant. No trace of his family could be found.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 19 February 1904

Obituary.

Our citizens were very deeply impressed and saddened during the busy hour of Saturday afternoon, the 15 instant by the sudden death in his city of **Elmer Schramm**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Schramm, who live about two miles southeast of town. Elmer had been to Arkansas City during the day and on his return while waiting for his father to get a load of coal was suddenly stricken and soon cold in death. The body was taken to the undertaking establishment of C. J. Carlson and kind friends hastened to render every assistance in their power to the grieved parents.

Elmer was popular in his community and was a boy of good habits. About one year ago he had recovered from an attack of typhoid fever and it is believed his sudden death must have been due to some hidden lesion or injury to his heart from the effects of the fever. He appeared; however, to have fully recovered, and was thought to be one of the strongest boys in the community. He was born at DeWitt, Nebraska, in 1885, and was about 19 years of age. The funeral took place Monday, and was conducted by Rev. Grant. He leaves two brothers, Eck and John, and one sister, Maggie Schramm. Much sympathy is expressed for the grieved family.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 19 February 1904

The little **daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. **Biggerstaff** died

at their home in the country southeast of the city Tuesday. The funeral occurred Thursday afternoon from the residence and was conducted by Rev. A. R. Grant. The little one was tenderly laid to rest at Oak Grove Cemetery near Uncas. Deep sympathy is expressed for the bereaved parents.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 26 February 1904

Fred E. Bishop of Ponca City was so badly injured by the cars at Oklahoma City February 11, that he died the following day at the hospital in Oklahoma City. He was a prominent church worker.

Death of John S. Wilkin.

Monday of this week Postmaster Lambert was called on to witness the last sad rites of his old friend **John s. Wilkin** who died at his home at Maple City, Kansas Last Saturday. Mr. Wilkin was a large ranch owner and raiser of fine horses, and more than once were his horses a great drawing card for the Kay County Fair. He was an old soldier and active in Republican politics in Cowley County. He was three times elected treasurer of the county and as a candidate for the nomination of state treasurer. Mr. Wilkin settled in Cowley County twenty years ago. He and his brother the Hon. James Wilkin of this county owned Col. Loomis, the fastest pacer in southern Kansas.

Mr. Lambert says the funeral procession was one of the largest he ever saw.

Obituary.

Another Kay County pioneer has passed away in the person of **Charles Shreeve**, of Kildare. Uncle Charley as was he was known to the citizens of Newkirk and Kildare, died at his residence on the Kildare, Blackwell road Wednesday, February 17 of paralysis. He was a fine farmer and his genial ways and upright character made him one of the most popular and highly respected men in the community. Mr. Shreeve was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania. At time of his death he was nearly 70 years of age. He leaves a widow and five children.

Rev. Nuckolls, the Methodist minister preached the funeral ceremony.

From the *Democrat-Herald* and the *From the Republican News Journal*, 4 March 1904

[Note: in these editions of the *Democrat-Herald* and the *Republican News Journal* are reprinted stories from the *Ponca City Courier* of two shooting incidents in Ponca City. The first was the shooting of **Tony Boone** at a local saloon. The second was the shooting of **Mrs. Jim**

Owens that occurred at the home of "Aunt Liza." These articles may be found in *Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Oklahoma Pioneers Extracted from Ponca City Newspapers* by Loyd M. Bishop.]

From the *Republican News Journal*, 8 April 1904

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary Brown died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harkins, south of town last Thursday. She celebrated her ninetieth birthday in January, and was well preserved for one of so great age. Her life was spent mainly upon the frontier, as western Pennsylvania, her birthplace, was "far west" ninety years ago. The latter part of her life has been spent west of the Mississippi. She was one of that earnest sturdy Christian type of character which has been the glory of the west, and which in its quiet way laid deep and strong the foundations of our government. The services were held at home and were largely attended, Rev. H. L. Moore officiating.

Obituary.

Bettie B. Green was born in Illinois Nov. 20 1868, and died at Newkirk, O. T. April 5, 1904 at 3 o'clock a.m. When two years old she removed with her parents to Missouri and then to Oklahoma in 1898. She was married to Jessie Matlick, December 2, 1891, which union was blest with four children, two boys and two girls all of whom are left motherless. She leaves a father, a mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Green, tree sisters, two half sisters, seven brothers and one half brother and a husband to mourn her loss. She has been a great sufferer for the past two years, and has born her affliction with great courage and patience. The many friends of the family extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. The funeral was held at the home Wednesday a.m. at 10 o'clock by Rev. A. Grant.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar **Urban** will regret to hear of the death of their **baby boy** at their home in Kansas City last week. Mrs. Cuppage went up to Kansas City on Wednesday of last week to be with Mrs. Urban.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 15 April 1904

Obituary.

The veteran druggist and physician **Dr. J. H. Miller** passed away Monday morning, April 11th, at 5:30, following a lingering illness. The doctor was an early settler and one of the most substantial citizens of Newkirk, always ready to take an active part in any movement for the common good. The funeral services

occurred at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday, April 12, at 5 p.m., and were conducted by Rev. H. L. Moore and H. T. Adams. The services were in charge of the Knights of Pythias. The body was shipped to Kansas City, Mo., and the burial took place at Forest Hill Cemetery,

Dr. Miller was born October 29th, 1856. He was a graduate of K. C. Medical College and actively engaged in the practice of his profession until recent years when he became afflicted with kidney trouble, when he gradually retired from practice, devoting his attention to his large drug store. Newkirk loses a valued friend in his death. He was unmarried.

From the Democrat-Herald, 15 April 1904

Dr. J. H. Miller.

Born October 29, 1856, died April 11, 1904. Funeral services at the Presbyterian Church, April 12th at 4:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. H. L. Moore. Services were under the charge of the Knights of Pythias, burial at Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo.,

The deceased was sick about five weeks being confined to his bed throughout. He was a native of Ohio, moved to Kansas and graduated from the Kansas City Medical College in 1890. From there [he] came into Oklahoma with the original ninety-thirders, locating in this city with the Pioneer Drug Store. Dr. Miller was known to everyone adjacent to this city and was looked on as a most substantial and highly respected citizen. By the death of Mr. Miller a niche is made in this community that will not soon or be effaced.

He leaves a sister to mourn his death, three of whom attended the body to its last resting place. Geo. Duncan, his nephew, has been here for some time past and was in constant attendance with his mother, Mrs. C. M. Spillman, and sister, and Mrs. W; S; Wheeler of Kansas City.

Killing at Kaw City.

Bud Wells, a cowboy tough, rode into Kaw City Monday, filled up on whiskey and then took in the town in the 'old western way' with the result that one man, Charles Cavanaugh, is dead, and a posse is searching for Wells. Late in the afternoon Wells began riding up and down the sidewalk and into the stores on his way shooting promiscuously. As he rode by White Horse Saloon, he uttered an oath at the bartender and fired at him, but struck Cavanaugh, a spectator. The ball entered the abdomen and death was almost instantaneous. Wells then rode out of town, stopping at the edge of the city to reload his revolver. He was followed to the Arkansas River by the officers and a posse of citizens, but made his escape in the brush. Wells has served a term in the

penitentiary for horse stealing.

From the Republican News Journal, 22 April 1904

Mrs. Sadie Wilson [Seibert] was found dead inside her wash tub Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Heart trouble was the cause. From the appearance of things she was in the act of wringing out a piece of linen when she fell dead. Mrs. Seibert leaves three children by her first husband, Miss Anna Wilson, Dug Wilson and Mrs. Mamie Crabb.

From the Democrat-Herald, 23 April 1904

Miss Sadie Seibert, formerly **Mrs. Sadie Wilson**, was found dead in her home Monday afternoon. Death is supposed to have resulted from heart failure. The remains will be shipped to Burden, Kansas for burial.

From the Democrat-Herald, 29 April 1904

[Appearing in this issue is a Resolution of sympathy to the family of their brother J. H. Miller from the Damon Lodge No. 16, Knights of Pythias]

From the Republican News Journal, 6 May 1904

Mrs. Standard, wife of the late deceased A. A. Standard, died at her home south and east of Kildare at 8 p.m. Saturday evening, April 16.

Grandpa Harper, a venerable farmer and good Kay County citizen, father of Walt and Charlie Harper, died at his home in Kildare, Friday April fifteenth.

Monford Grimley, the 18-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grimley, of Kildare, died at their home at 2 a.m. Friday morning. Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church Sunday at 1 p.m. after which the remains were taken to the Uncas Cemetery for burial.

[Cemetery Inscriptions list Manford Grimley, b. 7 August 1902 – 23 April 1904.]

John Carder, one of the highly respected pioneer farmers of Kay County, died at his home near Prairie Chapel church last week. Rev. Woodward preached the funeral sermon and Revs. Cromwell and Nuckle assisted. The remains were buried in the cemetery at the church. [d. 29 April 1904, 83 years, 29 days.]

Obituary.

Little **Charlie**, infant son Mr. and Mrs. Chas. **Magner** of this city died Monday, May 2 at 2:30 p.m. Funeral at Christina Church Tuesday at 3 p.m. conducted by Rev. F. D. Wharton. [Buried Newkirk Cemetery.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 13 May 1904

Chas. Thomas Drowned

Chas. Thomas, while at work on the Frisco Bridge over the Chicaskia River north of Blackwell on Monday, fell into the [river] and drowned. He with other men were at work keeping the drift wood from lodging against the bridge, and losing his balance fell into the river. The river is a raging torrent which made all efforts to save him of no avail. Mr. Thomas was one of Blackwell's pioneer settlers and for the past two years has been in the employ of the Frisco Railroad. His family consists of a wife and several children. [Buried in Blackwell IOOF, Charles L. Thomas. 24 October 1858 – 9 May 1904.]

Died – Little Lawrence, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sawyer, was born Nov. 8th, 1903, died May 11th, 1904 age 6 months 3 days. The parents, two sisters and a brother have the sympathy of their many friends. The funeral was held at the home at 3 o'clock, Rev. Grant officiating. A mixed quartet rendered very appropriate music.

Mrs. Lou Emma Graves died at her home in Newkirk, Tuesday May 10th. The funeral services were held at the home, Rev. A. R. Grant, officiating.

[In Kaw City Column] Died last week, **Etta May Pappan** the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pappan, who live in the Kaw country. Interment was in the Washunga Cemetery.

From the Republican News Journal, 27 May 1904

Obituary.

Sylvia Agnes Smith [Bardo], daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Smith of Newkirk, Oklahoma was born on the 29 of January 1877 in Frankford Township, Mower County, Minnesota, and died May 18, 1904.

When an infant her parents removed to Hardin County, Iowa, they resided until February 1904, when they removed to Kay County, Oklahoma. When eighteen years of age she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized by F. A. Harter, into the First Baptist church of Eldora, Iowa. And lived a consistent Christian life until her death. She was married to John H. Bardo, Dec 22, 1903.

Sylvia was a true and loving wife, an obedient daughter, and an affectionate sister. She was a kind and faithful friend and was loved by all who had the privilege of her acquaintance. During her last illness, although her body was racked with pain, her thoughts

were of heaven; as the songs, which she sang which she sang in a weak and feeble voice, can testify among which were "Thy Way The Best." and "Jesus Savior Pilot Me.". All was done for that loving hands could do but God called her to rest. And those who are left to mourn her departure rejoice in the thought that some day they will meet to part no more. [She is buried at Newkirk Cemetery as Sylvia Smith, but stone shows her husband's name J. H. Bardo.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 27 May 1901

[The same obituary for Sylvia Agnes Smith published in the *Republican News Journal* also appears in this edition of the *Democrat-Herald*.]

From the Republican News Journal, 17 June 1904

Obituary.

Florence Gertrude Summers, the fifteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Summers who reside four miles north and four miles west of the city of Newkirk, was born August 8, 1888. She was a most beautiful young woman, and affectionate daughter and sister, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was converted during her late sickness and passed triumphantly to her Heavenly home. She leaves her parents, two brothers and many friends to mourn her loss. The funeral was held at the home, Wednesday afternoon two o'clock p.m. June 15th by Rev. A. R. Grant, pastor of the M. E. church in Newkirk. A quartette furnished appropriate music and many friends of the family extend to them their love and sympathy in their sore bereavement.

From the Democrat-Herald, 17 June 1904

Obituary.

Florence Gertrude Summers, the fifteen year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Summers, who reside 4 miles north and 4 miles west of the city of Newkirk was born August [microfilm damaged and unreadable] Kansas, and she died at her home June 15, 1904, after a protracted illness of 7 weeks. She was a most beautiful young woman, an affectionate daughter, and highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was converted during her sickness and passed triumphantly to the heavenly home. She leaves her parents, two brothers and many friends to mourn their loss. The funeral was held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock June 15, by the Rev. Grant, pastor of the M. E. Church of Newkirk. A quartette furnished appropriate music. The many friends of the family extend their love and sympathy to them in their sore bereavement.

At Rest.

Lulu the 15 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs., Fred **Petersdorff** died at their home 8 miles southeast of Newkirk Sunday evening, June 5, 1904. She had suffered for some time from severe lung trouble. Loving hands done all of their power to save the precious life and it was thought for a while that they would be successful, but all in vain. God seen fit to pluck a bright blossom and take it to eternal rest and she peacefully passed away. The funeral service was preached Monday at 1 p.m. by Rev. Turner, after which the remains were followed to the Jenkins Cemetery by a concourse of surrounding friends and there laid to rest. Mr. and Mrs. Petersdorff have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad hour of affliction, this being their only child.

From the Republican News Journal, 1 July 1904

Obituary.

Victor Charles Carlson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C J. Carlson was born Sept. 1. 1902, and died June 25, 1904. After 11 days of intense suffering. Everything possible was done by skillful physicians and loving parents and friends, to stay the disease and bring health to the little body but all in vain. He was a patient little sufferer and ever had a pleasant smile for those whom he knew. The parents have the loving sympathy of all in their deep affliction.

There's a pair of little hands,
Laid to rest forever more:
There's two pearly dimpled cheeks
Whose rich blossoming is o're.
Death has sealed two little eyes
That will no more smile or weep.
Tiny windows of the soul,
Little baby's gone to sleep.
Angels bore him safely home,
So for him we may not weep.
Softly to the door way come,
Little baby's gone to sleep.

The funeral services were held at the M. E. Church Sunday p.m. at 3 o'clock, by Rev. A. R. Grant. A mixed quartette furnished appropriate music. Afterwards the little body was laid to rest in Newkirk cemetery.

From the Democrat-Herald, 1 July 1904

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. **Carlson** desire to express their sincere thanks to the Royal Neighbors and the many friends who so kindly rendered assistance during the sickness and death of their little son, **Victor**.

From the Democrat-Herald, 1 July 1904

Dr. **House** received a message last Tuesday stating his **mother** was dead, and he left the same evening for Lawrence, Kansas, to attend the funeral. Her death was sudden and unexpected.

From the Republican News Journal, 15 July 1904

Little Floyd Hacker, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hacker, died Saturday afternoon after an illness of three days. The body was laid to rest in the Newkirk cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community.

Obituary. [From the same issue of the *Republican*.]

Floyd, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. **Hacker** died Saturday, July 9th at 2:30 p.m. aged one year and seventeen days,

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the home, the Rev. Whorton of the Christian Church conducted the services. Burial was at the Newkirk Cemetery. The family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

[Floyd was b. 22 June 1903, and died 9 July 1904.]

From the Republican News Journal, 5 August 1904

Obituary.

Julius Pochel was born in France, March 11, 1831, and came to New York in 1833. On November 9, 1854, he was married to Maria Brown; and soon after removed to McLean County, Illinois, where they lived until 1878 when they moved to Gridley, Illinois, then to Sheldon in '96. In 1901 they came to Newkirk, where they have since resided.

He was converted in 1879 and united with the M. E. Church two years later. He loved the church of his choice with an ardent affection and counted it a pleasure to give his time and money to the various institutions thereof. One year ago he was chosen chairman of the board of trustees and has proven himself a very competent man to manage the business affairs of the church, whose members will feel keenly their loss,

He was a man who thoroughly enjoyed life and made all happier for their association with him. He was truly devoted to his family which consisted of his wife, four boys and two girls, Edward F. and Chas. E., of Newkirk, Wm. J. of Las Vegas, New Mexico; and Richard L. of Cannelburg, Indiana; the only child not present at the time of the father's death. He arrived on Wednesday. One daughter, Mrs. Burnham, resides at Maple City, Kansas and the other, Mrs. Lillian Cole, at Lexington, Neb. He also leaves one brother, Edward Pochel of

Illinois, and two sisters, Mrs. Emily Fisk and Mrs. Julia Myers, both residing in New York State.

After a short illness, he died at his home in this city Sunday morning July 31 at 9 o'clock, aged 73 [years] 4 months 19 days. A host of friends extend their love and sympathy to the family in their sad hours of bereavement.

The funeral was held at the M. E. Church Monday p.m. at 3 o'clock, when the large congregation assembled to pay their respects to the departed.

A double quartet furnished the music, and Reg. Moore conducted the service. The remains were afterward laid to rest in the Newkirk cemetery.

From the Democrat-Herald, 5 August 1904

[In this issue appears the identical obituary for **Julius Pochel** that appeared in the *Republican News Journal* above.]

[In this issue of the *Democrat-Herald* appears the same obituary for **Wm. Hubler** and, also, the murder suicide incident at Ponca City wherein Mrs. John James was shot dead and Clarence Irwin turned the gun on himself that appear in the *Republican News Journal* of 9 August 1904, below.]

From the Republican News Journal, 9 August 1904

MURDER AT PONCA CITY

A double murder occurred at Ponca City Tuesday night, as a result of domestic disagreements, the dead bodies of **Clarence Irwin**, a young man and **Mrs. John James**, a woman of 50, his mother-in-law, now lie in the Hayden undertaking rooms in this city. The murder and suicide occurred at about seven o'clock last evening in the back yard of a small house just north of the Globe Hotel on North Second Street.

Coroner Morey who made an investigation of the case decided that an inquest was not necessary, from the fact that Irwin had deliberately killed the woman and then himself is plain and undisputed. Irwin's wife refused to live with him and he no doubt blamed Mrs. James, his mother-in-law for his domestic troubles.

From the Republican News Journal, 9 August 1904

Obituary.

William Hubler was born in Northumberland County, Pa., November 15, 1821 and died in Newkirk, O. T., July 29, 1904, age 82 years 7 months 10 days.

He was married March 12, 1846 to Mary Smith at Ellsworth, Ohio, which union was blessed with seven children three of whom are living, Mrs. Ora Thornley of Washington D. C., Mrs. Emma Smith of Houston,

Texas, and D. Lafe Hubler of this city, with whom he made his home during the last twenty years of his life,

His first wife died and he was married again to Louisa Bradley at Meadville, Pa., who died November 5, 1884. He was the last of a family of 13

He was converted and joined the Methodist church when a boy, and has remained a faithful member to his death. He was a man of sterling character and manifested an heroic spirit through a long life of service and devotion to his family, his church and country.

His seat was rarely vacant in the house of God. He stood for the fundamentals in the Christian religion, and was loath to adopt any new doctrines or modern church methods.

His death was preceded by weeks of great suffering and he passed triumphantly to the life beyond. The funeral was held at the M. E. Church by Rev. A. R. Grant, July 30, 1904.

From the Republican News Journal, 12 August 1904

Obituary.

Carrie Zoe Smith, second daughter of Mr. N. T. and Elizabeth Smith, was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, October 21, 1866 and died at Kansas City Kansas August 5th, 1904. While still a child she moved with her parents to the state of Nebraska and resided near Sutton until 1881, when the family moved to York, Nebraska, where she spent several happy and profitable years attending the Methodist College at that place. In company with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Braucht, she came to Oklahoma in 1893 and has since that time resided in Newkirk.

She was converted and joined the M, E Church when 13 years of age and remained an earnest and consistent Christian to the last. From an early age she showed peculiar tact for teaching children and began teaching a primary class in Sunday school when little more than a child. She has nearly always taught a class in S. S. and has been primary teacher for the past eight years in the public schools of Newkirk where she was always tactful and efficient.

Sister Carrie was a patient and tireless worker. Her constant thought was to enrich and ennoble the lives of others. She, like her Lord and Master, was constantly going about doing good and because of her many kind deeds, and the sunshine which she brought into the lives of others, many even now, rise up to call her blessed,

Her devotion to her aged parents was unsurpassed. She promised never to leave them, but god took her when the last page of the book of life was written. As ends all beautiful and Christian life, so ended hers in a peaceful and triumphant entrance into the heavenly home of which she so sweetly sang in her last moments.

May the rich mantle of love and service which adorned her life fall upon us all and fit us for more efficient service for our Master.

Miss Smith leaves behind her an aged father and mother, Mr. N. T. and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of this city, one sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. H S, Braucht of this city, and Mr. Potter Smith of Rock Island, Illinois.

A host of friends join with them in tears of love and sympathy in this hour of sorrow and bereavement,

The funeral was held at the M. E. Church, Sunday p.m., August 7, at 3 o'clock. Rev. A. R. Grant, assisted by Rev Swartz, her first pastor in Newkirk, and Rev. William Prosser conducted the service. A very large congregation was in attendance to pay their respect to the deceased. A quartet furnished appropriate music. The remains were laid to rest in the Newkirk cemetery. [This same obituary appears in the Newkirk Democrat-Herald of 12 August 1904.]

From the Republican News Journal, 19 August 1904

Biographical.

Mrs. Sarah Edmonston, the subject of this sketch was born in east Tennessee, March 22, 1818. She emigrated to McDonough County, Illinois with her parents when but 13 years old.

She was united in marriage with Brazil Brook Edmondston in 1838, of this union there was born seven children, one son and six daughters, the son died in infancy and four daughters having preceded her to the heavenly throne over yonder, where there is no sickness, sorrow nor death. Her husband having died in 1851 thus leaving her a widow until the death angels called her to her reward in heaven. The surviving ones are Mrs. Mary J Herbig of Kildare, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Sarah Geneva Close of Braman, Oklahoma.

Grandma Edmonston as she was called by all who knew her, was a constant sufferer for 29 long years; the last 10 years of her life wrestling with Paralysis, having received five paralytic strokes. Mrs., Edmonston entered into her last reward on July 18, 1904, after an illness which extended over 29 years and the release from bodily pain and suffering simply meant the entering into perfect rest.

The remains were taken to Braman, Oklahoma, and laid to rest near the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Sarah T. Close.

Besides the children or the deceased whom she lived with during her last illness, there are left twenty-five grandchildren, and thirty great grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her death. To all these he warmest sympathy or the community is extended. [This obituary also appears in the 19 August

1904 Newkirk Democrat-Herald.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 19 August 1904

Mrs. Waters.

Jenny G. Martin was born September 5th. 1849 in West Axminister, Pa., and died at her home 2 miles south and 3 miles west of Newkirk, Oklahoma August 17, 1904, of apoplexy.

She was married Nov 17, 1873 in Illinois to Jefferson A. Waters She with her husband adopted Geo. A. Waters, removed from, Leon, Arkansas, to Kay County their present home, in 1894. She was converted and united with the church while a young woman and remained a faithful Christian till death. The funeral was held at Banner Schoolhouse by the Rev. A. R. Grant. [Buried at Newkirk Cemetery.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 9 September 1904

“Grandma” Sawyer Dead.

G. H. Sawyer of this city and Mrs. E. G. Wilson of the Otoe Agency were summoned last Sunday evening to Lathrop, Mo., to attend the funeral of their mother, **Mrs. M. J. Sawyer.**

“Grandma” Sawyer as she was called was 73 years old. She was well known in Newkirk having made her home here with her son for the past year.

She was a devout Christian and a devoted mother. She was a member of the M. E. Church at Lathrop, from which church the funeral was held. “Grandma” had just returned to her home August 3rd, when she took sick and lived only four days, then took her long journey home where there is no parting, no more tears or heart aches for her.

From the Republican News Journal, 30 Sept 1904

Ruth, the twelve-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. **Steagall** of Blackwell, died recently of dropsy, after several months suffering.

Mrs. Ran Stroup, of near Blackwell died at the hospital in Wichita recently, just after an operation had been performed on her for cancer of the liver. [Ruth M. Stroup, b. 8 February 1855, d. 17 September 1904.]

Buck Bill, one of the oldest of the Tonkawa tribe of Indians, died at his home two miles east of Tonkawa, September 9. About one year ago Bill married a white woman. Recently he sold a farm for \$8000.

Card of thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. **Carmichael** wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all kind friends and neighbors

who so kindly and willingly rendered their much needed assistance during the late and severe illness of their beloved son **Hughie**.

From the Republican News Journal, 7 October 1904

IN MEMORIAM.

After many months of intense suffering, **Manly Neal** passed peacefully into his rest on Wednesday p.m., Sept. 28, at a quarter of two, at the home of his mother in Arkansas City.

While it was recognized that his death was only a matter of a short time, yet it came quite suddenly and at a time when least expected.

The interment was made Thursday afternoon, the services being conducted from the Congregational Church at Arkansas City.

Manly was a young man of the most exemplary Christian character, a beautiful trait being his devotion to his parents

Fate, it would seem, has dealt harshly with this family, the father and only son having passed away within a few months of each other, while a daughter, Mrs. Thomas of Arkansas City, at present sojourning in Arizona in quest of health, is reported to be in critical condition.

A mother, four sisters and a host of friends are left to mourn the loss of a devoted and dutiful son. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

From the Republican News Journal, 14 October 1904

Obituary.

Mrs. Annie McMichael, mother of Robert McMichael, died at the home of her son north of the city on Tuesday morning. The services were held on Wednesday afternoon, and were largely attended by friends and neighbors. Mrs. McMichael was a native of Northumberland, England, and was in her eighty-fifth year. Her life was characterized by earnest, simple faith in Jesus Christ and her closing hours were brightened by the consolations of her faith. [Anne McMichael, born 10 December 1819, died 11 October 1904, buried at Newkirk Cemetery.]

The twin children left by the late **Mrs. Russart** were returned to this city from Wichita this week by the matron of the children's home. She reported that provision had been made for only a week's care. Mr. Cooper took up a collection for their immediate wants and hopes these bright babies may find a good home with some worthy people.

From the Democrat-Herald, 28 October 1904

Obituary.

It is our solemn duty to publish the death notice of **Isaac Herbig**, who moved to Kay County about nine years ago and bought a farm four and one half miles southeast of Kildare where he resided until the death angels called him to his reward on October 24th, 1904. He was one of the best citizens of his neighborhood, quiet, unobtrusive, enterprising, and industrious.

He was born in Hessia, Germany, April 7, 1836, and consequently was 68 years, 6 months, and 17 days old at his death. He came to the United States in 1837 with his parents when but a mere babe in arms, and one year later settled in Dubois County, Ind., where he resided until 19 years old when he emigrated to Schuyler County, Ill., and shortly afterwards was married to Mary E. Edmondston who survives him. Of this union 11 children came to bless their home, of whom eight boys, Bazil B, John H., Nicholas M., James, Thomas, Warren, Edwin, and Isaac, and daughter, Mrs. Sarah Copeland are living most of them are married. Two living in Oxford, Kansas, one in Hamilton County, Kansas, one in southern Oregon, and the remainder reside in Oklahoma.

He was sick and suffered many months with a complication of diseases which were the cause of his death. The funeral services were held at the family residence at 10 o'clock on Tuesday followed by the procession of relatives and friends to the Newkirk Cemetery where the [remains] were interred.

Besides the surviving family mentioned, there are 16 grandchildren to mourn with them in their loss. Peace be to his ashes.

From the Democrat-Herald, 18 November 1904

Baby Killed.

Mr. Chubs, who lives in the Kaw country about ten miles north of here, had a very sad accident t befall his family Wednesday of last week. The family was living in quite a large cave, which was supposed to be perfectly safe. Three of the children were sick in bed and the little **baby** lay asleep in its cradle when the accident occurred. Mrs. Smith, a nearby neighbor, was spending the afternoon at the Chubs place, and just as she and Mrs. Chubs had stepped out of the cave, when Mrs. Smith expected to leave for home, the crash came. At first one end fell in, and Mrs. Chubs heroically saved the children who were sick and she had no more than secured the last one than the whole top fell in. The little one in the cradle was instantly killed. It was buried in the Uncas Cemetery [Oak Grove] Thursday of last week. – *Kaw City Star*.

From *Republican News Journal*, 25 November 1904

Carl Severson little son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Severson of North Vernon died Nov. 18th 1904. Carl was six years and two months old. He was only sick a few hours dying from the effects of that most terrible disease membranous Croup. The remains were laid to rest in the Mount Zion cemetery in Kansas. The funeral was largely attended by neighbors and friends from the surrounding country. The parents and family have our sympathy in their sad bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Severson and family thank all the friends for their kind sympathy and assistance.

Little Carl only went to sleep.
That the Lord might in silence
His harvest reap.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 25 November 1904

It is reported here that **Will Queen**, son of Mrs. M. R. Queen, residents of this city in the early days was killed by an explosion of dynamite at Joplin, Mo., recently. Will was the idol of his mother and her only support except a small pension she receives as a soldier's widow.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 2 December 1904

Mrs. W. T. Austin died last Saturday afternoon at the home of her son R. W. Austin. The burial was held last Sunday at the Newkirk Cemetery where a short service was held conducted by Rev. Moore of the Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of R. W. Austin, Mrs. E. P. Brooks, and Mrs. J. N. Brooks of Kildare Township, and Mrs. J. K. Lacy, L. M. Norris and W. L. Austin of this city. The deceased had reached her 74 year, and for the past several years has been an invalid.

From the *Republican News Journal*, and *Democrat-Herald*, 16 December 1904

[Both the *Republican* and *Democrat* contain accounts of the killing, at Ponca City, of **John Porter** by George Shelby which is recorded extensively in the *Ponca City Daily Courier* editions of 9 December 1904 and 28 March 1907. The articles are available on microfilm or in *Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Pioneers* Extracted from *Ponca City Newspapers*.]

Died. After several weeks of suffering **Martin E. Saylor** passed away at seven o'clock Wednesday morning. He was one of the most popular and successful young men in the community. He was born at Falls City Nebraska,

March 4, 1867. The funeral ceremonies took place Thursday at M. E. Church in charge of the Masonic Lodge, conducted by Rev. D. G. Murray, the pastor. The interment was at Steel Cemetery, Falls City, Nebraska. Deceased leaves a widow to mourn the loss of a devoted husband. Mr. Saylor was one of the most highly esteemed young men in this city and was noted for his sterling business abilities and uniform good nature. He was afflicted with Bright's disease which rapidly made headway causing him suffering.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 16 December 1904

Martin Saylor Dead.

M. E. Saylor died at his home in this city Wednesday morning after a long illness from Bright's disease. He was a young man, 27 years of age, a native of Nebraska, from which state he moved to Oklahoma. He leaves a young wife, formerly Miss Lulu Gravitt, father, mother, two brothers and sisters to mourn his death. The remains were shipped to Falls City, Nebraska for interment.

From *Republican News Journal*, 23 December 1904

Accidental Shooting.

Charles Thorpe, seventeen years old and the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thorpe living four miles north [of] Peckham, accidentally shot and killed himself about three o'clock Saturday afternoon Dec. 17th, while hunting with a shot gun. As near as we can learn he had gone down on the Bluebaker farm just north of Mr. Weaver's place and there met Mr. Weaver's hired man and boys going for a load of straw. He climbed on the wagon which had a hay rack on it, and rode with the boys to the straw stack, standing on the back end of the rack holding the gun, which was cocked, by the barrel near the muzzle and resting the stock on the rack. When they arrived at the straw stack the team was stopped and two of the boys jumped off. Just then they heard a gun go off and some say "Oh." They looked around just a Charlie Thorpe was falling onto the ground. Mr. Sam Malay was just passing at the time on the road from Peckham, one-fourth of mile from where the accident happened. He was notified and took the boy home in his wagon. Your correspondent was there soon after the corpse arrived and helped lay the young man out. The wound was at least three or four inches deep perfectly round, and there is no doubt the boy died instantly. The boys in this vicinity have been very careless with guns. This should be a warning to them to be more careful.

From *Republican News Journal*, 30 December 1904

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary Feller Wharton was born Oct. 3, 1876 at Odon, Daviess County, Indiana, died Dec. 22, 1904, 5:20 p.m. She leaves a husband, one child, "Ramona", a father and mother and eight brothers, who, while they mourn her loss, will always see a beautiful life, a sweet spirit and a kind hand that was always willing in every good work.

Mrs. Wharton was educated in the University of Vincennes, Indiana. She spent six years as a teacher in the public schools of her native state and in Texas. A clear, studious mind and an industry unflinching made her work successful both as a student and teacher. When fourteen years old she accepted the gospel under the preaching of Charles Rains Scoville at the First Christian Church at Odon, Indiana.

On April 4, 1898 she was united in marriage to Rev. F. D. Wharton, one child came to bless this union.

A faithful wife, a most devoted mother, a friend indeed to all with whom she was associated. A lover of the pure, the true and the beautiful here, and for such there awaits to be unfolded the sublime glories of a blissful eternity: "Until the Day Dawn," we say farewell.

From the Democrat-Herald, 30 December 1904

Mrs. Wharton Dead.

After a lingering illness of several months, **Mrs. F. D. Wharton** died last Thursday evening at the Christian parsonage in this city. The deceased was the wife of Rev. Wharton, pastor of the Christian Church, to whom she was married shortly before coming to this city. One child, now about a year old, blessed this union which was so rudely terminated by that dread disease, consumption. Everything possible had been done to check the disease the deceased spending nearly the entire summer in Colorado in the hope of benefit, but seeing the case was hopeless, returned to this city to wait her call and be surrounded by friends and family. The funeral was held Friday afternoon and the remains laid to rest in the Newkirk Cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere gratitude to the many friends who so kindly ministered to us in the recent sore affection of the illness and death of our beloved wife and sister. Your every act of kindness and word of sympathy have our fullest appreciation and may you each one have much of the Divine blessing and favor upon the way of life.

F. D. Wharton, Albert Feller, Wm. H. Feller, I. E. Wharton

From the Republican News Journal, 6 January 1905

Mrs. Albert Long died at Winfield Tuesday after undergoing a surgical operation by Drs. Emerson and Hazen. The body was shipped to Kaw City and buried at Washunga. She leaves a husband and two little children to mourn her loss. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved husband.

From the Republican News Journal, 30 January 1905

Dr. Cagle Assassinated.

Dr. G. H. Cagle, formerly of Newkirk, age 60, was found dead in the woods half a mile from his home near Mandeville, Ten miles north of Texarkana, Arkansas, last week with a full load of buckshot in his face and head. At his side lay his repeating rifle cocked and a few yards away were two dead dogs evidently shot with his bullets.

Dr. Cagle owned 1000 acres mostly in the woods, which he had surrounded with, wire fencing. There is considerable game on the property and he has been greatly annoyed for a long time by hunters and their dogs. He finally swore to kill all dogs found on the property and it is said that in the last two years he has killed 85. Saturday afternoon he took his gun and went to head off some dogs whose barking he heard as they were crossing his land. He did not return that night and search resulted in finding his body as stated. It is surmised that when he shot the dogs the hunter was close behind and shot him out of revenge. The coroner is making through investigation.

From the Democrat-Herald, 3 February 1905

A sad accident occurred in the Kaw Country last Thursday which resulted in the death of **Wm. O. Bryan**. Mr. Bryan and his cousin whose name we did not learn were returning home with a load of wood. Both were walking beside the wagon, Mr. Bryan's cousin carrying a loaded shotgun. In some way the gun was discharged, the contents taking effect in the back of Mr. Bryan's head. Mr. Bryan was immediately taken to his home on the old Hollon farm east of town where he died Friday evening about 89 o'clock. Funeral services were held Sunday and interment was made in the Newkirk Cemetery. The deceased leaves a wife and three children and carried two thousand dollars in the Woodman Lodge.

From the Republican News Journal, 17 Feb 1905

Obituary.

John Booth Dale was born in Hancock County, Illinois, January 17th, 1840, died at his home five miles

northeast of Ponca City, Feb 7th, 1905, age 65 years and 21 days.

Being left an orphan when he was five years old he made his home with Eli Campbell until the war. In 1861 he joined the Union army enlisting with the 7th Missouri Cavalry. He was in service two years. He took sick while guarding his country's flag. Having little hope for his recovery, the officer granted him an honorable discharge. Leaving the swamps of Arkansas, he went to his home in Illinois. There he regained some of his former health and vigor.

While a young man he became a soldier of Christ. He united with the M. E. Church of which he was a member at the time of his death. In 1864 he was married to Mary Philena Quint. J. B. Dale has lived a consistent Christian life. He is gone, but not forgotten, gone to meet his dear companion, gone to be with Christ his King. He leaves seven children, also a brother and four sisters to mourn his loss. Sad is the parting but "It is God's way. His, not ours, be done."

John Nelson Wymer died of paralysis at the home of his son, J. W. Wymer, in Blackwell Saturday February 4, after an illness of about four days, aged 78 years. He was born in Morgan County, Ohio, February 18, 1828.

From the Republican News Journal, 24 February 1905

The funeral of the veteran soldier **A. L. Matson** occurred Tuesday.

From the Republican News Journal, 10 March 1905

Card of Thanks.

I take this way of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to my neighbors and friends who so kindly tendered their help, sympathy and love during the sickness and death of my husband. Especially do I feel grateful to the Newkirk M. W. A. Camp for their kindly ministrations in my great sorrow. I shall ever hold these friends in kindly remembrance.

Mrs. Nelle R. **Bryan**

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank all the kind neighbors and friends who aided and sympathized with us in the hour of our bereavement in the loss of our child **Donald Kenneth Wheeler**.

Mr. and Mrs. J C Wheeler

From the Democrat-Herald, 24 March 1905

Died – **Mrs. Margaret M. LaBarr** died March 22 after lingering illness. Funeral services at Presbyterian Church, Friday afternoon at 2:30 conducted by Rev. D.

G. Murray. W.R.C. service at the residence at 2 o'clock. All friends of the family are invited.

From the Republican News Journal, 14 April 1905

A resolution of memorial for their deceased member, **Margaret Labarr** is printed in this edition of the newspaper. [Mrs. Labarr was born in 23 September 1857, and died 22 March 1905.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 14 April 1905

Man killed at Crossing,

John W. Hatfield, a man who had been working for the Harness & Bell ranch in the Ponca Country, was struck by the southbound Santa Fe Passenger train, No 5, at the crossing near the stock yards last Saturday evening at 8:45 o'clock and almost instantly killed. When the train struck the wagon the man was thrown fifty feet in the air and was picked up in neighboring field. Both legs were broken and the body mangled. He lived about ten minutes. The wagon was demolished, but the horses ran away uninjured. Movers camped near the track say that when the train appeared he horses became unmanageable and rushed onto the track in front of the engine. Hatfield had been employed on the Harness & Bell ranch in hauling corn, and was returning from town to the ranch when the accident happened. A coroner's inquest was held Sunday afternoon, but as the jury returned a sealed verdict, the findings was not made public. Hatfield had no family here, but two sons jived at Wakita, to which place the body was shipped today for burial. He was about 50 years of age.

From the Republican News Journal, 21 April 1905

Ray Shaver Held Up and Probably Fatally Shot

Newkirk citizens are accustomed to read in the daily papers desperate holdups in the large cities, but did not dream that such affairs could happen in their peaceful surroundings. They were dreadfully shocked with the news that while returning home from the depot shortly before midnight Wednesday **Ray Shaver** a prominent real estate dealer of this city, was held up near his residence. He had been to the depot to meet a train. As he approached his house a masked man approached and thrust a revolver in his face. The man told him to give over his money and other valuables. Instead of complying with the demand he attempted to strike the man with an umbrella.

The masked man then fired at him, the bullet taking effect in the abdomen. The robber then probably fled northward without effecting his object, Ray having some \$40 in cash when held up.

Mr. Shaver crawled to the porch of Mr. Thomas and some twenty minutes after the shot was fired knocked weakly on the door which was opened by Mrs. Thomas. He feebly asked to be taken home. Mr. Thomas had heard the shot but he thought is amounted to nothing and had retired. He immediately took charge of his seriously wounded neighbor and placed him on a bed in his own residence, sending for Mr. Mason, Mr. Shaver's partner, and Dr. Werner, and the injured man's was dressed. As we go to press very little hope is held for his recovery, as the wound is in a dangerous place.

The man who did the shooting is described as being about 5 feet 0 inches in height. He is well built. His face was concealed by a mask. Sheriff Wooden has organized a posse and is scouring the country. He also wired the sheriff at Wichita to have detective Stevens bring blood hounds down here on the first train this morning. These arrived but failed to take up the trail.

Our citizen are worked up over this affair and there is talk of lynching the murderer if caught,

Dr. Emerson of Winfield was sent for and assisted Dr. Werner.

As near as we can get the information, Ray first saw the man when nearing his home, the man coming from the neighborhood of his residence, having probably laid in wait for him.

All kinds of theories are advanced as to whether the man was a resident of the city or a stranger, many inclining to the belief that the man was fully acquainted with and seemed well posted on his surroundings. There have been numerous minor hold ups in this section of the city.

From the Democrat-Herald, 24 April 1905

Ray Shaver Shot.

Ray Shaver, a prominent real estate man of this city, was held up and shot by a masked highwayman Wednesday night about 11:34. The holdup occurred in the Academy addition near the Thomas residence to which place he crawled after being shot and aroused the family. Mr. Shaver had had business t the office until a late hour and when proceeding home, noticed a short heavysset man preceding him gut give no thought to the matter. When near his home the man suddenly turned and demanded his money, which he refused and grappled with the robber, hitting him in the stomach and over the head with his umbrella. Whereupon the robber drew a gun and shot Mr. Shaver in the abdomen, the bullet penetrating the body. Dr. Werner was called and dressed the wound and Dr. Emerson, of Winfield was sent for, arriving on the 11:20 train. On this train also came two blood hounds from Wichita gut they could find no working scent. The officers have no clew [sic]

on which to work, although several persons claim to have seen the criminal. Mr. Shaver has a dangerous wound and one which generally proven fatal, but the injured man is a sturdy fellow and may survive.

From the Republican News Journal, 28 April 1905

Obituary.

Raymond S. Shaver was born in Rush County, Ind., February 15, 1871, His parents moved to Lincoln County, Kansas, when he was eight months old, where they have since resided. Ray enlisted in the Philippines war, Company C, 2nd Volunteers of Kansas, a corporal [on] May 1, 1898, and was honorably mustered out November 3 of the same year. He came to Newkirk soon after and engaged in the real estate business. He was a man of good business ability and a strong Christian character, which qualities combined, gave him a reputation of worth and merit. In business and social circles he was a favorite. In the church and Epworth League he was active, serving on the board of trustees,

He made a cheerful and happy home for his sister Lillian, the breaking up of which will be keenly felt by her,

His trust and confidence in Jesus Christ as his personal savior was unwavering and in his last hour a sustaining comfort. In the great loss to his loved ones, the citizens of Newkirk and the M. E. Church extend heartfelt sympathy. He passed from us to his reward soon after midnight, Thursday April 21, at Winfield. His pastor Mr. Mason, Grace Hayden, his brother Jay, and sister, Lillian, accompanied the remains to Lincoln, Kansas where the funeral was preached from the M. E. Church, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. by pastor Rev. Bradbery of the Presbyterian Church and Dr. Sweet pastor of the M. E. Church took part.

Rev. Murray took for his text, John XI, 36, "Behold, how he loved him." [A lengthy summary of the funeral sermon is included in the obituary, but not in this writing,]

Two beautiful floral offerings were presented by the M. E. Church and the Epworth League, other beautiful offerings were given, but best of all was the universal expression of esteem and love. The people of Lincoln filled the large church to overflowing and all classes were in attendance. His pastor spoke of the sympathy of the people of Newkirk and the great disappointment in not being able to show their appreciation of his character by participating in the funeral services. Mr. Mason, his partner, and Miss Grace Hayden were in attendance.

From the Democrat-Herald, 28 April 1905

[This edition of the *Democrat-Herald* published an obituary for Ray Shaver identical to the one appearing in

the *Republican News Journal* if the same date.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 12 May 1902

Card of Thanks.

We hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to the friends in Newkirk for their beautiful floral offerings, also for their kind and tender assistance and sympathy in the loss of our dear son and brother Raymond S. Shaver
David Shaver and family.

Sudden death.

C. W. Connelly, a workman on the Arcade hotel building, dropped dead this morning soon after beginning work. Some of the other workmen saw him fall to the floor, and when they got to him he was dead. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of his death. Connelly moved here from Newkirk last winter and has been in the employ of Contractor O. F. Keck most of the time since. He was about 40 years of age and leaves a wife and three children. The body was carried to the home in the Wylde addition, where the family has resided since coming to the city. Deceased was a member in good standing of the A. O. U. W. and his wife will receive the sum of \$2,000 from that organization. – Wednesday's *Ponca City Courier*. [Charles W Connelly, 1856 – 1905. Buried at Newkirk Cemetery. Wife was Lenora F Smith, 1852 – 1950, both pioneers of Oklahoma 1889.]

From the *Republican News Journal*, 19 May 1905

Mrs. C. C. Ackers and children returned to their home in Blackwell recently from Monett, Mo., where Mrs. Ackers was called on account of sickness and death of relatives.

H. C. Rice, formerly in the hotel business at Kildare, died in Kansas City recently, where he went for medical treatment. He leaves a wife who is not residing at Tulsa, I. T.

From the Democrat-Herald, 26 May 1905

Obituary.

Clarence Christian Paulson was born Sept. 17th, 1876 in Nassau Twp., Sioux County, Iowa. His boyhood days were spent on the farm of his father where he remained until about 22 years of age, when he went to Agency Iowa, where he lived about a year. While there he was converted to Christ and joined the Congregational Church. He came to Oklahoma in Dec. 1901, the time intervening being spent on his father's farm with the exception of a winter in school at Collegeview, Lincoln, Nebr.

In Oklahoma he lived with his parents in Kildare

until in the fall of 1902 when he went to the new country where he bought a claim. There he worked at the carpenter trade until entering the employ of Wey Hdw. Co. at Snyder, where he was employed at the time of his death. He was married on Christmas eve 1904 to Miss Celia Jane Rury of Snyder who with her mother, 4 brothers and three sisters survive him, all of whom were present at his funeral except one brother, Claude M Paulson who is in the U. S. Army at Presidio, California. Funeral services were held at the Kildare M. E. Church, conducted by Rev. S. E. Turner and the remains interred in Newkirk Cemetery.

The circumstances of his death are too familiar to need repetition, suffice to say that his wife and himself were seriously injured in the Snyder tornado, he dying four days [14 May 1905] later of his injuries, while his wife is still in the hospital. To many it might be an easy task to say nice things about those who are taken from our midst, but the writer of this finds it difficult to find words to express his virtues, for he had many. While apparently a man of few words he was exceptionally able to take in both the pathos and humor of life; sympathetic and kind yet firm he walked the path of duty as he saw it thereby endearing himself to all good people temperate in all his habits he carried his principle of temperance into his social and political life.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved parents in this their second loss, having lost a grown daughter shortly before coming to Oklahoma.

From the Republican News Journal, 2 June 1905

Mrs. Julia Varner, wife of J. N. Varner died at their home in Blackwell Thursday morning, after an illness of two weeks. She was n with pneumonia which developed into brain trouble. She leaves a husband and little son five years of age, who have the sympathy of their many friends.

From the Democrat-Herald, 2 June 1905

Mrs. R. G. McCullum died at her home in this city last Monday morning after a long illness. The body was laid to rest in Newkirk Cemetery Tuesday morning the bereaved husband has the sympathy of the community.

Resolutions.

[There are published in this edition of the *Democrat-Herald* Resolutions of Sympathy from the W. R. C. expressing sympathy to the family of their sister **Mary McCullom**.]

The body of the 8-year-old son of J. T. Stansbury,

who died last Thursday at Wayside, Kans., was brought to Newkirk Friday and interred in the Fairview Cemetery. The child's death was caused by appendicitis. The decedent was a grandson of J. W. Stansbury, of this city, who had just returned from Wayside where he had been visiting his son and family. During that visit the child, to all appearances was enjoying the best of health. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stansbury accompanied the remains to this city returning to their home Monday.

From the Democrat-Herald, 9 June 1905

Mrs. Wooden Dead.

May Belle Wooden, wife of Sheriff Wooden died in the hospital at Wichita, Kansas, Wednesday evening June 7th, from the effects of an operation performed at Tuesday.

The remains were brought to the city this morning (Thursday) and services were held at the home of the deceased, conducted by Rev. Shepherd. The remains were interred in Newkirk Cemetery.

From the Republican News Journal, 16 June 1905

Obituary.

Mrs. May Bell Wooden, wife of Charles W Wooden of this city died Wednesday evening June 7, at the St. Francis Hospital, Wichita, Kansas where she had been ill for several weeks.

Such was the word that spread over Newkirk Wednesday night, and notwithstanding the fact that her death within a short time was known to her friends to be certain, death is something for which the healthful living are never prepared, nor were they saved that blighting shock this time,

She had been confined to her home quite some time and as her condition failed to improve, it was decided as highly necessary that she should undergo an operation. Accompanied by her husband she was taken to St. Francis hospital where the operation was made. Unfortunately her strength, due to the inroad disease had made upon it, was not sufficient to assist in making the operation successful. Her passing was without pain or mental agony. Conscious of her condition, she realized that respiration was decreasing and spoke of it.

The deceased was a daughter of Isaac A. and Matilda Adams, and was born in Doniphan County, Kansas, April 23, 1861. She leaves a husband, one son, and five brothers,

Mrs. Wooden was a member of the order of the Daughters of Rebeccah, also the Fraternal Aid Association,

The funeral was held in the Baptist tabernacle in

this city, Friday at 2 p.m. and interment was made at the Newkirk Cemetery, the Rev. Shepard officiating,

Charles Woodson, the husband, is the present sheriff of our county, and the son Clyde is the jailer in charge of the county jail. To the family is extended the deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

From the Democrat-Herald, 16 June 1905

[An obituary for **May Belle Wooden** containing the same information as the one published in the Republican News Journal, printed above, was, also, published in the Democrat-Herald.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 23 June 1905

Died.

Mrs. Mary McCullum, May 29th, 1905, at her home in Newkirk, Okla. Born Mary E. Murry December 6th 1840, in North Carolina and was married to R. J. McCullum, July 18th, 1862 and moved to Oklahoma [in] 1902. Her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Louisa Parker, survive her. Her sufferings of that dread disease cancer were long and terrible but she bore them patiently and longed to end. She prayed constantly that she might be called to her eternal home.

She was a kind Christian woman a devoted wife and mother; her noble character was admired by all. She became a member of the Baptist church when she was nine years old.

She was also a member of the Woman's relief Corps which order attended her funeral in a body. Rev. Murray officiated.

From the Republican News Journal, 23 June 1905

[This edition contains an account of the murder of **Martin Julian** by an assailant in an apparent highway robbery attempt at Ponca City. If the reader wishes additional information, the incident is widely covered in the Ponca City Courier and the Ponca City Democrat including the arrest and conviction of Al Harpster for the crime. Another man, Bryan Cole, later admitted to the killing as he lay dying and Harpster was apparently exonerated of the murder. The story also appears in *Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Pioneers Extracted from Ponca City Newspapers* by Loyd M. Bishop.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 30 June 1905

Word was received from Kiowa County last week of the death of **T. C. Anderson**, a former resident and business man of Newkirk, at his home near Cooperton, Okla., on June 13, 1905. He was fifty-one years, having been born

in McDona [sic] County, Illinois, Feb 8, 1854. He was a member of the Congregational Church. Many of our people will remember Mr. Anderson who conducted a hardware and undertaking establishment of North Main Street from the time of the opening until moving to the new country shortly after the drawing. He possessed many friends here, all of whom extend their sympathy to the bereaved widow and adopted daughter Miss Carrie.

From the Democrat-Herald, 28 July 1905

The youngest **son** of Mr. and Mrs. **Rufus Chappell** died last Wednesday morning after a brief illness. The funeral was held on Thursday morning.

Wm. Merrell of Toledo, Ohio, died at the county jail Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Merrell was taken off the southbound train Wednesday evening of last week; being too ill to travel to his destination at Oklahoma City. He was a stranger in the city and was taken charge of by Clyde Wooden, county Jailer, who secured him a nurse and the best of medical attendance. The supposition is that he was on his way to California to visit his daughter, who was notified of his serious illness. She arrived in the city Tuesday evening. The deceased was 69 years old. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Oglevee of the Presbyterian Church and the body laid at rest in Newkirk cemetery yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

An Arkansas City Killing.

Harry Anderson, a restaurant keeper, was shot and instantly killed late Tuesday night on a road south of Arkansas City. A few hours later, Lee Krebs, keeper of a livery stable, gave himself up. Krebs and Anderson's wife were riding towards town in a buggy when Anderson stepped from the side of the road and tried to stop the horse. It is said that the deceased drew a gun but before he could use it, Krebs jumped out of the buggy and grabbed him, and during the scuffle which followed the gun exploded, killing Anderson. Report has it that the Andersons had been living together for nearly 176 years but were married in Newkirk about six months ago, since which event they have been living apart. Krebs and the woman are being held for the result of the coroner's inquest.

From the Republican News Journal, 28 July 1905

Another Killing.

A man named **Henry Anderson**, a restaurant keeper at Arkansas City, was killed on a road south of that city by Lee Krebs who formerly lived in Kildare. Krebs is a livery man. Anderson and his wife lived together

fourteen years and had two children. It is said they were not married, but disagreements arose and they came to Newkirk and were married and then separated. Anderson resented his wife going with Krebs, and meeting them out driving called them to stop. Anderson drew a gun, Krebs seized his arm, turned the gun downwards and succeeded in discharging it, the ball entering Anderson's abdomen killing him.

Died.

William Merrell was born in Spaulding England 69 years ago. He came to America in 1865. He lived two years in New York then moved to Ohio where he has since resided. He was on his way to California to visit his daughter, when he became sick on the train, and was taken from the train here a week ago. Sheriff Wooden took him home and telegraphed his daughter in California. She arrived here night before last, in time to see her father alive. Mr. Merrell leaves a daughter, Mrs. Keith and a son. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and was an upright and worthy citizen. The funeral service was held Thursday afternoon by Rev. J. A. B. Oglevee at Sheriff Wooden's. [Mr. Merrell is buried at Newkirk Cemetery.]

From the Republican News Journal, 28 July 1905

The little **baby brother** of Guilford **Chappell** died Tuesday night at their residence east of the city. The funeral occurred Thursday at 2 o'clock.

From the Republican News Journal, 4 August 1905

Funeral Notice.

The **infant son** of Rufus and Martha **Chappell** born Feb. 1904, departed this life July 26, 1905 aged 1 year 5 months and 19 days. It was sick for three weeks and for two weeks loved ones watched patiently and had little hope of its recovery. The funeral was conducted by Rev. D. G. Murray at the residence east of town Thursday at 2 o'clock. A male quartet composed of the Wharton brothers, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Burke sang some beautiful selections. [U. B Chappell, b. Feb 5 1904, buried Newkirk Cemetery.]

Card of thanks.

Mr. and Rufus Chappell desire hereby to express their gratitude and appreciation for kindness and services rendered by their neighbors and friends during the sickness and death of their little son.

Obituary.

The community and Kay County were deeply shocked to learn of the sad death of Mrs. Dunlop. She

was a most popular lady, and the home so pleasant in all its surroundings, with the tender love and care of a devoted husband is suddenly made desolate. Never in its history has our city and the county generally been so deeply stricken with grief as on this occasion. A beautiful life has gone from us to its great reward for hers was a life of Christian self-sacrifice.

Flora B. Christian Dunlop was born March 31, 1877, at Holden, Missouri. Departed this life July 30 1905. Her early life was spent at Holden. She joined the Christian church at the age of 13 years, and has lived a consistent Christian life ever since. She finished the public schools at Holden. Her parents moved to Allen, Kansas where her father died in 1895. She taught schools in Kansas four years and attended the State Normal at Emporia, afterwards coming to Oklahoma during September 1900, making her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaw of Blackwell. She taught school two years near Tonkawa and two years near Blackwell. She governed her schools by love, having perfect order. All of the pupils had the greatest love and respect for her and did no disobey thus exercising the divine command that has gone forth; "love ye one another."

She was married to Robert Dunlop our present County Treasurer, June 7, 1901, at Blackwell by Rev., H. L. Moore. She leaves husband, infant daughter, mother, three brothers and many friends to mourn her absence. The funeral took place Wednesday at the Christian church in this city under the direction of the Masonic Lodge. Rev. Lloyd preached the sermon. The flowers furnished by the ladies of the Mystic Club, Masons, friends and relatives were most beautiful. The glee club sang the hymns. The burial occurred at the cemetery six miles below Tonkawa near Mr. Dunlop's country residence. [Prairie View Cemetery.]

J. Shaw and wife of Blackwell attended the funeral services of their granddaughter, **Mrs. Robert Dunlop**, Wednesday Aug. 7, which was held at the Christian Church.

From the Democrat-Herald, 4 August 1905

Mrs. Dunlop Dead.

[An obituary for **Mrs. Flora B Dunlop** was published in the *Democrat-Herald* of this date containing the same information though worded slightly differently than the *Republican News Journal* of the same date.]

From the Republican News Journal, 24 August 1905

Obituary.

It was with the profoundest sorrow and deepest regret

that the many friends learned of the death of **Mr. George W. Williams**, which occurred Sunday August 20, at 5 p.m. at his home four miles northeast of Newkirk. He passed away peaceful, surrounded by many sorrowing relatives and friends. At peace with his God and fellowmen, he feared not death, but welcomed it as a relief to the great suffering which he had patiently endured for the past five years.

George W. Williams was born in Holt County, Mo. February 11, 1843 and when quite young moved with his parents to Kentucky, where he resided till 1859, when he moved to Kansas, remaining there until the opening of this country to settlement, having since resided here on the fine farm which he secured at that time

In 1871 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Susan Allen.

In his death the community loses one of its early settlers and one of its most upright citizens.

The deceased leaves a devoted wife, and one daughter, a brother residing in this county, and a sister of Little Rock Ark.

The funeral services were held at their home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Garrett officiating. Interment was made in the Newkirk cemetery

The large concourse of friends present testified to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

From the Democrat-Herald, 25 August 1905

[In this issue is an identical copy of the obituary from the *Republican News Journal*, above.]

From the Republican News Journal, 1 September 1905

Fatally Shot.

Arine Brown, the little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown, living eight miles southeast of this city, was accidentally shot Tuesday morning at 7:30. She died a few hours after the accident. The shot was from a .22 rifle which had been left on the bed. The little girl was playing about the house, and it is thought that in climbing on the bed she knocked the gun to the floor and it discharged. The ball entered the child's back just below the shoulder penetrating the left lung and passing upward and through the neck. The funeral services were held at the Jenkins Church conducted by the Methodist minister of Kildare.

This was a terrible shock to the bereaved family, and we, with their many friends, extend our heartfelt sympathy,

From the Democrat-Herald, 1 September 1905

Another accident.

Early Tuesday morning the three-year-old **daughter** of W. S. **Brown**, living southeast of this city, was accidentally shot while playing with a target rifle. She lived but a few hours. One of the boys of the family had taken the gun out to shoot at a dog. When he returned the gun to the house, the little girl in some manner secured the gun and began to play with it when the accident occurred. The ball passed through her chin and chest and lodged in her shoulder. Dr. Karsner was called but surgical aid proved of no avail, and the child died about noon.

From the Democrat-Herald, 8 September 1905

A Fatal Accident.

On Tuesday morning Aug 29, the whole community was shocked on learning that Irene, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown of Mervine, had accidentally shot herself. The child in some manner discharged a rifle; the ball entering the back passed through the left lung and came out at the neck. Dr. Karsner was called but it was too late, she was bleeding inwardly and all the doctor could do was relieve her suffering. She sank rapidly until 2 p.m. when respiration ceased. Mr. Brown away from home at the time, he was immediately summoned but could not get there until after death had claimed his dear one. On Wednesday the funeral sermon was preached, Rev Turner officiating, after which the remains were followed to the Jenkins cemetery and there laid to rest midst the tears of sorrowing friends. Little Rene was a sweet child, too fair for this earth. God plucked the bright blossom and took it to himself. Dear parents, brothers and sisters an aching void has been made in your hearts that never can be filled, but time will soften your grief. A sweet angel awaits your coming; in the years that come she will watch over her dear ones here, and when God calls them to himself, Rene's angel form will guide them to their eternal home. [Olive Irene Brown is buried in Wolf Creek Cemetery. Born 19 August 1902. Died 29 August 1905.]

Miss Kittie Fleming of Dale Township died last Monday morning after a short illness at the home of her parents. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon and the remains were interred in Newkirk Cemetery. Kittie Fleming, 30 May 1884 – 5 September 1905, husband Archie, infant daughter, no dates.]

From the Republican News Journal, 8 September 1905

Obituary.

William Washington Dodge was born July 6th 1817,

at New Boston N. H. His early life was spent in his father's saw and gristmill. He then learned the millwright and carpenter trade. He was married at Brattleboro, Vt. Sept. 12, 1817 [sic] to Martha Ann Smith of Cornville, Maine, and settled at August Maine. One child was born to them, Martha M. In 1849 he went to California via Cape Horn, and had a perilous voyage being six months at sea.

On his arrival at San Francisco he engaged in the carpenter and millwork. In 1851 he went back to Maine and took his family back to California via Panama, arrived in San Francisco in November 1851, and engaged in contracting street work which occupation he followed for several years. He then engaged in mining and the construction of quartz mills in Sonora Trigo and Weaverville. His health failing him he went to Eureka, where his brother John C. Dodge lived, and invested in real estate. But in 1871 on account of poor health he decided to go to Kansas to live with his daughter, Mrs. H. P. Symons, his wife having died in San Francisco. He arrived in Colfax Township, Cloud County, Kansas, Dec. 15, 1871, where he took a claim and improved it until it was one of the best in the country. He came with his daughter to Newkirk Jan. 30 1905, and died at her home 205 Maple Avenue, aged 88 years, 1 month, 25 days.

He leaves one brother, two sisters a daughter, two grand children, and seven great grand children to mourn his death.

H. P. Symons

From Republican News Journal, 29 September 1905

Death of Capt. Petit

Capt. Frank Petit one of the early settlers of Kay County living near the state line in Dale Township died last week. He was buried Sunday at Mercer Cemetery. He was a Mexican war veteran. Captain Petit was well known in this vicinity, he having lived here for many years. He had numerous friends who will regret to hear of his demise. The deceased was a staunch friend to his friends and a good neighbor. He was 82 years of age. Rev. E A Howard conducted the funeral ceremonies.

From the Democrat-Herald, 29 September 1905

Fatal Accident.

Mrs. Louisa Chambers and her four months old child were fatally burned in a gasoline explosion at Nardin, in the west part of this county, last Friday morning.

As nearly can be learned; Mrs. Chambers was using the gasoline stove the morning of the accident to do some cooking. Her baby was in a carriage sitting near the

stove. No one saw the accident, but it is claimed the tank began to leak and she picked it up to remove it from the house, when it exploded. Mrs. Chambers was immediately a mass of flames and ran to a neighbor's house for assistance, when she told them of the perilous position of the baby. On going to the house, the carriage was found to be in the midst of the flames and the baby fatally burned. For a time it was thought the child would recover but on Saturday both mother and babe died.

From the Republican News Journal, 6 October 1905

Killing at Kaw City.

Kaw City was the scene of a distressing tragedy last Thursday evening growing out of the excited condition of the citizens over the Bussert affair,

Dr. J. R. Irvin shot and instantly killed **Alpha Mann** in front of his office at 8:30 o'clock. The shooting was the result of a quarrel between the two men which started over the action of an angry mob egging J. L. Bussert earlier in the evening and sending him out of town. Dr. Irvin has continuously upheld Bussert and in loud language condemned the mob's action on the streets. Alpha man resented what he said and a quarrel ensued. Dr. Irvin walked into his office procured a revolver and returning said a few angry words and shot Mann through the heart killing him instantly. Two shots was [sic] fired both taking effect. About seven people witnessed the shooting. Dr. Irvin then walked into an alley and disappeared. The officers and citizens are now scouring the country, and he is a large portly man, he can easily be identified

The murdered man is a half-breed Kaw Indian, and conducted a restaurant at Kaw City. Dr. Irvin is a man with a family and had been practicing in Kaw City for about five years. He is about 45 years of age,

Coroner Widney lives at this place and was quickly on the scene.

[News item] As a sequence to the egging bee, Joe Bussert swore out warrants against Sam Chambers and wife, Clarence Monosmith, Mrs. Frank Monosmith, and Carrie Stout. They were brought to Newkirk and immediately gave bond in the sum of \$500 each to await the action of the grand jury. There is much excitement in Kaw City and vicinity. As we go to press the grand jury had made no report.

From the Democrat-Herald, 6 October 1905

As a result of an altercation between Dr. J. B. Irvin [Irvin in some reports] and **Alpha Mann**, familiarly known in Kaw City as Doc Mann, the latter is dead and the former a fugitive from justice.

Some time ago, J. L. Bussert, a furniture man of that town was arrested on a charge of criminal assault upon a little girl, and at the preliminary hearing was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. Since that time Bussert has moved his family to Newkirk. On last Thursday he went down to Kaw City to do some stone work and collect some outstanding debts. His return seems to have enraged some the people of that little burg, owing no doubt, to the fact that up to that time no bill had been brought in by the grand jury against Bussert, and they proceeded to mob him with stale eggs, whips, etc., and desisted only on his promise to get out of the town.

Dr. Irvin, it is said condemned the mob's action, which was resented by Mann. Harsh words were passed between the two, when Irvin went into his office, which was in one of the drug stores, secured a rifle and shot Mann through the heart.

Immediately after firing the shot, Dr. Irvin slipped out of town and has not been heard of since. He is a large, portly man weighting over three hundred pounds, and should, for this reason alone, find it hard to long elude the officers. A report was sent here that the fugitive had spent Thursday night in Ponca, going from there to Blackwell, and on into Kansas, but an investigation proved the clew [sic] to have been a false one. It is generally supposed that he went over into the Osage reservation and is being secreted by friends.

On Saturday G. N. Monosmith and wife, S. A. Chambers and wife, and Carrie E. Stout were arrested for the attack on Bussert and brought to Newkirk. Preliminary hearing was held before Judge Musselman where they waived examination and were bound over to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of \$500 each. A warrant was also issued for Wm. Brick, but the officers were unable to locate him.

[See also the coverage of this incident in the *Ponca City Courier* and the *Ponca City Democrat* that can be found in *Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Pioneers Extracted from Ponca City Newspapers* by Loyd M. Bishop.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 27 October 1905

Dr. Irvin Surrenders.

Word was received in this city Wednesday evening from the authorities at Chickasha, I. T., that Dr. Irvin, wanted for the murder of "Doc" Mann at Kaw City last month, had surrendered himself to them. Sheriff Wooden left yesterday morning for Chickasha and will bring the prisoner to this city.

[The *Republican News Journal* of 7 August 1908, reports the following:

Dr. Irwin is Given Full Pardon.

As a reward for good behavior during parole, Dr. J. D. Irwin of Kaw City, sentenced to ten years for first degree manslaughter, was given a full pardon today by Governor Haskell. Irwin was paroled last March.

Dr. Irwin was sentenced for killing Alpha Mann, a half-breed Kaw Indian at Kaw City, September 25, 1906. The killing resulted from a dispute between Irwin and Mann over the guilt of J. L. Bussert, who had been arrested, charged with criminal assault, and subsequently horse whipped and egged in the streets of Kaw City by citizens.

From the Republican News Journal, 20 October 1905

Obituary.

We are pained to chronicle the death of one of Newkirk's bright young men. **Edward Sherman Rector**, the beloved son of Mr., George Rector, a splendid boy aged nineteen years and a popular member of the graduating class of the high school passed away Saturday at eleven o'clock a.m. His death was due to typhoid fever, which baffled the skill of physicians. The funeral occurred Sunday at the M, E, Church, Rev. J. G. Murray conducting the ceremony. Edward was the scholar of the family, and gave promise of a bright career for himself, and it seems sad and strange that he should be called away. God moves in mysterious way. His ways are not our ways. Sadly we wonder and question the passing away of lives which give promise of great usefulness to this world.

Edward was popular with his class. They gave expression thereto with the most beautiful flowers. Many ladies also furnished flowers. The funeral services were very impressive. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family. Edward was born at Lebanon Missouri, February 10, 1886. He removed from there to Cedarvale, Kansas and then to the farm southwest of Newkirk at the opening of this country. He leaves father and mother, five brothers and two sisters to mourn his loss.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the many friends who so kindly assisted us in the sickness and death of our son, Edward and also Rev. Murray and the members of the Methodist Church who so kindly assisted at his funeral,

G. W. Rector M. G. Rector, Brothers and Sisters.

At Rest.

Died at Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sunday October 15, 1905, **Mrs. Alice Whitmore**, the beloved wife of W. W. Whitmore, one of the prominent farmers of Kildare Township. The funeral took place Tuesday at 2 o'clock

p.m. from the family residence one mile west of Kildare. The interment was at Newkirk Cemetery. The funeral ceremony was largely attended by the numerous friends of this popular lady. She came to this country in the early days with her husband and children from Des Moines, Iowa, and had endeared herself to a large circle of friends by her fine character. She was an earnest Christian lady, and was one of the most self-sacrificing, helpful women in Kay County. She ever possessed a sun-shiny, cheerful disposition, and was a lady of the highest culture and refinement. She will be sadly missed by her worthy husband and sturdy sons. Kildare Township will long remember this splendid lady and the influences of her perfect life will not soon be effaced,

From the Democrat-Herald, 20 October 1905

"Dad" White Dead.

Charles A. White, familiarly known as "Dad" White, died Tuesday night from congestion of the lungs. At the time of his death he was 63 years and 24 days old. Funeral services will be held at Kuchler's residence under the auspices of Stephenson Post, G. A. R. No. 16, at 2:30 p.m. Friday October 20th.

Mrs. W. W. Whitmore, of Kildare Township died in Colorado of consumption and was brought back to this county for burial Monday evening. The funeral services were held Tuesday conducted by the Ponca City Christian minister. The remains were interred in Newkirk cemetery.

From the Republican News Journal, 27 October 1905

Obituary.

There passed away in this city last Saturday, October 21 an aged citizen whose life evokes comment. **John Calvin Coulter** was 76 years, 1 month and 3 days old at his death and in these days when frenzied dollars seem to be the standard of measurement of men, whether we wish it or no, we love to dwell upon the long and useful careers of such men and John Coulter, who live close to God and nature and more than complete the scripture allotment of threescore and ten years. He was a grand old man, retaining his mental faculties and fine sympathies for his fellow man to the last. He was a true Christian and a faithful worker in the church. Mr. Coulter was an excellent horticulturist and all our citizens will remember his fine large strawberries which each season were placed on the market here, where eagerly sought and netted him handsome returns. Mr. Coulter led a life of perfect and true manhood. His death resembled the falling of a noble tree in the forest.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J.

A. B. Oglevee at the Presbyterian Church. He was buried in Cowley County.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 27 October 1905

Resolutions of Condolence

[There appears in this issue Resolutions of Condolence published by the Willow Springs Rebekah Lodge No. 24 of Kildare expressing sympathy to the family of their deceased sister, **Alice Whitmore**.]

Obituary.

The reaper of death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Hatfield** of Newkirk Sunday evening Oct 22 and claimed for his own one of the dearest treasures of the home, their youngest **daughter**

The bereaved parents, sisters and brother have the heartfelt sympathies of the entire neighborhood in this their sad hour of bereavement. [Lena, 1901-1902, buried at Newkirk Cemetery.]

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 27 October 1905

John Calvin Coulter.

John Calvin Coulter was born in Randolph County, Illinois on September 18, 1829. When a boy his family moved to St. Claire, Ill., where he lived for thirty-three years and where he was married to Elizabeth Jane Thompson on the 16th of April 1854. From St. Claire he moved to DeWitt County, Illinois, and resided there some ten years. In 1876 they came to Cowley County, Kansas, where he lived sixteen years. He located in Newkirk in 1893 and has resided here since till his departing this life on October 21, 1905 at the ripe old age of 76 years, 1 month and 43 days.

Mr. Coulter was the father of ten children, six of whom are yet living—four sons and two daughters. Mrs. Coulter, his wife, and all his children were with him before the end came. His last hours were peaceful. Mr. Coulter was staunch Presbyterian, as his name would indicate. He was an active ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church of this city. His pastor and fellow members of the church session give this testimony, "That he was faithful and true . . . [Rest of obituary was missing.]

Died.

At his home nine miles southeast of Newkirk on Sunday morning, Oct 22nd, **John T. Snow** after an illness of about two months duration. On Monday at 10 a.m. funeral services were held at the house, Rev. Bradford, pastor of the Free Methodist church, officiating. After the funeral sermon the remains were

laid to rest in the Newkirk cemetery amidst the tears of sorrowing friends.

Mr. Snow was born in Indiana, Dec 22, 1814. At the age of 25 he married and to this union nine children were born, all of whom are dead but three: John snow of Newkirk, Mrs. Nora Reynolds of Apache, and Maude who lives at home. In 1864 Mr. Snow removed to Kansas, living there till the Strip opened, when he moved to Newkirk. In 1896 his wife died. In 1900 he married Mrs. Foster of Ft. Scott, Kansas, who survives him.

Mr. Snow, while he did not profess to belong to any church, was a kind husband, a loving father, and was esteemed by all who knew him. The sorrowing friends have the sympathy of the whole community in this their hour of grief.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Apache, O. T., and Mr. Charles Monteith of Wichita, Kans., were here to attend the funeral, they being relatives of the deceased.

Lenn, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mr. F. P. **Hatfield**, died last Sunday after a few days illness with membranous croup. Funeral Services were held at the home and interment was made at Newkirk Cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community,

The many friends of Dr. **Wesselowski** will be grieved to learn of the death of his daughter, Miss **Bertha**, Wednesday at his home in Kansas City, by that dread disease diphtheria.

Middleton Items

Once more we are called on to record the death of one of our old pioneer neighbors. **Mrs. Daniel A. Landon** departed this life on last Saturday morning, aged 77 years 3 months, 28 days. Grandma Landon, as she was familiarly called, was born in North Augusta Canada, was married to John Landon Oct. 20th, 1847. The results of this union were four sons, three of whom are now living: Herman Pardee and Almerian Fieks of Manhattan, Mont., and John Edmonds of Arkansas City. Besides she leaves an aged husband and eleven grandchildren to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother. Mrs. Landon was a lifelong Christian, having united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at nine years of age. She came to Oklahoma in 1894 along with her husband and resided here until she was called to rest. After moving here she was joined to the First Presbyterian Church of Middleton and was a faithful and devoted member, always ready to do her duty as a Christian attending Sunday school the last Sunday she was living, endearing herself to young and old. She

leaves a host of friends behind her. Her three sons were in attendance at the funeral and are living example of her Christian training and we believe the world is better today for her having served their generation on this earth. At a ripe old age she has been called to join the throng that surround the great white throne and receive the reward that is promised to those who endure to the end. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church at eleven o'clock Tuesday, Rev. D. I. Jones officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the Mount Zion cemetery in Kansas. The aged husband and family have the sympathy of the entire community in their hour of bereavement.

From the Democrat-Herald, 10 November 1905

Death from Paralysis.

Mrs. Jessie M. Lockwood, wife of Lew A. Lockwood, died at their home in Ponca City last Saturday, Nov. 4th, 1905, at 4 o'clock a.m. from an attack of paralysis. She was 39 years, 1 month and 26 days of age at the time of her death.

The decedent was born in Greely, Kansas, Sept 8th, 1866, her parents being Mr., and Mrs., John Boucher. She was married to Mr. Lockwood at Arkansas City, June 9th, 1886. They came to Oklahoma, locating in Newkirk at the opening in 1893. Going later to Colorado but returning here four years ago. The family moved to Ponca City something over a year ago.

There are left to mourn her departure, besides many friends, husband, three daughters, a sister, Mrs. John Miller of this city, her mother and other relatives. The funeral services were held at Newkirk on Monday in the M. E. Church, the remains being interred in the city cemetery.

From Republican News Journal, 17 November 1905

In Memory of Mrs. Jessie Lockwood.

She was born in Kansas Sept. 8, 1866, departed this life Nov. 4, 1905. She was married to L. L. Lockwood June 9, 1885. To that union was born three girls, all of whom are still living to mourn the sad loss of a mother. Faultless as a wife, devotion to her children was her life's mission. Generous with her neighbors to a fault. Those who knew her best loved her most. Her home was her dominion. Father and children crowned her queen. She ruled with the gentle scepter of love, governed with a mother's kindness; her wish and will was their obedience; her life's ambition was her children's welfare; example was her method of teaching. No unkind words to her family ever passed her lips; her sadness at their misdeeds was to them severe punishment. She was the family's guiding star while in

life, and now we trust their beacon light on eternity's shore.

Early in her womanhood she chose the better part. She has been in ill health for years. Yet, not a complaint not a murmur. As the end drew nigh with a smile on her face her spirit took its flight and she was at rest.

From the Republican News Journal, 8 December 1905

Obituary.

Died, Thursday November 23, at 2 o'clock a.m. at Kildare, **Mrs. Susie Lewis Frick**, the beloved wife of Frank S Frick. Mrs. Frick was one of the most loved and most popular ladies of Kildare, being highly esteemed for her genial disposition wifely devotion and Christian character. Her death leaves a void in the community and deprives a devoted husband of a loving helpmate. Mrs. Frick was 28 years of age when she passed away, and was the mother of four children. She was born at Sac City, Iowa, and during the past eleven ears had been a resident of Kildare, the chosen field of her husband. She was a perfect type of mother and wife and had endeared herself to all in her community, who deeply deplore her loss. She bore her sickness patiently and with Christian fortitude obeyed the summons of the great Warden of heaven, bearing the good will to all, but leaving aching hearts and sobbing eyes at a sadly bereft fireside where little children cry in vain for their darling mother and devoted husband and father silently mourns.

The funeral took place Saturday. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Murray, pastor of the M. E. Church at Kildare, assisted by Rev. D. G. Murray of this city. The funeral was largely attended.

[A resolution of sympathy published by the Kildare lodge No. 42 I. O. O. F was published immediately following this obituary.]

From Republican News Journal, 15 December 1905

John H. Cole, aged 26 years, died suddenly at Ponca City at the Santa Fe depot about 11 p.m. Saturday. No particulars were obtainable, as he was a stranger to Ponca people. A letter found on his person was evidently from brother in New York and a telegram was immediately sent. The body was greatly emaciated as that of a person in the last stages of consumption, and that disease is probably the cause of Cole's death.

From the Democrat-Herald, 15 December 1905

Adam H Weirman.

The ripened sheaf **Adam H. Weirman**, a good and respected citizen was laid to rest in Newkirk cemetery Dec 9th, 1895.

The subject of this sketch was born in Logan County, Ohio, July 2nd, 1827. He had attained the ripe age of 78 years, 5 months and 6 days. He was married in his native state in the year 1851 to Miss Eliza A. Collins. This union was blessed with one son and three daughters, of whom two survive to mourn his death, namely Mrs. Mary J. Loter, and Mrs. Harriet E. Fender.

Mr. Weirman was a pioneer settler in Kansas and Oklahoma, coming here at the opening of the Cherokee Strip in 1893 and secured a fine farm in Weston Township, upon which he resided till the death of his wife Sept 30th, 1904. Since then, on account of old age and his feeble condition, he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Loter.

From *Republican News Journal*, 22 December 1905

Obituary.

Emma Sargent Murray was born in McConnellsville, Ohio, April 14, 1844, and died near Kildare, Oklahoma, Dec. 19th 1905.

When two years of age her family removed to Indianapolis, Ind., where she lived until married to A. G. Murray, March 23, 1865. To them was given two sons and one daughter all living to revere a sainted mother's memory. Always loyal to her husband she became more deeply interested in his work when he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in all the years of her life as a preacher's wife she was a fellow worker in all the varied interests which came under his care. Until 1899 there work was in the Kansas Conference, then at Oklahoma City, Pawhuska, Pawnee Mission and since October last at Kildare. While at Pawhuska for three years Mrs. Murray was missionary to the Osage Indians under the direction of the Women's Home Missionary Society, and then took similar work among the Pawnee at Pawnee, where she did much good by her visiting and care of the poor and sick, thus winning their trust.

When Brother Murray was appointed to Kildare, Mrs. Murray entered into the work with her usual enthusiasm, and was very anxious that successful revivals should be held. That she might be present at a meeting at Mervine on the charge, she cut short a visit at her son's home, and having to wait a long time on a belated train at a station with no fire, she contracted cold which developed into pneumonia and after one week of suffering said goodbye to her husband, son, and friends as was not for God took her.

During her sickness she was at the home of A. W. Austin, near the Mervine church, where she received every attention which loving care could suggest. Mrs. Murray's religious life began in early childhood and seemed to deepen with the years. Her faith was steadfast

and undoubting. In the last days many expressions of trust and peace and joy were given. She knew the end was near and met death without fear rejoicing in the assurance of life beyond. Visions of the glory world seemed to be granted a little while before the last whispered goodbye. To the last moment her mind was clear, consciousness and life ceased together, Tho' but a few weeks at the Kildare Charge, a very warm place had been won in the hearts of the people and many are the ones who feel personally bereft.

Services were held at the church at Newkirk, where D. G. Murray, brother of A. G. Murray is pastor. The services were conducted by Presiding Elder J. E. Burt. Revs. G. W. Martin of Enid, W. E. Woodward of Blackwell, D. G. Murray of Newkirk and Rev. J. A. B. Oglevee of the Presbyterian Church assisting. On Thursday Dec. 21, the body was laid to rest at Pawnee, Oklahoma.

[From the *Democrat-Herald*, 22 December 1905

[Appearing in this issue of the *Democrat-Herald* is an identical copy of **Mrs. Emma Sargent Murray's** obituary that appeared in the Newkirk *Republican News Journal*.]

From *Republican News Journal*, 29 December 1905

Mrs. George Adams, living four miles west of this city, received a telegram Wednesday summoning him to his mother's bed side. The telegram informed him that his mother could live but a few hours. This is a terrible shock to Mr. Adams and his family, as they knew nothing of his mother's illness until the telegram reached them.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 5 January 1906

Obituary.

Nels Augustus Hazaleous was born near Stockholm, Sweden, June 2nd 1856. When a mere child he came with his parents to America and settled near Harper's Ferry, Iowa. At the breaking out of the civil war, His father, Eric Hazaleous, enlisted and in a short time died leaving his widow and family. They removed to Cedar Falls, Iowa, and the deceased entered the Soldiers Orphan Home where he received his education. When a young man he moved to Hampton, Iowa, and was married to Hannah Hanson, Dec. 30, 1876. To this union was born five children: Ethel Burke, Pearl, Leo, Forrest and Beula. Since early in the spring of 1902 until the time of his death, Dec. 31, 1906, he has resided in Kay County. For the past five years he had been in failing health and all that medical skill and loving hands could do was of no avail. He accepted Christ in '97 and

during his long suffering had all his faith in the dear savior. The deceased was a kind and generous disposition and enjoyed company so much, was a Woodman, and until the time his health began to fail, took a great interest in the church and social affairs. His sufferings have been the past two months, but he departed his world of suffering with the same faith as he had lived. To his beloved and sorrowing family his words were "To prepare for Eternity." Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. G. Murray, Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 10:30 a.m. The Modern Woodmen were present and conveyed the body to Newkirk Cemetery for burial. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a large crowd of his friends and neighbors filled the spacious farmhouse and came with the family to the cemetery.

Card of thanks.

To the family of Mr. **Nels Augustus Hazaleous**, desire hereby to express their heartfelt thanks to their friends and neighbors for their kindness and help in this time of their great sorrow and loss.

Mike Callahan, who has been working rock crusher at Uncas, died Sunday, December 24. There seemed to be something mysterious about his death, and an investigation by the Coroner, Dr. Widney proved that the old man died from exposure while on a protracted drunk. He was an old soldier, having served in the Navy years ago. He had no relatives here, but told friends that he had a daughter and son living in Nebraska, the daughter being the wife of a banker.

From the Democrat-Herald, 12 January 1906

Mrs. W. J. Carpenter and Mrs. E. D. Carr attended the funeral of Mrs. Wilson at Newkirk last Monday.

Arthur Bunnell and family drove over to Newkirk Monday morning to attend the funeral of their old neighbor, Mrs. Wilson.

We are sorry to learn of the death of one of our old pioneer neighbors, Mrs. Jane Wilson who lived in this vicinity until the last four years. While here she was loved by all who knew her for her motherly acts of kindness, she with her husband being foremost in organizing Sunday schools and in church work in this neighborhood. The aged husband and bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Card of thanks.

We wish to thank the Masons, G.A.R. and the many friends who aided us during the sickness and after the death of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. **C. H. Ostrander** and Family.

From the Republican News Journal, 12 January 1906

Fatal Accident.

Forest, the fifteen year son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley **Chambers** of Dale Township met with a very sad accident Saturday Dec 30. While he and his younger brother,

Emmet were riding horseback, Forest suddenly drove into a wire gate which had been placed across the section line next to the river, throwing both horse and rider breaking the latter's neck killing him instantly. He was taken to a nearby house and Dr. Anderson was immediately called, but too late, his spirit had left its mortal body and flown to its maker who doth all things well. Forest was a good boy well liked by friends and schoolmates. His schoolmates furnished a beautiful bouquet of hot house flowers for his funeral.

His parents were absent when the accident occurred. Mr. Hill of Arkansas City, a Christian Science leader, conducted the services and all that was mortal of our dear Forest was laid to rest in Springside Cemetery on New Year's Day. Their many friends extend their sympathies to the bereaved relations.

From the Democrat-Herald, 19 January 1906

Obituary.

Marinda Jane Ray was born in North Carolina, June 16, 1838, moved to Indiana when about five years of age and was married to John W. **Wilson**, Sept. 28, 1856. Of this union was born six children—four sons and two daughters--all of whom with the father survive. There are living twenty-one grandchildren, and four great grand children. She united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Wesley Chapel, Indiana, the year of her marriage, and remained a constant believer in this faith and a devoted Christian until her death which took place Jan. 4, 1906, at 7 o'clock in the evening after a lingering illness of about four months, being 67 years, 6 months and 19 days of age. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Murray and the remains interred in the Newkirk cemetery. The deceased had made friends in Newkirk City and Township all of whom sympathize with the bereaved family in their great loss.

From the Republican News Journal, 19 January 1906

Obituary.

Dorothy Lillian, daughter of Mr., and Mrs. A. R. **Darrough**, aged twenty-two months died last Sunday evening at Kildare, Jan. 14, 1906.

After a short service conducted by Ref. Murray at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the home of the grandparents, Mr. and

Mrs. A. P. Osborne. The body was taken to Prairie Chapel Cemetery and tenderly borne by four little girls to its final resting place at Prairie Chapel.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 2 February 1906

The father of Lewis Lockwood of Ponca City died January 21, 1906 at his home in Texas. His name was **Hiram Lockwood**. He was born in New Brunswick, March 8, 1820. He was the father of thirteen children, six of whom are living. Mr. Lockwood was a fine man and a sturdy pioneer.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 23 February 1906

Frank Hatchel Dead.

Frank Hatchel, a veteran of the Civil War, died on his farm southwest of Peckham on the 15th inst. The funeral services were held at the A. M. E. Church, this city, at 2 o'clock Sunday Afternoon. Rev. Adams officiated, assisted by Rev. Jones of the Baptist Church and Rev. G. W. McKay of the A. M. E. Church. The deceased met death bravely, being perfectly resigned to his fate. He leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn his loss.

Card of Thanks.

I take this means of thanking my many friends who so kindly assisted me during the illness and death of my husband. Mrs. Mary Hatchel.

Mrs. E. F. Black Dead.

[In this edition of the *Democrat-Herald* there is an identical obituary for Mrs. Eda Emma Surber Black as the one appearing in the *Republican News Journal* that is printed below.]

From the *Republican News Journal*, 23 Feb 1906

Died.

Eda Emma Surber was born on Dec. 22, 1875 in Warren County, Iowa. She departed this life February 20 1906, at the age of 50 years, 1 month, 28 days. She was married to Ephram F. Black on June 28, 1873. They lived in Pope County, Ia., from 1873 till 1886 when they moved to Wayne, Nebraska. In 1893, they came to Oklahoma and have since lived at the southwest corner of Newkirk, until a few weeks ago when they located in the Academy addition at this city. Mrs. Black was a member of the Christian Church, and lived a good life. She leaves her husband and a son Benjamin, her father and some brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. B. Oglevee at the Presbyterian Church Thursday Afternoon.

Died.

L. D. Hatfield died at his home in Bedford Iowa, February 13, 1906. Leonard D. Hatfield was born in Parke County, Indiana, April 10, 1831. At the time of his death he was 74 years, 20 months and 8 days old. His boyhood was spent in Indiana and Illinois. On January 1, 1854, he was married to Miss Parintha Phelps in Cedar County, Iowa. In 1855 he purchased land in Taylor County, Iowa, and moved thereon in 1856. He still owned the same farm at the time of his death, but the last few years of his life were spent in Bedford where he owned a beautiful residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield had nine children born to them three of who died in infancy.

There are left to mourn their loss three sons, three daughters and an aged wife. The children are Mr. H. H. Hatfield and F. P. Hatfield of Newkirk, Mrs. Laura Taylor or Enid, Chas. Hatfield of Hydro, Oklahoma, Mrs. Amanda Allred of Lincoln, Neb., and Arthur Hatfield of Taylor County, Iowa.

The deceased was buried in the Titus Cemetery, Bedford, Iowa.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 2 March 1906

Double Killing.

Shortly after dinner Tuesday, word came to the sheriff's office that W. H. Morris had shot and killed **W. H. Cassidy** and his son, **Fines**, at the Morris farm one mile east and one mile north of Chilocco reservation. It was reported that Morris was on his way to the city to give himself up, which he did about two o'clock, a crowd of citizens following him into the sheriff's office. He was placed in jail and declined to appear at the inquest, which took place Wednesday. The affair is somewhat shrouded in mystery, as there appears to have been no eyewitness to the killing. Dr. Widney of Kaw City was immediately notified and he summoned a coroner's jury, who proceeded to the spot of the terrible tragedy to make an examination of the surroundings and inquest on the bodies. This they did Tuesday afternoon, and the bodies were brought to Newkirk to the undertaking establishment of G. Alberti where they were seen by numerous citizens who remarked on the splendid physical appearance of the father and son, the later about 17 years of age.

The coroner's jury heard witnesses in the district court room Wednesday morning, the important witnesses being Cassidy's little son, 13 years old, and Alfred Wing, a neighboring farmer, who we understand was the new lessee of the place.

[The jury ruled] that on the 27th day of February about 1:30 o'clock came to their death from shotgun wounds inflicted by a gun in the hands of w. J. M.

Morris with felonious intent.

As near as we can get at the facts it appears that Cassidy had the Morris place leased and the two had some dispute as to the terms of the lease. Cassidy had secured another place in the Kaw country and had moved all his household goods to the new place. On the day of the killing he had come after his stock. The trouble between the two men had been brewing for several months. Morris went out to the farm

Tuesday armed with a shotgun and Colt .38 caliber revolver. The shotgun was loaded with BB shot. He claims that Cassidy attacked him with a knife and that Fines shot at him with a revolver four times, that they ran him around his wagon and he killed them in self-defense. The boy received a revolver wound which entered the back of the head, the ball going through his brain and lodging in the skin of his forehead. The Cassidy boy testified that he had gone to William Feagins to return a rope and heard the shots and he returned meeting Morris who demanded that he take his hands out of his pockets. Alfred Wing, who was plowing in a neighboring field, was eating his dinner in a draw when he heard a fusillade of shots. He went to the place and picked up a revolver near the dead body, which he turned over to the sheriff. He advised Morris to give himself up.

The affair is a dreadful one. Morris is about 67 years of age with a fine family, and Cassidy leaves a widow and five small children. About \$60 in bills was found on Cassidy's body and a pocket knife. A pair of knucks and some two or three dollars in silver was found on the body of Fines. So far as we have been able to learn both Cassidy and Morris bear good reputations, Mr. Morris having been elected justice of peace in Dale Township;

[This double murder is also reported in *Ponca City Courier* and the *Ponca City Democrat* that can be accessed on microfilm or in *Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Pioneers Extracted from Ponca City Newspapers* by Loyd M. Bishop.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 2 March 1906

DOUBLE KILLING

W. H. Morris Shoots P. W. Cassidy and son.

USED SHOTGUN AND PISTOL

Killing Occurred on Morris Farm Northeast of Newkirk. Morris in County Jail.

W. H. Morris, of this city, shot and killed P. W. Cassidy and Finis Cassidy, renters on his farm eight miles northeast of this city, Tuesday forenoon about 11:30. After the shooting Morris came to town and surrendered himself to the sheriff. Mr. Morris' story, so

far as we are able to learn, is as follows:

Tuesday morning he went out to his farm for a load of hay. Having been there the day before on the same mission and not finding the Cassadys there, supposed he would not find them there on this trip. As he drove into the haystack he noticed the Cassadys approaching, the father carrying a knife and the son a revolver. As they neared him the son commenced shooting at him, in all firing four shots. In self defense he shot them both with a shotgun loaded with buckshot.

The coroner's jury however, found a different condition of affairs. Upon the examination of Walter Cassidy, the 13 year old son of the dead man, it was found that he was upon the scene of the shooting about five minutes before it occurred. At that time Morris and the Cassadys were not over thirty feet apart, Morris sitting on his had rack with a shotgun across his knee, while the Cassadys were in a farm wagon, the elder man occupied in making a rope halter for a cow. No conversation occurred between them at that time.

Upon investigation the boy's story was found to be substantially correct. A partly made rope halter was found in the wagon box, both Cassadys were shot in the face with buckshot and both found lying behind the wagon in the position they would have been had they fallen backward. It was also found that an apple tree back of the wagon had several limbs shot off, which tends to show that Morris must have fired the shots standing near his wagon while the Cassadys were sitting in their wagon. The younger Cassidy fell face downward. It was also found that he had been shot with a 38-caliber revolver, the ball entering the back of his head and lodging in his forehead.

The first party on the scene after the shooting was A. Wing, who was plowing about a quarter of a mile distance. He testified that both Cassadys were dead when he arrived and that a 38-caliber revolver lay near the younger Cassidy. This he took charge of when told to do so by Morris. Meantime, Walter Cassidy mentioned above, who had been to a neighbors, returned. He testified that as he approached, Morris cursed him and wanted to know what he was doing with his hands in his pockets. Wing testified that he didn't hear Morris say anything to the boy.

The clothes of both of the dead men were searched. The boy's pockets contained a pair of knucks, while the father's contained nothing but a small pocketknife. Both bodies were brought to town and placed in Alberti's undertaking rooms.

The coroner's jury composed of B. R. McCauley, J. C. Feagins, I. N. Adams, W. H. Admire, Wm. Feagins and M. Stewart brought in the following verdict: "The deceased came to their death by means of

gunshot wounds inflicted by W. H. Morris with felonious intent.”

The Cassady's have been on the Morris farm something over a year and were moving to a lease in the Kaw Country at the time of the killing, having moved everything except their cattle and a few other small things. There had been bad blood between Morris and Cassady for some time.

Cassady was 46 years of age, came to Oklahoma from Kentucky and leaves a wife and several small children who are in destitute circumstances. He also has a son residing in the east. Among his neighbors, we understand he bore a good name for honest and industry.

Morris is about 70 years of age and has resided in this city since renting his farm. His daughter is at present one of our schoolteachers and he also has a son in the high school. In this city he was recognized as a peaceful and law abiding citizen.

The occasion is certainly a deplorable one and this much is clear; Morris killed the Cassadys in self defense or else he has committed the most cowardly brutal murder that has blackened the fair name of this county since its organization.

From the Republican News Journal, 2 March 1906

Died.

Mrs. Ollie Jackson Lowery died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lowery Thursday morning, Feb. 22, after an illness of several months, aged 24 years, 6 months. The deceased was born in Corsicana, Texas, but when a child the parents moved to Perry, O T., where the mother and sister died, leaving Ollie the care of the smaller children when but fourteen years of age. She was married to William H Lowery Feb. 1, 1900. Ollie was loved by all who knew her. Her sweet and lovable disposition won her true and lasting friends. During her prolonged illness not a murmur came from her lips, but she bore it with a sweet patience that was past understanding. She was thoroughly reconciled and prepared for the change, and patiently waited and longed for the Savior's call. No brighter testimony could be left of the Life Beyond than here. Her last words were "Lead me on, Savior." As she passed quietly and sweetly to rest.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Raimey of Arkansas City at Baptist Church. Remains were interred in the Newkirk Cemetery.

Card of thanks.

To those who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, Ollie, we offer our sincere thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lowery, John Jackson, Minnie Jackson, L. Lena Sawyer

From the Democrat-Herald, 9 March 1906

MORRIS IS BOUND OVER.

Must Await the Action of the Grand Jury.

NOT PERMITTED BAIL

Court House Crowded During Preliminary Hearing.

That public sentiment has been aroused over the killing of the **Cassidys** was plainly shown by the large crowd which attended the preliminary hearing Wednesday afternoon. As a result of the preliminary Morris is held without bail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

Very little additional evidence was brought out at the preliminary except that tended to show that Morris shot at the boy with his revolver and the directions in which the shots went. Several witnesses who seen [sic] Morris when he came to town to give himself up, were put on the stand and questioned closely as to Morris' story, and especially as to whether Morris said the Cassidys were coming toward him or not. Rev. Murray, Jim Coleman and Grant Kimmell were examined on these points; Kimmell strongly insisted that Morris told him that the Cassidys came after him and ran around his wagon, the elder Cassidy carrying a knife and the boy a revolver. Murray and Coleman testified that Morris never told them the Cassadys left their wagon before he shot

Just before the preliminary convened A. F. Moss asked permission of the Judge to assist in the prosecution, having been employed by a number of taxpayers to assist the county attorney in the prosecution of the case. County Attorney Brown vigorously objected to Moss appearing in the case, stating that he represented the taxpayers in this county and proposed to handle the case, and when he got ready for assistance, he would call for it. Judge Musselman overruled the County Attorney.

During Mr. Moss' talk such a demonstration was made against the attitude of the County Attorney that the Judge ordered the sheriff to clear the courtroom if order was not restored.

Public sentiment is strongly against Brown in this matter and some going so far as to state that his apparent sympathy for the defendant in the case has disqualified him from prosecuting this matter.

Mrs. Cassidy, the widow of P. W. Cassidy, has employed Moss & Turner, who have commenced suit against Morris for \$2,000 damages. An attachment has been run on the Morris farm in Dale Township. Moss & Turner have also been employed by a large number of citizens to assist in the prosecution of Morris.

Sullivan & Hill and D. Lafe Hubler represent

Morris.

From the Democrat-Herald, 6 April 1906

Evan D. Johnson Dead.

About noon on Monday, April 2nd, **Evan D Johnson**, an old and respected citizen of Newkirk suddenly passed away. He had been in failing health for two or three years due to an affliction of the heart.

The deceased was born in Van Wert County, Ohio, Feb. 9th, 1845, and was at the time of his death about 6 years of age.

Early in life he came west as far as Iowa and here in the early part of 1864 enlisted in the 8th Iowa Cavalry and was a brave and fearless soldier in his country's cause.

Returning from the army he was married to Miss Jennie Gates who survives him, and shortly after pressed his way farther west. Six children, four daughters and one son, join with the bereaved wife and mother to mourn his loss. They are Mrs. J. E. Thorp, Mrs. Chas. Lemmons, Mrs. M. C. Hartzell, all of Newkirk, and Mrs. Ola Boyle of Hood River, Ore., and C. O. Johnson of Fierro, N. Mex.

Mr. Johnson was a member of Stevenson Post No. 46 G.A.R. and the local lodge of I.O.O.F.

[News item] Chas. Johnson and wife of New Mexico are in the city for a visit with Mrs. E. D. Johnson and daughters.

From the Democrat-Herald, 13 April 1906

J. R. Ergenbright Dead.

On last Friday morning occurred the death of **J. R. Ergenbright** of his home on North Maple Avenue after a week's illness of Pneumonia.

Mr. Ergenbright was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, January 21, 1873, and at the time of his death was 33 years, 2 months and 16 days old. On July 3rd 1900, at Gainsville, Texas, he was married to Miss Duffie Ergenbright, a cousin, which union has been blessed by two boys.

From Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Ergenbright came to Oklahoma, locating at Guthrie where he learned the tailor trade. In January 1904, the decedent moved his family to Newkirk and established himself in business.

Mr. Ergenbright was a thoroughly honest man and a conscientious workman; a man who would much prefer to be the victim of the un-holy greed of others than to draw profit from the misfortunes of others. These qualities made for him many friends and if he had any enemies, no one is aware of it.

To mourn his taking off in the very bloom of his

manhood, there are many relatives, which include his wife, two infant sons, father, six sisters and two brothers. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon and the remains interred in the Newkirk cemetery.

[News item] P. H. Ergenbright and wife, accompanied by their son, W. A. Ergenbright, were in the city last week to attend the funeral of their son-in-law. They returned to their home at Crescent City, Okla., on Wednesday accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Ergenbright and children.

Mrs. **Luella Crouse**, wife of Harry Crouse, died April 10 at 7 a.m. of pneumonia. She was born in McCracken County, Kentucky, January 29th, 1872. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church under the direction of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the remains interred in the Newkirk Cemetery.

From the Republican News Journal, 13 April 1906

Card of Thanks.

I desire to thank all the kind friends in Newkirk who rendered sympathy and assistance during the sickness and death of my beloved husband

Mrs. J. R. Ergenbright

[John B. Ergenbright, buried at Newkirk Cemetery, b. 21 Jan 1873 – d. 6 Apr 1906.]

From the Republican News Journal, 20 April 1906

Resolutions.

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Commander to muster out of the Earthly Army our beloved Comrade, Iven [Evan] D. [O.] **Johnson**, and

Whereas, Comrade Johnson served his country faithfully in Co. M. of the 8th Regiment, Iowa Cavalry, and was a loving husband and kind father; an honest and efficient official, and an upright man and member of our Post, Now, therefore be it,

Resolved, by Stephenson Post No. 46, G. A. R., that our sincere sympathy be and is hereby extended to the bereaved wife and children of our fallen Comrade. That the charter of the Post be draped in emblems of mourning for a period or thirty days; that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Post as a testimonial of our affection toward our departed comrade; that a copy of these resolutions, duly certified, be presented to the widow, and that copies be furnished to the local papers for publication

William Reynolds, R. E. McChutchen, W. P. Steele, committee

[Note: This given name is spelled differently in three different places.]

Died. At Roscoe, Ill., Wednesday night, March 17, 1906, at the great age of 91 years, Lucy Sanderson Jones, mother of Mrs. Seth Paine.

From the Republican News Journal, 27 April 1906

We have to record this week the sad death of **Isaac P. Turner**, son of I. W. Turner, which occurred Monday at 10 a.m. from the dread disease consumption. The funeral took place from the residence Tuesday, Pearl was a fine boy 23 years of age. He had recently returned from Colorado when he went to combat the fatal disease. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

Mrs. E. Garrot was called to Triplett, Missouri, last week by the death of her **son-in-law**.

From the Republican News Journal, 4 May 1906

Obituary.

Died, April 29, 1906, at their residence in this city, Mrs. Lizzie Frances Gross, the beloved wife of Clarence Gross. The funeral services were held Tuesday May 1st, at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church conducted by Wattage Lodge Imp. O. R. M. The sermon was preached, by Ref. Harshaw of the M. E. church. Interment [was] at Newkirk Cemetery.

From the Democrat-Herald, 4 May 1906

Mrs. Gross Dead.

Mrs. Lizzie Gross, wife of Clarence Gross, died at their home in this city Sunday, April 29th, after an illness of several months duration. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m., in the M. E. Church, conducted by Washunga Lodge No. 16 of Improved Order of Red Men. The sermon was preached by Rev. Harshaw; interment at Newkirk Cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend thanks to our kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the recent sickness and death of our wife and sister. – C. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shields, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gross.

From the Republican News Journal, 6 June 1906

Card of thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our loving wife and mother.

Daniel **Watson** and family.

[Mary E. Watson, born 1856, died 1906, buried at Newkirk Cemetery.]

From the Republican News Journal, 20 July 1906

Edward Garside, father of **Henry Garside**, died last Saturday at Shenandoah, Iowa, where he was visiting his son, J. E. Garside. Edward Garside was 82 years of age and his illness was very brief. For the last four years he has made his home with his son Henry here in Newkirk. About two weeks ago he decided to visit his old home at Tingley, Iowa, where had lived many years in active business and where his wife was buried 16 years ago.

They took the body to Tingley, Saturday, and laid it beside their mother. A large number of old friends met the cortege at the grave, where the Christian minister conducted services.

Edward was born in England, June 12, 1825 came to America in 1855 and settled at Aurora, Illinois. He was a tinner by trade.

From the Democrat-Herald, 17 August 1906

Killed by Passenger Train.

Tuesday morning **Herb Rector**, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rector, was run down by the morning passenger train going north and so badly injured that death followed in a short time.

The exact particulars of this accident have been hard to ascertain, but as near as we can ascertain, Mr. Rector had gone to the railroad track near 8th Street and was walking toward the depot when the accident occurred. He was nearing 7th Street crossing, the street on which this office is located, when he was struck from the rear by the passenger engine. The train was running at a high rate of speed and the force threw the young man in the air as high as the engine smokestack.

One account of the accident, which is said to have been given by a brakeman of a freight train, which was at the place of the accident, is that the victim had been walking at the side of the track and stepped onto the same just a second or two before being struck. He was struck by the cowcatcher first and thrown back against the large beam, which struck him in the small of the back, he alighting on the ground on his head.

He was taken to Hazen's office by Wash Ward; who was the first person on the scene with a vehicle, where he died in a short time from his injuries. One leg was broken, but the most serious damage was the internal injuries received.

It is said that but for a short time before the accident he had been looking at a large span of mules which Chas. Lane had for sale, and had agreed to purchase

them. It is thought that he was studying over this transaction when the accident occurred.

The funeral services were held in the M. E. Church on Wednesday and the remains interred in the Newkirk Cemetery.

From *Republican News Journal*, 14 September 1906

Mrs. W. O. Williams, who lived south of route 2, departed this life last Sunday, the 8th inst. She had been a sufferer for some time with consumption, and neither change of climate nor physicians could save her. She leaves a husband and little daughter, a mother, brothers and sisters to mourn her loss, Interment in Blackwell Cemetery. [Edith Williams 18 January 1883 – 9 September 1906

An **infant daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. **Kloefeorn**, south of Rout 3 died last Sunday and was buried in the Blackwell Cemetery. [Lorena Kloforn, b. 9 September 1906, d. 9 September 1906, daughter of L. J. and D. L.]

From *Republican News Journal*, 21 September 1906

In Memoriam.

At Colorado Springs, Colorado, Friday night September 14 at nine o'clock after five weeks of patient suffering with typhoid fever the end came peacefully to **Miss Ethel Reece**. The last fifteen months she has spent in the pure Colorado climate on account of ill health. She had about recovered her health and was living in the sweet anticipation of returning to her home when the fatal fever came,

Miss Ethel was the efficient deputy treasurer during her father's term as County treasurer and was also one of the pioneer teachers of this county. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church and her sweet Christian life and example is a benediction that few can surpass. Her father, mother and two brothers were with her when the end came, and on the following quiet Sabbath day they accompanied the body to Newton, Iowa, and there in the family burying ground laid the last of mortality away to await the resurrection day,

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 28 September 1906

A. C. Butler Dead.

A. C. Butler died at his home in this city last Sunday morning. Short services were held at the house at 5:30 p.m., Monday afternoon by Rev. Harshaw of the M. W. Church. The remains were escorted to the train by the I. O. O. F. Lodge and shipped to Highland Center Iowa, for interment.

Mr. Butler had been ill only a few days prior to death, having an attack of rheumatism, which went to his

heart causing his sudden death when dressing Sunday morning. Mr., Butler came to this territory about five years ago and purchased two farms near Kildare, but being of advanced age—born April 15, 1832 – rented them and took up his residence in Newkirk.

About forty years ago he joined the Odd Fellows Lodge and while not a member at Newkirk, yet he took an active part in the work here. He was a general favorite with all who knew him, and his friendship was highly prized by the publishers of this paper. He was an honest, wholesome gentleman and we can vouch for the statement that he was a true Odd Fellow.

In the death of Mr. Butler the city of Newkirk loses a liberal and upright citizen, his family a loving husband and father, the I. O. O. F. Lodge an earnest worker, and the Democratic Party a man who has always used his strength that the party might reach a higher plane than a mere chase for spoils.

The remains were accompanied to Iowa by W. N. Marsh, his son-in-law; his wife, Mrs. A. C. Butler and daughter, Mrs. Lewis McCormick of Woodward County.

From *Republican News Journal*, 28 September 1906

Obituary.

On last Sunday morning the people of Newkirk were shocked by the report of the sudden death of **A C Butler**. He had been ailing two or three days, but was not thought to be dangerously ill. He arose about 8 o'clock Friday morning and dressed himself and said he was feeling better, but by 6:30 he suddenly took worse and died before any medical aid could reach him,

A. C. Butler was born in Ashland County, Ohio, in April 1832. He married Miss Elizabeth Emery in 1853, in Fulton County, Illinois and a few years later moved to Highland Center, Iowa, where they lived until coming to Newkirk five years ago. To this union were born six children, three of whom preceded the father to the grave. Those surviving are Mrs. Reece Doak of Highland Center, Iowa, Mrs. Louis McCormick of Woodward, Oklahoma, and Mrs. W. N. Marsh of Newkirk, who together with their mother mourn the loss of a good father and husband.

On Monday evening at 5:30 a short service was held at the home by the I. O. O. F. Lodge of which the deceased was a member for a great many years, assisted by Rev. Harshaw after which the remains were shipped to his former home in Iowa for burial.

Deceased was a good moral man an excellent neighbor and a useful citizen in any community. All who knew him feel that they have lost a personal friend.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 5 October 1906

Obituary.

The following account of the death of **Dr. C. G. Elliott** is taken from the Blackwell News of Monday, Oct. 1:

Died, Sunday, Set 30, 1906, about 5 p.m., Dr. C. G. Elliott of this city, aged about 41 years. The doctor's death was very sudden and somewhat tragic, and the news was a great shock to his many friends. The doctor had gone to his office over the Blackwell National bank upon his return from attending a patient. Having put his medicine case away he started down the stairs to go home. At the head of the stairs he was attacked by heart failure and fell, the body rolling down to the foot of the stairs. Mitt Moore happened to be across the street and Carl Vincent was in the bank, and both ran to the doctor's assistance. With the help of others who soon appeared he was stretched out in the doorway of the bank and medical assistance summoned. Drs. Miller and Risser were soon there and did all that medical science suggested, but to no purpose. The doctor was placed on a cot and carried into the bank, and his life gradually passed away without him having regained consciousness.

Dr. Elliott was well known in this vicinity and throughout the territory. He was one of the original Oklahoma "boomers" and passed through many exciting experiences of those early days. When the Cherokee Strip was opened he made the run and secured a claim about four miles east of Blackwell for which he obtained a patent and finally sold. He was a true pioneer, and when the "new country" was opened in 1901 he went to Temple, Oklahoma, and leased a section and a half of land, which he still held at the time of his death. He was an active politician of the Republican faith and was the first member of the territorial legislature from this district.

Under Gov. Ferguson's administration he was appointed superintendent of the insane asylum which was to have been moved to Fort Supply but which removal was prevented by an injunction obtained by the contractors of the asylum at Norman.

Dr. Elliott last year returned to Blackwell and has since practiced his profession here. He was a public spirited citizen and influential member of the Commercial Club being one of the directors. He was also well connected socially being a member of the Masonic, Modern Woodmen, and Fraternal Aid societies.

Dr. Elliott leaves a wife and two children, a boy and a girl to mourn the death of a kind husband and father and also the following relatives who were notified and came at once to Blackwell: Mrs. Jane Elliott, his mother, of Burden Kansas; Mrs. A. O. Elliott, a sister, also of

Burden, Kansas; Mrs. Laura Branson, a sister, of Baxter, Kansas, and her husband; Mrs. Alta Sackett, a sister, of Moline, Kansas and her husband.

The funeral services over the remains of Dr. Elliott will occur at the Methodist church on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 2 o'clock the sermon being preached by Rev. W. E. Woodward, and the service being in charge of the Masons. [Dr. Charles G. Elliott, b. 16 March 1865 – d. 30 September 1906, buried Blackwell I.O.O.F.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 5 October 1906

Dr. Elliott Dead.

Word came from Blackwell last Sunday evening that **Dr. Elliott**, one of the oldest and best known citizens of that city, was found dead at five o'clock Sunday evening as the result of an accident. It seems Dr. Elliott fell down the stairs leading from the street to his office in the second story of a building, and was dead when found; though his neck was not broken. He had long been a sufferer from heart disease. Dr. Elliott came to Blackwell at the opening of the Strip and was the first Representative from Kay County in the legislature. We understand the Doctor had been prominently mentioned as the probable candidate of the Republican Party for delegate to the Constitutional Convention from the 15th district.

From the Republican News Journal, 12 October 1906

Obituary.

There is a reaper whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath
And the flowers that grow between.

The reaper has added one more flower to his harvest **Miss Marie Carpenter**. She passed away Oct. 6th at her home near Middleton. She was born in Cowley County, Kansas in 1889.

The funeral services were held at her home October 7th at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. Nichols of Arkansas City, Kansas. The remains were laid to rest in the Newkirk Cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us during our late bereavement and our appreciation of the beautiful floral offerings, as Marie was a great lover of flowers.

W. J. Carpenter and family.

Obituary.

Elaine Marie Carpenter was born in Cowley County, Kansas, Oct., 4, 1889, departed this life, Oct., 6th 1889, departed this life Oct. 6th, 1906 being 17 years and two days of age, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Carpenter. Marie, as she was familiarly called, was a favorite among all her schoolmates and young lady friends, and her sunny disposition was loved by all who knew her. She was a dutiful, kind, and loving daughter and sister was a faithful attendant at Sunday school all her life and had implicit faith in the teachings of the lord Jesus Christ, who in his own good time has called her to swell the throng around the great white throne. Her father and mother, two sisters and two brothers are left to mourn her loss. The funeral services were at the family residence at two o'clock last Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Nichols of Arkansas City. Interment was made in the Newkirk cemetery. The sorrowing family have the sympathy of the entire community.

[Middleton news item] John Carpenter of Chanute Kans. came down to spend a few days with his brother and attend the funeral of his niece, Miss Marie Carpenter.

From the Democrat-Herald, 26 October 1906

Killing at Hardy.

Last Sunday at the town of Hardy, which is located in the Kaw Country, a quarrel took place between **F. W. Page** and **J. S. Thompson**, which resulted in the death of the latter. What led up to the trouble, we were unable to find out, but Thompson is said to have made a rush at Page with a short club, and Page believing himself in danger, struck the man on the head with a billiard cue. This happened at about two o'clock, the victim dying at ten from the injury thus inflicted. Mr. Page is a partner of J. C. Hume in the mercantile business, and Mr. Thompson a lessee near that town.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of justifiable homicide, but a warrant was issued, nevertheless, for the arrest and he will be brought to this city and his preliminary held Friday morning. [See story of trial of Page in *News Journal* article of 17 August 1908.]

From the Republican News Journal, 26 October 1906

Killing at Arkansas City.

[This edition of the Republican contains an account a domestic incident in which John Moore shot and killed his wife, **Clara Moore** as she was leaving church. Details were limited and do not appear here, as they were not from Newkirk.]

From the Republican News Journal, 9 November 1906

Obituary.

On the morning of November 2nd, 1906, at ten minutes of seen, the death angel came and claimed little **Emmett Bain** son of Mr. and Mrs. Edman Bain, and took from their embrace the direct object of their heart's affection. Little Emmett died of diphtheria. He was six years, three months and twenty days old. He was a bright and intelligent little boy and was loved by all who knew him. Farewell loved one, death has torn you from a father's and mother's fond embrace. We are left in sorrow never more to see your dear face.

Drake.

Mrs. Sarah E Drake died Monday morning November fifth at 2 a.m. at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Arrendiehl on north Main Street. Mrs. Drake had been ill two months, and death came as a welcome release from her sufferings. Hers had been a quiet home life, looking well toward the needs of her household with always a kindly smile and word for everyone. She was a member of the M. E. Church and also of the Woman's Relief Corps. Three sons and a daughter are left to mourn her loss.

From Republican News Journal, 16 November 1906

Obituary.

Matilda Pearson was born in Helainghorgue Sweden, August 18, 1861 and was married to Amazen Rasure in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1881. She died in Newkirk, November 7, 1906.

Mr. Rasure came to Newkirk soon after the opening and for several years before his death was a confirmed invalid and great care to his wife and family. At the time of his death two and one-half years ago, there were seven children at home to be provided for, the youngest being two years old. Mrs. Rasure faithfully assumed the heavy burden left her, kept the children together and provided for them, but the load though cheerfully borne was a heavy one. A year ago last September she was smitten by a paralytic stroke, and was for a time helpless. Last February she had a slight stroke, but rallied. For a few weeks before her death she had strong hopes of regaining her health.

Mrs. Rasure was the mother of 10 children two of whom preceded her to the home above. All her life she was an earnest and faithful Christian. The funeral was conducted at the church, Rev. Murray of Kildare officiating. She has gone to her reward and her works do follow her.

Obituary.

Died, Friday, November 9, at 4 o'clock p.m. **William Thomas Stanford**. Mr. Stanford came to Newkirk September 1893 at the opening of the Cherokee Outlet in 1893 and has made Newkirk his home ever since until his death. He was born in Benton County, Missouri, November 14, 1860. His age was 5 years 11 months and 2 days. He was married at Winfield, Kansas, July 19, 1888, to Mrs. Florence Patterson formerly Miss Boucher. By this union there were no children. He leaves a widow, mother four brothers and three sisters and many friends to mourn his loss.

Mr. Stanford was a great sufferer for ten months, and the last ten weeks was confined to his bed almost all the time. He bore his suffering without a murmur always hopeful of getting better but in vain. Everything that loving hands and medical help could do was done but at last he is at rest. He has gone but will not be forgotten. Mr. Stanford had a reputation for many quiet unostentatious deeds of charity. His funeral was one of the largest that ever occurred in Newkirk. It was held at the M. E. Church, Sunday, November 11, at 2 p.m. The services were very impressive and were in charge of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Improved Order of Red men. Rev. James J. H. Reedy of the Episcopal Church preached the funeral sermon.

Resolutions.

Whereas, on the Ninth sun of Beaver Moon, G. S. D, 415 (Common Era Nov. 9, 1896) the Great Spirit removed from our Reservation to the Happy Hunting Grounds our Chief and brother, **William T. Stanford** and

Whereas, we as brothers of Washunga Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men deeply feel in his death our profound loss of his presence and service, and realize his immense worth as a brother and a friend

Therefore, be it resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to the decree of "He Who doeth all things well," we nevertheless realize the great loss we have sustained,

And e it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon our records and a page in our proceedings e dedicated to the memory of him our deceased brother and that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to his bereaved family.

A. H. Bright, J. R. Engles, A. F. Moss,
committee

Gus Davidson who has been sick for some time died last Friday morning at 3 o'clock. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral was held at Geuda Springs, Kansas, and the remains laid

to rest the cemetery there.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 16 November 1906

[An Obituary and resolution of sympathy for **William T. Stanford** identical to the ones published in the *Republican News Journal*, above, were published in this edition of the *Democrat-Herald*.]

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 7 December 1906

Accidental Killing.

Iva Cassidy, the seven year old daughter of Mrs. P. W. Cassidy was accidentally shot and killed Saturday afternoon by her brother Albert.

The young man had been out hunting during the day and upon his return in entering the house was unloading the gun, a Winchester rifle, when it was accidentally discharged, the bullet passing through the little girl's head.

The child's death came as a severe shock to Mrs. Cassidy who but lately lost her husband and son. The funeral was held Monday.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 7 December 1906

Rural Rout News, Route 1

George Fedler

After enduring untold suffering for three months, **George Fedler** died at the family home, 4 miles north of Newkirk, at six o'clock, Saturday morning, December 1, 1906, of inflammatory rheumatism. The afflicted boy had received all the care possible, but the progress of the disease could not be stopped.

He was a boy of many sterling qualities, strong in intellect, kind of heart, of pleasant personality always of a delicate constitution. His ambition and industry were remarkable. He was 16 years of age and besides a father and mother leaves three brothers and four sisters.

The funeral services were conducted at the Catholic Church at Newkirk, Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and burial was at Newkirk Cemetery. His friends in this community are legion as was testified by the large number gathered to pay tribute of affection to him and to follow the remains to the last resting place.

He suffered greatly but with great patience in his last illness. To the dear one we bid hope that his death was just a stepping through the gateway which is "Iron on this side but on the other side is beautiful beaten gold."

Died.

Samuel Woodward Humphreys was born at Baldwinsville, New York, December 6, 1830. The family moved to Michigan in an early day then to Illinois in 1852, where three years later he was married

to Miss Nancy Wyants. From this union nine children were born, four daughters of whom are yet living. From Illinois Mr. Humphreys moved his family to Jefferson County, Kansas, in 1859. They later lived at Hays City, Kansas, afterwards living in Durango, Colorado, in Chicago and in St. Louis. They came to Newkirk during the opening of the Cherokee Strip and have resided here since. Had the deceased lived three days longer, he would have been 76 years of age. He and Mrs. Humphreys held their golden wedding a year ago last September. For several years after coming to Newkirk he worked at his trade of blacksmith and carriage maker. He was a good mechanic, and largely made his own tools. For over forty years he has been a member of the Christian Church and has tried to be a good witness for his master. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. G. Oglevee at the Christian Church on Tuesday afternoon, and the remains were placed in our city cemetery. Farewell dear father husband, and brother, 'til we meet you again in our Heavenly home.

From *Republican News Journal*, 14 December 1906

Soldier monuments.

Comrade Tom Smith has been in communication with the War Department and has received handsome tombstones from the U. S. Government for the following deceased soldiers of this city. William D. Robertson, Serg. Co. I 122 Ohio Inf., died Feb 20, 1901. Nehemiah M. Tubbs, Musician C 111 Pa. Inf., died Apr 2, 1902. Amazon Rasure, Corpl. K 1 Ind. Henry Art, died March 30, 1905. Benj. F. Smith, Private F 74 N. Y. Inf., died June 1, 1903. Hiram N. Chaney, Sergt. A 32 Iowa Inf., died Aug 13, 1905. Henry Jackson, Private C 43 Ind. Inf., died June 29, 1899. Dwight M. Hamlin, Sergt. D 126 Ill., died Dec 22, 1897. Aclé C. Matson, Private K 15 Ill. Inf., died Feb 21 1905. George Layer, Private D. 9 Ky. Inf. Frank Richards, Private D, 14 Pa. Cav. Charles White, Private F 20 Vermont Inf., died Oct. 17, 1905. O. H. Bowman, 2 Lieut 4 Ind. Battery, and Ewen D. Johnson, Private M 8 Iowa Cav., died Apr 2, 1906. The monuments arrived at the depot last week and are being placed in position at Newkirk cemetery.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 4 January 1907

Obituary.

Edgar Bertsel Harkins, son of John W. and Lorinda Harkins was born July 29th, 1896, in Sherman County Nebraska. He is one of triplets, Edna Bernice and Edson Bertram, who still survive him. He moved with his parents to Richardson County, Nebraska, in the year 1890. [He] was married to Miss Daisy Mabel Stump, March 25th 1900, and to them two children were born:

Bernice Blythe and Johnnie Harrold. He united with the United Brethren Church, at Falls City, Neb., in 1903, and has lived a conscientious Christian life ever since. He had an attack of the grip in March 1906, which settled in his lungs and from the effects of which he never recovered. He came to Oklahoma, for his health, and for a time seemed to improve. He then traveled to Colorado and finally went to Scottsdale, Arizona, where he departed his life Dec. 23rd 1906, at the age of 30 years, 4 months, and 25 days. He leaves a wife, two children, father, mother, one sister and five brothers to mourn his absence. Funeral services were held last Friday at the residence of his father, southeast of Newkirk; Rev. Miller of the M. E. Church conducted the services. The remains were laid to rest in the Newkirk Cemetery. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of their many friends and neighbors.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 11 January 1907

Ira Cheek, aged 11 years was drowned Monday afternoon in the water power's canal at Arkansas City. He was playing on the bank when he fell into the water. The boy's parents moved from this city to Arkansas City last Saturday.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 11 January 1907

Ira Cheek Drown.

Little **Ira Cheek** aged 11 years, and who up to one week ago was a pupil in the Newkirk Schools was drowned Monday in the canal at Arkansas City. The parents of the boy moved to Arkansas City only last Saturday. Ira and his brother, two years older were playing along the banks of the canal, and the little fellow ran too near the edge of the bank and falling in was drowned. The brother gave the alarm and in a few minutes the neighborhood was aroused. As yet the body has not been found. The mother is nearly prostrated with grief.

Death from Burns.

Mrs. Gilleland working for Mrs. Harris on north Main Street was frightfully burned Tuesday afternoon from a gasoline explosion from which injuries she died Wednesday night at 11 o'clock. The lady was taken to Uncas for burial. Deacon White was the first to arrive at the scene of the accident being called thither by the boys playing in the barn who set up the alarm of fire when the unfortunate woman appeared on the back porch a mass of flames. Mr. White endeavored to cut the flaming clothes from Mrs. Gilleland. She was burned from head to foot. She said a new apron which she had put on caught on fire.

From the Democrat-Herald, 18 January 1907

Wm. Howard Phelps Dead.

The announcement of the death of Wm. Howard Phelps at his home near Autwine, this county, was received by his many friends all over the county with deep sorrow. Mr. Phelps was well known throughout the county and had many personal friends in this city. The following notice of his death is taken from the *Blackwell News* of January 14th.

[This obituary is the same as that printed below from the January 25, 1907, *Republican News Journal* that was also reprinted from the Blackwell newspaper.]

From the Republican News Journal, 25 January 1907

Obituary.

PHELPS—Died, Sunday Jan. 13, 1807 at 5 a.m., **William Howard Phelps** at his residence near Autwine, after a short illness as the result of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Phelps was one of the original settlers of the Cherokee Strip, having come from Nebraska and made the run at the opening on Sept. 16, 1893. The opening gun was fired at 12 o'clock noon of that memorable day and at 12:55 p.m. Mr. Phelps had located his claim on the banks of the beautiful Chikaskia about five miles down the river from the present location of Blackwell. Here for nearly fourteen years he had made a success of agriculture and developed one of the finest farm homes in this section which he poetically named "Shadynook." Here he has reared and educated his family consisting of his wife and four children all grown namely: Walter, Ruth, Laura and Dorothy, who are left to mourn the loss of their beloved husband and father, who was one of the kindest and best of men. Mr., Phelps was well known through the country and territory, having been for four years chairman of the Democratic central committee of this county. He was one of the leading farmers of the territory and acquired considerable fame and success in the breeding of corn gathering superior crops and winning many prizes at the corn exhibitions. Although of frail physique, Mr. Phelps had fairly good health which coupled with energy, a kindly disposition, and good education made him a very companionable man whose friends were as numerous as his acquaintances and all of whom deeply regret the sudden ending of a life of great usefulness. [Reprinted from *Blackwell News Journal*.]

Obituary.

Thomas O. Farnsworth, born, July 19, 1882, was married to Miss Florence Sherbon, September 3, 1906,

died, January 19, 1907, at the age of 24 years, Ongia as he was familiarly called, was a favorite among all his friends and was loved by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, two brothers and many friends to mourn his loss. He is gone but not forgotten. The funeral services were held at Mt. Zion Church and the remains were laid to rest in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness in the sickness and death of our dear husband and brother.

Mrs. Florence Farnsworth, Benjamin Farnsworth, Bert Farnsworth

Obituary.

Mrs. Rhoda Crabtree, age 68 years, died Jan. 9, 1907. She leaves a husband, three daughters and two sons to mourn her loss. Mrs. Crabtree was sick for six weeks when she died. The funeral services were held in Mt. Zion Church and the remains laid to rest in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

From the Democrat-Herald,

This issue of the Democrat-Herald contains the identical tribute for **Simon Metzger** as the one printed in the Republican News journal if the same date,

From the Republican News Journal, 1 February 1907

At Rest, One of Newkirk's First Settlers.

It is with the deepest regret we announce the death of **Simon Metzger**, Dec. 16, 1906, at his late residence 3329 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Mo. He was formerly a merchant in this city and up to the time of his death was engaged in the clothing business at 5th and Main St., Kansas City, Mo. His sterling, upright methods of doing business as well as his kind and pleasant disposition made him a host of friends in Kay County.

He was born at Mutterzholtz Province of Alsace, Germany, June 18, 842. He went into the French army when a young man and saw his first service in South Africa and for four years was engaged in warfare with the cannibals, New Caledonia, French Colonies near Australia. He then returned to Paris, and in the Franco-Prussian war held the rank of lieutenant and was wounded at the siege of Paris. He highly prized the military medal, the highest award given by the French government, which he received for great bravery displayed at the siege of Dagheus. His term of service in the French army was ten years.

He leaves a widow and three sons, Edmund, Rene

and Gaston and other relative and many friends to mourn his loss. He was a loving husband and a kind father as he was a true friend. To his dear ones who mourn his loss, our hearts go out in sympathy. To our hearts go out in sympathy to her who for many years shared his cares, his joys, his sorrows, and who ever remained the dearest object of his heart's affection, to her we bow in reverential sorrow. We pray that God may comfort her and strengthen her to bear this grief adown the years that do remain. Our prayers, our best wishes and our sincere gratitude go with her. His memory will be cherished by his many friends in Kay County.

Tribute to William H. Phelps.

The following beautiful tribute to Mr. Phelps was written by his life-long friend, Mr. William T. Ager, after the news of his death had been received at Beaver City, [Nebraska] and was published in the *Beaver City Times Tribune* of January 18th 1907.

William Howard Phelps was closely identified with the early settlement of this section of Nebraska. His reputation was far more than local in the pioneer days of Furnas County. It was statewide. In business circles he was known as a clear minded conservative financier, with strong faith in the future of this beautiful valley, the realization or which he lived to see.

In politics he was uncompromisingly committed to that which he deemed to be for the best interests of the community state and nation and his political record is as clear and straight forward as his social life and financial career was above criticism

William Howard Phelps—the name is so familiar as to be part of the history of Furnas County. The courthouse contains the record of his official acts, when by a vote of the citizens he was called to serve them as county clerk and recorder and no cleaner record was ever made. The name recalls the memory of a thousand good deeds when the “Left hand knew not what the right hand did.”

Although disqualified by his natural physical deformity from being eligible to receive the mason degrees, his intrinsic worth and value to the order was recognized by the fraternity and by special dispensation from the Grand Master of Nebraska, he was made a mason. This splendid tribute to his character as a man was one of his most cherished memories, and the craft throughout the world has never had occasion to regret the honor so worthily bestowed, and now the sympathetic heart is stilled in death. The keen intellect has ceased to exist.

He consecrated himself to God at the age of fifteen and his life is full of the beautiful, and of his abiding faith in his redeemer,

Thus closes a life, the example of honesty, integrity, industry and true Christian worth or which it was filled is worthy of emulation.

Col. Stephenson's Death.

A. J. Hazlett has recently learned of the death of his uncle (his mother's brother) **Col. F. D. Stephenson** of Washington D. C. Col. Stephenson enlisted in the 48th Illinois Regiment in '61 in Sherman's Command. He was in twenty-seven battles, being severely wounded at Ft. Donaldson. He was commissioned Colonel of the 152nd Illinois Regiment in '64 and remained at the front until the close of the war. Himself and bride removed to Washington, D. C. where he graduated from the Columbian University and accepted a position in the pension office, which he has filled up to the time of his death. The War Department honored him with a military funeral, sending a regiment of soldiers, with officials of war department and pension office to attend his burial in the National Cemetery of Arlington. Note: Editor Johnson of the *R. N. J.* was a clerk under Col. Stephenson in Washington D. C., and received four promotions from him. Col. Stephenson was one of the grand soldiers of this country and a splendid citizen. He was greatly loved by all his men.

From the Republican News Journal, 8 February 1907

Accidental Shooting.

Last Friday afternoon at two o'clock, **William Boice**, while attempting to take his gun from a buggy, ten miles north and one mile east of Newkirk, was probably fatally shot.

Mr. Boice was driving along the road when he saw a hawk which appeared to be in range for shooting. He stepped from the vehicle and drew forth a gun, muzzle toward him. In some seemingly mysterious way the gun was discharged. A heavy charge of number-one shot struck him in the stomach causing a frightful wound.

Those who discovered the accident promoted every possible effort, but were unable until three o'clock Saturday afternoon, to place Boice where he could be aided by a surgeon. He was brought to Newkirk and taken to Dr. Hazen's room. There he remained until evening, then was sent to Dr. Emerson at Winfield.

Some time ago Mr. Boice was employed as a driver by one of the liverymen at Hardy, but more recently has been working in the Kaw country.

From the Republican News Journal, 15 Feb 1907

Mrs. Elizabeth Voris.

Died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John J. Blanchard, Saturday, February 9th, at 10:30 p.m.

pneumonia, **Mrs. Elizabeth Voris**. Thus passed away to that happier home, one of nature's noble women one whom to know was to love. Mrs. Voris had been in poor health for some time, but the Tuesday before her death was able to sit up although suffering from a weak heart. Tuesday evening she was taken suddenly worse and her two sons were sent for. Pneumonia developed Saturday morning resulting fatally that night. Mrs. Voris was fully conscious to the last, greatly rejoicing in the presence of her three living children, Mrs. Blanchard, Mr. Mills Voris of Maple City, Kansas and Ros Voris of Oneida, Illinois. A beautiful tribute was paid to her by the minister of the Presbyterian Church at Newport Sunday morning for she made a host of friends in her new home. A service was held at the home Sunday afternoon, after which her sons took the body to Oneida, Illinois, where services were held Tuesday in the Congregational Church which she loved so well. Mrs. Voris was loved by everyone in Newkirk, where she had resided since the early days, until last spring. She had expected to come back and visit her friends here this spring and during her last hours spoke to her nurse of her longing for her home and friends here. Had she lived until next July she would have been seventy years of age. She has left a rich heritage to her three children and grand children, the memory of a life well spent freely and lovingly given to the service of her family.

The little daughter, **Elsa Elizabeth**, of Henry **Brown**, who lives across the river, ate twenty or more cough tablets, Saturday, which caused death. The tablets contained one grain of acetanilide and one grain of quinine. Efforts to save the little girl's life were futile. The funeral occurred Monday at the burying ground near the Santa Fe Lake. [Wolf Creek Cemetery]. Rev. Oglevee preached the sermon. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

From the Republican News Journal, 15 March 1907

Charlie Yeoman killed.

While fighting a fire in the residence of S. G. Sutterling, in Kaw City early Saturday morning, **Charles Yeoman** chief of the fire department of Kaw City, was struck and instantly killed by a bullet from a rifle which exploded in the burning building.

Midst the crackling of the flames and the noises and the excitement incident to the fire the explosion of the rifle was scarcely heard by those at the scene.

The first intimation give of Yeoman's death was when he fell to the ground.

Friends ran to his side when he did into rise and it was found that he was dead and that a bullet had penetrated his body. The circumstance was soon afterwards

explained when it was made known that the loaded rifle was in the building, and that a number of persons had heard the slight sound of its explosion above the noise of the fire.

Yeoman was the junior member of a firm of hardware merchants of Kaw City, and was well and favorably known to a large number of friends. His body will be taken to his former home at Kingman, Kansas tomorrow for burial.

Mr. Yeoman was an old timer in Newkirk and was very popular. He was years with the Will Ferguson hardware store on Main Street.

From the Democrat-Herald, 15 March 1907

[The *Democrat-Herald*, of this date contains an article concerning the death of **Chas. Yeoman's** death that is identical to the one in the *Republican News Journal* printed below.]

From the Republican News Journal, 5 April 1907

[This issue reports the death of little **Haskel Wing** son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wing, born August 25, 1896, and died Monday march 25, at 3:30 p.m. at the family home in Arkansas City. The child died of heart failure. The child was buried at Mercer Cemetery.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 2 April 1907

Morris Convicted.

Just six months from the date on which a jury exonerated him in the killing of P. W. Cassidy, another jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against W. H. Morris for killing Finis Cassidy, a son, and agreed upon a sentence of life imprisonment as the penalty. It is said the jury was unanimous at once as to his guilt, but nine were in favor of the death penalty and held out on this proposition for more than twelve hours.

The crime for which this trial was held was committed about a year ago. Morris, the owner of a good farm in Dale Township, had leased the place to the Cassidy family for one year, which time had just about expired and they were moving to another place they had secured in the Kaw Country. The relationship between the two parties, owner and lessee, had been strained for some time and more than once had been on the verge of an outbreak. On the morning of the crime Morris went out to the farm to get a load of hay. He went prepared for trouble, taking with him a shotgun and a revolver. The Cassidys, father and two sons were in a wagon near the haystack when he drove up. The younger boy was soon after sent by his father to a neighbor's, and while he was gone Morris shot and killed the other two. He used a

shotgun first and then in some manner shot the younger Cassidy in the back of the head with his revolver.

Morris claimed self-defense and proved it to the satisfaction of the first jury [in the murder of the father, P. W. Cassidy] in a trial which was conducted by the prosecution much to the dissatisfaction of those interested in the case. That the prosecution was able to get a conviction in the case this time is looked on as a remarkable achievement, as much of the evidence could not be brought out on account of the former acquittal. The defense is asking for a new trial.

[See related articles concerning this case in the *Republican News Journal* and the *Democrat-Herald* dating from March 1906. The *Democrat* of 19 April 1907 reported that Woodson H. Morris and other prisoners had been transported to prison by Sheriff Wooden to Lansing, Kansas. Morris was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor for murder. As Oklahoma was not a state at this time, there was no state prison yet to which to send convicted criminals. All persons sentenced to prison from Oklahoma were housed at the Kansas prison.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 19 April 1907

John Love who resided two mile west of this city died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. M. Colville, Wednesday morning. Mr. Love was a native of Ohio. From there he moved to mercer County, Illinois, just after his marriage, and from there he and his family except W. V. Love, of Joy, Ill, came to Arkansas City, Kans., in 883, where he resided until the opening of the Strip. He was in his 80th year and leaves a wife, one daughter, and five sons to mourn his loss. Funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian Church, Friday at 2 o'clock p.m.

From the Republican News Journal, 7 June 1907

Obituary.

At his residence on North Main Street in this city, Tuesday morning, June 4, **Simon Clavier**, aged 83 years. The funeral took place Wednesday morning, at the Catholic Church in this city, the Rev, Father Kekeisen conducting the ceremony. The interment was at the Old Mission School at Washunga [Washunga Cemetery.]

The deceased was one of our leading citizens, an old settler, who enjoyed the respect and esteem of everybody. He was an active enterprising man and for more than twenty years, until he took up his residence here, had lived on his farm in the Kaw country in the old

stone residence of which has long been one of the landmarks of this section.

He was born at Lon Sie Saunier, France, December 8, 1824. He came to this country while a young man and was adopted into the Osage Indian Tribe. He was twice married, the last time to Gen. Hardy's daughter, Mrs. Brunt, at Topeka, Nov. 19, 1882. Of this marriage there were four children, all living. They are Anastus Clavier, of Colorado Springs; Doxey, wife of John W. Thomas; Nora May, wife of Walter Bilyeu, and Gailland Clavier. The stepchildren are Mrs. Ida Harvey and Sylvester and Godance Soldani, prominent and wealthy members of the Osage Indian Nation. All the children arrived for the funeral except Anastus who could not be reached by telegraph. The deceased lived a long and useful life. He was a man of good habits and very industrious. He was a lifelong Catholic, and a generous, kindly spirit who will be greatly missed in this community by his children and numerous friends.

William Curtis, a cattleman was killed Tuesday by a farm hand named Shabler. The two men had a fight in which Shabler is reported to have struck Curtis with a chair. Curtis, according to reports was drunk, and after the fight he was taken to the barn on the ranch and left, supposedly in a drunken stupor. When the men returned shortly afterward to look after him it was found that he had died from the blow. His body will be taken to Caney, where his family lives, for burial. His wife is a member of the Osage Indian Tribe.

From the Democrat-Herald, 14 June 1907

An Old Settler Dead.

Simon Clavier died at his home on North Main Street in this city, June 4th. Mr. Clavier was born in France, December 7th, 1824, and at the time of his death was 83 years of age. He came to this country early in life and was adopted into the Osage tribe of Indians. He married Mrs. Brunt, a daughter of General Hardy, in 1882, and to them were born four children: Anastus Clavier, Mrs. John W. Thomas, Mrs. Walter Belyeu, and Galland Clavier. The deceased was well known throughout this part of Oklahoma.

From the Republican News Journal, 22 June 1907

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary J. Lambert was born Aug 21, 1837; died June 10, 1907; aged 69 years, 9 months and 9 days. Her last illness [was] at her home in Snyder, Oklahoma. Interment [was] in Snyder Cemetery.

Born in the state of Missouri, while her parents were emigrating from Kentucky to Iowa.

[She was] Married to Joseph P. Lambert at Central City, Colorado, about 1866. The sorrowing children are Mrs. M. E. Lonard of Snyder, Okla.; W. E. Lambert, Manitou, Okla.; Homer G. Lambert, Chatauqua Springs, Kans.; Wilber F. Lambert, Snyder, Oklahoma.; Homer G. Lambert, whose whereabouts for the past three years have been unknown. Her last years were much saddened by the absence of this son. Two brothers and one sister survive the deceased, Jasper Riggs, of Snyder, Okla. and Mrs. James George, of Monta Vista, Colo. [The Lamberts were former Newkirk residents. Mrs. Lambert's obituary has been edited here to include only details of genealogical interest.]]

From the Republican News Journal, 28 June 1907

Died.

Mariam E., wife of Edward L. **Sivyer**, and [daughter] of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Headly, died Thursday morning, June 20, at her home on South Eight street in Ponca, the funeral services were held from the St. Felix Catholic Church Saturday morning, with interment at I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Deceased was married to Mr. Sivyer about one year ago and the blow is a sad one to the bereaved young husband. The *R. N. J.* joins the throng of friends of the parents husband and relatives in extending heartfelt sympathy.

From the Democrat-Herald, 5 July 1907

Harry Asbell, the 17-year-old son of Frank Asbell of Hardy, was drowned while fishing in Grouse Creek near Silverdale, Kansas. The boy was wading in the creek, fishing with a pole and line, when he stepped into a deep hole and before help could reach him he was drowned. His father was in a boat and started to his assistance, but was unable to reach him. Several other members of the family were on the bank and saw him drown.

From the Republican News Journal, 19 July 1907

Died.

Sunday morning, July 14 1907, at Winfield, Kans., the beloved wife of **W. P. Jackson**, aged 43 years. The deceased was a patient sufferer from a long and lingering illness. She died in the early morning hours going to her final sleep like a tired child worn not with her sufferings. At the hour of her death the world was shrouded with stillness, surely a most fitting time for a pure spirit to take its flight heavenward.

The deceased was a member of the M.E. Church in this city where the funeral services were held. The children are Mrs. Fred Harkins, Mrs. Ralph Stewart, Arville Jackson, and the baby Claire. [This obituary of Lizzie Jackson was edited to include only genealogical content.]

From the Republican News Journal, 26 July 1907

John A. Gribble Dead.

John A. Gribble, who lives seven miles and a half southeast of Arkansas City in Kay County, died very suddenly last week.

The deceased was eighty-five years old. For some time he has been afflicted with what is called creeping paralysis. In the morning he arose apparently in his usual health and walked out into the garden. He was absent from the house for some time and just as he started to return he fell and expired almost immediately. It is believed the disease at last reached his heart.

The deceased leaves eight children, five sons and three daughters. One of the sons, Prof. J. B. Gribble lives in Arkansas City. At present he is in Kiowa and was notified of his father's death. He will return here as soon as possible.

Samuel Woods, a Kaw Indian, died at Arkansas City July 18 of cancer of the stomach. He was buried at Washunga.

From the Republican News Journal, 2 August 1907

Mrs. John Dean Dead.

Stricken down in the full flower of young matronhood, **Mrs. John Dean**, wife the grain merchant at Kildare departed this life, after a brief illness of one week, at their home, 7:30, Tuesday evening,

All that loving solicitude could devise was done by the large circle of friends and relatives amongst whom her girlhood was passed and bloomed to womanly dignity, striking deep the tendrils of affection and love, to stay the grim messenger but in vain.

Two children, aged respectively, five years and nine months and the devoted husband have the deepest sympathy in their irremediable loss.

The last sad service will be from the family residence at Kildare, Thursday 9 a.m. with interment in the Newkirk Cemetery.

From the Republican News Journal, 9 August 1907

Resolution of Respect.

Resolutions of sympathy [were] adopted by Mound Valley A. H. T. A. No. 549, Dale Township, in memory of **Oliver Perry Smith** who died Aug. 1, 1907, and were published in this edition of the *R. N. J.*

From the Democrat-Herald, 16 August 1907

Accidentally killed.

Last Friday morning at 4:30, **H. B. Dorris** was killed by the accidental discharge of his revolver. Mr. Dorris was on his way home from the Arrendiell residence, where he had spent the night sitting up with Cecil Arrendiell. Being tired, on reaching the Santa Fe Bank building he sat down to rest on the front steps. Taking out a large revolver which he had the previous day purchased of ex Marshal Driskell, it is supposed he fell asleep while examining the gun and dropped it. The jar set off the gun and the ball there from penetrated the body from the hip, where it entered, to the shoulder and caused almost instantaneous death. The victim making only one cry, which was heard by the night watchman Moore. Mr. Dorris was unused to firearms of any kind and had only purchased the revolver as a souvenir to send east to relatives.

Obituary.

H. B. Dorris was born at Clarksville, Tennessee, July 3, 1865, being the son of Rev. and Mrs. G. Dorris.

His boyhood days were spent on a farm in Sumner County, Tenn. He was married to Miss Nettie Comfort of Richmond, Kentucky, March 23, 1896. To this union three children were born, all of whom remain: Jesse, Age 10; Ruth, age 8; William, age 7. Mrs. Dorris died three years ago leaving her children to the care of Mr. Dorris' sister, Florence.

Mr. Dorris was never strong, in recent years being affected with lung trouble. He came to Newkirk two years ago, having come west for the benefit of his health. He moved the family consisting of his aged mother, sister Florence and three children here about a year ago.

Mr. Dorris was a man of sterling character and a member of the M. E. Church, South. As manager of the local exchange of the Pioneer Telephone Co. for the past two years, he came in contact with all the businessmen of Newkirk. He was held in the highest esteem by all, both as a businessman and as an upright citizen.

During recent weeks he was steadily declining in health and the family was planning to return to Tennessee when this sad, fatal, accident overtook him.

Memorial services were held at the M. E. Church, Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastors Rev. H. H. Miller, assisted by Rev. J. A. B. Oglevee. The entire family returned to Tennessee, Sunday evening, for permanent residence, accompanying the remains, Mr. Finley Dorris of Nashville, a brother of the deceased, arrived Sunday morning and returned with the family.

This is one of the saddest circumstances in the history of Newkirk, and the fame may rest assured they have the sympathy of all in their sad bereavement,

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends, who so kindly assisted us in the late illness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother,

Mrs. Kate Shepard, Mrs. Mary Clark, Benjamin Clark, Mrs. Nora Maxon.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 16 August 1907

Obituary.

Died, at Kildare, Oklahoma, July 30, 1907, **Mrs. John Dean**, aged 31 years 10 months and 5 days. Mrs. Dean was Lulu G. Dewey a Kildare girl, whose parents E. O. and Elizabeth Dewey settled on the farm south of Kildare soon after the opening of this country in 1894. Mrs. Dean was a handsome, popular girl, and her sad death was a blow to the community in which she lived. She was born at Fort Covington, Franklin County, New York, September 21, 1875. Her parents came west to Wichita in 1888 where Lulu received her education.

On Easter Sunday April 1, 1901, she was united in marriage to John Dean, one of the prominent businessmen of Kay County, for many years a citizen of Kildare. Two children were born and still survive, with a fond father and husband, to mourn a beloved wife and mother. The children are Catherine Elizabeth, aged 4 years 8 months and Margaret, aged 1 year 5 months. The deceased leaves five brothers, Mason, Clarence, and Charles Dewey of Kildare, William of St. Louis and Ernest of San Francisco.

Mrs. Dean's sickness was of but brief duration, little over a week. Seemingly with us today, active in life's round of duty and love, but gone tomorrow. [This obituary has been edited and gives only information of genealogical content.]

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and help during the death of our beloved wife and mother.

Mr. Thos. **Powers** and Children.

O. E. Correll received a message announcing the death of his sister, **Mrs. Etta Moore** of Wooster, Ohio. She was here on a visit two years ago and while here made a good many friends who will be sorry to hear of her death.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 30 August 1907

Frank P. Summers was born in Mahaska County, Iowa, September, 1853 and died at his residence four miles northwest of Kildare, August 34, 2907. Mr. Summers was well and active on his farm on the 21st

and consequently was sick less than three full days. These days, however, were full of intense suffering. Frank P. Summers was married to Miss Ida Wells, September 18, 1879. He with his family came to Oklahoma in March 1894. He bought the farm, where he lived and died, and where he had made for his family one of the most improved homes in Kay county. His death was a great shock to the community and the esteem in which he was held was attested by the great throng which attended his funeral last Sunday. Though the day was very warm, yet the procession of buggies and carriages that followed the remains for nine miles to the Newkirk Cemetery was fully a mile long. Rev. A. G. Murray of Kildare, conducted the funeral services at the house. The Odd Fellows of Newkirk and Kildare paid their respects to their esteemed, departed brother by their solemn and impressive services at the grave. The community extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and children.

From the Republican News Journal, 30 August 1907

Obituary.

Died, Friday, August 23, 1907, at his residence in Kildare Township, **Frank P. Summers**, one of the leading and best farmers in Kay County. Mr. Summers became overheated the previous Wednesday while stacking alfalfa and drank too much water causing bladder trouble, which resulted fatally.

He was owner of a 220 acre farm which was finely improved. He was noted for his progressiveness, always taking an active and substantial interest in crop and stock improvement and being an active worker in the county fair.

He was born in Mahaska County, Iowa, Sept. 1, 1853. He married Ida Wells September 18, 1879, who survives him. He left three sons, Willis, Bert and Ira, one sister, Mrs. S. Spore now living in New Mexico, and two brothers.

The funeral Sunday, August 29, at the farm residence was one of the largest gatherings that ever took place in Kay County, testifying the substantial regard and high estimation of his friends and neighbors. Rev. A. G. Murray of the M. E. Church, Kildare, where the deceased was a worshiper, preached the funeral sermon. The interment was at Newkirk Cemetery. [This lengthy obituary has been edited to include only information of genealogical content.]

Obituary.

Died. Saturday, August 17, 1907, at 7 o'clock p.m. at Roosevelt, Oklahoma, at his daughter's residence, **Mark L. Wetmore**, aged 63 years.

Mr. Wetmore was an early settler in Newkirk, arriving here on the day of the opening. He was an upright sterling man who was highly esteemed. Another name is stricken from the ever lessening roll of our old settlers.

He was born at Northcohocton, Steuben County, New York. He leaves a widow and six children. The children are Starr, the disabled Rough Rider soldier, Scott, Frank, Ray, Mrs. Mamie McCully of Muskogee and Mrs. Lily Endicott of Roosevelt, Oklahoma.

The funeral took place at Arkansas City. [This lengthy obituary has been edited to include only information of genealogical content.]

Resolution of Respect.

At a regular meeting of Stephenson Post No. 46 G. A. R. the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased the Supreme Commander to muster out of this earthly army our beloved comrade **Edward Nail**, and

Whereas our comrade served his country well and faithfully during the war of '61 to '65, was a loving husband and son, Post No. 46, of which he was an honored member, that our sincere sympathy be, and is, extended to the bereaved wife and children of our fallen comrade that the charter at the post be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Post as a testimonial of our departed comrade, that a copy, duly certified, be presented to the bereaved wife and that copies be furnished the local papers for publication.

Mrs. Alta L. McDowell, died at the family home on South Fourth Street in Ponca City at 4:30 o'clock last Saturday afternoon of consumption,

Jacob Thede, aged 40, and a bachelor, died at Ponca Friday from a sunstroke. He was among the wealthiest farmers in Kay County, owning two valuable homesteads. He had no relatives in this locality, but a brother and sister live at Fremont, Neb.

W. L. McConnell, a veteran of the civil war and an old resident of Ponca City, died at the family home in the Wylde addition at 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning. He was 73 years of age and had been in very poor health for more than a year. He leaves a wife and two children, a son and a daughter,

Mrs. Prudence Newhinney of Kaw City dreamed that her son, **Joseph M. Shields**, employed in the railroad service at Tacoma, Wash., had been killed in the performance of his duties. The dream was so realistic

that Mrs. Newhinney immediately wrote to her son. On the same day and after the letter was written Mrs. Newhinney received a telegram from Tacoma saying that her son had been killed by the cars. His body will be brought here for burial.

A man going under the name of **Moore** with several aliases was killed by the cars at the depot in this city Saturday night. He was an ex-convict and is believed to have belonged to a gang of horse thieves. He had been up town and became very much intoxicated. He expressed a desire to go to Kaw City. He went to the depot and evidently tried to board a freight, falling under the train. Both legs were cut off below the knee. He was discovered by Job Carson who had been with him an hour or so previous. The shock and loss of blood caused his death. He carried an ugly gun on his person.

From the Republican News Journal, 6 September 1907

Obituary.

Died: Monday, September 2, 1907, **Louesa J. Karsner**, beloved wife of Dr. A. E. Karsner, aged 51 years 3 months, and 8 days,

Louesa J. Karsner was born in Defiance, Ohio, May 24, 1856, united in marriage to Dr. A. E. Karsner at Florida, Ohio, Oct. 1, 1873. To them was born two daughters, Mrs. Kingsley T. Green of St. Joseph, Mo. And Cora M. Karsner of Otto, N, N,

Mrs. Karsner was converted when but twelve years of age, and united with the Methodist Protestant church. In 1875 she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has lived a consistent and devoted member ever since,

She has been a patient sufferer for twenty-five years, but her suffering only tended to sweeten her life. She was only confined to her bed about two weeks before the shadows of death passed over her. She passed peacefully to her reward Monday morning at 2 o'clock a.m., September 2. She leaves a husband, two daughters and three grand children and many friends who will hold her in sweet remembrance.

The funeral services took place Tuesday at 4 o'clock p.m. at the M. E. Church. Rev. D. G. Murray of Kingfisher, arriving to conduct the same, assisted by the pastor Rev. H., H. Miller and Rev. Murray of Kildare. The interment was at St. Joseph, Mo.

[This Obituary was edited to include only content of genealogical importance.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 8 September 1907

Mrs. Louesa J. Karsner

Louesa J. Crozier was born in Defiance, Ohio, May 24th 1856, (age 51 Years, 3 months, 8 days). United in marriage to Dr. A. E. Karsner at Florida, Ohio, October 14, 1873. To them were born two daughters, Mrs. Kingsley T. Green of St. Joseph, Mo., and Cora MI Karsner of Otto, New Mexico.

Mrs. Karsner was converted when but twelve years of age and united with the Methodist Protestant Church. In 1875 she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has lived a consistent and devoted member ever since. Her consecration was complete and the fruits of her life bore evidence of joy, contentment and peace. She has been a patient sufferer for twenty-five years, but her suffering only tended to sweeten her life. She was only confined to her bed for about two weeks before the shadows of death passed over her. She passed peacefully to her reward Monday morning at 2 a.m. September 2nd. She leaves a husband, two daughters and three grandchildren and many friends who hood her in sweet remembrance.

By the late Kansas City papers, we notice an account of the death of **Rivers Brown**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Brown, former residents of this city, but now located at Kansas City. The account stated that he died in Colorado where he had been about six years.

From Republican News Journal, 20 September 1907

Announcement.

Since the death of my wife, inquires respecting my intentions have been many and frequent and I take this opportunity of answering all. Had I entertained an idea of leaving Newkirk, the kind attention and assistance rendered by friends, the many beautiful floral tributes, the words of sympathy the resolutions offered by my brother physicians, the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church, and the Modern Wooden of America and the obituary notices by the press, would have dispelled the idea.

Myself and daughters are thankful or all the courtesies and kindly remembrances of friends. I expect to remain in Newkirk and attend to my professional duties to the best of my ability. My property is neither for sale or rent. My daughter will return from New Mexico in due time and we will continue to occupy our home and endeavor to beautify the corner of 9th and Main streets to our own comfort and the advancement of the city,

Very truly, D. A. E. Karsner.

Died: Thursday, September 12, 1907, at 10:45 a.m. **Lorenzo L. Preston**, aged 88 years 7 months and 11 days. The funeral took place Saturday from the

residence on North Maple Street. Mr. Preston was a pioneer in the country and a respected citizen.

Obituary.

On Thursday, September 12, at about 11 o'clock at his home on North Maple Street, Newkirk, Oklahoma, the spirit of Grandpa Preston took its flight to the great unknown. Funeral services were held at the home on Saturday, September 14 at 10 o'clock a.m., Rev. Engle of the Christian Church officiating, and Rev. Reedy of the Episcopal Church leading in prayer. A large concourse of relatives and friends gathered to pay their last tribute of respect, many following the remains to Newkirk's City of the Dead.

Lorenzo Preston was born in Oxford, Shenango, Co., N. Y., on January 16, 1819, died at his home in Newkirk Oklahoma, September 12, 1907, aged 88 years, 7 months, and 20 days. He emigrated to Hazel Green, Grant Co., Wisconsin in 1843, was married in 1848 to Miss Sophia Trenary. Four children were born to them, three of whom are living. Mrs. S. Countryman and William Preston of Newkirk, and Henry Preston of Peckham. One son died several years ago. The wife and mother died in Newkirk about six years ago. Grandpa was an old timer in Newkirk, having made the run on horseback at the opening and locating at Newkirk where he has since been engaged in the livery business. Although old he was able to attend to his business until a week before his death. His sickness was of short duration and his sufferings were great. Grandpa will be sadly missed. He was a kind father and grandparent. No more his smiling face will greet us. No more will we hear that welcome that he always gave us. A good man has passed away. He leaves to mourn his loss three children, seven grand children and three great grand children.

From Republican News Journal, 27 September 1907

James Hubbard, son of J. S. Hubbard, of Blackwell died from the effect of injuries received in being thrown from a wagon at Seiling, Oklahoma, on Sept 6, 1907. The funeral was held from the Friend's tabernacle at Seiling, on Sunday, Sept. 8, and was attended by his many friends in that county. He had been in Dewey County but about a year but on account of his sterling character had acquired many friends, who with the family mourn his death.

From the Republican News Journal, 11 October 1907

The Death of L. W. Alberti.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 1st at 2 o'clock, **Will Alberti**, aged 26 years, 7 months, and 20 days, and

a former Newkirk boy, while on duty as a bridge builder, fell from a ladder and was so seriously hurt that he died within a few hours. The news of the fatal accident to this poor boy came over the wire as a shock barbed with pain and sorrow to his parents, brothers sisters and friends.

The parents took the first train for Milwaukee but arrived there only to find their beloved son cold in death. The sorrowing father and mother arrived in Newkirk with the remains Saturday morning. The funeral services were held at the family residence at 2 o'clock Sunday, Rev. Ira A. Engle pastor of the Christian Church officiating, paying a beautiful and befitting tribute to the memory of the deceased. At the close of the services an unusually long procession followed the remains to our silent city.

Death of E. H. Littlefield.

We learn through the Boston Globe, bearing the date October 4th of the death of **E. H. Littlefield**, well known by all the old settlers of Newkirk and surround country. Mr. Littlefield was one among the great army of home seekers who made the run on the memorable 16th of September 1893, and secured a fine claim just south of town. He successfully passed through all the trials and tribulations that fell to the lot of the early pioneer and finally sold his homestead and returned to his former home, Allston, Mass., to assume his old position as division superintendent of a steel railway. Mr. Littlefield was a man of generous impulses and never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneer. [This obituary contains additional details of the funeral service and all that attended.]

From the Republican News Journal, 25 October 1907

In Memoriam.

Died at his home northwest of Newkirk, **William J. Carpenter**, aged 58 years.

He was a man well known to the people of this vicinity a man who lived among us when Oklahoma was one vast prairie dotted here and there with shanties; who prospered as the country prospered; but who at the dawning of statehood was called from the affairs of earth to a home exempt from the cares and responsibilities that fall to those so unselfish and so mindful of the comforts of their fellowmen.

The deceased was born in Huntingtonshire, England, Oct. 17, 1843, and came to America with his parents in 1860. January 13, 1876 he was united in marriage to Miss Harriet A. Siveely. To this union six children were born, four of which survive him. On December 2, 1900, the deceased joined the Presbyterian Church of which he has since been faithful member. He

was a faithful husband and a kind and loving father, and the lonely mother and children who survive him will greatly miss the strong arm which has guided and shielded them for so many years.

Thomas Bassler, well known in this county, died at Stillwater on the 14th instant of paralysis. The remains were brought to Ponca City and buried in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. Bassler was one of the pioneers of Kay County, his home for many years was in Longwood Township. He was a man of excellent habits and fine moral character. Besides a devoted wife he leaves a son and a daughter.

From the Republican News Journal, 8 November 1907

Lucy Coleman, born May 21, 1828 at Pauls Valley, West Va., died at Newkirk, Okla, Monday Nov 4th at 2 o'clock p.m. The deceased was the mother of eleven children, only three of whom are still living, namely John T. Coleman, of Pottowatomie County, Oklahoma; Mrs. Adelia King, of Texas, and Henry Albert of this city with whom she has made her home for many years,

Grandma Coleman after a long, busy and useful life died as she lived honored, trusted and loved. She reared her own monument while she lived in the hearts of all who knew her. Her life was completed if work all done and well done constitutes completion. Her Christian life was beautiful from its beginning to its close, and through all the vicissitudes and sorrows that she met in the way, her faith in God never wavered. The funeral services were conducted from the house Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Ira Engle, pastor of the Christian Church.

Death of Mrs. J. L. Bussard.

Died at the home of her son Roy H. Hill, Sunday, Nov. 3rd 1907, **Mrs. J. L. Bussard.**

The death of Mrs. Bussard was not unexpected, as she had been gradually going down for several weeks, the disease being cancer.

All the care and love that skilled physicians and an anxious household could devise and apply for her comfort and assistance were bestowed upon her. She ran the journey of her life in fifty years and her path is marked with deeds of kindness and cheer. The deceased was the mother of five children, all living. The funeral services were held at the home Monday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Oglevee of the Presbyterian Church officiating.

From the Democrat-Herald, 8 November 1907

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hill came in from Alva, Oklahoma, Monday to attend the funeral of his sister, **Mrs. J. L. Bussart**

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker of Eldorado, Kans., were in the city Monday to attend the funeral of the latter's mother, **Mrs. J. L. Bussart.**

Mrs. J. L. Bussart who had been critically ill at the home of her son, R. H. Hill, died Saturday evening. Funeral services, which were conducted by the Rebekah lodge, were held Monday and the body was interred in Newkirk Cemetery.

Mrs. Lucy Coleman died Monday after a long siege of illness at the home of her son, Henry Albert on north Maple Street, Aged 79 years. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the W.R.C., Rev. Engle officiating. Interment was made in Newkirk Cemetery.

From Republican News Journal, 22 November 1907

Obituary.

King Alcohol, a resident of this city since the opening of the Cherokee Strip in 1893, passed away Saturday evening at 11:30 o'clock after a severe struggle for existence.

The old boy has played a conspicuous part in the history of Newkirk and has gained a reputation as a great promoter of his own interests. Many a man, possessor of only a few coins, he has made to feel like a king of finance; many a meek and close mouthed citizen has he given abundance of nerve and the tongue of prattle; and many there are that have been taken under his protection and hurried from the cares and responsibilities of life.

A bit of philosophy was found among his belongings, which is contained in the following verse:

"He is not drunk, who from the floor
Can rise and drink once more.
But he is drunk, who prostrate lies,
And can neither drink nor rise."

The funeral services were held on the streets of this city, Mr. Woodworth preaching the sermon. The Anheuser Busch beer wagon was decorated with the stars and stripes and draped in black crape. On the wagon rode Sam Thomas who drove and Mr. Woodworth who played the funeral march, "How Dry I Am." The epitaph is as follows: We do die hard, but out of redemption there is no hell."

[This obituary was published in the first edition of the Newkirk News Journal to be published following

November 16, 1907, the day Oklahoma became a state. The new state's constitution prohibited the sales of alcohol. It should be noted here that "King Alcohol" rose from the dead in 1959 when prohibition was repealed.]

From *Republican News Journal*, 27 December 1907

Death of Capt. John A. Shaw.

Capt. John A. Shaw, aged 73 years, died suddenly at his home near Blackwell, Friday Dec., 20th at 9 o'clock a.m., of heart failure. It was the writer's good fortune to have known Capt. Shaw long and well. He was among the first to land in Kay County at the opening of the Cherokee Strip. As a citizen and soldier he had a fine record. When a soldier on the battle field he was frightfully wounded and for four long days did not show any signs of life. After the war his home was at Warrensburg, Mo., where he was elected sheriff of Johnson County with the political odds largely against him. We have it from Dr. John Hl Miller, now deceased, that Capt. Shaw made a splendid official record.

Capt. Shaw was a man of fine moral character a practical, matter of fact man, but had his own peculiar way of extracting merriment from life as it went along and he was not disposed to worry about matters that could not be bettered in other ways

Besides a devoted wife he leaves three sons. He was a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father, and to his friends the soul of fellowship. The Captain rests after a long and well spent life. He cannot and would not, if he could return to us.

"Cold in the dust the perished heart
may lie,
But that which warmed it once can
never die,"

[There is also an obituary for John A. Shaw in the Ponca City Courier. He is buried at Blackwell IOOF.]

Hail and Hearty at 97.

[Not an obituary, but included because of genealogical data.]

William Dillavan the oldest citizen of DeWitt County, Illinois, is the grandfather of Mrs. Joe Garten, of Newkirk. He recently celebrated his 97th birthday. He was born in New Jersey, Dec. 10, 1810, and moved to Clinton, Ill., when a young man with his parents. He served through war although at first rejected on account of age. The old gentleman has been a lifelong worker in the Methodist Church and was one of the first church workers in the state of Illinois to organize a Sunday

school in the church. He is the father of a large family most of whom are living.

The old gentleman attributes his longevity to the clean life he has lived. Here is an example of the simple life which it would be well for the young men of today to follow.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 27 December 1907

Charles O'Rourke died at his home in Perry last Saturday night at 12:30 o'clock. Of typhoid fever, aged 33 years. The body was brought here for burial, the funeral being held in the Catholic Church at 9 o'clock this morning, and interment was made in the family plot in the Catholic Cemetery. Deceased leaves a wife and one child. He was a brother of Mrs. Henry Mann of this city, -- *Ponca City Courier*.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 17 January 1908

The Page Murder Trial.

On Tuesday of last week, **F. W. Page** of Hardy, Kay County, Oklahoma, was placed on trial for the murder of **J. S. Thompson**, which occurred in a poolroom at Hardy on the afternoon of Sunday, October 21, 1906. The defendant, Page, got into a quarrel with Thompson and struck him a fatal blow over the head with a billiard cue—death visiting in a short time. We do not know anything about the circumstances or the merits of the case, but after a fair and impartial trial by the Judge and jury, a verdict of not guilty was rendered on Friday morning.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 24 January 1908

On Friday afternoon, January 17, little Robert Lacy, age 14 months and twenty-one days was called by his Heavenly Father to leave his earthly home and live with Him above. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." Such is the spirit displayed by the parents of this promising child. Would that all sorrowing parents might find this great Comforter. The little body was interred in Newkirk Cemetery Saturday morning, with short services conducted by Rev. Oglevee and Rev. VirDen at the grave.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 24 January 1908

In Memoriam,

Died at the family residence in our city, Friday, Jan. 16th, at 4 o'clock p.m. little **Robert**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. **Lacy**, aged one year and two months.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 1 February 1908

Mrs. John Haase died Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Episcopal Church and Interment was made in Newkirk Cemetery. We join with the entire community in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

From the *Republican News Journal*, 11 Feb 1908

Card of Thanks.

We wish to take this method of thanking all the kind neighbors and friends for their help and sympathy during the time of our bereavement. Such warm and sincere manifestations of friendship towards us in our great sorrow touched us deeply and have left a lasting impression.

Mrs. **Chope** and children.

[Edward Chope, 22 September 1868 – 8 February 1908, wife, Katie]

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 21 February 1908

[Resolutions of respect and sympathy for their brother **Edward Chope** from the Newkirk Lodge No. 27, I.O.O.F. were published in this edition of the *Democrat-Herald*.]

[Kaw City News item] The **twin boys** born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert **Thomas** last Saturday died the following day.

We are sorry indeed to hear of the death of our old friend, **Mrs. T. B. Evans**, of Temple, Oklahoma. Mrs. Evans lived on a farm near us in Kay County, Oklahoma, for a number of years and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and quite a large family of children all of whom are grown to mourn the loss of a loving wife and kind mother. Mrs. Evans was a good Christian woman and a friend to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed in her neighborhood. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family in their sad bereavement. –*Geronimo Advocate*.

Card of Thanks.,

S. I. Russell was born in 1863 in Champaign, Ill., and died Feb. 15, 1908 and laid at rest in the Newkirk cemetery. I thank those who so kindly assisted through the sickness and death and also for the beautiful floral design offered by Mrs. Alfred Cole, Mrs. Blenze and Mrs. Herbert Goodno – Mrs. Mary Ann Russell.

[Banner News item] The infant daughter of Abe Frey (about eight months old died of pneumonia Sunday afternoon. The funeral will be preached at the house

today (Tuesday) at 1 o'clock, after which it will be taken to the Newkirk Cemetery for interment,

From the *Republican News Journal*, 21 February 1908

To the Grave at Forty.

We failed to chronicle in our last issue the passing away of **Edward Chope**, aged forty years, four months and fourteen days. His death occurred on the sixth instant after a lingering illness.

The deceased was a member of the Christian Church and belonged to the I. O. O. F. The funeral services were held at the church by Rev. Ira A. Engle, participated in by the lodge of which he was a valued member. A devoted wife and three children are left to mourn.

Chief Wah Shunga Dead.

Chief **Wah Shunga**, of the Kaw Tribe, was found dead near his home Tuesday morning of this week. A year or so ago the *Republican News journal* published an obituary of the aged chief, a report being current that he had gone to the happy hunting grounds. This time the report from Kaw City seems to be authentic. The circumstances of his death are as follows: He had been into town the day before and current rumor has it that as usual, he filled up considerably on liquor so much so that when he reached the gate leading into his yard, he was unable to unfasten it and there fell asleep, never to awaken. Wah Shunga was seventy years of age, and has been Chief of the Kaw Indians for over twenty years, having been elected upon the demise of Chief Olegawahoo, who became leader of the Kaw Tribe when that band left the Osages.

Wah has had many wives, only one, from whom he was divorced, is now living. His nearest relative is a niece, Mrs. Rufus Test, with whom he was living. He was an affable old man and had many friends. All the little boys and girls in town knew Wah, and always had something to say to him when they met him on the street. He was addicted to the extreme use of liquor, many times lying drunk in the road all night and on many occasions when it would freeze an ordinary person. Like all others who persist in such habit he went to the happy hunting grounds while under the influence of liquor. He will be buried in the Washunga Cemetery Thursday.

Sam Hoard Dead.

Friends were shocked to hear of the death of **Sam Hoard**, a former resident of this place and a brother to Richard Horde which is reported to have occurred January 23 on the Isthmus of Panama. The body was brought back to this country for burial at the

old home place in Indiana, where reside the aged parents.

Sam had been in the Canal Zone for some time, holding a responsible position in the government's employ. This winter he revisited his parents and his brother Richard, who resides northwest of Arkansas City.

Formerly of a very stout and robust constitution, he returned home broken of health and ultimately to be added to the already long list of victims of the terrible climate of the Canal Zone. He was intellectually bright and ambitious, he knew that greater possibilities were in store for him in Panama than at home and the earnest persuasions of those nearest to him failed to deter him from returning to that place, shortly after the holidays.

It is with sincere sorrow that his friends will hear of the sad end of a life so young, promising and full of purpose.

Little Florence Frey, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Frey, died at the family home southwest of Newkirk, Sunday at 2 p.m., aged eight months. The funeral services were held at the house at 2 p.m. Tuesday. The family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow.

Samuel Russell, who lived two miles west of Middleton died Saturday at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, and the body was laid to rest in the Newkirk Cemetery.

From the Democrat-Herald, 13 March 1908

Sheriff Ford Killed by Train.

Syl G. Ford, Sheriff of Kay County was run over and almost instantly killed by Santa Fe Train No. 405 Monday evening at Ponca City.

He and deputies were on their way to Ponca to raid and if possible capture a gang of bootleggers. As the train neared Ponca City, Ford and his deputies, L. B. Hart and R. D. Driskel, went out on the platform, Ford announcing his intention to jump off before the depot was reached. When he jumped those behind him did not know whether if fell or not, but as soon as the train stopped, Deputy Driskel ran back and found him lying near the track face downward. Picking him up and turning him over, he was asked if he was hurt, He replied, "I am dead, dead." Those were his last words. The wheels of the car passed over his legs just below the hips. He lived but a few minutes after the accident occurred.

A [coroner's] jury was at once summoned by A. H. Erwin, justice of the peace, who after viewing the body, adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m., Tuesday. After hearing

the testimony the jurors returned [the verdict that] Syl Ford came to his death by being run over by Santa Fe Train Number 405 at Ponca City, Oklahoma, March 9, 1908 at about 9:15 o'clock p.m. . . .

The body was brought to Newkirk Tuesday morning and the funeral services were held at the Methodist church under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. Lodge. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Oglevee.

Sylvester G. Ford was born August 10, 1860, being slightly over 47 years of age and leaves a wife and two children, a son and daughter. Roy being a student of the State University at Norman and Florence attending the High School in this city. He was elected to the office of Sheriff last fall and took possession of the same November 16th. He was making a splendid record and died while performing a duty of his office. His untimely death was a terrible shock to his family and many friends in this community. It is needless to say that they have the sympathy of the entire community,

From the Republican News Journal, 13 March 1908

CRUSHED BY TRAIN.

Sylvester Ford Esteemed Sheriff of Kay County Falls Under Passenger

DIES ALMOST INSTANTLY

Stepped From Moving Train. Overcoat Caught and Pulled Him Under Wheels

The citizens of Kay County were stricken with horror when the report was received that **Sylvester Ford**, the sheriff of this county had been killed while stepping from the southbound passenger Monday evening as it was approaching the depot at Ponca City.

Messrs. Ford, Hart, and Driscoll left this city enroute for Ponca Monday evening at 8:19 where they intended to make an arrest. Deeming it best not to be seen at the depot, the three had decided among themselves to get off the train before it stopped. The three were standing on the car steps close together when Ford stepped off. After the train stopped Driscoll ran back and saw that Ford had fallen under the wheels. He asked Ford if he was hurt badly. "Yes, I'm dead." Answered Ford. These were the last words he uttered.

Mr. Ford was a pioneer of Kay County, having resided here since the opening of the Cherokee Strip. For several years he resided on a claim in Kildare Township, but later moved with his family to this city where he has since made his home. For some time he has been known as a prominent democratic politician and the last election the people of Kay County chose him as sheriff which trust he has performed creditably and efficiently.

The deceased was a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father to his friends the soul of fellowship.

But the greatest of all was he as a man. And as a man it is that those who know him best most love to contemplate him. Though he is gone his record has been made and will remain with us as a lasting treasure. The funeral services were held at the M. E. Church at two o'clock Wednesday, Revs. Oglevee and VanDen officiating and paying a beautiful tribute to the memory of the deceased.

The casket was covered with the most beautiful floral designs loving fingers ever wrought, all of which spoke of peace, purity and immortality. The music rendered was such as to soften all hearts and moisten all eyes. At the close of the services an unusual long procession followed the funeral car to our silent city. At the open grave we say "Farewell." May God's purest angels guard his slumbers. Besides a devoted wife he leaves a daughter and one son. We can only remind these mourners that he is not dead, he is only asleep resting after a long and well spent life here. He cannot, and would not if he could, return to us; we can if we will, go to him. Behind the storm clouds always lurks the rainbow and when the storm is past it weeps upon the flowers of the land and the pearls of the sea.

Henry Boucher Dead.

At Garnett, Greely County, Kansas, **Henry Boucher**, one of the pioneers of Kansas, passed away. He was stricken with paralysis and was in a precarious condition a long time. Lately he has been suffering with La Grippe which was the cause of his death, March 1

The funeral was held at the M. E. Church at Garnett and was conducted by Rev. Hunter under the auspices of the Masons. Mr. Boucher being a member of the Blue Lodge and the Royal Arch Masons at Garnett at the time of his death. The deceased has been in this city several times visiting his brother, John Boucher and family, of which there yet remaining the widow, Mrs. Sarah Boucher, and six children, Mrs. Flora Stanford, Mrs. Addie Miller, John H. Boucher of Tonkawa, Frank Boucher, of Blackwell; Mrs. Susan Kasches and Mrs. Lulu Halsell of Telluride, Colorado.

John Boucher came to Kansas in 1855 his two brothers following later. They lived close neighbors until 1871 when John moved to Sumner County, Kansas, which separated the three brothers and now Henry, the last of the three has been laid to rest.

From the Republican News Journal, 3 April 1908

John Shafer, of Atlanta, Kansas, died Monday evening at four o'clock from the effects of the amputation of an arm. Mr. Shafer had suffered for some time with cancer of the bone. The deceased is well

known in this vicinity, having married Miss Vera Voss, of Kildare Township.

Geo. W. Thompson dead

George W. Thompson was born in Columbia County, Ohio, August 12, 1830, died March 26, 1908, aged 77 years, 7 months, 14 days.

He was married to Amy Blackledge in 1854. To this union were born two children; Ainsie, who now resides at their old homestead in Gallia County, Ohio, and Leon of Kay County, Okla., with whom he have been living since March 4, 1904.

In the prime of life, he was industrious and jovial and devoted husband and father, always ready to help those in need. He leaves many relative and friends to mourn his loss.

Mr. Thompson belonged to Co. H, 140th O. V. I. [Ohio Volunteer Infantry] of the civil war. Mr. Cannon of Ponca conducted a short service at the home, after which the remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery one and one-half miles southwest of Ponca.

On Sunday before his death he was out driving with his son, but did not feel quite so well as usual, and at two o'clock Sunday night were called to his bedside where he lay in a hopeless condition. Monday, a physician was called, but gave no hope, as his left side was paralyzed.

We extend our many, many thanks to Bro. Cannon and the sympathetic friends of the surrounding neighborhood for the services and kindness they rendered during his sickness and death.

From the Republican News Journal, 24 April 1908

Obituary.

James Henry Emery was born at Ashland, Ohio, February 5, 1832, and died in Newkirk Friday, April 17, 1908, at the age of seventy-six years, two months and twelve days.

In early childhood his parents emigrated to Fulton County Illinois, where he grew to manhood. He taught school for several years. In 1863, he graduated from a medical school at Keokuk, Iowa. In 1864 he located in Blandinsville, Ill.; where he successfully practiced medicine for forty years. In January 1904, he retired from practice and took up his residence in this city. He was united in marriage to Rhoda E. Hardesty, September 28, 1865. From this union were born eight children, the first born dying in infancy. He is survived by his widow and seven children, namely Olin of Evansville, Ind., James H., Otto, and Roscoe, of Newkirk, and Mrs. Lois Wise and the Misses Daisy and Mamie of South Bend, Indiana.

In his early life, Dr. Emery was a Mason. When he came to Newkirk he was given a demit from his lodge, but never connected with the Lodge here. Dr. Emery never made a public profession of religion, and yet he was a believer and an honest and honorable gentleman, a good neighbor, husband, father and friend. For forty years he gave himself to the work of relieving the sufferings and ministering to the wants of his fellowmen. He has now gone to be with the Great Physician, where sickness and death are unknown.

From the Democrat-Herald, 24 April 1908

[An obituary for Dr. Emery identical to the one printed in the *Republican News Journal* immediately above this paragraph was printed in this edition of the Democrat-Herald.]

From the Republican News Journal, 8 May 1908

A Sudden Death.

The death of **Mrs. John L. Wilgus** which occurred May 2nd was indeed very sad. The aged lady had come all the way from New Comerstown, Ohio to visit her daughter, Mrs. V. H. Brown, and had planned to be here a little in advance of her seventy-fourth birthday, which was to be celebrated in a befitting manner.

Mother Wilgus arrived in Newkirk in good spirits and in apparently good health, but in a short time was taken ill and died suddenly. It is difficult for us to pay a fitting tribute to the memory of this noble woman; but it can be truthfully said of her that no one was more willing to aid the suffering, cheer the desponding, sustain the weak and to throw over the frailties of our race the mantle of Christian charity. The *R. N. J.* joins in sympathy to the bereaved relatives in this the loss of mother.

From the Democrat-Herald, 8 May 1908

James Harvey Magner.

James H. Magner was born Sept. 16, 1831 in Orange County, Indiana. He was married to Miss Louise V. Hays, August 26th, 1826, and moved to Kansas in 1881. At the opening of the Cherokee Strip he came to Oklahoma and staked a claim east of this city. Since disposing of his farm several years ago, he has been a resident of this city. He died Monday May 4th, having been in poor health for some time past.

The deceased left a widow and six children, Charles and Lon of Clayborne, Texas, Oscar of Pauls Valley, Albert who is in the Navy, Mrs. F. M. Fountain of Claremore, and Mrs. P. B. Dilday of Wichita, Kansas.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. J. A. B. Oglevee officiating. Interment was made in the Newkirk Cemetery,

Mrs. Wilgus, mother of Mrs., V. H. Brown died Saturday May 2nd, her death occurring on her 74th birthday. The remains were taken to the home of the deceased at Newcomerstown, Ohio, where the funeral services were held. The sympathy of many friends is extended to Mrs. Brown.

Retta J. Cummings was born June 13, 1882 and died May 5th 1908, being nearly 26 years of age. When fifteen years old she was converted and joined the Church of god at Pleasant Valley, Oklahoma. When she was 16 years of age she was united in marriage to Jay **Haney** on March 31, 1897. To them five children were born, one having gone on before her to the Great Beyond. She was a patient loving mother and had many kindly traits of character and had a wide circle of friends. There is a host of sympathizing acquaintances who extend their love to the bereaved family and their prayer is "May God deal kindly" with the motherless children and bless the bereaved husband and parents. The funeral took place at the M. E. church on Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. Dr. A. M. VirDen officiating, interment Newkirk Cemetery.

Mrs. Jay Haney died at her home in Newkirk last Tuesday. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Cummings of this neighborhood. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community. [Retta J. Cummings, b. 1 June 1882 – d. 5 May 1908]

From the Democrat-Herald, 15 May 1908

Suicide at Eddy.

Stacey Reed, a bachelor living near Eddy in this county, committed suicide Sunday evening by shooting himself with a revolver. His aged mother, who lived near him, found the body near the house soon after the shooting. A hand mirror, by the aid of which he had evidently taken aim, was lying by his side. Despondence over ill health is supposed to have been the cause. The deceased was about 45 years of age and was well-to-do, owning a fine farm which he homesteaded at the time of the opening. He was a brother of J. W. Reed, the well known breeder of Poland China hogs.

From the Democrat-Herald, 22 May 1908

Miss Anna Haney returned Monday to her home in Tulsa. She had been here in attendance at the funeral of

Mrs. Jay Haney. She intends to return here and remain for the summer.

From the Democrat-Herald, 29 May 1908

Lloyd Oval Cummings, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Cummings, born Feb. 27th, 1905, died at his home in Middleton, May 23, 1908, at 10:59 o'clock a.m., age 3 years, 2 months and 26 days. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Cummings and the latter's mother, Mrs. Jones, desire to thank their friends for the kindness and many attentions shown to the family during his illness.

GIRL IS DROWNED

Occurred on Stink Creek South of Blackwell

CHIKASKIA IS RAGING

Much Damage Done to Crops in that vicinity.

Blackwell, Okla., June 1st – Last night a severe rain and wind storm at 9 p.m. caused the accidental drowning of **Miss Blanche Cole**, who lives seven miles southwest of here, near the banks of Stink Creek. Early in the evening the family all retired to the basement on account of the very high wind and rain. Soon the waters from the backwaters of the creek began to fill the basement rapidly. A Mr. Snopgrass assisted Miss Cole and another lady to a nearby tree while he went back to the house to get the children. Miss Cole became much frightened and tried to find her way back to the house, but walked off into the deep and swift current and was lost. The body was recovered this morning at daylight lodged on a wire fence a quarter of a mile below. She leaves a sister at Hunnewell, her parents are dead. All the others managed to get out safely,

A most terrible rain and windstorm began here at 4:30 p.m., Sunday afternoon and continued well into the height, doing great damage to railway, farm and other property. Inside of an hour little creeks with little or no water were raging torrents, three hundred to six hundred yards wide. The Chicaskia River within eighteen inches at six o'clock tonight of the ties on the Frisco Railway bridge. Bitter Creek is over a mile wide in places. The farms of W. P. Carmichael, Mr. Bachols, Pete Wheeler, Dell Whitman, Regans and part of Peckhams practically under water, ruining a large acreage of wheat nearly ripe to harvest and washing out all other spring crop. The north wagon bridge is all under water

From the Republican News Journal, 2 July 1905

Obituary.

Talman C. Weeden was born in Saline County, Mo., January 7, 1834, and departed from life at his home in Waltham Township, Kay County, Oklahoma, June 30, 1908, aged 74 years, 5 months and 23 days.

He spent his early life in the community of his birth. When a young man he spent four years in or near Sherman, Texas, teaching school. After this he went to Clinton County, Mo., where he became acquainted with and married Miss Nannie B. Evans, on December 21, 1965, who has faithfully stood by his side while the years have come and flown, and remains to mourn the loss of a husband. To this union were born three sons and one daughter and they mourn the loss of a father, with the exception of one boy who died in infancy. He and his family moved to Cowley County, Kansas in 1890, and from there to Kay County, Oklahoma, in 1893 where he lived till his death. He leaves to mourn besides his bereaved wife and children, two sisters, five grand children and a large number of relatives and friends.

The deceased was a graduate of the Lexington College and a very successful schoolteacher in his life, having taught for thirty-eight years, but of late years agriculture has engaged his attention. When about the age of sixteen he professed religion and united with the Baptist Church. In the year 1866 he chanted his membership to the Christian Church and remained in that faith till death.

He was a kind, loving husband, a good neighbor an excellent citizen and the community unites with the bereaved ones in sorrow and sympathy.

Rev. E. O. Davenport of the Maple Grove Free Methodist church conducted a short funeral service (in harmony with the former requests of the deceased at his late home and interment at the Oak Grove Cemetery near Uncas July 1, 1908.

From the Republican News Journal, 7 August 1908

At Rest.

Thomas Hendricks Gough, departed this life on the evening of July 31 at the hospital at Winfield, Kansas, after a brave struggle of several weeks duration when wavering hope had been sustained by cheering symptoms that promised recovery, he was suddenly called upon to face the grim dawn of another sphere into which he looked with knowing and unfaltering eyes and said, "I am ready, but it will be hard for mother."

Doctor Gough, preceptored by his father, completed his four years of collegiate study at the University Medical College of Kansas City in April 1907, and immediately located in Newkirk, where his quiet dignified bearing and strict attention to his professional duties soon established him firmly on the threshold of a career of unusual success and promise and his widening field embraced many friendships both professional and personal, now rudely shocked by his untimely death. Stricken in the line of duty, he died in the harness of duty faithfully performed: unshirking he accepted the

inevitable as he always had the daily grind of duty, lightened only by his cheerful thoughtfulness for others.

At but 24 years of age, he leaves a mother three sisters and three brothers to mourn his loss and these coming with anxious solicitude to his bedside in hope, ministering to his recovery, now are speeding west as accompanying mourners to that Chapel in Los Angeles where the same loving hands that administered his baptism and confirmation will lead the requiem as he is laid to final rest beside his father and two sisters within sound of the ceaseless lullaby of the waves of the Pacific lapping on the shores of the region of eternal flowers in the City of Angels.

To Mr. and Mrs. King, resident cousins of the deceased, and the sorrowing mother, sisters and brothers, we extend heartfelt sympathy in their loss, and tender condolence, not as to those without hope but as to those that lean on the consolation and promise of the resurrection.

From the Democrat-Herald, 24 July 1908

Obituary.

Earl Ralph Strain was born in Tama County, Iowa, June 18, 1880. While he was yet a young lad his mother died in Calhoun County, whither the family had moved. In 1891, the father took the children to Oklahoma and there the boys grew to manhood . . .

From Republican News Journal, 18 September 1908

Geo. W. McClung passed away at his home near Uncas on Saturday, September 12th, after a long hard struggle with typhoid fever. The deceased was the youngest of the McClung brothers who are among the substantial citizens of that part of the country. There are left to mourn, Father, Mother, five brothers, wife and babe. George was a member of the M. W. A. and Royal Neighbors camps at Uncas and funeral ceremonies at the grave were conducted by these orders.

Death of George Duncan.

George Francis Duncan was born at Warrensburg, Missouri, on September 19, 1881, and departed this life on Saturday night September 12, 1908, at the age of 26 years, 11 months and 23 days. He graduated at Butler, Missouri High School. He was also a graduate of the Presbyterian College at Tarkio, Missouri. He graduated in the school of Chemistry, of our Oklahoma State University, out of three prizes offered he got them all. At twenty-seven years of age he was one of a class of 27 Sunday school scholars, and the whole class was baptized the same day. He leaves his mother and sister. The funeral services were held at the residence Monday

afternoon, conducted by the Rev. J. A. B. Oglevee, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. Simmons. The body was taken to Kansas City for burial. The community sympathizes with the bereaved family.

From the Democrat-Herald, 25 September 1908

Arthur Ludewick, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ludewick, of north Dale Township, died August 7th of typhoid fever, at Norwork, Calif. He was buried August 9th at Norwork.

From the Democrat-Herald, 1 October 1908

Akan Pappan, wife and daughter attended the funeral of Mrs. S. Hardy at Washunga, Saturday. [Anna Pappan Hardy, b. 13 March 1877, d. 25 September 1908. Buried at Washunga Cemetery.]

From the Republican News Journal, 2 October 1908

Obituary.

Mrs. Shamlefer Hardy was born in Kaw Reservation, Oklahoma, March 11, 1877, and died in this city September 25, 1908, at 5:30 o'clock in the morning. She was married to Shamlefer Hardy on the 11th day of October 1877 [sic]. She is survived by her husband and four children, Franklin Augusta, Louna, Ethel and Opal Leona. [Annie Pappan Hardy, buried in Washunga Cemetery. Marriage date probably should be 1897.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 6 October 1908

Resolutions of respect from the Stephenson Post, W. R. C., No. 31 are printed in this issue of the *Democrat-Herald* expressing sympathy to the **Crumley** family and of **Cora Spellman** family for the loss of their loved ones.

From the Republican News Journal, 23 October 1908

In Memoriam.

George Leonard Fitzpatrick, the dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Fitzpatrick, was born Dec. 25, 1887, in Arkansas City, Kansas. Early in life he removed with his parents to Lincoln County, Oklahoma where he resided until four years ago, when the family located in their present home four miles northeast of Newkirk. During those years he formed many ties of friendship that will endure throughout all the years to come. Ever will his memory be cherished and held in fond remembrance by his associates who deeply mourn his demise.

He was a quiet unassuming retiring disposition,

possessed an affectionate nature, devoted to his home and over stood firmly for all that was most vital for the peace, the happiness and the tranquility of the soul, here and in the life to come.

He entered into the life eternal on October 15, 1908, at Arkansas City, Kansas, after a long and severe illness, borne with heroic fortitude and Christian courage. He could truly have said, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith."

Home was everything to him. During his long illness he often expressed the desire to return home that he might have a glimpse of the old surroundings and associates once more. But it seems one of the ironies of fate, that he was too ill to be removed. That which was denied him in life was granted in death, when loving hands brought the body back to the family home from whence the funeral services were conducted Friday morning at 11:30 o'clock by Rev. Garrett, assisted by Rev. Hollenbeck, who spoke in an eloquent and touching manner of the noble qualities of the deceased. With the setting of the sun he was laid to rest in the Parker Cemetery near Arkansas City, to await the blessed hope of a glorious resurrection.

A devoted father and mother, two sisters and one brother are left to mourn his loss. To them our hearts go out in loving sympathy and tender consolation.

In April 1908, while in the enjoyment of health and the strength of his boyhood, he gave himself up to the use of the Master and was baptized into the Christian Church at Newkirk. His aims were high and his purposes noble honest and faithful to the end, he finds sweet rest at last.

From the Democrat-Herald, 23 October 1908

[An Obituary for **George Leonard Fitzpatrick** is published in this edition of the *Democrat-Herald*, but it contains no information that is not printed in the one from the 23 October 1908 issue of the *Republican News Journal*.]

Frank Cisar.

Frank Cisar was born in Vezuna, Bohemia, Sept. 22, 1822, and died Oct. 15, 1908, at 3:10 a.m. at the age of 86 years and 23 days.

He came to America in 1885 and settled in Red Willow County, Neb., and lived there until the death of his wife in 1896. Since that time he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. B. F. Brown of Middleton. The funeral services were held at home Oct. 16, at 1:30 p.m., and the remains were laid to rest in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

From Republican News Journal, 13 November 1908

An Old Settler Passes Away.

This village has suffered a loss in the death of **Mr. Thomas Feagins** who passed away Saturday a 3 a.m. after much suffering endured in the past two years. He was 47 years, 11 months and 7 days old.

Last winter, during the services in the Methodist Church here, he sought the Savior, joined the church on probation, and set up the family alter in his home. During the last few weeks of his life when he felt he was soon to go, he often spoke of his being ready. When losing consciousness, Friday evening about 5 o'clock, his last words to his wife were, "It is all right Ella."

The funeral services were held at the Methodist Church at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The church was tastefully decorated under charge of the Rebecca Lodge, and many and beautiful were the floral tributes of love and esteem. The music, spoken of as the sweetest ever heard at a funeral service, consisted of a quartet under the direction of Prof. Fowler of Arkansas City. Rev. H. W. Lewis preached from Psalms 30: 5 "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning"

The lodges of which Mr. Feagins was a member attended in a body. The Woodman Lodge assisted in arrangements at the church and the I. O. O. F. had charge of the service at the grave. Interment was made in Mercy Cemetery, Kansas.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved wife and children to whom he was a devoted husband and father.

The relatives from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Bannester of Chandler, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs., C. M. Crocker of Crescent City, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Crocker and daughter May of Winfield, Kansas.

From the Democrat-Herald, 20 November 1908

Killed by the Train.

The mangled remains of an unknown man were found in the railway yards at Uncas, Wednesday about 11 o'clock a.m. His body and one of his arms had been severed by the train. How he came to meet his death is not known. Sheriff Rader was called to the scene of the accident. The remains were conveyed to Newkirk by Geo. Alberti, Jr., and placed in the undertaking room, where every effort was made to ascertain his name. A small amount of money was found in his pockets and a part of a letter which bore the address of a girl in Kansas City and word was received from the latter that she was unable to send for the remains, out to keep the corpse and she would communicate to her son living at Fairfax. Her son left Fairfax yesterday afternoon to identify the remains.

From Republican News Journal, 11 December 1908

Obituary.

Thomas Dexter Tyler was born Sunday, August 19th 1832 at Westfield, Chautauqua County, N. Y., and lived there until age of eleven years [when] he moved with his parents to Cleveland, Ohio. Here he lived until 1853 when he went to California and passed the following eleven years in the mines of that state and Nevada. In 1846 [sic – probably should read 1864] he returned for a brief visit to the old home in Ohio, and from there went to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he settled on a farm in that vicinity,

December 21st 1865 he was married by Rev. J. MacElroy to Miss Sarah A. Wall. To this union were born four daughters, Minnie A. now Mrs. W. L. DeWitt of Elliott, Iowa, Pauline F. now Mrs. F. L. Townsend of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Carrie M. and Nellie G. Tyler of Newkirk.

February 22, 1883, the family moved from Ottumwa to Elliott, Iowa, and twelve years later moved to Indianola, Iowa, for the better school privileges there offered in Simpson College. In 1900 Mr. Tyler with his wife and two younger daughters settled in Newkirk, their present home.

Before coming to Oklahoma Mr., Tyler was an earnest, active member of the M. E. Church and was always ready to use his best efforts and means for the support of the church and community in which he lived. Since coming to Newkirk he has not united with the church but has been a public spirited man who has been a generous contributor of his time and means for the advancement of Newkirk and vicinity,

Mr. Tyler has been failing for about two years, but since a severe illness in August his decline has been rapid, death resulting from complications incidental to old age, December 2, 1908, at 12:45 a.m. The end came quickly and before the absent daughters could be called he had passed in quiet slumber from earthly care and suffering into the Great Beyond, aged 76 years, 3 months and 13 days.

Owing to the frail health of Mrs. Tyler, quiet funeral services were held at the residence Friday, December 4, 1908, Rev. Williams of the M. E. Church in charge. Rev. Williams' sermon was most tenderly comforting and helpful to the many friends gathered, while the choir sang beautifully his favorite hymn, "Rock of Ages", also, "Abide with me," and "Lead Kindly Light." At the close of the services the sorrowing friends followed all that was mortal to the Newkirk Cemetery, where with the last services that can be rendered to the departed, the tired body was laid to sleep until that dawn, when the long night of death shall roll away in the morning of the resurrection.

Beside the family, Mr. Tyler is survived by two

sisters and one brother, none of whom could attend and two granddaughters.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 11 December 1908

[An obituary identical to that of Thomas Dexter Tyler that is printed in the *Republican News Journal* of this same date was published in the *Democrat-Herald*.]

James McConnell Dead.

James McConnell died at the family home adjoining the town of Cross at 10 o'clock last night, after a severe illness, aged 53 years. E had been critically ill for some days and his death was not unexpected. Funeral services will be held in the Christian Church of this city at 2 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon and interment will be made in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Mr. McConnell was among the first settlers here, having settled on the school section adjoining Cross at the opening, and was highly respected in the community. He leaves a wife and one child, a little daughter. – *Ponca City Courier*.

Baby **Leo Eugene Cook** died at the home of his foster parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Decker, on North Main Street Friday morning, December 4th, 1908. at 11 o'clock. Little Eugene's mamma who was a sister of Mrs., Decker, died shortly after he was born on February 27, 1908, at Santa Ana California, and the little fellow was brought to his home here and Mrs. Decker was the only mother he has ever known. He was never a strong child but was unusually bright and had a strong hold on the affections of the Decker family, and all was done for him that medical aid and loving care could do. It is a sad glow to the family and especially to Mrs. Decker, who is in very poor health and they have the sympathy of a host or friends and in their bereavement. The funeral took place from the Decker home Sunday, December 6th, 1908, at 12:30 p.m. The sermon was preached y Rev. Williams of the M. E. Church, when the little fellow was laid o rest in the Newkirk Cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our kind neighbors and friends who extended to s their aid and sympathy at the time of our great bereavement, the death of our baby, **Eugene**,

Dr. A. V. **Decker** and family.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 11 Dec 1908

Tragedy near Braman

On Wednesday, December 2, about 2 p.m., **Wm. Noble**, about 45 shot his brother, S. B. Noble, who is about five years older. Two of the bullets struck the

victim in the arm and one in the shoulder, but it is said none of the wounds are serious. The men live on adjoining farms about two miles northeast of Braman and both are apparently prosperous. The one who did the shooting went to Braman and surrendered to Ferguson, a butcher, who was deputized to bring the prisoner to Blackwell, where Deputy Sheriff Clarence Gross of Newkirk took charge of him to the county seat.

The cause leading to the shooting appears to have been the wife of Wm. Noble, with whom he has had trouble on various occasions, their disagreement at one time having gone so far as the beginning of divorce proceedings, but were stopped and the couple were again living together. It is reported that Wm. Noble blamed his brother for much of the trouble and suspected him of being unlawfully intimate with woman. It is said that the day of the shooting he lay in hiding in a field and saw his brother enter the house. He immediately followed and entered and began shooting with the results above noted. The sympathy of the neighbors is said to be with Wm. Noble, the general impression being that he has been deeply wronged and had good reason for attempting to take the "unwritten law" into his own hands. (Reprinted from the *Blackwell News*.)

Obituary.

Roy Grantham was born in Colorado October 25, 1888 and died Nov. 27. He was married to Miss Laura Pappan November 6, 1908 at Newkirk, Oklahoma, since which time he had made his home at Washunga.

The deceased leaves a wife, mother, two brothers and two sisters to mourn his tragic death.

From Republican News Journal, 18 December 1908

Obituary.

Joel Branch was born at Union Star, Dekalb County, Mo., Nov. 25. 1858, where with the exception of three years he was reared to manhood by his loving mother. In 1896 he settled in Dale Township, Kay County, Oklahoma, where he remained until his death which occurred December 5, 1908.

On April 20, 1881 at the age of 23 years he was married to Miss Sylvia Cornelia Sharp of Marysville, Mo. To this union were born eight children, five boys and three girls, seven of whom survive their loving father. Besides a loving wife and seven children, he leaves five grandchildren, two sisters and one brother, all of whom were present, and many distant relatives, several of whom came a long distance to pay the last tribute to one so dearly loved. The two sisters and brother join the loving wife and children in thanking the many friends of Oklahoma and Kansas for their ever

grateful service and comfort rendered the bereaved.

The cause of the death at so early an age, 50 years, was probably due to an old affliction, which was hurried on by a number of accidents which almost cost him his life and for many years have cost him much suffering,

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Popplewell, a minister of the Christian faith, from Arkansas City, Kansas. The text selected and the manner of its presentation, in connection with the beautiful songs, "My Home is in Heaven" and "It is not Death to Die" which were beautifully sung by the quartet from Arkansas City were very consoling to the bereaved and their many friends. [Mr., Branch is buried Springside Cemetery. This obituary was edited in this publication to include only content that has genealogical value.]

From the Democrat-Herald, 18 December 1908

[This issue of the *Democrat-Herald* published the same obituary for **Joel Branch** as was published in the *Republican News Journal*.]

From the Kaw City Star, 18 Dec 1908

FIVE DEATHS AT WASHUNGA – Pneumonia Takes All But One

The Little Town Certainly Has Had Its Share of Trouble

During the past two weeks Washunga, the little town on the north, has certainly had its share of deaths, there being five recorded up to this time.

Died. Mrs. J. M. Pattison and her mother, **Mrs. Spray**, were the first to be called, having died from pneumonia. A few days later **Roy Grantham** succumbed to death from the result of a bad knife wound. Last week pneumonia claimed to more, the little six year old **daughter** of Mrs. F. O. **Rickard** and the two year old **son** of Mrs. U. G. **Hughes**.

Died. The two year old **baby boy** of Mrs. U. G. **Hughes** died at the Hughes home in Washunga Saturday of pneumonia, and was buried in the Washunga cemetery Monday. Funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. Finely of the M. E. Church of this city.

S. N. Noble of Braman, who was shot by his brother December 2nd, died at the hospital at Wichita December 5th. The man that did the shooting is being held in the county jail at Newkirk.

From *Republican News Journal*, 25 December 1908

Fredrich Carl Haines, son of William and Amanda Haines, died Dec. 4th age 7 years and 15 days. His sufferings were intense but he is gone our hearts are sad but grieve not. The lord gave, the Lord hath taken away. He is at rest and we shall meet him again over on the other shore where he waits to bid us welcome. The funeral was held at the residence December 5, by Rev. Williams. Many Friends were present to offer aid and condolence. The remains were laid to rest in the Newkirk Cemetery,

Card of thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors who extended to us their aid and sympathy at the time of our bereavement—the death of our son Freddie.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Haines.

From the *Democrat-Herald*, 25 December 1908

The **infant son** of Mr. and Mrs. Finn **Lowery**, of Beaver Township, died Sunday. The funeral was held Monday afternoon and the remains interred in the Springside Cemetery.

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