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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 Nardin and Tonkawa to eastern Grant County, many of the death notices are of people who lived in that county. 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.

Few, if any, death certificates are 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. Early cemetery records often contain only 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.

If you do not find the name of your deceased Kay County ancestor in this volume, do not despair. Not all of newspapers available have been extracted in this book. 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 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 are 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.

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March 2008

From the *Tonkawa Weekly*, 20 July 1895

**At Rest.**

Died--at her home three miles southeast of the city, Monday, July 15, at 3:20 a.m., **Mrs. Thos. Judd**

Mrs. Judd has been a sufferer from Heart disease which caused her death. Mrs. Judd was a true Christian lady and a kind and loving wife and mother, and her departure from this life is deeply mourned by all.

She leaves a husband and five children two of whom are married. Rev. Morday preached a beautiful and pathetic funeral sermon, after which the remains were taken to the cemetery northwest of the city, where they were interred.

A large number of sorrowing friends and relatives accompanied the remains to their last resting place. The *Weekly* and the numerous friends of the bereaved husband and children extends their sincere and heartfelt sympathy to them in this hour of affliction.

From the *Tonkawa Weekly*, 7 December 1895

**Died** – On December 5, of spinal Meningitis, at their home at Tonkawa agency, **Hurley Jean Wimberly**, little doughtier of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wimberly aged 8 months and 8 days. She was such a bright and loving child and had enjoyed such good health up to a few days before her death that it was a great shock to her parents to have her taken from them so suddenly. They have the sympathy of the entire community in their affliction.

From *The Nardin Star*, 1 November 1900

**Hugh Owen Dead.**

**Hon. H. B. Owen** the candidate for representative from the second district on the Fusion [party] Ticked died last Saturday evening at his home in Ponca City, after an illness of only a few days. The funeral occurred Monday and the remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of friends.

Mr. Owen has been prominently identified with politics in Kay County since the opening of this country to settlement. He has served as county commissioner and at the time of his death was chairman of the Ponca City School Board. He has been successful in business and has ever been regarded as a model citizen.

**Died.**

Last Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home of his parents, three and on-half miles north of town, **Frank Docherty**, aged 22 years, 8 months, and 8 days. Frank was born near Blue Rapids, Kansas, where he has always resided until last March, when he with his parents moved to Kay County. He has made many friends by his quiet and gentlemanly disposition. To know him was to admire and respect him. He has been in poor health for the past 18 months, yet he bore his suffering to the end.

Services were held at the family residence, on Friday, conducted by Rev. Dorman. The remains was followed by a large concourse of relatives and friends to the cemetery south of town.

[Mount Olive Cemetery]

From *The Nardin Star*, 8 November 1900

**Card of Thanks.**

We desire to thank our dear friends and neighbors who assisted and sympathized with us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter **Gladys**.

J. O. Beatty and family

Death visited the home of Mr. **Furneau** and took their little boy, **Willard**, age two years 5 months and fourteen days. It is hard to give up a little child, especially one that is interested in everything around. The funeral services were held at the house conducted by Bro. Cornell, [at] 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. The pallbearers were four young ladies. The remains were taken to the Durie cemetery,

Mr. **James Fair** died at his home at Clare, Grant County, at 10 o'clock Friday night November 2. His death was not unexpected, as he had been failing for some time. He fell a victim of that dread disease, consumption, and neither youth nor the loving care of friends could long keep him here on earth. Another year in the medical college at Kansas City would have prepared him for a life of usefulness, but God, in his wisdom, saw fit to take him now. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Wolf at the house, after which the remains were taken to the Nardin Cemetery. The bereaved family have our deep sympathy in this, their hour of gloom.

From *The Nardin Star*, 20 December 1900

**Obituary.**

**Mary J. Siler** was born near Williamsburg, Ky., Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1858, died at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sears, December 15, 1900, age 42 years, 11 months, and 15 days. She was married to Hose Siler in 1875 and moved to Missouri with her husband and family in 1885. She was converted and united with the M. S. Church in 1873 and lived a devoted Christian life, modest and retiring in nature, affectionate and cheerful in disposition. It was in home life where with gentle mother touch she helped her children to a strong, bright manhood and womanhood, or with sympathizing spirit she tightened the cares of her burdened husband, that her excellencies gave their bright rays, and it is in the testimony of those who knew her best that faithfulness could be written upon every page of her life. She died in peace with God and after a brief funeral service conducted by B. C. Wolf, pastor of

Nardin charge, all that was mortal of this sainted mother was laid to rest.

She leaves a husband, eight children, father, mother, and eight brothers to mourn her loss but they sorrow not as others who have no hope.

From *The Nardin Star*, 27 December 1900

#### **Committed Suicide.**

On last Sunday **Jacob Iman** took three ounces of carbolic acid with fatal results. The deceased was about 41 years of age. He had been confined in a hospital in Chicago for sixteen months prior to his coming to visit his brother about two weeks ago. His health was steadily becoming worse and on Saturday while none were present but some small children went to the cupboard and took down about three ounces of carbolic acid with the remark, "This is the medicine I have wanted for some time." The children unsuspecting and not knowing the contents of the bottle did not report at the time. He returned to his bed and it is thought concealed the poison in his pillow. Between 12 and 1 o'clock Sunday, his brother who was in an adjoining room heard him exclaim, "Goodbye." And rushing to the room asked the trouble. Mr. Iman pointed to the bottle said, "I have drunk it all and I know what it will do." Help was immediately summoned, but of no avail as he successfully resisted all attempts to administer medicine. He remained conscious for about 30 minutes and died at 8:15 in the evening.

From *The Nardin Star*, 3 January 1901

#### **Obituary.**

**George W. Boyer** Infant Son of David H. and Grace J. **Boyer** was born Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1900 [and] was called away from earth to heaven December 28, 1900. The funeral took place at the M. E. Tabernacle December 30, 1900.

#### **Card of Thanks.**

We extend our grateful thanks to those who so kindly extended helpful hands to us in our bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Jewell.

From *The Nardin Star*, 17 January 1901

#### **At Rest.**

**Mrs. Estelle Violott**, wife of C. W. Violott departed this life at Numa, Grant County, Oklahoma, Sunday January 13, 1901, at 12:20 o'clock a.m. The remains were shipped to Nardin, the funeral services held at the Baptist church on Monday, conducted by Rev. W. W. Dorman January 14, and the remains were interred in Mr. Olive cemetery.

Charity Estelle Hale was born in Doniphan County, Kansas, February 12, 1873. In her childhood her parents removed to Nemaha County. She was married to Chas. W. Violott February 7, 1894, and came with her husband to their new home in this county where they resided until

about two months ago, when they removed to Numa where they have since resided. Mrs. Violott was a devoted wife and mother and her death is mourned by a husband and two small children, as well as by a host of friends, who sympathize with the family in their sad affliction,

#### **In Memoriam.**

Died, January 9, 1901, **Ruth**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George **Mabry**, in the third year of her age.

The parents' grief has been very severe; this being their fourth and last child to be taken by death.

Funeral services were held by the writer in the presence of a large concourse of sympathizing friends. For Mr. and Mrs. Mabry have the heartfelt sympathy of all their friends in this their great affliction, and because of the high esteem in which they were held by their friends. It was a general sorrow to all, but now in the yonder little Ruth is beckoning us to higher attainments in this life, that we may all meet her over there where "Jesus says for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

E. W. Dorman.

Died. -- Monday, January 14, 1901 of la grippe, the four year old **son** of Mr., and Mrs. James **Cochran**, two miles southeast of town. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the home and the remains were buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery. The family have the deep sympathy of all in their sad bereavement.

From *The Nardin Star*, 31 January 1901

#### **J. E. Epperson Dead.**

Our citizens will regret to learn that J. E. Epperson, formerly of this city died at Wellington, Kansas, last Saturday. Mr. Epperson left here a short time since and took up a temporary residence in Wellington. Mr. Epperson has been gradually growing weaker from the ravages of that dread disease, consumption, for some time, and contemplated going west for his health as soon as he could arrange his business matters here. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn the loss of a kind indulgent Christian husband and father.

From *The Nardin Star*, 21 February 1901

#### **George W. Bennett Dead.**

Again the grim reaper has visited this section or one of our foremost citizens has passed into eternity. Geo. D. Bennett died at Blackwell last Friday afternoon from a combination of diseases. He was brought to Nardin Sunday and the funeral services were held at the Baptist church. A large concourse of sorrowing friends followed the remains to the last earthly resting place at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Mr. Bennett was a member of the I. O. O. F. Masonic and A. O. U. W. lodges, the funeral being conducted by the latter lodge.

Geo. W. Bennett was born in Morris County, N. J., in 1845, and at the time of his death was 56 years of age. He came to Oklahoma in the early days and settled on a fine farm northwest of this city, which he still owned at the time of his death. For the past eleven years he has been a constant sufferer from an incurable liver malady, and a short time ago removed from the farm to Blackwell. Hope was maintained by the fame that something would be done to prolong life, until he contracted la grippe, when he began rapidly to decline.

Mr. Bennett leaves a wife and three grown children, two daughters and a son, to mourn the loss of a kind and devoted husband and father. The *Star* and many friends in this locality extend heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family during this time of sad affliction.

**Died.**-- Monday of this week, the two-months old **son** of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. **McFarland**, southeast of town. We understand death was caused by pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon and the remains were buried in Mr. Olive Cemetery. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

From *The Nardin Star*, 14 March 1901

**Eva Frantz**, infant daughter of J. P. and E. M. Frantz died of pneumonia last Thursday. The funeral was held Friday. [Eva was born 13 April 1900, died 6 March 1901, buried at Mt. Olive Cemetery]

**Cleo**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas **Burgett** died Saturday, March 9. Funeral services were held at the home Sunday and interment was made in the South Haven Cemetery.

From *The Nardin Star*, 16 May 1901

#### **Committed Suicide.**

**John A. Forsythe**, aged 50 [64] years was found dead Monday morning at his home in Tonkawa Township, seven miles southwest of Blackwell. He had a revolver in his hand, with which he had shot himself in the mouth, the bullet going through his head.

It is believed that Forsythe killed himself after brooding over family troubles. He had often intimated that his wife was dead, but the testimony of a niece who was examined at the inquest was to the effect that his wife is still alive and lives in Nebraska. The deceased was buried at Newkirk yesterday under the auspices of the Masonic order of which he was a member. [John A. Forsythe, b. 13 March 1837, d. 13 May 1901 Company, 38<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry.]

From *The Nardin Star*, 30 May 1901

#### **In Memoriam.**

Died of accidental gun wound, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1901, **Miss Nora Wolffrum** aged 34 year, a successful teacher, beloved of all. Converted at the age of ten years, she united with the M. E. Church and lived a Christian life up to the hour of her death.

Having just closed a successful eight months school in Dist. 49 Grant County, Oklahoma, she left her school on Friday evening, May 24, to accompany her life long friend, Miss Ella Bishop to her home, to spend a few days of long needed rest and recreation. Having arranged a small fishing party for the morrow they congregated on the Antelope Creek where the accident occurred.

Having enjoyed fishing for a short time, she was in the act of starting for home, when the sad accident occurred which resulted in her death. The accidental discharge of a 22-caliber rifle sent its message of death to her heart, and death ensued in five minutes.

She was a young lady of sterling qualities and unusual piety, loved by all, and the whole community is stricken with grief. As a teacher, she was a success, having taught five schools in the vicinity in which she lived, as a Christian, an humble worker and a successful leader of the young. She lived in the writer's family during the past winter, and brought only sunshine to the home.

Her funeral was conducted by her old pastor, Elder Boffort, assisted by the writer, on Monday Morning at 10 o'clock. Accompanied by a concourse of more than five hundred people, her mortal remains were laid in the Eddy Cemetery to remain until the resurrection of the body, when the pure spirit of the girl will be reunited with the body immortalized ever to be with the lord.

She leaves a father and mother, two brothers and three sisters, grandparents and other relatives and everyone who knew her to mourn her loss. May we take warning to be ready.

From *The Nardin Star*, 1 August 1901

#### **Death of Mr. Long.**

As the paper goes to press the sad news is received of the death of **Joseph G. Long** who has been a sufferer the past ten days from ulcerative dysentery. His death occurred Thursday morning at 3 o'clock. Mr. Long was a prominent business man had has been identified with the city since the opening. He was born in Astabula County, Ohio, June 24, 1861, and educated in Illinois and Kansas. Mr. Long married Martha Gunkle of Kansas. Their union has been blessed by three children, two sons and one daughter. -- Newkirk *Republican News Journal*.

From The Nardin Star, 22 August 1901

**Mrs. J. O. Beatty** died at her home in Lamont Tuesday morning and was buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery near this city yesterday. She was a former resident of Nardin and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Our people sympathize with Mr. Beatty and children in their sad bereavement.

From The Nardin Star, 5 September 1901

**Dr. A. R. Havens** received the sad intelligence that his **mother** had died very suddenly at the family home in Manito, Ill., last Saturday afternoon. He left Sunday morning and will be away about two weeks. Dr. Havens many friends sympathize with him in his sad bereavement.

From The Nardin Star, 26 September 1901

Died – September 25, **Joseph A. Hunt** at his home eight miles northwest of Nardin. Mr. Hunt was born July 12, 1832 in Maryland. When quite young he moved with his parents to Peoria, Illinois. In 1861 he enlisted in the army and served his country for three years. After being away for seventeen years he returned home and there he was married to Miss Jannett Robinson. When the Strip opened he secured a fine claim and has resided there ever since. Funeral services were conducted today by Rev. B. C. Wolf at Asbury and the remains were interred at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

From The Nardin Star, 19 December 1901

Deeply do we sympathize with Thornt. **Adams** and wife in the death of their little daughter, **Verna**. 'Tis true we remember that he hath said to us, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven:" Yet it seems hard to give them up though we know they go as a beacon to guide our footsteps to that higher life. Yet it rends our hearts until they bleed and time alone can heal the aching breast. May God in his love and mercy soften the sorrow of these parents who have given their only daughter as a gem for His heavenly crown.

From The Nardin Star, 9 January 1902

Died – Tuesday, January 7, of typhoid pneumonia, **Ernest**, 3 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. **Allen**. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. C. Wolf at Asbury yesterday, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place. The parents have the sympathy of the entire people of the community.

From The Nardin Star, 6 March 1902

**At Rest.**

Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock, **George**, the 40 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. **Roberts**, of this city, died of pneumonia. The little child first contacted the measles and later was attacked with pneumonia.

The funeral services were held in the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the remains were laid at rest in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

The afflicted and bereaved parents have the profound sympathy of all, but time alone can alleviate the anguish of this fond father and mother.

**Card of Thanks.**

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors for the aid and many kindness shown to us during the sickness and death of our dear baby. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Denton.

[Edwin A. Denton, b. 17 July 1901, d. 28 February 1902, parents E. C. and A. L. Denton.]

From The Nardin Star, 10 April 1902

**Resolutions of Condolence.**

At the regular meeting of Nardin Camp No.6928 M. W. A., April 7, 1902.

Resolved, that whereas the all-wise ruler of the universe has seen fit to call from our midst to a home "not made with hands eternal in the heavens" the loving wife of Neighbor Ben **McInturff**, thereby losing to him a kind and loving helpmeet and mother whose loving care and counsel will be forever missed. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we as a Lodge, tender to the afflicted family our sympathy in this their hour of bereavement and would remind them that she is not lost but only gone before.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished our beloved Neighbor be published in the city paper and also be spread on the minutes of this Camp.

W. L. Peck, W. S. McKelvy, A. E. German, Committee

From The Nardin Star, 24 April 1902

**Mrs. Schmitz Dead**

**Mrs. Wm. Schmitz** died at the family home in this city about 3:40 o'clock p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 1902, of Acute Miliary Tuberculosis, preceded by an attack of Asthma, and Pleuritis and Affusion, from which she has been suffering for the past two weeks. A short funeral service was held at the house last night and the remains were taken to Arrington, Kans., this morning for burial.

Mary F. Gillen was born in Atchison County, Kansas, August 12 1869, she was united to Wm. Schmitz in marriage and this union was blessed with three children who are left to mourn a mother's tender love and care. Mrs., Schmitz was baptized in the Lutheran church and retained her church relationship at the time of her death. She was visited on Sunday by

Revs. Wolf and Martin and re-consecrated herself to God. On Monday she was visited by Rev. Wolf and was firm in the faith, saying, "That the Savior saved her and, he was her only comfort and stay."

It is indeed sad to chronicle the departure of this noble woman whom all had learned to honor, respect and love. But there is consolation in the fact that her last hours on this earth were spent in close communion with her lord and Master, who has taken her to dwell in his eternal home.

The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved husband and children, mother, sister, and brother who survive her death.

From *The Nardin Star*, 10 July 1902

### **WSLEY GRAHAM SUICIDES**

#### **Insane Jealousy the Only Motive for the Rash Act.**

Tuesday afternoon between 3 and four o'clock, at his home on the Kline farm, six miles northwest of Ponca City, **Wesly Graham** aged thirty years, killed himself by blowing his brains out with a shot gun.

Graham came to this county from Ohio within the past year. Five months ago he was married to a Miss Lyle of the neighborhood in which he lived. The couple made their home on the Kline farm as above stated, and seemed to be getting along nicely and living happily except for Graham's unreasonable jealousy of his wife, which became the neighborhood talk. Tuesday afternoon Graham said he would haul a load of wheat to town, and began to get ready to do so. Between 3 and 4 o'clock the report of a gun was heard by one of the neighbors, who was nearby and who hastened to learn the cause. Going into the edge of a cornfield a few rods from the place where Graham had been at work, he found the body of the rash and misguided young man. The top of his head had been blown entirely off. Graham had sat down on the ground and placed the gun between his knees, and leaned forward so that his forehead rested against the muzzle, and the whole top of his head was blown off by the discharge.

#### **At Rest.**

**Geo. Roberts**, aged 71 years, died in this city at the home of his nephew, Geo. W. Roberts, last Friday evening at six o'clock. Mr. Roberts has been a sufferer for several years from gallstone colic which finally resulted in abscess of the liver. He has made his home with his nephew for a number of years.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Saturday at 4 p.m., conducted by Rev. Dorman and the remains were laid to rest in Mt. Olive Cemetery. The relatives have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

From *The Nardin Star*, 14 August 1902

#### **Died suddenly.**

**Levi Shinn** of Longwood Township died suddenly at the home of his son Ed Shinn, Thursday of heart failure. Mt. Shinn was 88 years old and prior to his death had been apparently in good health for a man of his age. The funeral services were held at the home of his son and conducted by Rev. Dowdy. The remains were laid to rest in the Longwood Cemetery, followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of friends and neighbors. The relatives of the deceased have the sympathy of all in their bereavement. – *Ponca City Democrat*.

From *The Nardin Star*, 14 August 1902

#### **Unknown Man Found in the street.**

This issue contains a reprint of an article reprinted from the *Ponca City Courier* concerning an **unidentified man** who was found sick on the streets at Ponca City. He was able to speak, but gave no other information other than he was a single man and had been working for a thrashing outfit. A slip of paper in his pocket had the name James McCarthy on it, but it was apparently a receipt for labor the man had performed. He was described as being 5 foot 6 inches, 145 pounds, light complexion and hair: heavy mustache and was about 35 years old. He was wearing a colored cotton shirt, jeans pants, shoes and stockings. He had no other possessions aside from a small amount of money. His body was taken to Hayden Funeral Home and body embalmed and held for identification.

[An article from the *Courier* a year later noted that efforts to identify the man had failed and body had been buried at the Ponca City IOOF cemetery by Hayden Funeral home on August 21 1902.]

From *The Tonkawa News*, 5 January 1904

#### **David Ansel Dead.**

**David Ansel**, aged 78 years, died at the home of his son, A. C. Ansel, last Saturday afternoon at 4:30. He was taken sick with severe case of the grippe on Christmas day, but owing to his advanced age and feeble condition, was unable to recover from the sickness.

Mr. Ansel has made his home in this city for some time. He was an honorable upright man, very active in prohibition work. The funeral services were held from the Christian Church on New Year's Day conducted by the pastor Rev. W. H. Williams, and the interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Two children, Mrs. E. McMurphy and Chas. Ansel of Topeka, Kansas, were here to attend the funeral. [Date printed on newspaper masthead gave year as 1904, but penciled over it at some point was the year 1905. Cemetery records show date of death was 1904.]

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 24 September 1904**

**Mrs. W. T. Roller Dead.**

**Mrs. W. T. Roller**, a well known and highly esteemed woman, died at her home west of this city, last Saturday morning. She has suffered since last June with trouble, which finally resulted in her death. She was the mother of six children, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Weytheman, whom she leaves besides her husband, to mourn the loss of a good true woman. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon.

**From *The Tonkawa News*, 2 October 1904**

**Death of W. F. Bridges.**

**Mr. W. F. Bridges**, a most highly respected resident of this city died yesterday evening at 7:25 of locomotor ataxia.

Mr. Bridges and family removed to this place from Fonda, Iowa, nearly a year ago, and although the gentleman had been a confirmed invalid ever since his coming among our people yet he had made many friends who have enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance and admired his patient, Christian, fortitude as brought out by his suffering.

The deceased had not been seriously indisposed before leaving his Iowa home, but immediately upon coming to this section of the country his disease took a pronounced form that the specialist who was consulted decided could only end in death. Consequently the patient and his family were prepared for the saddest of all earthly events which came to them last evening and the sufferer met the "grim reaper" with the same calm, firm, courage he had displayed throughout his illness.

The deceased was 57 years of age last August, and is survived by his wife and two sons, W. H. and J. C. Bridges of this city. The wife and sons will accompany the body of their loved one to the old home in Iowa where the interment will be made after burial services, among relatives and friends and amid the surroundings of his lifelong home.

Short services will be held at the family residence on the East side, this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

**From *The Tonkawa News*, 10 November 1904**

**Bereaved.**

**E. U. Robbins**, and wife, Emma desire through the columns of the *News* to express their heartfelt gratitude toward friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted and sympathized with them during the illness and after the death of their infant child, which sad event took place Friday, Nov, 4<sup>th</sup>. The bereavement of Mr. and Mrs. Robbins is of a particularly saddening nature as the deceased baby, who was born on March 11<sup>th</sup> of this year, was the sixth and only remaining child which death has taken from them. Funeral services were conducted by

Rev. Adams at the residence and interment made on Saturday afternoon.

**From *The Tonkawa News*, 5 January 1905**

[Paper with David Ansel's obituary has a date printed at masthead as 1904, but penciled over it at some point was the year 1905. Cemetery records show the year of his death was 1904. His Obituary will be found at 5 January 1904]

**From *The Tonkawa News*, 12 January 1905**

**Died.**

**Mrs. Rachel A. Arnold**, oh Saturday, Jan. 7, 1905, at the home of her daughter, Mrs., W, T. Jones, after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Arnold was born in Saline County, Missouri, April 8, 1847. When quite young became converted and joined the Christian Church. She was first married to T. J. Marquis, who died in 1873. To this union a son and a daughter were born. She was married to Jerome Arnold, who died in 1895. To this union two children were born; a son and daughter, all of whom survive her,

The funeral services were held from the Christian Church on Sunday, Jan. 8, 1905, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Williams and the body was interred in the IOOF Cemetery.

**Card of Thanks/**

We extend our thanks to the many kind neighbors and friends for their kind and never tiring services during the illness and death of our beloved mother.

Mr. J. E. Marquis, Mr. C. R. Arnold, Mrs. A. V. Shepherd, Mrs. W. T. Jones

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 1 June 1904**

**Obituary.**

**William Henry Aldrich** was the son of Inman and Mary Aldrich; born in Rome Mich., October 4, 1844; died at Tonkawa, O. T., May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1905.

His boyhood was spent in his native town until 1862 when he enlisted in the fifth Michigan Cavalry, from which he was discharged at the close of the war, in the meantime having been wounded at the battle of Wilderness. After the war he resided in McLain County, Ill., where he was married December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1878, to Miss Nanc6 E. Benjamin, whom he now leaves a widow. To this union was born four children: Loyd I., Maud K., Charles A., who died in infancy, and Harry L. In 1880 he moved to Cass County, Iowa, where he resided until 1893 when he came to Kay County, O. T. and settled near Ponca City where he lived until Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1904, when he moved to Tonkawa.

The funeral services were held at the M. E. Church Sunday at 2 p.m. Rev. G. W. Irwin preached the funeral

sermon, which was full of consolation and comfort to the relatives and friends of the departed. The services at the grave were conducted by the G. A. R. of which he was a member.

Thus again we are reminded that the men who defended the Union in the days of '61 are passing away and the places that knew them once will know them no more forever. They are a noble race of men who this country ever see their like again. May the Grand Commander of the Universe give them the rest and peace they so richly deserve.

#### **Card of Thanks.**

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our husband and father.

Mrs. N. E. Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Aldrich, Harry Aldrich

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 14 September 1904**

#### **Death of Miss Markham**

It is said, and truly so, that next to the home, school ties bind the closest. Home and school associations are alike in that by long and continued association, by common interests and helpfulness, we learn to appreciate, to love one another. When death enters the home a vacancy is made, a presence we loved is no more a familiar voice is silent. The same is no less true of the classroom. These thoughts were brought fresh to the minds of the U. P. S. students last Thursday when word was received of the death of Miss **Inez Markham**. The silent, but sympathetic look, with which the news was received, expressed more than words can tell the deep inner feeling of sorrow over the loss of a friend.

For the past two years Miss Markham has been a student in the U. P. S. During these years she was closely associated with all lines of schoolwork. She took a prominent part in the Y. W. C. A. and society work, and was a member of the ladies' quartette. She was a diligent and conscientious student, particularly helpful in the music department where she did special work. When stricken with typhoid fever she was planning to return to school, and would have completed the music course this year had she been spared. Miss Markham was a member of the Christian Church and her help in the church at Tonkawa will be greatly missed. Her kindness, gentleness and unassuming manner endeared her to all who knew her and her death is felt as personal loss by all her associates and friends. The funeral service took place at her home near Caldwell, Kas., Friday September 8. Some members of the faculty and intimate friends and classmates in the U. P. S., especially the young ladies who sang with her in the ladies' quartette, attended and assisted with the music. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved family in this dark hour of sorrow. One more tie draws as heavenward, and we look forward

more eagerly to that reunion in the better life to which she has gone on before.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 28 September 1905**

#### **Obituary.**

**Elsie McCray** was born in Washington County, Kansas, September 1881. Was married to Lewis **Chambers** July 27, 1897. To this union was born a boy, Byron, aged 3 and a girl, Marguerite, aged two months.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Church at Nardin, Saturday, September 23, at 2 p.m. The bodies were sent to Waukita for burial.

Mrs. Chambers was a devoted wife and a true friend, who will be missed by all her relatives and friends.

Little Marguerite, although her stay on earth was short, had won the love of those who knew her,

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers were formerly residents of Tonkawa, but several years ago moved to Nardin, where Mr. Chambers is cashier of a bank.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 5 October 1905**

#### **Obituary.**

DIED – At his residence in Tonkawa, on Sunday October 1, **Theodore Adriance**.

Theodore Adriance was born December 1844, in Duchess County, New York. He was united in marriage to Anna Pettit at Sabetta, Kans., December 11, 1882. From this union were born four children, Sarah, the eldest daughter, now married and living here; Martha the second daughter, died thirteen years ago the second of October: Edith the youngest daughter now at home, and Daniel Theodore, the only son, now ten years old and at home.

The deceased belonged to no lodge or church, but was a man of sterling worth and character, whose word was his bond, and whose religion was the Golden Rule. Besides the wife and three children he leaves three sisters and two brothers in New York State and one brother in Kansas and a host of friends to mourn his loss. His remains were laid to rest in Sabetta, Kans., beside his daughter, Martha.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 26 October, 1905**

**Mrs. Arley Jackson** died at Fairfax, Osage Country, Saturday October 21, and her remains were brought to Tonkawa and buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery here Monday afternoon. Mrs. Jackson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kivitt, and sister to Mrs. J. I. Wilkerson and Mrs. Harry Craig of Tonkawa. The husband and children of the deceased accompanied the remains to Tonkawa.

### **Card of Thanks.**

We desire to thank our friends of their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, Mrs. **Jesse Jackson**.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kivett and family.

Died – **Henry Clements**, Sunday, October 22, 1905. Burial [was] at Prairie View Cemetery.

**From the *Tonkawa News***, 28 December 1905

### **Mrs. M. F. Shawver Dead.**

**Mrs. Irene I. Shawver**, wife of M. F. Shawver, died Saturday, December 23, at the home southeast of town.

Irene I. Meegan was born in Illinois November 10, 1862. In 1872 her parents moved to Chautauqua Count, Kas., settling within three miles of where Mr. Shawver's parents had lived since 1869, having moved there from Nebraska. Here they passed their early years, and were married in 1884.

Mrs. Shawver was a loving wife and mother, and her sudden and untimely death was indeed an irreparable loss. She leaves four children, three girls and a boy, just at the tender age when they need a mother's care.

The funeral was held Monday from the residence, Father Dupree of Blackwell holding mass. Burial was at Prairie View Cemetery.

### **Obituary.**

**James Wilhelm** was born in Harding County, Kentucky, August 30, 1863, died December [microfilm damaged but it looks like 20<sup>th</sup>, 1905.

In 1883 he moved to Missouri and from there to Wellington, Kas. At the time of the opening he came to Kay County and took a claim southeast of Tonkawa.

There are two brothers and one sister living in Kentucky.

The funeral was held at Prairie View, U. B. Church Friday, Dec. 22, conducted by the Modern Woodmen of America. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. Barricklow, who, after reading the fourteenth chapter of John, took for his text Job 44:14, "If a man die shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come." His words were full of consolation to the friends and contained a lesson to the living.

After the sermon, all that was mortal of James Wilhelm was laid to rest in the churchyard on the hillside, where they will await the judgment day. We feel that it will be well with our friend and neighbor on that last great day. Peace be to his ashes and God rest his soul.

**From the *Tonkawa News***, 1 February 1906

### **Died.**

**Mrs. C. B. Hutchins**, wife of C. B. Hutchins, a stone cutter at the new college building, died at the Farmer's hotel of this city, about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. Her death was caused by paralysis. She has been an invalid for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins formerly lived at Bonham, Texas. The citizens of Tonkawa extend their sympathy to the bereaved husband.

Her remains were interred in the IOOF Cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. Irwin of the M. E. Church conducted the services. [**Crissy Hutchins**, b. 8 November 1869, d. 30 January 1906.]

**From the *Tonkawa News***, 8 February 1906

### **MRS. I. WHINERY DEAD.**

#### **Died Very Suddenly Last Thursday of Heart Failure.**

The community was shocked last Thursday evening when the word was received that **Mrs., I. Whinery**, living west of town had died suddenly. She had only been sick for two days and the end came so unexpectedly that the people were loath to believe the report.

The deceased was one of the most popular and universally loved and highly respected residents of this community. Her friends included everybody who had ever met her; few there were who did not know this genial hearted, sympathetic, noble woman.

With husband and family came to Linn County from Ohio twenty tree years ago and during all these years she has been the same pleasant, good natured woman who spread sunshine and good cheer wherever she went. The blow was a hard one to the family and to hundreds of friends who will miss her almost as much as her own loved ones.

Her maiden name was Miss Hannah M. Crumley and was born in Clinton County Ohio, Nov. 12, 1839. Forty-two years ago she and Mr. Winery married and came to Kansas 23 years ago.

The family consists of four sons, and two daughters, all of whom are living, as follows: William Henry, Frank Garwood, Robert Crumley, Cellista Wattles Corbin, Rebecca Mary Moon and Charles Augustus. The deceased was a Quaker from birth and always clung to the faith of her childhood. The *Observer* joins with the people of Pleasanton and vicinity in extending sympathy to the bereaved family. – *Pleasanton Observer*. [Mrs. Whinery, of Linn County, Kansas, was the mother of Robert Crumley Whinery who lived in the Tonkawa vicinity and who is buried in Tonkawa IOOF Cemetery.]

**From the *Tonkawa News***, 8 February 1906

### **Resolutions of Tonkawa Lodge No. 40, I.O.O.F.**

Whereas the great and supreme Ruler of the universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from our

midst one of or worthy and esteemed Brothers, **Cornelius Richards**, and

Whereas the long and intimate relations held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in the society makes it befitting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore be it.

Resolved, that the wisdom and ability which he as exercised in the aid of our organization by services and counsel will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, that the sudden removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be realized by all of the members and friends of the order and will prove a serious loss to the order and to the public.

Resolved, that with deep sympathy with the bereaved family or the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all, may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things we.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodged, a copy printed in the local papers and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

D. T. Irby, L. Hawkins, J. C. Bond, Committee

From the *Tonkawa News*, 25 February 1906

#### **Richland News Items**

On Saturday we received the sad news of the death of **Mrs. Sol Dorsett**, of Cicero, Kans. Jesse Dorsett and wife, Wm. Dorsett and wife, Jeff Robbins, R. N. Walker and Mrs. Emma Buhrman attended the funeral Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Buhrman is visiting a few days in Kansas.

Hazel Dorsett spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin Sadie Walker.

Died. -- **Pearl Page**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Page, Wednesday February 14, and was interred Friday Feb. 16, In the I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Little Pearl's life of six years and seven months was full of suffering. She attended school only a short time, but during that time had endeared herself to her playmates by her sweet and patient disposition. It is hard to understand why these little lives are given to us and to be taken so soon, but none can question the wisdom nor understand the ways of the Almighty. It may be some comfort to the bereaved parents, brothers and sister to know we all sympathize with them.

Died -- **W. H. Wagner** at his home west of Tonkawa, Wednesday morning, February 2321.

Mr. Wagner had been a resident of this country about two years. He had been afflicted with a cancer, which was the cause of his death. He was about 38 years of age and leaves a wife to mourn the loss of a loving husband.

The body was sent to Munsford, Ind., Thursday morning for burial in the family burying ground.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 15 March 1905

#### **Death of Mrs. Sanburn.**

**Mrs. Sanburn**, whose serious illness was noted last week, died Friday night. **Her babe** died Tuesday morning. She leaves a husband and six children. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. Bounce. Mrs. Sanburn was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kirk. Her untimely death is a sad blow to the bereaved family. She was 33 years old. – Reprinted from the *Dexter Dispatch*.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 12 April 1906

#### **Obituary.**

**C. G. Collier** died Sunday evening, April 8, at the home of C. H. Perry, near Manzanola, Col.

Mr. Collier was born in St. Louis, where he lived until 13 years of age, moving from there to Knob Noster, Mo. He came to Oklahoma several years ago, living for a time at Nadine, and came to Tonkawa about four years ago, opening jewelry store in the Palace Pharmacy. He had built up a good business. He was industrious and a patient, painstaking workman, enjoying the respect and friendship of all who knew him.

Mr. Collier leaves a wife and two little daughters, Verona and Eucola, the elder 7 years and the younger and infant of 5 months.

Burial will be at Knob Noster, for which Mrs. Collier, two children and sister, Miss Marguerite, left Monday morning. The funeral will be conducted by the Masons, of which order Mr. Collier was a member.

#### **Obituary.**

**Mrs. Jesse Sumner** died Wednesday morning, April 11, at the home of her son, Jefferson Sumner, in Tonkawa, aged 68 years.

Mrs. Sumner came here with her husband about a month ago from Sedgwick County, Kas. She had been in poor health for about three years. She was a member of the Christian Church. Deceased leaves a husband and eight children, six sons and two daughters.

This dear old mother had finished her work on this earth and was called to her reward in the better world. Funeral was held today at Peck, Kas., and burial in the cemetery at that place.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 20 April 1906

#### **Obituary.**

Died. – **David James Craik**, Tuesday, April 17, 1906, at his home in Tonkawa, of Bright's disease of the kidneys after a lingering illness of about six months.

David James Craik was born in Lane Station, Now Rochelle, Ogle County, Ill., August 31, 1856. In 1870 he moved to Marshall County, Kas., with his parents. In

1891 he moved to Missouri and remained there until 1897 when he came to Oklahoma.

In 1887 he was married to Miss Mary F. Rink, in Marshall County, Kans., from which union four children were born. E. LeRoy, Arthur C. (deceased), L. Maud and Edna G.

He was a direct descendant of Daniel Boone and of Dr. Craik, the family physician of George Washington.

Mr. Craik was the eldest of thirteen children all but two of whom are still living. His parents are still living at and advanced age.

Mr. Craik joined the Christian Church of the age of 17 years, and has lived a life of devotion to the teachings of the Savior. He was a man possessed of an active mind and retentive memory, and his extensive reading had given him a liberal education. The patience with which he endured the months of suffering has been a lesson to we all, for no word of complaint ever passed his lips, and he was always the same hopeful, cheerful man.

Services were held at the Christian Church at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, conducted by Rev. Overstreet.

David Craik, wife and daughter. Florence, parents and sister of the deceased of San Diego, Cal., arrived Wednesday evening.

Thursday morning the body was sent to Marshall County, Kas., for burial, followed by the wife, son Roy, father and mother and two sisters.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 17 May 1906

#### **Obituary.**

**Miss Elsie Hunsaker**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hunsaker, of Quincy, Ill., died at the home of her uncle, Mr. Al Hunsaker, in this city, last Sunday at 10 p.m., of tuberculosis. Mr. Hunsaker brought his daughter here May 1<sup>st</sup> in the hope that the climate would be beneficial to her health, but the dread disease had taken to strong hold of her frail body.

Miss Hunsaker was 21 years old. She was a teacher in the schools of Kinderhook, Ill., and was well loved by all her associates.

Mr. Hunsaker was so well pleased with the country and his daughter's condition, that after a week's stay, he had returned to Illinois to settle up his business and remove his home to Tonkawa. Telegrams carrying the sad news of the death have not been answered. The funeral took place from the Christian Church on Tuesday, at 2 p.m. Rev. Overstreet conducted the services in a very feeling and sympathetic sermon. A quartet consisting of Misses Fannie and Maude Garnett and Messrs. Huckleberry and Westhafer rendered the music for the occasion.

The casket literally banked with flowers was borne by six young ladies dressed in white. They were Misses Savage, love, Fay, Hollister, Irby and Simmons.

Before leaving her home in Illinois, Miss Hunsaker had requested that if she should not live she desired to be buried in this country. In response to this request the remains were laid away in the Tonkawa cemetery. She leaves a father, mother, brother, two sisters and host of friends to mourn her early departure. But they do not mourn as those who have no hope, for Miss Hunsaker gave her heart and life to Christ at the age of 17 and has lived an active member of the Christian Church.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 28 July 1906

#### **Died.**

**John H. Faulds**, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Faulds, died, Thursday, June 21, of spinal meningitis, after a sickness of about five weeks.

Funeral was held at the house, Sunday at 2 o'clock, services conducted by Rev. G. W. Irwin and Rev. A. A. Andrews. Burial [was] in Odd Fellows cemetery.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 26 July 1906

#### **Obituary.**

**B. J. Heeney** was born February 7, 1868; died July 13, 1896.

Mr. Heeney was born at Denton, Kas., where he lived all his life, with the exception of two years in Colorado, and two years near Tonkawa. He was educated at the Christian Brethren College at St. Joseph, Mo., and St. Mary's college at St. Mary's Kas.

He moved here two years ago with his wife and bought a farm west of Tonkawa, with the hope that this climate would restore him to health. He was much improved for a time, but the disease of consumption had taken to firm a hold [sic] on him. He had been a sufferer for years, and through it all he was the same patient man. He had made many friends among his neighbors, and their hearts are filled with sympathy for his young wife, who is thus bereft of a devoted husband.

He leaves a widow, mother, five sisters and one brother. The mother and sisters live at Severance, Kas., and the brother at South Haven. The funeral was held at Denton, Kas., Saturday, July 14, Burial in the Catholic cemetery at that place.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 16 August 1906

#### **OBITUARY.**

Friday night at 12 o'clock, August 10, 1906, **Mary Nancy Robison**, wife of B. F. Robison, passed away surrounded by her family.

Mary Nancy Williams was born in Linn County, Mo., August 15, 1849, therefore she was almost 57 years of age. She was married to B/ F. Robison, January 17, 1867. In 1880 she joined the Baptist Church, and died with the assurance of a life of peace and rest beyond the grave. She was the mother of thirteen children, ten of

whom are living and attended the funeral. In 1894 she moved to Oklahoma with her husband and family.

The funeral services were held in the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. W. Porter, who took his text from the twenty-first chapter of Revelations, in which this promise is made: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away,"

The names of the children living, given in order of their ages are as follows: James T. Robison, Mrs. Ella Brantner, Mrs. Ada Helbrech, Charles Robison, W. B. Robison, Mrs. Sadie Galley, Mrs. Carrie Galley, Morgan Robison, Frank Robison, Bert Robison.

Burial was made in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery,

From the *Tonkawa News*, 3 August 1906

#### **Suicide.**

**Miss Leona Schneider**, a sister of Mrs. J. N. Robb, committed suicide at the home of Mr. Robb, Sunday morning. She drank two ounces of carbolic acid about four o'clock and soon after Mrs. Robb, who slept in an adjoining room, was awakened by the hard breathing of the young lady.

Dr. Jones was called at once but medical skill could avail nothing and at 5:30 o'clock she died. She had planned for her death, for on Friday she bought the carbolic acid at the Palace Pharmacy saying she wanted it for Mr. Robb, and as Mr. Robb uses considerable acid, the drug people suspected nothing;

Miss Schneider came here about four months ago from Nickerson, Kas. Her parents came down Sunday and the body was shipped to Nickerson, where the burial took place Tuesday.

The following note which she wrote and laid on the table is all she left as a clue to her act: "My home is in Heaven and I will soon be there. This is God's will not ours. Break this to mother, she knows I love her. My love to all. It is now four o'clock."

From the *Tonkawa News*, 20 August 1906

#### **Obituary.**

**Mr. J. H. Davis**, of this city, died at an early hour Sunday morning, after brief illness of about thirty-six hours. He had not been in good health for some time but on Friday he had appeared better than usual eating his usual meals for breakfast and dinner. Soon after noon he was seized with violent pains in the region of his heart and it soon became evident that he could not long survive. Early Sunday morning he became unconscious and from that time sank gradually until about 3 o'clock on Sunday, when he peacefully passed away.

Mr. Davis was born in Onondaga County, New York, April 9, 1829. Later he moved to Oneida County,

where on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1861, he was married to Miss Sarah M. Myer. In the year 1883, he removed to Douglass, Butler County, Kas., where he engaged in business. Part of which time he was in partnership with Mr. C. E. Hutchins, his son-in-law.

Moving to Tonkawa in 1904, on account of fading health, he retired from business, since which time he has lived a retired life, not mingling with the world. Hence to many of our people he was not known. He was a man of sterling integrity, highly respected by those who knew his worth. He leaves a wife with whom he had lived nearly forty-six years, one daughter, Mrs. C. E. Hutchins and one son, Howard E. Davis, of the firm of Hutchins & Davis.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. G. W. Irwin from the family residence Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The family have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement and sorrow.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 6 September 1906

#### **Obituary.**

**Charles Z. Stewart** was born near Mansfield, Ohio, October 19, 1868, died September 1, 1906 at Wichita, aged 42 years, 10 months and 13 days.

Mr. Stewart spent his early life near the place of his birth. In 1886 he moved to Kansas, lived for a time in Utah and came to Oklahoma at the time of the opening of the Cherokee Strip and took a claim one mile and a half south of Tonkawa on which he lived until seven years ago, when he sold out and moved to near Lamont, where he bought half section.

Mr. Stewart had undergone an operation for cancer of the stomach in St. Frances hospital at Wichita and the shock to his system was the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Stewart was an indulgent husband and father. He had many friends wherever he was known. He leaves a wife, two children father, mother, two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral was held at the Christian church in Lamont, conducted by the pastor. Burial [was] in the Lamont Cemetery.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 13 September 1906

#### **Obituary.**

**Mrs. E. R. Green** died Monday September 10, at 2 p.m., at the family home in Tonkawa, age 47 years, 10 months and 27 days, after an illness of over a month. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia. She had previously enjoyed good health.

**Dora Eisiminger** was born in Green County, Pennsylvania, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Eisiminger. The family moved to Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1866 where Miss Eisiminger was married to O. M. Thomas in 1878, who died in 1882. In 1887 she was

married to E; R. Green, and later they moved to Nebraska, where they resided until the opening of the Cherokee Strip in 1893. Mr. Green made the run and secured a claim on the Chikaskia River near Virginia City (now Autwine). Here the family lived some eight or nine years, when they moved to their present farm home adjoining Tonkawa.

Mrs. Green was of a retiring disposition, living much within her home, although she enjoyed many trips to other states in the company of her husband son or daughter, but her greatest pleasure was in her home. She was a member of the Eastern Star and Culture Club. On the day of her death the latter organization was to have held its regular meeting but out of respect to their departed member, they adjourned.

The deceased leaves a family consisting of husband, son. O. M. Thomas, daughter, Lucy Green, three brothers, J. A. Eisiminger, Ponca City, J. M. Eisiminger, Boise, Idaho, and a sister Mrs. E. E. Morrow, Blue Springs, Neb.

The funeral was held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock conducted by Rev. G. W. Irwin of the Methodist Church. The U. P. S. choir sang beautiful songs of consolation. The floral offerings were beautiful and gave evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased lady was held.

Interment will be at the old home at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 4 October 1906

#### **Obituary.**

**Dr. C. G. Elliot**, while climbing the stairs to his office in Blackwell last Sunday afternoon, was overcome with an affection of the heart and fell down the steps to the street breaking his neck, dying twenty minutes afterward.

Dr. Elliot was born at Emporia, Kansas, forty-one [sic] years ago. He came to Blackwell at the time of the opening, and has resided there ever since, with the exception of about a year, when owing to his poor health he gave up his practice and moved to a ranch in the new country. He was a member of the first territorial legislature of Oklahoma, and has always taken an active interest in the affairs of government. He was a member of the Masonic order of high degree, and was buried according to the rites of that ancient and honorable body, on Tuesday afternoon.

The Masons from Tonkawa who attended were: M. W. Billings, A. W. Burr, J. W. Wood, J. G. Wood, R. J. Devore, Worthy Wiles, O. M. Roberts, Joel Bond, A. W. Morse and R. C. Whinery.

#### **Obituary.**

On last Saturday at 1 o'clock a.m., at the family residence, in the west part of town, occurred the death of **Mrs. Sarah M. Davis**.

A little over a month ago her husband, Mr. James H. Davis passed away, and she having been in poor health, did not recover from the shock of grief. On Thursday she suffered a stroke of paralysis and gradually sank away, until released by death.

Sarah M. Myer was born in Oneida County, New York, July 13, 1843. Married to James H. Davis, January 15, 1861. Three children were born to them, one dying in infancy. [They] moved to Butler County, Kansas, March 3, 1883.

At the town of Douglass, in 1887 they united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1901 they moved to Tonkawa, where she has since lived. She leaves two children to mourn her loss, Mrs. C. E. Hutchins and Howard E; Davis, both of whom live here; and one grandson, Baily Hutchins and one brother, Enos D. Myer of Oneida, N>Y>

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. G. W. Irwin, were held at the family residence on Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m. The family, thus doubly bereaved in so short a time, has the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 18 October 1906

#### **Obituary.**

**Justus Jetter** was born in White Cloud, Kas., January 29, 1874, died in Ponca City, Okla., October 10, 1906, aged 32 Years 8 months and 11 days. He was married April 26, 1904, at South Haven, Kas., to Miss Celia Dodson, who with an infant child survive him. A short service was conducted at the residence this morning by Rev., L. O. Hudson, pastor of the Baptist Church, the funeral and burial to be at Tonkawa today.

Deceased came here from Tonkawa about two months ago and took a position as night miller in the Ponca City Mills. He was a steady and industrious man and held in high esteem by the employees and all who knew him. His illness was of about ten day's duration, finally developing peritonitis, of which he died. The wife and relatives have the sympathy of friends in Ponca City in the severe affliction that has befallen them. A funeral offering of a beautiful floral wreath was made by the employees of the Ponca City Milling Company. – Reprinted from the *Ponca City Courier* of October 12.

Mr. Jetter was the son of Mrs., Jefferson Sumner of Tonkawa. The funeral sermon was preached at the Baptist Church in Tonkawa by Rev. G. W. Porter, Friday at 1 p.m. and burial was in Prairie View Cemetery.

#### **Card of Thanks.**

We wish to thank the friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and son, **Justus Jetter**.

Mrs. Justus Jetter, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sumner.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 25 October 1905

### **Murder at Arkansas City.**

This edition of the *Tonkawa News* contains a detailed account, written by the *News*, editor of the shooting death in Arkansas City, Kansas of **Mrs. John Moore** by her husband. The events took place on the previous Sunday afternoon, October 21, 1906. The editor happened to be in Arkansas City attending a meeting, and went to the scene of the crime. Details of this shooting are not included in this writing since none of the persons involved were from Kay County. It was mentioned that John Moore was the brother of Josh Moore of Tonkawa. If the reader is interested in the events of this day please check this edition of the *Tonkawa News*, or the newspapers in Newkirk, Oklahoma or Arkansas City, Kansas.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 1 November 1906 [date on masthead probably should be 15 November]

### **Obituary.**

Mrs. J. C. **Bond** died Thursday, November 9, 1906, at 1 o'clock a.m., at her home in Tonkawa.

**Virginia A. Smith** was born January 65, 1846, at Adair County, Ky. Her parents moved to McDonald County, Ill., in 1848, where she was married to J. C. Bond in 1869. In 1870 they moved to Mulberry, Crawford County, Kansas, where they lived until 1894, when they came to Oklahoma.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bond, six of whom are living, as follows: Mrs. O. M. Roberts, Miss Mintie Bond, John Bond, Miss Ossie Bond, Miss Calista Bond and Miss Jennie Bond. Ms. Bond's mother still lives in Bardolph, Ill. There are three sisters and five brothers living, two of the sisters, Mrs. M. E. Blackstone, of Pennington Point, Ill., and Miss Nettie Smith of Bardolph, Ill., have arrived in Tonkawa to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Bond was a member of the Methodist Church, and had lived a constant Christian life. She was a loving wife and mother, and was called away after a long life of usefulness and her children rise up and call her blessed.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made. [Virginia Bond, wife of Joel, is buried at Tonkawa IOOF Cemetery.]

From the *Tonkawa News*, 22 November 1906

### **Resolutions of Condolence.**

The Tonkawa Masonic Lodge and the Tonkawa G. A. R. published resolutions of condolence in this issue expressing sympathy to J. C. **Bond** after the death of his wife, **Virginia**.

### **Little Glen McPherson Dead.**

**Glen Ellis McPherson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McPherson, died Sunday November 17, at 12 o'clock m., [sic] aged six years and ten months, after a brief illness from complication of malaria and pneumonia.

The funeral was held at the home Tuesday at 11 a.m. conducted by Rev. J. Al Overstreet of the Christian Church; burial in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Little Glen was bright boy, whose brief existence had been filled with all the joys of vigorous health. It is hard to understand why this young life should be thus cut off, but the bereaved family must bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well. "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed by the name of the Lord."

### **J. H. Sivyver Dead.**

**J. L. Sivyver**, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sivyver, of Tonkawa, died Tuesday, November 20, at El Paso, Texas, where he had gone a month ago in hope of regaining his health.

Mr. Sivyver was born at Trinidad, Colo., twenty-seven years ago. He was a tailor, and for twelve years was in business in Wichita. Three years ago he came to Ponca City, where he ran a tailor shop.

Besides father and mother, he leaves two brothers and two sisters. One of the brothers lives in Trinidad and the other in Ponca City. The two sisters live with their parents in Tonkawa.

Funeral will be held at the Catholic Church in Ponca City next Sunday. The grandmother of the deceased, from Oakland, Cal., and the brother, from Trinidad, Colo., will be present to attend the funeral.

### **Public School Notes.**

Little **Glenn McPherson** of the first year, who was stricken by pneumonia some days ago, succumbed to the fatal disease on Sunday at noon. The funeral was held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. from the residence on South 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Because of the inclement weather but few of his mates could attend the funeral. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

### **Death of Mrs. George Hays.**

The angel of death visited the home of Mr. George **Hays**, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1907. [sic] and took from their midst the loving wife and mother, after a brief illness.

Her remains were laid to rest in the Cushing Cemetery the day after death claimed her. She was greatly loved by all for the noble, self-sacrificing, Christian spirit displayed in the many good deeds credited to her. These trials seem strange and hard to bear, but we know not the wisdom of Him who has decreed them.

Besides the bereft companion, the deceased leaves to mourn her untimely death three sons and daughters, an aged father and mother, sisters and

brothers, to all of whom is extended the kindest sympathy of a host of friends.

Until about two years ago the family lived near Tonkawa, when they moved to Cushing, Okla. In this dark hour of bereavement their many friends here deeply sympathize with them in their great loss.

A Friend.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 29 November 1906

**Obituary.**

**John J. Burk** was born in Hamilton County, Indiana, August 30, 1829, died at this home four miles southeast of Tonkawa November 24, 1906 at 11:10 a.m.

Mr. Burk grew to manhood and was married to Miss Elizabeth Adair near his ancestral home.

The marriage occurred on September 25, 1851. In 1853 the couple moved to Cedar County, Iowa, and to Taylor County in 1856, where they lived for a period of thirty-six years. In 1891 they came to

Guthrie, Okla., and remained until the opening of the Cherokee Strip, at which time Mr. Burk secured a homestead southeast of Tonkawa.

Mr. Burr's surviving family consists of a wife, two sons, a brother, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The two sons, P. E. and J. E. Burk live southeast of Tonkawa near their father's homestead. During the Civil War, Mr. Burk was a member of Company B, Forty-third Missouri Infantry, and received injuries during his enlistment from which he never fully recovered,

All who knew this patient good, old man, loved him. Many there are who have been benefited by his example of cheerfulness under affliction. He was a member of the Christian Church and died happy in the belief of a life beyond the grave.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Christian Church, conducted by Rev. J. A. Overstreet who paid an eloquent tribute to the deceased. Members of the G.A.R., of which Mr. Burk was a member, acted as pallbearers, and the Post and Relief Corps turned out in a body to pay their last respects to a departed comrade.

Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 13 December 1906

**Obituary.**

Miss **Nannie McWilliams** was born in Madison County, Ky., December 1, 1838. In 1856 she came with her parents to Missouri and on November 11, was married to James **Henshaw**. In 1884 she came with her husband and family to Butler County, Kas. After living in that place for two years her husband died. She then lived with her son, W. S. **Henshaw**, until 1898 when she came to Oklahoma to live with her daughter, Mrs.

Fannie E. Bush, where she died December 4<sup>th</sup> 1906 at the age of 68 years and 3 days.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 20 December 1906

**Obituary.**

**Mort Plummer** died Monday, December 17, 1906, at 2 a.m., at the home of his parents, southeast of Tonkawa, aged 35 years. Mort Plummer was born in Sheridan County, Mt. When Three years old he was taken by his parents, with the rest of the family to Jackson County, Ind., and from there to Cowley County, Kas., where they lived until the opening of the Strip, when they came here and settled on the claim where they now reside.

Mort was taken sick last Friday while on a train returning home from a visit to relatives in Galena, Kas. He arrived in Tonkawa Saturday and was at once taken to the Commercial Hotel, where Dr. Hannah treated him giving him some relief from the stomach trouble from which he was suffering. He was removed to the home of his parents late in the night, and gradually grew worse until the end came Monday morning. Mort was well known here and universally esteemed.

The funeral services were held in the Baptist Church conducted by Rev. G. W. Porter. Burial was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. The surviving family consists of father and mother, Mr.; and Mrs. T. J. Plummer, four sisters, Mrs. J. O. Casey, Mrs. Charles Robison, Miss Fay and Miss Mae Plummer and two brothers A. H; and A. C. Plummer;

From the *Tonkawa News*, 10 January 1907

**Obituary.**

Died: at the home of her parents in the east part of the city, last Friday morning, Mrs. **Eva Marie**, wife of Mr. M. C. **Jones**, in the 37<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Eva Marie Bartlett was born October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1870 in Delaware, Ohio. When she was about eight years of age she moved with her parents to Kansas. About twelve years of age she came to Oklahoma, making her home with her sister near Garber. October 18, 1895 she was married to Mr. M. C. Jones, her now bereaved husband. Of this union there were born two children; Lloyd now nine years old, and a baby girl, just three weeks old at the time of the mother's death.

Soon after coming to Oklahoma, she was converted and united with the Presbyterian Church, in which communion she continued while she lived. For four years past she has been in infirm health much of the time being a sufferer from asthma. That with the partial loss of her hearing prevented her from mingling much with society or doing church work. But she was a devoted Christian and her end was peace. The funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian Church Saturday

afternoon by the pastor Rev. McMains, the sermon being preaching by Rev. G. W. Irwin of the Methodist Church.

Besides the husband and children above named, she leaves a father and mother, one brother and one sister, and three step-sons, to which she had been a mother since their early boyhood, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 17 January 1907

### **PHELPS**

Died, Sunday Jan. 13, 1907, 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. Where for nearly fourteen years he has 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 throughout the country and territory, having been for four years chairman of the democratic Central Committee of this country. 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. – *Blackwell Daily News*.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 31 January 1907

### **Obituary. ,**

Through the dispensation of Almighty God, whose ways are mysterious and beyond our comprehension, yet by whose grace, and through the love of His Son we are able to submit to his will we are called upon to endure the loss of **Wm. Howard Phelps** who died of typhoid pneumonia at his home near Autwine, Okla., January 13, 1907, at 4 o'clock a.m., aged 49 years, 8 months and 2 days.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Hunter, after which the remains were taken to the

Blackwell cemetery and laid to rest by members of the Masonic lodge.

Mr. Phelps was born in Union county, Ohio, May 11, 1857, and was reared on a farm in Mason County, Ill. In 1872, he commenced his business career by accepting a responsible position in Hanover, Ill., where he remained until 1878, when he removed to Furnas County, Neb., taking up a homestead and timber claim at that time near Beaver City. He was married to Miss May Scott, Sept. 5, 1882. To them were born four children, Walter, Ruth, Laura, and Dorothy, all of whom survive him.

He was elected clerk of Furnas County in 1881 and served two terms in that capacity.

The following beautiful tribute to Mr. Phelps was written by his lifelong friend Mr. Will T. Ager, after news of Mr. Phelps' death had been received at Beaver City, (Nebraska), and published in the *Beaver City Times-Tribune* of January 18, 1907: "Wm. 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 state wide. In business circles he was known as a clear minded, conservative financier, with strong faith in the future of this beautiful valley.

"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 straightforward as his social life and financial career was above criticism.

"Wm. Howard Phelps--the name is so familiar as to be a part of the history of Furnas County. The courthouse contains the records of his official acts, when by a vote of the citizens he was called to serve, and no cleaner record was ever made.

"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 was one of his cherished memories, and the craft throughout the world has never had occasion to regret the honor so worthily bestowed."

"The keen intellect has ceased to exist. The form that pain has racked with varying degree of intensity since childhood is laid to rest, and our friend and neighbor is a memory. The memory of the just is blessed, and as we mingle our tears with those of his stricken family, we can, with confidence, point to a meeting beyond this transitory world.

Mr. Phelps left Nebraska at the opening of the Cherokee strip, and made the race on horseback securing a homestead upon which he has since resided, and through the same untiring efforts that he exhibited in his life in Nebraska, he has made a home for his family that

was a source of great satisfaction to him and will be a great comfort to them.

Almost as soon as he had located on what has become his beautiful "Shady Nook" farm, he commenced to exert an influence in the organization of the community, county and state. He organized the first chartered county farmers institute, and took a deep interest and prominent part in the initial organization of the territorial board of agriculture, never failing to attend each annual meeting and took a leading part. He instituted, organized and was the continuous president of the Oklahoma Corn Breeders and Growers Association, was chairman of the Kay county Democratic committee and an active and intelligent farmer, successful in his undertakings, a citizen in the best sense of the word. The territory as well as his neighbors will feel the absence of his kindly sympathy and ripened judgment and never failing enthusiasm.

He consecrated himself to God at the age of fifteen and his life is full of beautiful, of his abiding faith in his redeemer.

Thus closes a life, the example of honesty, integrity, industry and true Christian worth, of which it was filled is worthy of emulation.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 21 February 1907

Obituary/

**Aloius Frederick Weigle**, who was born June 7, 1855, in Triebendorf, Austria, and who has been living near Owens, suddenly died Sunday February 17, at his home of lung trouble.

He married October 31, 1877, to Mary Winkler. They lived in Austria until the spring of 1886, when Mr. Weigle left his wife and four children and came to America in the hopes of a better home. He arrived at Ellenwood, Kansas, in March of 1886, and a few months after took up a homestead in Stafford County. He then sent for his wife and children, who arrived in Ellenwood, April 24, 1887.

His homestead, however proved to be blow sand after once broken. After struggling for over three years to make a living, he moved with his family to Claffin,, Kas., where he lived four years and then rented a farm near town on which he lived with his family for two years. From Kansas he moved to Oklahoma, where he has lived since 1890.

About twenty-five years ago he was exposed and took a severe cold, which gradually increased.

For the last years he had been subject to severe sic spells which finally in his last sickness turned into a kind of local pneumonia. About three o'clock Sunday afternoon his condition suddenly changed for the worse. The doctor was immediately called to his side, but could do nothing for him.

At five o'clock he quickly passed away.

All the children were present at his death except Frank who is in Buffalo, Wyoming. Calvin and Karl arrived from Tonkawa just a few minutes before he died.

He leaves to mourn their loss a wife and seven children, John, Frank, Edward, Lewis, Karl, August and Hubert.

He was interred in the Catholic Cemetery of Billings, Rev. Wilber of Perry at the Catholic Church of Billings.

### **Obituary.**

**Ida Freese** was born in Vernon County, Ill., August 26, 1876. Died February 12 1907, age 30 years 5 months and 16 days. When she was four years of age her parents moved to Sumner County, Kans., living on a farm about six miles north of Wellington until 1894, when they moved to Kay County, Okla., about six miles southwest of Tonkawa where she resided until her death. She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at eleven years of age. When about nine years of age she became an invalid.

After moving to this county, she improved in health for a few years, and her friends hoped that she might fully recover, but again she grew worse and was a constant sufferer for many years. For months just prior to her death her sufferings were intense and for weeks her death was hourly expected, yet she expressed herself as being ready for the change. On Thursday afternoon, February 4, funeral services were held at the home, conducted by

Rev. Geo. W. Irwin the sermon being from Rev. 21:4. A large number of friends and neighbors were present at this service.

On Friday morning, the 15<sup>th</sup>, the family, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Crumrine, Mrs. Woods and Rev. Irwin, took the body to Wellington, Kans., where a large number of former neighbors of the family assembled and another service was held. Rev. Irwin choosing for the text for the occasion Job 17:11. After which the interment took place in the Wellington, cemetery.

She was preceded to the Better World by her mother and two sisters; her father and three brothers, Oscar Freese of Chicago, Ill., Oran Freese of Hutchinson, Kans., and Reed Freese, who is still at home, and one sister, Una Freese are left to mourn her loss. But their loss is her eternal gain for she has passed to that land where "There is no more pain," and "The weary are forever at rest."

**From the Tonkawa News**, 28 February 1907

### **M. W. BILLINGS DEAD.**

#### **The End Came Peacefully at His Home in Tonkawa.**

Last Friday afternoon the community was shocked to hear of the death of M. W. Billings, who only a day or two before had been seen upon the streets, apparently

enjoying good health. Wednesday evening he was taken with a severe attack of pneumonia, the effects of which his none to robust system could not withstand. The end came peacefully Friday afternoon. The absent children were notified, three of whom arrived in time to be present at the funeral.

During the five years of Mr. Billings' residence in Tonkawa he had been identified with every movement that had for its purpose the material welfare of the town, and at the time of his death was serving the community in the capacity of member of the city council. Early in his manhood he was made a Mason, and lived a just and upright life, free from blot or stain, leaving as an heritage to his chidden an honored name, more prized than fame or riches. He may have had fault, (what mortal has not?) but they were far outnumbered and outweighed by the nobler qualities he possessed. As we contemplate the life just ended we cannot but feel that it was worthy of emulation, and will receive the plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of the Lord."

#### **Obituary.**

**Marshall Wellman Billings** was born at Fort Wayne, Ind., January 9, 1844, died at Tonkawa, Okla., February 22, 1907.

At age 12 his parents moved to Washara County, Wis., where he lived twenty-seven years. At the age of 17 he enlisted as a private in Company I, Seventh regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served one year, and received an honorable discharge. Was married to Miss Sarah J. Barker at Weyauwega, Wis., October 15, 1868. In 1883 he moved with his family to Riley County, Kas., where they lived for twelve years, coming to Oklahoma in 1893 and settling near Blackwell. Five years ago he moved his family to Tonkawa to educate a son and daughter at the U. P. S.

The surviving family consists of a wife, three sons and four daughters. The children, according to age and present residence, are as follows: Grant Billings, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Iva Edelblute, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. O. A. Griss, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Mattie M. Cuddy, Lawton, Okla.; Miss Edith Billings and Joe C. Billings, Tonkawa.

The funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, February 27, at the Presbyterian Church conducted by the Masons, and was participated in by the Eastern Star and G. A. R., of which orders he was member. The sermon was preached by Rev. Barrier of Blackwell. Burial was in the Blackwell Cemetery, where the Masonic burial service was carried out.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 7 March 1907**

#### **Obituary.**

Wesley Lamon was born in Harrison County, Indiana, September 19, 1833. Died at his residence in

Tonkawa, Okla., February 28, 1907/, aged 73 years, 5 months and 9 days.

August 11, 1862, at the call of his country, he enlisted at Princeton, Ind., in the 80<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry Vol., and served until the close of that great conflict.

In 1867 he was married to Mrs. Mary Townsend. With his family he moved to Sedgwick County, Kans., near Mt. Hope in the year 1883. He made the run at the opening of the Strip, in 1893, and secured a claim, but through some cause, lost the one first chosen by him, and a little later secured one about seven miles northeast of Tonkawa. He and his family passed through the vicissitudes incident to the settling of this country, its toils, its hardships, the satisfaction of securing a home outweighing all other considerations; A little less than three years ago, he and his wife bought a home and moved to Tonkawa, that in restful quiet they might spend their remaining years.

At the age of 15 years, he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He believed in her doctrines and mission and was greatly pleased if his pastor, whoever he might be, would hold the standard high. He believed in (and lived what he believed) holiness of heart and life. The Scriptures chosen by him for this occasion indicates that he realized the need, and that he knew the power of an all-sufficient Savior.

He leaves a wife and four chidden to mourn his loss. Louis A. Townsend of Autna, Kansas., Elmer O. Lamon, Of Addale, Kans., Mrs. Lavina McGee of Tonkawa and Mrs. Luther Higby of Denver, Colo.

Mr. Lamon was a member of the John Jacob's post, G. A. R. No. 85 of Nardin, Okla.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church, Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10 a.m. conducted by Rev. G. W. Irwin, in the Methodist Church, the local post officiating at the grave.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 28 March 1907**

#### **Obituary.**

**Margaret H. McCarthay** was born near Richmond, Va., December 25, 1819. When she was 12 years of age her parents moved to Morgan County, Ohio. She was married to Abijah Bickford in 1840. Besides the states above named she lived in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. Last October her chidden brought her to Tonkawa hoping that the change might be beneficial to her, but her advanced years and severity of the malady were against her, and on Saturday, March 23, she passed to her reward. Mrs. Bickford was the mother of seven children, three sons and four daughters, three of whom—two sons and one daughter—preceded her to the world beyond. She was a lifelong Christian, having joined the United Brethren Church at the age of 15 years and later the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she continue a member till her death. Among her last words were, "Jesus, I am

ready.” The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at the Christian Church, conducted by Rev; G. W. Irwin, the choir of the Christian Church furnishing the music, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 23 May 1907

Mrs. Dr. Rudolph Dead.

Bardwell, Ky., May 15, 1907,

Miss Belle Olmstead, Tonkawa, Okla.

Dear Bell, I am in such trouble. Mamma died two weeks ago Saturday. Belle, you don't know anything about losing your father or mother, but I do, because I've lost both parents, and you've heard me speak of Grandpa Rudolph, papa's papa. He is dead. Oh Belle, I am so lonesome. If you want to write to me address me at Bardwell, Ky. I am living with my aunt Florence Sanders. Cousin Avil keeps me from getting as lonely as I would be if she wasn't here. Mother died of tubercular meningitis. She suffered a great deal. Well, I must close. Answer soon. Much love to all.

Your loving friend, Majel Rudolph.

Miss Majel Rudolph is the daughter of Dr. Rudolph who died in Tonkawa a little over a year ago. She is not bereft of her mother and is left alone in the world, for she had neither brother nor sister. She will be remembered by our people as a pretty little girl, with golden ringlets.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 13 June 1907

**Obituary.**

**Bessie J. Kertz** was born in Sumner County, Kansas, March 17, 1887, and some years ago came with her parents to Oklahoma and lived for a while near Newkirk. From there they moved to near Owens. Bessie had many friends and was loved by all who knew her. September 6, 19065, she was married to Charles **Leek** of Luther, Okla. Mrs. Leek's married was short but a happy one. She was a model wife and devoted to her husband, which makes her death the harder.

Mr. Leek is a very industrious young man who has the sympathy of the entire community.

Mrs. Leek leaves to mourn her loss a husband, mother, father, two sisters and grandparents.

Mrs. Leek was thrown from a wagon and received injuries which resulted in her death, June 2, 1907. Those present at the time of her death were her husband and a few friends. Her mother and sisters arrived shortly after.

A Friend.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 15 August 1907

**Leroy Watson Dead.**

**Leroy Wentworth Watson**, a student of the U. P. S., died at his home in Ringwood, Okla., Tuesday

evening, August 13, at 5 p.m. He was ill but three days with typhoid fever and passed away in his eighteenth year. Mr. Watson was a student of the U. P. S. one year and part of another, and is spoken of as an earnest, conscientious student. In fact he had the honor of being the first student in his class. While in school Mr. Watson took a deep interest in the different phases of college life, being manager of the football team, drum major of the band, and took an active part in literary work. There is no doubt among his friends he lived he would have met with success and happiness for he had the necessary qualifications to make a success of life.

[There is a photograph of LeRoy Watson with this obituary.]

**From the Tonkawa News**, 12 September 1907

**Mrs. Wilcox Dead.**

Died – **Mrs. S. G. Wilcox**, Tuesday, September 10, 1907, at 8:30 o'clock p.m. at her residence in Tonkawa.

Mrs. Wilcox was born in Monmouth, Ill., October 31, 1851, her maiden name was Smiley. In her girlhood she united with the Presbyterian Church, and had been a faithful and true member through all her after life. In 1868 she was married to Mr. Levi E. Wilcox at Monmouth, Ill. In 1899 she moved with her husband and family to Oklahoma. In May 1903 her husband died. To them were born nine children, four dying in infancy. The surviving children are: Mrs. Laura Payton, Mrs. Maggie Snyder, Mrs. Rachael Wood, Mrs. Mary Moorhead and Harry Wilcox, all of whom were present at the funeral except Mrs. Snyder who lives in New Mexico.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Wednesday, conducted by Rev. W. B. Miller, pastor of the church. He was assisted by Rev. G. W. Irwin and Rev. John A. Overstreet. Burial was in Prairie View cemetery. The pallbearers were from Rosecrans Post, G. A. R., of which the deceased's husband had been a member. The pallbearers were S. James, M. R. Craine, J. C. Bond, W. H. Jones, D. W. Morse and William Olmstead.

Mrs. Wilcox was known to our people as a gentle, Christian woman, whose kind heart and pleasant manners will long be remembered by them. She was a loving mother, to whom her children could take their every joy or sorrow and receive encouragement or sympathy. At times like this words of sympathy may soften but they cannot lessen the sorrow of those who have lost a mother. Only those to whom such a sorrow has come can appreciate the heartaches such a bereavement brings. God alone can comfort them, and to Him we commend them.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 26 September 1907

**Mrs. W. A. Smith**

Died – Mrs. W. A. Smith, at the residence of her brother, Dr. J. A. Jones, in Tonkawa, Sunday, September 22, 1907.

Miss Annetta Jones was born in La Belle, Mo., March 21, 1879. Joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1897, and died with the blessed assurance of a life beyond the grave. Was married in 1899 to W. A. Smith, to whom two children were born, one dying in infancy, preceding the mother only five weeks. In 1895 she moved with her husband to Oklahoma, settling near Tonkawa on a farm. About the middle of June, she was taken sick and was moved to the home of her brother, Dr. Jones, in Tonkawa, where she could be near the doctor. A heroic effort was made to save her young life, but skill and love could not prevail against the grim reaper death, to whom we must all surely succumb.

She leaves a husband, a son, six years of age, a father, two brothers and a sister. Her father, George W. Jones and two brothers, Dr. J. Al Jones and I. M. Jones live in Tonkawa. The sister, Mrs. G. W. Spedle, lives in La Belle, Mo.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m. at the Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted by Rev. G. W. Irwin. During the services out of respect for the family of the deceased, all the business houses were closed. Burial [was] in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

#### **Card of Thanks.**

We desire to thank the friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved one. The memory of their words of sympathy and kindly ministrations have found lodgment in hearts that will not soon forget.

W. A. Smith, G. W. Jones, I. M. Jones, Dr. J. A. Jones.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 10 October 1907**

#### **PASSING OF CAPT. JINKS , Died at Osceolo, Mo., September 10 AN EXCENTRIC CHARACTER Lived For A Number of Years in a Hut on the Chikaskia River.**

Several days ago R. J. Devore of Tonkawa received the following letter:

Osceolo, Mo., Sept. 20. -- An old soldier, **Capt. Abraham Jinks** died here on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. Was cared for and buried by the Grand Army Post. Do you know any of his relatives or family? If so, please inform them or give us their address. -- C. C. Rubottom.

This marks the passing of an eccentric character who lived in and near Tonkawa for about seven years. Little is known of his past life, save that he had been a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in the 16th Indiana, and serving three years. He talked very little of the past, but

it was gleaned from rambling remarks made while in his cups, which was very often, that he had been a man of means, that he had a wife and family, but they were all dead and with them had vanished ambition, money and friends, and he had become a wanderer.

Captain Jinks drifted into Tonkawa about eight years ago. He was given employment by R. J. Devore on a house he was building. "Cap" was told to go over where the house was in course of construction and report to the carpenter in charge of the work. When Mr. Devore went over a few hours later he found Cap in charge, the men recognizing his superior ability. He had the work laid out in better shape and the frame was planned with greater skill and exactness. But it was not long until Cap showed his failing, for he got "rip-roaring" drunk and remained so for several days.

The then quiet little village of Tonkawa seemed to strike the wanderer's fancy and he built a little cabin on the banks of the Salt Fork and became a fisherman. He cast his net and lines in quest of the festive catfish with varying success for about a year, when he moved to the Chikaskia River east of town. Here he built a cabin and continued his quest for the finny tribe with greater success. He was assisted in his labors by his dog "Bum," which he had trained to dive for fish. Together, the dog and man eked out a living on the river, abetted by a small pension from the government. They lived here for about six years, the monotony of their simple life being broken only by occasional visits to town to market the "catch." On these occasions "Cap" would get drunk and often spent the night in the "cooler." "Bum" would follow his master and they would be locked up together.

With all his dissipation and rude life, "Cap Jinks possessed a heart that beat warm with human sympathy. On one chill October day he had just come to town and had not yet visited the saloon, when he saw two little girls whose bare feet and limbs were blue with cold. He asked them who they did not wear their shoes, and they replied they hadn't any. He took them into the store and had them fitted with warm shoes and stockings, and paid for them out of his scanty means. "Cap" went back to his little hut sober that day, and "Bum" was happy.

A little over a year ago "Cap" and "Bum" disappeared. Not long afterward Mr. Devore received a letter from him dated from a town in Missouri, in which "Cap" said "Bum" was dead. He had buried him on the banks of the Grand River, and he added, "Don't ask me if I cried." This weary, broken old soldier had tasted the depths and dregs of sorrow; his dear wife and children had died, his money and friends had flown and now his dog, the companion and sharer of his poverty and misery, had left him. His life seemed one round of disappointments; everybody and everything he ever loved had withered and died; his youthful ambitions and aspirations had been blighted and now he wanted to die and be at rest from it all. A kind providence finally

came to his relief, and called the old soldier from this world of sorrow; called the homeless wanderer from the land he fought to save. When the last trump shall sound and the souls of men are brought before the judgment seat, we feel that Captain Jinks will hear the Master say: "Ye have done it unto the least of these, my children, ye have done it unto me; enter thou into the joys of Heaven." There to be reunited with those gone before.

Captain Jinks, who was said to have been a relative of Ella Wheeler Wilcox, composed the following while living in his hut.

**"ON THE CHIKASKEE"**

Where, oh where, is that poor old soldier.

Where, oh where can he be?

Over among the Ponca Indians

On the Chiskaskee.

Camping out along the river

No shelter but a friendly tree.

Trying to make a living fishing

On the Chikaskiee,

Once he had a home and money plenty.

Children prattled around his knee.

His money's gone; his friends have left him

On the Chikaskee.

Three long years I served my country

God knows I served it faithfully,

Pains and aches the war left me—

On the Chikaskee.

Six dollars a month is all my pension;

They think it quite enough for me,

For he can make his living fishing

On the Chikaskee.

The afternoon of life is now upon me

For I am a year past sixty-three

And all alone I sadly wonder

On the Chikaskee.

The shades of night are fast closing around me;

The wolves they howl most dismally,

And the owls they hoot above me—

On the Chikaskee.

If I should die out on the river,

Let Indian hands help bury me,

For they've always treated me kindly

On the Chikaskee.

When my boat rocks empty on the water

And Old Cap no more you see,

Please throw my poor dog Bum a biscuit

And kindly think of me.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 10 October 1907**

**Mrs. J. Poffenberger Dead.**

**Mrs. J. [Anna Bassett] Poffenberger** died Thursday morning, at the family residence in Tonkawa, of heart failure. She had been sick Friday and Saturday of last week, but Sunday and Monday was feeling much better and was up and around the house. She seemed to be gaining strength each day, and Wednesday evening seemed quite well when she and her husband retired. Mr., Poffenberger awoke at 3:40 this morning and his wife answered his inquiry by saying she was better. He arose in the morning, slipping quietly out of the room in order not to awaken Mrs. Poffenberger, who seemed to be sleeping peacefully. After preparing breakfast, he went into the bedroom to call his wife, but found her dead. The dear old lady had passed away sometime between 3:30 and the time her husband came to awaken her

In speaking of Mrs. Poffenberger, one of the neighbors said, "She was a loving and kind neighbor and words cannot express anything to good for her." Dear old mother, she has gone to join her children in the great beyond, where there will be no more parting; where sickness, pain and death come never. God comfort the sorrowing husband and grandson.

Anna W. Bassett was born in England April 11, 1844. Came to Washington County, Maryland, in 1848. From there to Dayton, Ohio in 1859. Was married December 5, 1866 to J. Poffenberger, to which union four children were born, all of whom have preceded the mother to the grave. In 1866, Mr. and Mrs. Poffenberger moved to Illinois, and in 1873 to Marshall county, Iowa, and in 1903 to Oklahoma.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m., Friday, at the Christian Church, conducted by Rev. Overstreet. Burial [will be] at Melbourne, Iowa.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 24 October 1907**

**Obituary – Thomas Bassler.**

Thomas Bassler was born in Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1858; was reared in Philadelphia, where he received a common school education and later learned the lithographer's trade; in 1881 he removed to Manhattan, Kansas, where he entered the State Agricultural college for a four year course, graduating from that institution in 1885; taught in the public schools of Kansas for a number of years; was married in 1886 to Miss Linnia E. Snyder at Geuda Springs, Kansas, in 1893, at the opening of the Cherokee Strip, he made the race for a home and secured a claim in what is now Longwood Township, eight miles east of this city; resided continually on this claim until the family removed a few months ago to Stillwater, Oklahoma., where he died on Sunday, October 13, 1907, of paralysis. Funeral services were conducted at

Stillwater on Monday afternoon and on Tuesday the body accompanied by the wife and children was brought here for burial, the services at the grave being conducted by the Odd Fellows lodge, of which he was a highly respected member.

He leaves a wife and two children, a son, Clarence, aged about 21 years and a daughter, Emma, aged about 16 years, both students of the Agricultural College at Stillwater; his mother, Mrs. S. Bassler of Middleton, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. W. L. Culbert of Middleton, Ohio, and Mrs. Joseph E. Ogden of Long Beach, California, one brother, S. S. Bassler of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Thomas Bassler had been active in Kay county affairs during all the years of his residence here. He took an interest in political matters, and being a Republican in politics, he served his party as secretary of the county committee for a term or two and was usually a delegate to county conventions from his township. He was at one time a candidate for county superintendent of schools, but failed to get the nomination. His special efforts were along the line of education and educational institutions. Being determined that his son and daughter should have the advantages of our magnificent educational system, they were given a year in the University Preparatory School at Tonkawa and this year entered the State Agricultural College at Stillwater for the four year course, the family moving to Stillwater to enable them to do so.

He was a man of strong will and great earnestness. With a body so frail that it seemed a marvel that he could be able to move about, he accomplished more than the average man's allotted tasks. It may be truly said of him that he was an honest man, a good citizen and a faithful friend, and his death is a material loss to the entire community in which he lived and labored. – *Ponca City Courier*.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 7 November 1907

#### **Obituary.**

Miss **Una Freese** was born in Vermilion County, Ill., April 29, 1871, and died at the home of her father, Samuel Freese, six miles southwest of Tonkawa, October 29, 1907, aged thirty-six years and six months. In the year 1880, she removed with her parents to Sumner County, Kas., settling on a farm six miles north of Wellington, where they resided until 1894, when they moved to Oklahoma and purchased a claim six miles southwest of this place, where they have since resided.

In January 1888, the mother died, thus leaving the care and responsibility of the household upon Una, then a young lady seventeen years of age. Her younger sister Ida, was then an invalid, and continued such until she was released on the twelfth of February last. Una gave herself without stint to the care of this sister, who depended so much upon her, and no mother could be

more careful or more tender than as she to his one thus placed in her charge. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." This Una did, for by the constant and unceasing care of this sick one, she contracted that dreadful disease, consumption, which brought her life to an untimely end. After the death of her sister, accompanied by Mrs. Oran Freese of Hutchinson, Kas., she went to new Mexico, hoping thereby to recover her health, but it was of no avail, as the disease had already made such headway upon her system that no earthly remedy could give relief, and early in June she returned to her home, since which time she has gradually declined until on Tuesday, October 29, at 9 o'clock p.m. she passed to her reward.

She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of thirteen, since which time she has lived a devoted Christian life. Besides her father, she leaves three brothers and a large circle of friends both in this vicinity, and in the old neighborhood in Kansas, to mourn her loss.

Two funeral services were held. The first at the family residence Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the text being from Psa. 116:15. The second being held in the Methodist Church at Wellington, Kas., Friday morning the text being from Heb. 11:10, her pastor, Rev. G. A. Irwin, conducted both services. Her remains were laid to rest in the fancy lot in the Wellington Cemetery.

#### **Card of Thanks.**

We hereby tender to all our neighbors and friends who assisted us in any way during the sickness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, our deepest gratitude, and may God bless all of you, and raise up for you in times of our trouble such kind and sympathetic friends as you have been to us. Samuel Freese and family.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 7 November 1907

#### **Obituary**

Died – Mrs. John G. Peppared, Wednesday, November 6, 1897, in Tonkawa, Okla.

Miss Pricella Summers was born in Wayne County, Ohio, September 6, 1848. She was left an orphan when only a small girl. She made her home with an aunt until grown. On March 29, 1873, she was married to John G. Peppard at Burbank, Ohio. To this union six children were born, three of them preceding their mother to the grave. Soon after her marriage she moved with her husband to Iowa. Remaining there a short time, they moved to Kansas in 1874, where they remained one year, returning to Winters, Iowa, in 1875, where they lived until 1899, when she moved to Ponca City, Okla., and the following year moved to Tonkawa.

She united with the Lutheran Church when a young woman and died with the blessed assurance of a better life, where the pain and cares of this world are known no more. She was a faithful wife, a kind and indulgent

mother and a true friend to all who knew her, never thinking of self, but always ready to assist one who was in need.

She leaves a husband, John G. Peppard; one son, Harry Peppard of Wichita, Ks.; and two daughters, Mrs. Millie Moiré of Denver, Col., and Mrs. J. A. Jones of Tonkawa.

The funeral was held at the residence of Dr. Jones, Thursday at 10:30 a.m., conducted by Rev. Irwin.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 5 December 1907

Died.

Mrs. Della Morrill, who lived four and one-half miles northwest of Tonkawa, died at her home Sunday, December the first. Funeral services were held at the Richland Church Tuesday at 10:30. Burial [was] in Blackwell Cemetery.

Mrs. Morrill's maiden name was Della Wasson. She married Fred Morrill in '96. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Morrill came to this community and have lived here continuously since that time.

Mrs. Morrill has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since her girlhood days. She was respected and loved by all who knew her. Her many friends deeply regret her loss and desire to extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Morrill and his four children.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 2 January 1908

**Obituary.**

**Iona Marie Kurts** was born at Geuda Springs, Sumner County, Kas., November 19, 1894. Died December 23, 1907, age 13 years, one month and four days.

Iona was a pleasant little lady and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a father, mother and sister. For almost two weeks she had suffered and fought for life, but God called her home to heaven. Iona was a member of the Riverview Sunday School, and will be missed by her class.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Henthorn Wednesday, December 25, at 3 o'clock p.m. and burial was in the Riverview Cemetery.

The sorrowing parents and relatives have the sympathy of the community.

**W. H. Wimberly Dead.**

**Walter H. Wimberly**, a farmer residing about three miles north of this place died Wednesday after a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Wimberly was a son of Mrs. Dean Wimberly of this place and was an honored citizen. He leaves a wife and four children, who will greatly miss the loving care of a husband and father. The remains were interred at the Hicks Schoolhouse graveyard Thursday in the presence of a host of friends and relatives. – *Little River* (Arkansas) *News*

Mr. Wimberly was formerly in charge of the Tonkawa Agency, and was well known to many of the old settlers.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 30 January 1908

**Obituary.**

**Andrew J. Cockrum**, born at Novelty, Mo., October 9<sup>th</sup>, [1843], died at Cordell, Okla., Wednesday, January 22, 1908, aged 61 years, 3 months and 18 days.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Church in Tonkawa, Sunday, January 26, at 2 p.m. conducted by J. S. Westhafer. Burial [was] at I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

The deceased was not known to the people of Tonkawa, he having never lived here, but as the widow, who is a sister of Mrs. J. A. Hunsaker, intended to make this place her future home she wished to have her husband's body buried here. George R. Cockrum, the only child, was formerly in the hardware business in Tonkawa. He has been making his home with his parents in Cordell, and may decide to move here with his mother.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 20 February 1908

**Obituary.**

**DIED – Mrs. C. W. Hoskins**, at her home east of Tonkawa, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1908, aged 37 years.

Mrs. Ella A. Hixenbaugh was born in Appanoose County, Iowa, in 1871, and her parents moved the same year to Kansas, and from there to New MEXICO IN 1882. On June 26, 1887, she was married to C. W. Hoskins. In 1898 she moved with her husband to the farm where she died. She was a member of the Baptist Church of Tonkawa, and died in the belief of a blessed Savior. She left a husband, five children – Edward, Mable, Myrtle, Earl, and Allen – a father, one sister and five brothers live in New Mexico. A sister and brother live in Oklahoma.

The funeral was held Friday conducted by Rev. W. W. Dorman of Nardin. Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

**From the Tonkawa News**, 27 February 1908

**In Memoriam.**

**Mrs. Sarah J. Strange**, who died last Wednesday, was born in Monroe County, Kentucky, April 4, 1845. In her early girlhood she moved with her parents to Smith's Grove, Ky., and there she met Mr. J. L. M. Strange, to whom she was married on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, 1871. In 1881 Mr. and Mrs. Strange came to Kansas and established a home in Winfield. There they lived until the year 1898, moving in that year to Oklahoma and settling on a farm seven miles from Blackwell. After a stay of 3 years on the farm, Mr. and Mrs. Strange moved into Blackwell and in a home on East Padon Avenue. They lived there until death dissolved the union. Mrs.

Strange was the mother of eight children, all of whom are living, and have homes in our new state of Oklahoma. Mrs. Strange united in early life with the Christian Church, and continued unto the day of her death a consistent member. She had no fear of death and no doubt of the glory life beyond the grave. She rests from her labors and her works do follow her. -- *Blackwell Sun*.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 5 March 1908

#### **Obituary.**

Mrs. J. W. **Cron**, died at the family home, west of Tonkawa, Monday March 2, aged 61 years, 9 months, and 25 days.

Miss **Lieutitia Angeline Sailors** was married to J. W. Cron, Mach 30, 1861, was baptized into the United Brethren Church at 14 years of age, and lived a consistent Christian life. She was the mother of nine children, four sons and five daughters, of whom two sons and three daughters with her husband survive her.

Her life had been one of devotion to her family and was given in reinforcing the lives of others.

The funeral was held at the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. W. J. Houston, who took his text from Amos vV.8, "Who turneth the shadow of death into the morning." The words of the preacher were full of consolation to the family and friends of the deceased and contained a lesson of hope to the living. By request the choir sang, "Nearer My God to Thee."

Burial [was] in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 19 March 1908

#### **Little Hazel McGuckin Dead.**

DIED – **Hazel McGuckin**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McGuckin, Sunday morning, March 15, at 5:30 o'clock, aged 4 years, 5 months and 12 days.

Little Hazel had been sick with diphtheria but was thought to be recovering, when she suddenly grew worse and despite all that human hands could do, was taken away to the world beyond, where her pure white soul will dwell with Jesus and the angels.

The funeral was held at the Christian Church Monday at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Overstreet, who took as his text from the Eighteenth chapter of Matthew, third verse, "Except ye turn and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven." A quartet of little girls sang "Asleep in Jesus."

Burial was in the Blackwell Cemetery.

#### **Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Roberts Dead**

The infant son [**Max H. Roberts**, b. 20 Nov. 1907] of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Roberts died Saturday morning, March 14 at 6 o'clock of pneumonia, aged four months.

This is the second death in [the] family of Mr. Roberts' parents, which consists of six children and

twenty-four grandchildren. The first death was a sister of Mr. Roberts.

The funeral was held at the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday at 43 p.m., conducted by Rev. G. W. Irwin. Burial [was] at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Last Friday morning the little baby grew sick, and the doctor prescribed for its relief, but late in the evening it grew worse, and all that medical skill and loving care could do availed not against the grim destroyer, Death. Some writer has offered this consolation to those who have lost little children. "How sweet is it to give back the spirit to the Maker before the feet have become familiar with the paths of sin."

From the *Tonkawa News*, 2 April 1908

#### **Obituary.**

DIED – Mrs. Thomas **Fountain**, at her home in Tonkawa, Wednesday morning, March 25, 1908.

**Sarah D. Evans**, daughter of David and Louvina Evans, was born at Holstein, Ind., August 9, 1843. When but three years of age she removed with her parents to Broomfield, Ia. She was converted at an early age and united with the Presbyterian Church of which she remained a member until her removal to Oklahoma in 1895, when she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church there being no church of her denomination here at that time. She and her family have been residents of Tonkawa for the past ten years.

She was married to Thomas Fountain in 1869. To them were born three children – Clarence D. , who resides at Billings, Okla. and Andrew E. Fountain and Mrs. J. E. Calloway of this city, all of whom, together with her aged husband and two brothers D. E. Evans of Burton, Okla., and W. H. Evans of Oskaloosa, Ia., are left to mourn the loss of a loving mother, wife, and sister

The deceased lived a consistent Christian life, and leaves, beside the immediate family, many friends to mourn her death.

The funeral was held Thursday at 2 p.m., at the Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. G. W. Irwin.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 9 April 1908

#### **In Memoriam**

**Lawrence Alfred Trueblood**, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Trueblood, was born in Noble County, Okla., October 30, 1902, and died at his home near Tonkawa, Monday Aril; 6, 1908, at 6:12 a.m., age 5 years, 5 months and 7 days.

Little Lawrence was a kind, obedient child, a favorite of the home and was loved by all who knew him. During the ten weeks of his lingering illness he was cheerful and though loved ones did all that loving hands could do, the little sufferer sank into a deep slumber and at the dawn of early day he awoke with angels around the Throne.

He leaves a father, mother, four sisters, and many relatives to mourn his loss.

The funeral was held at Prairie View U. B. Church, Tuesday April 7, Conducted by Rev. Henthorne.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 23 July 1908

**Obituary.**

**Lela May Freese** was born at Danville, Ill., September 30, 1884, died at her home in Chicago, July 2, 1908. Lela was a believer and a follower of Christ from the time she was 8 years old. She excelled in music and dramatic reading. November 28, 1896, she became the wife of Thomas J. **Royce**, and to them a little daughter Margarete, was born. Mrs. Royce leaves husband and daughter, father, mother, and two sisters.

She was a granddaughter of Samuel R. Freese, and will be remembered by many people here where she visited four years ago. She gave several entertainments in Kay County and in Southern Kansas, and made many friends who will be sorry to hear of her untimely death.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 13 August 1908

**Drowned Near the Mouth of the Chicaskia**

**John Miller**, of Ava, Douglas County, Mo., was drowned near the mouth of the Chickaskia River Saturday morning. A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Miller, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Lewis, Will Osborn, Minor Robinson, Morris Bone and Mr. Miller and two daughters were encamped near the river on a fishing expedition;

Several of the men including Mr. Miller, were seining in the Salt Fork near the mouth of the Chicaskia, when the unfortunate man was seized with cramps and sank in twelve feet of water before help could reach him. The current of the two rivers coming together at this point causes the cooler of the Chicaskia to flow under the warmer water of the Salt Fork. It is supposed the cool undercurrent produces the cramps. This is the most dangerous part of the two rivers; four men have met death by drowning here before.

The body was not recovered until the following morning. The funeral was held Monday at the Prairie Home Baptist Church near Autwine. Burial [was] in Blackwell Cemetery.

The deceased leaves a wife and seen children. The wife and five children are at the home at Ava, Mo. Two daughters were with their father at the time of his drowning.

Mr. Miller was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Miller and a brother of Mrs. S. M. Lewis. He came here to look for a location. He was 39 years old and was a strong, vigorous, fine looking man. His death seemed most untimely.

From the *Tonkawa News*, 20 August 1908

**Obituary,**

**Annie Laura Kelly** was born in New Albany, Ind., on May 10, 1872, died near Tonkawa, Okla., August 14, 1908. She was united in marriage to Charles R. Norman July 17, 1888. To this union two children were born, one dying in infancy, the other. James H. still survives her. On June 5, 1890 she was united in marriage to William W. Porterfield. To this union two children were born both dying in infancy.

In early life she was converted and joined the Methodist Church, continuing a faithful member until her death. For some years she has been in failing health and everything possible was done for her recover, but all was without avail. Her malady, consumption, making steady inroads upon her vitality, until she finally succumbed to its raves. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev G. W. Irwin, at the home, Saturday afternoon, July 15. The friends accompanied the remains to Urbana, Ill., where the interment took place.

**Card of thanks.**

We wish through the columns of the News, to thank our neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and at the death of our beloved wife, mother and daughter.

W. W. Porterfield, James Norman, Hamilton Kelley

**Arthur Bierbower Passes Away**

**David Arthur Bierbower**, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bierbower, was born October 26, 1899, at Colfax, Ill., died Friday, August 14, 1908, at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

Arthur had been sick about three weeks, but his condition had not been considered dangerous until last week, when he suffered a relapse after having been up from his bed five days. It was found by the local physicians that an operation would be necessary, and immediately his parents took him to St. Francis Hospital at Wichita. The operation was performed Friday afternoon, and revealed complications from which the surgeons said it was almost impossible to recover. Poor little Arthur did not regain consciousness after the operation, but passed peacefully away from his suffering.

Arthur was a bright boy, not precocious, but full of boyish spirits. He was seemingly strong and healthy, and delighted in outdoor life. He was always ready for a romp or race with his playmates, with whom he was a general favorite. He made friends with persons of older years from whom he sought information on subjects that interested him. It is hard for us to become reconciled to the cutting off of a young life that seemed so full of promise, but no doubt God, in His infinite wisdom, did what was best for our little friend.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Tonkawa, conducted by Rev. Irwin, pastor of the church, and Rev. Davis, pastor of the church at Braman. The sermon was preached by Rev. Davis.

The honorary pallbearers were chosen from Arthur's playmates and were: Ethel Bashor, Ester Whinery, Leslie Chapman and James Feuquay. The active pallbearers were members of the Y.W.C.A., of which Arthur's sisters are members. They were Maude Craik, Grace Trusdale, Lena Chapman and Anna Wishard,

The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, and served to show the sympathy the friends and neighbors at this place and Braman had for the family in their bereavement.

Burial was at the Blackwell Cemetery, where sympathetic hands had endeavored to relieve and harshness of the grave by lining it with flowers.

**From the Tonkawa News, 27 August 1908**

**Obituary.**

**Frank Edgar Limbocker** was born July 30, 1860, in Louisa County, Iowa; died at his home near Tonkawa, Oklahoma, Tuesday, August 25, 1908.

The family moved to Cowley County, Kas., in 1871, where Frank grew to manhood, and in 1892 married to Miss Jennie Baird of that county.

A little more than six years ago he came with his little family to this place where he has labored earnestly, in spite of ill health, to build a comfortable home for them. He was a man of unusual gifts intellectually, science and mechanics being of great interest to him.

He had the tenderest love for relatives and friends. The weather was never too inclement the task too difficult if he could bring comfort to the sick and sorrowing, thus exemplifying the unselfishness of a true and noble life. "The man most man, with tenderest human love, works best for men, as Christ in Nazareth."

Feeling that he could never again be well and fill his place of usefulness, led to melancholia and thus to the sad finish of a lovable and valued life.

Those who will feel most this great loss are his wife, Mrs., Jennie Limbocker, and three little girls, Lottie Lee, Edith Wanneta and Geneva Phyrne; the aged father, W. W. Limbocker, brothers, W. M. of Arkansas City, W. A. of Hobart, Fred E. and Harry D. of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. Clara Davis of Monet, Mo., and Mrs. Maggie Taylor of Seattle Wash., and cousin, Colesta May of Blackwell, Mrs., David Mills of Colorado and Mr. John Baird, near Ashton, Kas., brother and sister of Mrs. Limbocker.

The funeral was held at the home Thursday at 10 a.m. The service's were conducted by Rev. J. A. Overstreet pastor of the Christian Church. Burial was at the Blackwell Cemetery, where the services were

conducted by the Masons, of which order the deceased was a member.

**From the Tonkawa News, 17 September 1908**

**Obituary.**

**Samuel Wilbur** was born of Quaker parentage August 12, 1826, in Livingston County, New York, and died in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, September 11, 1908, aged 82 years and 29 days. Mr. Wilbur was essentially and nearly all his life a pioneer. Leaving his native community at the age of 21, he stopped for a short time in Chicago. From then he proceeded to what was then the territory of Wisconsin, where he took up government land. Later he lived successively in Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma, always on the frontier, his nature and disposition seeming to fit into that kind of life. In 1889 he made the run into Oklahoma at the first opening, securing a claim 12 miles northeast of Oklahoma City where he lived for number of years. Later he lived for a time in Perry. Four years ago he bought property and settled in Tonkawa, that he might be near two of his sons, who are farmers near this place.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 1847, he married Miss Orphene Anderson with whom he lived for nearly 61 years, and who now survives him at the advanced age of 80. To this union was born 8 children, 6 sons and 2 daughters; one daughter dying at the age of 12. The 6 sons and one daughter survive. All the children except one son who lives in Oregon were present at the funeral.

Mr. Wilbur was converted 42 years ago in northern Illinois and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. Almost immediately he was elected Sunday school superintendent and from that time forward was almost continuously engaged in the work as long as his strength would permit. He is said to have organized the first Sunday school in Oklahoma after the opening. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Irwin at the Methodist Church on last Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, Rev. A. L. Plowman and Rev. Miller of the Presbyterian Church assisting. The interment was in the Blackwell Cemetery.

**From the Tonkawa News, 8 October 1908**

**Judge McFarland Dead**

Word was received in Tonkawa Wednesday that **Judge J. H. McFarland** had died on Friday, October 4, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. G. Patterson at Springfield, Col.

Judge McFarland was well known here, having come here at the time of the opening. He and his wife made their home with their son Ernest who took as a claim the farm now owned and occupied by J. F. Perkins. Later they moved to Tonkawa and Judge McFarland was elected Police Judge. About three years ago he lost his sight due to a wound received during the

war and retired from office. For the past year and a half he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Patterson, who formerly lived near Tonkawa, her husband taking as a claim the farm now owned and occupied by Fountain Seacatt.

Judge McFarland was a member of the Third Wisconsin Infantry during the Civil War, and was attached to the Twelfth Army Corps – Slocum's – and Joe Hooker's Twentieth Army Corps of the Western Army. He was wounded at Dallas, Georgia, in 1864, being shot in the face at a spring he was struck by grapeshot which so mangled his leg that it was afterward amputated near the hip. [A photograph of Judge McFarland is part of this obituary.]

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 29 October 1908**

#### **Obituary**

**Claude T. Duvall**, the son of B. A. [and] Elmira Duvall, was born at Newtonia, Mo., January 31, 1878, died Sunday October 25, 1908 in Tonkawa, Okla.

Mr. Duvall came to Oklahoma with his father in 1893. He was naturally inclined to the trade of a machinist, and for several years was in the employ of the Deering Harvester Co., as a traveling salesman. He was a commercial student of the U.P.S. the school year of 1902-3.

About eight years ago he became a member of Tonkawa Lodge, No. 40, I.O.O.F. and it was these faithful brothers who made his last days as comfortable as careful nursing could.

He was possessed of a bright mind, excellent habits and believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Irwin and Rev. H. W. Miller. Burial was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 5 November 1908**

#### **Obituary.**

From the Steamboat Rock, Iowa, *Pilot*.

**Nancy J. Quinn** was born in Monmouth, Ill; May 6, 1830, and died in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, Oct. 18, 1908. She came to Aplington, Iowa, in 1850, and was married to Wm. R. **Robertson**, Dec. 10, 1863. They made their home in and near Steamboat Rock until 1884 when they moved to Pratt, Kansas. In 1899 they returned to Steamboat Rock and again made it their home until October, 1907, when they moved to Blackwell, Okla. She is survived by a husband, two sons and one daughter -- Dr. J. Q. Robertson of Tonkawa, Okla., Frank Robertson of Blackwell, and Mrs. Willard Caldwell of Steamboat Rock.

Mrs. Robertson has been in poor health for some months, and a long sufferer from heart trouble. An attack of la grippe in March, of this year, so complicated her condition that the only daughter, Mrs. Willard Caldwell, of this city, was summoned to join the family at her bedside in Blackwell, Okla. Rallying from the attack, she came to Steamboat Rock for a visit and rest, returning to her home in July. Her health failed rapidly in the southern climate and she again came to Steamboat Rock, trusting in the cooler climate she would again regain her strength. For a time she seemed to be benefited and talked of returning to her home, but in deference to the wishes of her daughter and desire to recuperate, lingered here. Her death on Sunday morning was the very sudden termination of an active life and a great shock to the family, especially to the daughter, who was seriously ill at the time, and who has always been a devoted companion to an affectionate mother.

Mrs. Robertson was a woman who endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact, and her many friends will learn of her death with deep regret.

Owing to the critical illness of the daughter, only brief services were held from the Dr. J. W. Caldwell home. The remains were laid to rest in the Steamboat Rock cemetery.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 19 November 1908**

John R. Tate, until recently postmaster of Blackwell, and one of the best known and universally esteemed men in Northern Oklahoma, died Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Mills, in Tonkawa. Mr. Tate was a Knight Templar and the Masons will have charge of the funeral today (Thursday). Obituary will be published next week.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 26 November 1908**

#### **Obituary.**

**John R. Tate** was born March 3, 1847, in Granger County, Tennessee. Died at Tonkawa Nov. 18, 1908. He was married in 1868 to Miss Sarah Amanda Dyer, who died about six years ago. To this union ten children were born, all of whom are living and were present at the funeral of their father. They are Nora Tate, Mrs. I. T. Mills, Tonkawa, Edward Tate., Roosevelt, Mrs. George Glover, South Haven; D. W. Tate, Roosevelt. Mrs. John Blood, Medford, Mrs., H. E. Davis, Roosevelt, Milton Tate, Blackwell; Laverne Tate, Roosevelt; Mrs. Lillian Siebert, Muskogee.

Mr. Tate came to Kansas about twenty-eight years ago and from there to Oklahoma at the time of the opening of the Cherokee Strip. He settled at Blackwell, and was postmaster for five years. He was a Mason, being a member of the Knights Templar Degree. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church when a

boy, and died in the belief of better life beyond the grave.

John R. Tate was well known to the people of this part of the country. He was a kind father, a true friend and a gentleman of the highest honor. What higher tribute could be paid any man?

Burial was in the Blackwell Cemetery, where the Masons conducted the services.

**From the *Tonkawa News*, 2 December 1908**

Ethel May Thomas was born in Bainbridge, Ind., April; 13, 1902, and departed this life, November 14, 1908, aged 6 years, her father dying before her birth and her mother dying at Anthony Kas., three years ago. Since her mother's death she had been cared for by her grandmother, Rhodena Brown, whose life was bound up in the little one, and who feels the loss very keenly. Mrs. Brown has the sympathy of the entire community. Because of the nature of the disease, no funeral service was held at the time of her death. A short memorial service will be held next Sunday at the close of the Sunday school. G.W.I.

**From the *Tonkawa News*,**

**Obituary.**

**Daniel Wardlow** was born in Sumner County, Kansas, August 1, 1876, died Sunday, December 6, 1908, at Wolf Creek, Mont.

While riding an "outlaw" horse at Dan Floweree's Rock Creek Ranch in Montana, the animal slipped on a frozen puddle throwing Mr. Wardlow to the ground, striking the back of his head on the frozen earth, crushing the skull. He was carried to the ranch house and medical aid summoned, but the poor fellow did not recover consciousness. He passed away at 10 o'clock p.m., eight hours after the accident occurred. The doctor came from Helena, forty miles away by auto, and arrived only a few minutes before the injured man died. The relatives at Fairfax were notified by telegraph, and they answered to send the body to Tonkawa for burial. J. A. McDonald, a friend of the family and former resident of Tonkawa, who now lives at Ulm, Mont., saw an account of the accident in the Helena paper and at once went to the ranch and accompanied the body to Tonkawa, arriving here Monday night,

Four years ago Mr. Wardlow was a resident of Tonkawa, making his home with his brother-in-law David Bunch, who ran a blacksmith shop here. He went from here to the Osage country with Mr., Bunch's family, and after remaining there a year went to Montana, where he has been ever since, herding cattle on the ranches.

He was a young man of genial temperament and had many friends in Tonkawa. He enjoyed the wild life of the prairie and was in his element when he had some

unruly bronco to break to the saddle. He was an expert roper, and delighted to give exhibitions of his skill. Almost all his active life had been spent as a cowboy, having herded cattle in the Osage country before the opening of Oklahoma

He leaves a sister and three brothers; Mrs. David Bunch and Bud, Lee, and James Wardlow who all lie in the Osage Country.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Baptist Church in Tonkawa, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Garrett. Burial was in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

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