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**Introduction**

This compilation of obituaries probably does not include all of the people who died during this time period. The *Kaw City Star* is the only newspaper to have its issues preserved by the Oklahoma Historical. The author of this volume is not aware of any other newspaper published in the town until 1912. But don't just look in newspapers published in one town in Kay County, look for them in other towns, too. Very often accounts of a person's death were written in several different newspapers.

Because of the proximity of Kaw City to the villages of Washunga and Uncas and to western Osage County, many of the death notices are of people who lived in these places. There are many connections to the southern Kansas counties, also. The data collected is from September, 1902, the beginning of settlement of Kaw City and the towns of Washunga and Uncas to date when death certificates were first required to be filed in Oklahoma in late 1908.

There is few, if any, death certificates filed with the Bureau of Vital Records in Oklahoma before November 1908. Even after 1908 the filing of this statistical information was haphazard. Many deaths went unrecorded because laws made it the responsibility of the families to record the information with registrars of vital statistics. For various reasons, families often did not file these records. 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.

There are no known official records of early burials at the Grandview (Kaw City Cemetery), Oak Grove (aka Uncas) and Washunga Cemeteries. If there was no monument erected by the families for the deceased persons, these newspaper publications may well be the only record of their deaths. 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.

Complicating the process of locating graves in the eastern area of Kay County is that part of the burials at Grandview cemetery has been moved to new locations within that graveyard. All of the graves within the Washunga and Oak Grove Cemeteries were moved to new locations before their original sites were flooded by the lake created when Kaw Dam was constructed. Washunga was moved a location east of the Newkirk Cemetery and Oak Grove is now a section of the Ponca City I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

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

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

In some cases lodge resolutions, legal notices, or thank you cards were the only mention of the dead person. Many of these only list the survivors' names. There were reports of the deaths of unknown folks who were just passing

through this newly settled land. With no identification on their body, there was no way to know who they were; nor could their relatives be notified. The kind and sympathetic pioneers usually took up collections and gave these unfortunates decent burials.

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

These towns were not incorporated until several years after the opening of the Cherokee Outlet. Early settlers dying in this area were probably buried in a cemetery near Newkirk or perhaps in Longwood Cemetery.

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.

Loyd M. Bishop  
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From the Kaw City Star, 5 September 1902

#### Obituary.

The death angel has once more visited this community and taken away one of its brightest gems. Gladys, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. St. Clair, was born Jan. 31, 1901, died August 29, 1902, aged 1 year 6 months and 28 days.

Little Gladys was an exceptional child, the pride of the household and of all who knew her. Her death was a great shock to the family and a large circle of friends mourns with them in their bereavement.

Darling Gladys, how we miss you,  
And your prattle round our knee,  
With tiny hands outstretched to  
‘tiss ‘ou,’  
In our mind will ever be.

No more your tiny footprints  
In our dooryard will be seen,  
But in our memory will linger  
While life’s a mystic dream.

Blooming here so sweet and pure,  
You were a rosebud fair.  
But now you’re happy in heaven,  
With the angels over there.

From the Kaw City Star, 12 September 1902

A funeral procession wended its pathetic way through our streets Sunday, the dear dead going to interment being the **infant boy** of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. **Moore**, across the river in the Osage Country.

From the Kaw City Star, 14 November 1902

#### In Memoriam.

A resolution of sympathy was published by the Kaw City Lodge No. 89 of the I.O.O.F. to their brother, George Rees whose wife **Rosa Rees** had died.

From the Kaw City Star, 3 July 1903

#### Marian Kepler.

Died, yesterday morning, at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Shidler, of this city, little **Marian Kepler** after an illness of but few days. Interment [will be] today at Kaw City.

Mrs. W. J. Kepler came here from their home at Augusta, Kansas, several weeks ago to visit her parents, bringing her three children with her. Saturday last, Marian, aged three, took sick and yesterday she died. Mr. Kepler arrived Monday in response to the sad news of his baby’s serious illness. The sympathy of the community goes out to the relatives in their sore bereavement.

#### Herbert Denoya Dead.

On June 26, at Canon City, Colorado, whither he went from here about three weeks ago, Herbert Denoya, of salt creek, in the Osage Nation, died suddenly of consumption, and after writing his parents the day before that he was better. The body was sent east and interred at Ponca on Tuesday. A large number of mourning relatives and friends attended the obsequies.

Our friend Denoya and his family have the unstinted sympathy of all in this heartbreaking affliction. For the aged to die is natural and we lose them with a sad thought philosophic resignation. The newborn we part with in subdued, chastened affliction. But to have a son of daughter reft away in the flush and fruition of self-hood is to suffer sundering of a segment of one’s very being at high tide of life’s promise and pay. The only sure stay in such infinite strokes of misfortune is an adamant faith in a Supreme Intelligence, whose manifold laws work eternally for man’s highest good here and hereafter, and in a reunion with loved ones beyond tomb and star.

From the Kaw City Star, 7 August 1903

#### KAW CITY WOMAN KILLS HER HUSBAND Three Deadly Shots Fired From a Forty-Four Revolver SHE CLAIMS SELF DEFENSE

The worst tragedy in the history of Kaw City was enacted here at about 2 o’clock last Wednesday morning. It was the fatal ending of a quarrel between Mrs. Emma Farris and her husband, **Newt. Farris**.

The scene of the tragedy was at a tent just a short distance north and west of the Santa Fe Depot where they were living. They had made the place their home since last October.

Mrs. Farris’ testimony is to the effect that her life was in jeopardy as her husband was drunk and was threatening her life. She said at the inquest that he was going to cut her throat with a pocketknife; that she pled for mercy but to no avail. Below we give in part her testimony at the inquest:

After the coroner’s jury were sworn in and the body of the dead man had been examined Mrs. Farris was called to the witness stand and questioned by County Attorney Moss.

Witness stated that her husband, she thought, died about 3 a.m., Wednesday. She said “I killed him; I fired the shot that killed him.”

At first the witness appeared very nervous, but when the examination began she was very calm, only when she came to the point where she admitted she killed him. She stated that the fuss began about sundown, as they were on the main street in front of the

Town Company's office. Here she said that they were talking concerning a matter of boarding some of the railroad men of this place, which she asserted he wanted her to do, and which she had agreed to do but last night he said he was only trying her on and that any woman that would do that was not fit to live.

She says she got in the buggy with him and rode to the tent where he told her first he was going to kill her, and to prepare for the death, also if she had anything to say to say it at once for she should only live a short time. She said he held a knife in his hand with which he was sticking her and saying he was going to torture her before he killed her. She showed some scratches on her neck, also a bloody spot on her corset near the waist where she alleged he stuck her with a knife.

No one, so far as testimony was introduced at the inquest, heard any of the conversation or saw the tragedy. From the tent she said he drove down the road near the river where he stopped the horse and said he was going to kill her then and there, but she stated that he became rather sleepy and fell asleep. She then quietly drove back to the tent and unhitched the horse, then awakened him and asked him to go in and lay down on the bed. After some threats as she testified, he went in and laid down and for a time slept. In the meantime she secured a revolver from under a board in the floor and going outside the tent sat down in a rocking chair until something like 2 o'clock a.m., when he again awakened and asked her why she had not laid down also. Some conversation passed between them when he became enraged and started for her, at the same time saying he intended to kill her. She says this was when she fired the first shot. He was then inside the door. He then remarked, "It is your life or mine." She fired again, both bullets taking effect. The third shot was fired just as he was falling, but the witness said she did not know he was falling or she would not have shot the third time. She then came up town and awakened Mr. and Mrs. Louder and told of what she had done. They then went to Deputy Sheriff Randall where she admitted she had killed her husband and gave herself up.

Constable Kenner was the next witness called. His testimony showed that the deceased was shot after he had fallen. He said he examined the premises where the dead man lay, and found in the sand a depth of about three feet a bullet from a .44 shell, the same being nearly directly in range of one of the bullet wounds of the dead man.

Deputy Sheriff Randall was next called, his testimony was to the effect that Mrs. Farris came to his place at about the time heretofore mentioned, stating she had shot and killed her husband and gave herself up. He testifies that she turned over the gun to him which she said she had used in the killing. It was a .44 caliber revolver. The case was then given over to the jury.

After being out only a few minutes they returned the following verdict:

"The deceased Newt Farris came to his death by three gullet wounds caused by three shots fired from a .44 Caliber revolver held in the hands of his wife, Mrs. Emma Farris."

At an early hour Wednesday morning County Attorney Moss, Coroner Dr. Morey, of Ponca City and Sheriff Bain were notified concerning the tragedy by Deputy Sheriff Randall. They arrived here about 10 a.m., and the examination was commenced about 11 a.m., at the school building. C. B. Bendure, Shanon Baker, John Buck, Shelby Sparks, J. N. Scrimsher and M. T. Cole were impaneled for the coroner's jury. The examination was concluded about 2 p.m. Judge Hubler, of Newkirk, the defendant's attorney, arrived here on the afternoon train from Newer, but too late for much of the coroner's examination.

Mrs. Farris was taken to Newkirk by Sheriff Bain Wednesday afternoon where she will be placed in jail to await her preliminary hearing. The deceased was buried in the Uncas Cemetery Thursday. One shot that was fired struck in the lower part of the left lung, another about four or five inches above the first and the third went through his heart. Every bullet passed through his body, and it is probable that any one of the three would have killed him.

The defendant will put in a plea of self-defense and it will be left for a jury to decide whether or not she had sufficient cause for the killing. While not much is being said at this place what there is somewhat divided.

Later, rumors are afloat here that will put an entirely new phase on the murder case. There is one party who says he saw Newt. Farris at a poolroom between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m., the evening of the night the crime was committed.

**From the *Kaw City Star*, 4 September 1903**

### **HAMMOND KILLS POTTS**

An account of the shooting death of **J. C. Potts** by Thomas Holland at their contested land claim southeast of Newkirk is printed in this edition of the *Kaw City Star*. It was reprinted from the *Ponca City Daily Courier*. This incident is also well reported in the Newkirk newspapers. See *Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Pioneers extracted from Newspapers Published in Newkirk and Kildare*, and also *Some obituaries of Early Kay County Pioneers extracted from Ponca City Newspapers*.

**From the *Kaw City Star*, 2 October 1903**

### **DIED.**

Wednesday morning, little **Angeline Kenner**, the four years and nine months old daughter of Mr., and

Mrs., B. H. Kenner, of this place. Her death was caused by membranous croup, and the illness was of very short duration. Funeral services were conducted at the house Thursday at 10 a.m., by Rev. Whorton or Newkirk, and the little one was put to her last resting place in the Uncas Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Kenner have the sympathy of the whole city in their bereavement.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 20 November 1903

**Mrs. P. L. Barner** died at the home of her father, T. N. Pemberton in Osage County, Tuesday, November 17 after suffering for several months with that dread disease consumption. The bereaved husband and family have the sympathy of the entire community in this their sad affliction.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 8 January 1904

**Died.**

**Mrs. Etta Roarick**, wife of Henry Roarick died last Tuesday at their home west of this place. She had suffered much, having been afflicted with consumption. They came to this country in hopes that she might regain her health but it was all in vain.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 29 January 1904

**J. H. CLAPP DIES SUDDENLY.  
REMAINS TAKEN TO NEWKIRK.**

**J. H. Clapp** [James H.], ex-county treasurer and well known and highly respected citizen of Kay County dropped dead at his home southeast of this place Monday at about 3 p.m. His sudden demise was unlooked for by all of his family, as he was in his usual health, and at the time was out doing the farm chores.

Mr. Clapp has always been a leader in Republican politics in this county, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He served a very satisfactory term as county treasurer, and has since; although living in retired life been a most important factor in anything of Kay County.

His death is thought to be due to a complication of asthma and heart trouble.

Interment was made in the cemetery at Newkirk Thursday.

A young man by the name of **Fred Meyers** was killed by the northbound train last Friday evening near the depot. It is supposed that he had been stealing a ride on the "bumpers" and losing his balance fell to the track, and the train passing over him. Only one of his feet was amputated, but the bones in his body were badly smashed which caused his death. The parents of the unfortunate man are supposed to reside in Milwaukee and a brother in Kansas City. No one has claimed the

body as yet and it is still being kept at Carlson's – *Newkirk Democrat Herald*.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 11 March 1904

The little 11 months old **boy** of W. N. **Votaw** of Arkansas City burned to death last week by the explosion of a celluloid rattle-box, which came in contact with a hot stove, and the blaze caught the child's clothing.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 18 March 1904

**Mrs. John Adkins** died at her home in Maple City, March 5 of typhoid fever. She leaves two daughters and one son to mourn her loss. She was laid to rest in the Maple City Cemetery. The bereaved have our sympathy.

**OBITUARY.**

**Wyatt Hutchison** was born July 13, 1871 in Bloomfield, Iowa. While yet a young man he came to Hutchison, Kansas, where he married Mrs. Ella Gray. He moved to the Osage country in March 1902, where he went into the cattle business and remained there until last November, when he was compelled to hunt a new vocation on account of his failing health. Mr., Hutchison died, Saturday March 12 at Hutchison, Kansas. All of the family were present at the funeral; including Frank and Robert, brothers, of this place, Mr. & Mrs. J., W. Hutchinson, father and mother of Attica, Kansas, Mrs. Ketty Duggan, sister, of Wichita, Kansas, Mrs., T. B. Reed, sister of Attica Kansas, Ed Hutchinson, brother of Noble, O.T. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Kerns, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Hutchinson and the body was interred in the Hutchison Cemetery. Three brothers and three brothers-in-law acted as pallbearers. A host of friends followed the body to its last resting place.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 15 April 1904

**SHOOTS AT RANDOM.**

**Bud Wells Makes Trouble, Chas. Cavanaugh Short Fatally/**

**WILL OUR CITIZENS SUBMIT TO FURTHER DEPREDATIONS?**

Last Monday evening, after filling up on fire water Bud Wells, well known in this part of Oklahoma, jumped upon his horse and with gun in hand forced the animal to climb upon the sidewalk to the front of Bank of Commerce. Here he fired two shots into the sidewalk, and rapidly riding down the street toward the railroad he emptied his gun. One shot was fired in the front door of the White House Club Saloon, which hit Chas. Cavanaugh who was sitting a stool at the lunch counter,

where he was eating a lunch. The ball entered at the Pubic Arch and came out at his left hip piercing his bladder and rectum.

Wells rode on north to the rail yard crossing, where he stopped for about four or five minutes, probably for the purpose of finding out what damage he had done. It is also said that he reloaded his gun there. A large crowd soon gathered around the saloon, where the wounded man lay on the floor. Wells presumably thought from the action of the crowd that he had hurt someone, so he rode quietly on, watching to see whether he would have to deal with pursuers.

#### **OFFICERS PURSUE.**

Officer Kenner and Gray jumped into Mr. Walter's delivery wagon and were driving in pursuit, but their means of conveyance was quite inadequate as Wells was mounted on a good horse. The officers came in shooting distance of him at the bridge north of town, and ordered him to "throw up", on the contrary he put spurs and rode rapidly away. They shot several times, but failed to hit Wells or his horse. He turned east at the section line this side of Washunga and has not been seen by the officers since,

The town officers are still in pursuit, as well as Dan Bain, county sheriff, but so far they have received no trace. It is said that Wells is kept informed by friends as to the condition of the wounded man, and also concerning the officers. The parties doing this should be apprehended if possible and give the full limit for their trouble.

The wounded man was taken to Dr. Wallace's office, where Drs. Wallace, Windy and Irving dressed the wound. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge at Dexter and was a very prominent young Osage farmer. He has a wife and one child. The Odd Fellows at this place are taking the best care possible of him and under the skillful care of our surgeon and physicians he will get the best attention and care that is possible to live. At this writing Wednesday evening, there is but little hope for his recovery. The attending physicians from the first considered the wound almost fatal.

#### **HAD WARNING.**

In the afternoon Mr. Cavanaugh was sitting in front of the Sparks Mercantile Co.'s store when Wells was making a demonstration with his revolver, and at the time remarked to some bystanders that it was dangerous to be on the streets when such actions were going on. He went on the inside of the store where he thought himself safer, and in a short time went to the White House Club lunchroom for a lunch. He said when he heard the first shots fired he felt as though each one hit him and it was only a few seconds after the first shot when he fell mortally wounded.

From the Kaw City Star, 22 April 1904

#### **Chas. Cavanaugh Dies.**

#### **VICTIM OF INHUMAN AND CRIMINAL RECKLESSNESS.**

#### **Much Sympathy for the Bereaved.**

Last Monday night at 11:30 p.m. Mr., Cavanaugh, who was shot a week before by Bud Wells passed away. He made a gallant fight for his rifle but the odds were against him. For a week he lay struggling in death's grip; anxious friends and relatives watched him day and night; loving hands were constantly attending medical assistance of the very best was his. His relatives were prone to believe there was a chance for recovery, but not so. How dear is the penalty paid; how sorrowful the thought, that an innocent young man in the prime of life, with a dear young wife and baby should fall the victim of such circumstances. Will we take heed now or will we continue to allow toughs to commit such depredations; no this intolerable and deplorable idea of "taking the town" that booz [sic] puts into the brains of living beings going under the guise of men, will be tolerated no longer. The carrion crow would sicken at such an incident; men high or low cannot but see the heinousness of such a crime, and they cannot but realize that such actions put their lives and their family's lives in jeopardy. It is to be sincerely hoped that no more lives will have to be sacrificed; that no more such sorrow will befall us, before we shall have established a surveillance and penalty that will prohibit the instigation of such trouble.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges at this place held their ceremony over the corpse at an early hour Wednesday after which the body was taken to Maple Grove Cemetery. Several friends from this City attended the funeral party overland to Maple City.

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

I desire to thank those who so kindly assisted me during the illness and death of my **brother**. These kindnesses will always be remembered.

**Dick Spear.**

From the Kaw City Star, 3 June 1904

#### **Sad Accident.**

**Perry Saverns** who lives north west of this place received injuries about a week ago while working on a bank on the Arkansas river a short distance from this city which caused his death.

He with some other boys were at work getting out sand when the bank caved in. Perry was caught by the falling dirt and buried completely with the exception of his face. One of the Grantham boys was also caught by the sliding bank and pushed in the river, where the water was ten feet deep. His brother very heroically saved him by immediately diving down in the water and pulling



him out. One of his limbs was covered with sand and it would have been impossible for him to have reached the surface had it not been for the heroic act of his brother.

The boys immediately uncovered the Saverns boy, who had by this time become unconscious. A limb of some sort that had been buried in the dirt had struck him on the head and he was bleeding very badly. He was taken home, a doctor was summonsed and the wound was dressed. Several stitches were taken as his scalp had been nearly torn off.

Some hope was entertained at first for his recovery but inflammation set in and gradually growing worse, he died last Friday.

Rev. Laden conducted funeral services at the home last Saturday and his body was laid to rest in the Uncas Cemetery.

**Amelia Norbury**, who lives near this place in the Kaw country, is the widow of Lewis Norbury, deceased. He took part in the Mexican war in Company B, 15<sup>th</sup> U. S. Inf. under Col. Walker. She is the only party in this community who draws a pension under the act governing pension for the Mexican War Veterans.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 24 June 1904

#### **Resolutions of Sympathy.**

A resolution of sympathy was published by a lodge group (not named) to their Brother and Sister Mr. and Mrs. J. C. **Francy** expressing sympathy for the death of their son, **Jesse** on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1904.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 15 July 1904

#### **Drowned.**

[Drowned] Winfield, Kansas, July 12 -04. **Homer Morau**, in the Walnut River, June 26. [The] body [was] not recovered. [He] was 18 years old, 6 foot high, [wearing] bib overalls, light blue shirt; dark gray, double breasted coat of woolen goods and square cut in front. Report by telephone or telegraph at my expense at Winfield, Kans.

M. N. Moran.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 5 August 1904

#### **Murder & Suicide.**

Last Tuesday evening a young man by the name or **Irwin** at Ponca City in a fit of frenzied jealous attempted to shoot his wife. Her mother, **Mrs. James**, stepped in between them and received the contents of the deadly weapon which killed her instantly. Irwin immediately turned the weapon on himself. Which resulted fatally. Irwin was a day laborer, and was employed as a section hand.

#### **Wm. Davis Drowned.**

Last Saturday afternoon while **Wm. Davis**, the only brother of Mrs. John Algeo was endeavoring to swim the river about three miles west of this place, he became exhausted and drowned,

It is said that there were three other young men there, one of which was swimming the river at the same time. The other two were out on the bank.

Mr. Davis started to swim across from the south to the north side, but when about half way across he felt that he could not make it and turned back. He was within thirty feet of the bank when he went down the first time, but was exhausted to so great an extent that he could make it no further. Before the young men on the bank could make an effort to get him out, he had gone under for the last time.

At evening Saturday and all day Sunday parties were at the place where he went down searching for his body, but were unable to find it. Several large charges of dynamite were shot in the stream to float the body, but to no avail.

Early Monday morning some parties who were coming down from Arkansas City in a boat happened to pass the body up the river about two miles and came on down and notified the people here. A close watch was kept by Mr. Pitts at the ferry, and the body was caught as it passed the boat. Presumably the body had started to float about eight o'clock Monday morning. The Woodmen Lodge took charge of the corpse, which was taken to the Uncas Cemetery in the afternoon. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Sipes, after which the Woodmen Lodge conducted an impressive ceremony. Large crowd was present at the funeral. The grave was completely strewn with flowers,

Wm. Davis was the only brother and the only family relative of Mrs. John Algeo, who lives just west of this city. He was a young man near twenty-one years old, and beloved by all who knew him. About two months ago he was taken in as a member of the Woodmen Lodge at this place and carried \$2,000 life insurance in favor of his sister, Mrs., Algeo.

Mrs., Algeo was at Independence, Kansas, and although two telegrams were sent notifying her of her brother's death, they were unable to reach her for some unaccountable reason.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 26 August 1904

#### **Henry Nelson Drops Dead.**

**Henry Nelson** of this place, who is employed on the Santa Fe section, dropped dead last Monday morning just as he started to work. He mounted the handcar as usual and pushed his part to a point about three miles west of here. A dog which was quite a pet of Mr. Nelson's came out as usual to see him. He sat on the

track and was playing with the dog, while the other boys went to a nearby house to get water. As the boys returned they noticed him fall over but thought he was only playing with the dog. He was feeling "good," so he remarked as he started to his work. Death came to him without a struggle or a word, and no direct cause, can be attributed, unless it might be old age. However an old man being 62 years of age he had kept constantly at work on the section here for the past eighteen months. He was an Odd fellow in good standing and belonged to the Kaw City Lodge.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church Monday at 5 p.m. after which his body was taken to Arkansas City on the 6:07 train. Odd Fellows acted as pallbearers and accompanied the body to its last resting place. Relatives and many friends from here also accompanied the funeral party. He leaves a wife and one son, C. E. Nelson who live at this place.

#### **Obituary.**

W. H. Nelson was born in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1842. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Eckles in Iowa. They removed to Kansas about '72 and took up their residence on a farm near Arkansas City. Afterward they move to town where they lived for several years. From there they went to Arkansas and west to Washington. Two years ago, they moved to this City.

#### **IN MEMORIAM.**

A Memorial resolution by the Kaw City Odd Fellows Lodge was published offering condolences to the family of W. H. Nelson, their brother.

#### **From Kaw City Star, 23 September 1904**

[Compiler's note: Although this shooting death and occurred on June 18, 1904, and took place in Malta, Montana, not in Oklahoma, it is included in this compilation of Kaw City obituaries because Henry Grammer later became such a well-known individual in Kay and Osage Counties, Oklahoma, as well as on the entertainment and rodeo circuit. This account of the shooting death was originally published by the *Malta News* of Malta, Montana in June 1904, but was reprinted in the *Kaw City Star* in September of that year.

The brief biography of Henry Grammer is compiled from obituaries published in the *Ponca City News* and from information about Henry Grammer held in Arthur Shoemaker Collection that is the property of the Donald C. & Elizabeth M. Dickinson Research Center, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

"Henry Grammer was born on July 20, 1883 in Falls County, Texas. He grew up in Texas, eventually becoming a cowboy on a ranch near Carrizo Springs, Texas. In 1901, he arrived in Osage County, Oklahoma

Territory with a trainload of Texas cattle. Grammer stayed in Osage County, finding work as a cowboy for Sylvester Soldani, a rancher and influential member of the Osage Tribe.

"In 1903, Grammer moved to Montana where he worked for the Circle Diamond Ranch under ranch foreman and Great Westerner inductee John Survant. While employed at the ranch, he shot and killed a man in a Malta, Montana saloon during an altercation. Henry Grammer spent his next three years in the Montana State Prison, Deer Lodge, Montana.

"Grammer was released from prison in May 1907 and boarded the train for Ponca City, Oklahoma Territory. In July 1907, he married Maggie Alexander, a quarter-blood Osage Indian. Later that year, he began his rodeo career when he engaged in a match roping contest against Texas roper, Buck Matthews. During the next year his rodeo career really took off when he worked for the 101 Ranch Wild West Show in Ponca City along with his brother Tom and Tom Mix"

An obituary in the *Ponca City News* of June 16, 1923 notes that Henry Grammer, a well known Osage ranch man and former champion roper, being the leading figure at rodeos throughout the nation, was killed instantly Thursday night. His neck [was] broken in a motor car accident seven miles west of Shidler this morning and probably will be brought here for burial Tuesday."

#### **Thursday Night's Shooting**

On Thursday night shortly before midnight a shooting occurred in Fox & Power's Saloon that resulted in the death of C. L. Houghteling, a man who came here with a Mexican crew of sheep shearers.

Shortly before midnight the deceased, C. L. Houghteling and another man entered the saloon and began abusing an old man.

Henry Grammar, a cowboy in the employ of the Circle Diamond Cattle Co., who was in the saloon at the time, told him to 'cut it out and leave the old man alone.' Words passed between Houghteling and Gammer and the latter struck Houghteling in the face with his hat. Constable Richards, who was a witness of the affair, then interfered and everything apparently quieted down, when Houghteling again opened the quarrel by some remark. Grammer reached around Richards and struck at Houghteling, when quick as a flash, Houghteling struck at Grammer with a pocket knife, striking him in the fore are just below the right shoulder, Houghteling then threw his hand to his hip, as though to draw a gun.

Grammer noticed the motion and ran behind the bar looking for a gun, the bartender being in the rear room at the time, about two thirds of the way up the bar Grammer discovered a gun and without a moments

hesitation pulled down on Houghteling and shot. Houghteling had only moved about four feet in the interval.

The bullet struck Houghteling in the abdomen about 8 inches to the left of the center and came out about 3 inches to the right of the rectum.

After being shot Houghteling made his way to the Malta House unassisted and layed [sic] down on a cot in the office. He expired from the effect of his wounds about 11:30 Friday morning.

Grammer went out to the Circle Diamond ranch and remained until morning when he came in and gave himself up to the authorities.

A preliminary trial was held Saturday and Grammer was bound over to court on a charge of assault in the first degree, and bonds fixed at \$5,000. Later he furnished bond and was released.

The remains [of Mr. Houghteling] were shipped to the home of the deceased in Flint Michigan, Sunday. -- *Malta (Montana) News*.

[An article from the *Kaw City Star* of 9 December 1904 contained more information about this incident.

#### **About the Grammer Shooting.**

Albert Hickman came in from Montana Monday where he has been for the past two years. Mr. Hickman relates a very interesting story of the trouble which resulted in Henry Grammer receiving a sentence of three years in the Deer Lodge, Montana penitentiary. He was with Grammer when the shooting occurred and tells the following story of the affair:

On the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> of June Grammer and Hickman were in Malta, and while in a saloon noticed two men abusing an old gray haired man. Hickman first inquired into the trouble in the old man's behalf, and found the two men claimed he owed them 25 cents. Hickman at once offered them the 25 cents if they would desist. They refused and started an abuse upon him for interfering. Grammer then stepped up and took Hickman's part. Houghteling, who was somewhat drunk started to abuse Grammer, at which Henry took offense and floored him with his fist. He got up and was floored again. Houghteling then left the saloon, and the officers had things quiet until he, Houghteling again appeared, and this time with a knife. He made for Grammer, when Hickman interfered, but in the struggle succeeded in cutting Henry twice on the breast. The second time he struck with the knife Henry stepped behind the bar, got a revolver, and shot him through the abdomen. Houghteling lived nine hours after, and before he died, said he intended to kill Grammer. The next day, Grammer gave himself up to the authorities and was placed under a \$5,000 bond.

Mr. Hickman was at the trial and says he believes that Henry would have [been] acquitted had it not been

for the fact that there were about twelve murder cases tried at that term and every one resulted in conviction. The jury was out three days before a verdict was reached in this case.

*From the Kaw City Star*, 21 October 1904

#### **W. J. Kepler Passed Away.**

**W. J. Kepler** of this City, a son-in-law of C. L. Shidler died last Sunday morning at his home here. Mr. Kepler came to our City in its early day and has been prominently identified with its growth. He formerly lived in Butler Co., Kansas. The cause of his death was malaria fever with other later and serious complications.

For weeks after our bridges went out Mr. Kepler worked steadily and without remuneration in helping to raise the old ferry cables and got the ferries started to running. It was through his incessant work and exposure that he probably contracted the disease that led up to his death.

He had a friend in everyone he met, and the entire community sympathizes with the loving wife and two sweet little daughters that will ever mourn the loss of their husband and father.

A large crowd attended the funeral and the funeral party which kindly placed the remains in its last resting place at the Uncas Cemetery.

#### **Obituary**

**William J. Kepler** was born in Linn Co., Iowa, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872. At the age of 16 he removed with his parents to Butler Co., Kansas, where on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1893 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Shidler, then of Butler County.

Three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kepler, Pauline Ester and Mariah; the last of which died at this place the 16<sup>th</sup> of last October, at their home.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of L. L. Shidler last Monday at 12:30 by Rev Alden, former pastor of the M. E. Church here. Interment was made in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

*From the Kaw City Star*, 4 November 1904

#### **SHOCK KILLER HER.**

Mrs. A. T. Sine received word yesterday that her mother, **Mrs. Kelso** and **James Kelso** her uncle, both of Highview, West Virginia were dead and would be buried Thursday. James Kelso died very suddenly and when they broke the news to Mrs. Kelso, she dropped dead. Mrs. Kelso was quite old and was subject to heart trouble, and the sudden shock was more than she could stand.

*From the Kaw City Star*, 18 November 1904

### **Mrs. Addie Turner Dead.**

**Mrs. Addie Turner**, who lives west of this place died at her home Sunday morning of paralysis. She was sick only a short time, having taken a serious headache Friday after which she suffered a severe stroke of paralysis which resulted in her death.

The funeral sermon was preached at the M. E., Church Tuesday by Rev. Cummings, and interment was made in the Uncas Cemetery. Many friends and relatives were present at the funeral and an expression of heartfelt sympathy was extended to the bereaved father and children.

### **OBITUARY**

**Miss Addie Clark** was born in Henry County, Ohio, June 23, 1865. From there she came to Chautauqua County, Kansas in 1880 and was united in matrimony shortly after to Ross RT Turner.

The family moved to this country in Feb., 1901, and have since lived on their farm near this City.

To their union nine children have been born, seven of which are not living at home. Mrs. Maggie Peters and Ferris Turner, brother and sister live near this place.

Mrs. Turner united with the Christian Church at a young age and has since been a very devoted worker in the church.

### **Card of Thanks.**

We desire to thank those who were so kind to us during the sickness and at the death of our beloved mother. R. R. Turner & Family.

Mrs. Hugh Wallace received a telegram Monday announcing the sad news of her father, A Fisher's death. He died at his home in Doylestown, Ohio, Saturday of last week. He was 89 years of age, and for sometime had experienced extremely poor health. Six daughters, Mrs., Hugh Wallace of this city, Mrs., McBride of St. Paul, Minn., Mrs., Swain, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. McCormick of Doylestown, and one son Dr. S. fisher were left to mourn his loss. Funeral and burial took place at Doylestown Tuesday.

**From Newkirk Democrat-Herald**, 18 November 1904

### **Baby Killed.**

Mr. **Chubbs**, who lives in the Kaw country about ten miles north of here, had a very sad accident befall his family Wednesday of last week. The family was living in quite a large cave, which was supposed to be perfectly safe. Three of the children were sick in bed and the little **baby** lay asleep in its cradle when the accident occurred. Mrs. Smith, a nearby neighbor, was spending the afternoon at the Chubbs place, and just as she and Mrs. Chubbs had stepped out of the cave, when Mrs. Smith expected to leave for home, the crash came. At first one end fell in, and Mrs. Chubbs heroically saved the

children who were sick and she had no more than secured the last one than the whole top fell in. The little one in the cradle was instantly killed. It was buried in the Uncas Cemetery [Oak Grove] Thursday of last week. – *Kaw City Star*.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 9 December 1904

### **JOSEPH IRONS DEAD**

**Joseph Irons** who lives with his son, J. W. Irons across the Arkansas River in the Kaw Country died Thursday Morning. He was born in Maryland in 1816, where he lived for many years. In 1890 he came to Kansas, and from there he came to the Kaw Country about a year ago. Mr. Irons was an upright and honest citizen and made a friend whenever he made a new acquaintance. He will be buried in the Washunga cemetery.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 17 February 1905

### **Resolution of Condolence.**

WHEREAS, death has invaded the home of our beloved brother, Weldon **Hall**, and taken therefrom their little infant son, **William Cullen**, to the land of peace and happiness where the great Grand Mater rules supreme.

THEREFORE be it resolved that we extend to our bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sadness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Kaw City Lodge I. O. O. F., No.89, and be published in the home paper. F. B. Hutchison, M. Gray, J. C. Edmiston.

### **Died.**

**William Hall**, the three months old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hall of this place died last Friday. An abscess on the brain caused its death. The funeral was preached by Rev. Davis at the hall residence on Monday of this week, and interment was made in the Uncas Cemetery.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 24 March 1905

### **Orvil Pemberton Drowned**

**Orvil Pemberton**, a prominent young Osage farmer was drowned last Saturday afternoon in the Salt Creek. He together with his father and another party were crossing the swollen stream in a boat, the boat was capsized and all were thrown in the water.

Orvil seemed to have his full presence of mind and directed his father to catch on a nearby tree and told the other party to not get excited and he could swim ashore, after which he had gone but a short distance when he was dashed by the rushing water against a snag, which is

thought rendered him helpless. The third party reached the bank safely and the father after getting hold of the tree was able to rest and make his way out. They immediately went in search of Orvil. Assistance came in a short time, but it was nearly two hours before his body could be located. All efforts were made to resuscitate the unfortunate man, but in vain. His body was brought to this city the same evening and left in charge of Undertaker Bussert. Funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian Church Monday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. H. Davies after which the body was taken to its final resting place at the Uncas Cemetery.

Orvil Pemberton was a prosperous young farmer and had a host of friends who sympathize with the bereaved ones. He was a member of the Woodman Lodge and this city and carried \$1000 life insurance. He leaves a father, mother, two sisters and two brothers to mourn his demise.

#### **OBITUARY.**

Orvil Pemberton was born in Johnson County, Missouri in 1875.

With his parents he came west when just a small boy and has made this his home for several years past. Besides his parents he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Hatfield of Warrensburg, Mo., and Mrs. Walker of this City and two brothers, one of which has a lease in the Kaw Country and the other remains with his parents.,

The M. W. A. Lodge of this city had charge of the funeral. Many people from around Burbank and from this city made up a large procession which accompanied the departed Neighbor to his last resting place.

**From the Kaw City Star, 5 May 1905**

#### **M. A. Edmiston Killed at Wichita.**

Early Monday morning **M. A. Edmiston** was struck by a Missouri Pacific train in West Wichita and almost instantly killed. The manner in which the accident occurred is unknown.

Mr. Edmiston was well known here, being a brother of J. C. Edmiston. J. C. and his brother Burt attended the funeral at Wichita Wednesday. Mr. Edmiston had been working on a farm near Wichita.

**From the Kaw City Star, 11 August 1905**

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

We wish to tender our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors, who so kindly assisted us during the illness and at the death of our beloved little daughter **Mary**. We also desire to thank those who tendered the beautiful flowers, and the choir for their sweet music, and the minister for his kind and loving words of sympathy. May Heaven bless you for your kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. **Gafeield**

**From the Kaw City Star, 25 August 1905**

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

We desire to thank our many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and the death of our little baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Cross.

**From the Kaw City Star, 15 September 1905**

#### **Burned to Death.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Outlaw** of Braman were burned to death Tuesday morning,

Mrs. Outlaw was starting a fire with coal oil and unbeknown to her, the stove contained some coals of fire. This caused an explosion saturating her clothing with oil. She ran frantic to the bedroom, and her husband in an effort to smother the flames also caught fire and was so badly burned that he died in a few hours. [See Ponca City Courier of 13 September 1905 for more details.]

**Martin Jaris**, an Austrian was shot and killed at the railroad camps near Silverdale last week by an Austrian comrade. The trouble was over a trivial affair and was caused by liquor. Pickic, the man that did the shooting, was captured.

Fred Voils, formerly of Newkirk, was arrested at Wellington, Kansas Monday on the charge of killing **Ray Shaver** of Newkirk the 10<sup>th</sup> of last April. The next day after the killing the officers had inkling that Voils might be implicated. Voils heard of it and went straightway to the sheriff's office and volunteered to prove an alibi. The story was told to a reporter of this paper a few days ago by Fred Voils when he was here on business.

Fred Voils was formerly of Wellington, his mother lives at that place and the family is well fixed financially.

He came back without a requisition.

**From the Kaw City Star, 6 October 1905**

#### **Alpha Mann Shot Down**

#### **Dr. Irvin the Slayer**

#### **Was Cool Deliberate Murderer**

#### **J. L. Bussert Egged Out of Town.**

Last Thursday was a red letter day for our town. A 5:30 in the evening J. L. Bussert was egged and pounded and made to leave town on the evening train by an angry crowd of men and women,

He was a horrible spectacle as he walked down Main Street, bleeding profusely about the head while his body was completely covered with egg stains.

### THE SHOOTING.

The shooting of [Alpha] "Doc" Mann occurred in the evening about 8:30 in front of the Arcade Saloon, and was the result of a trivial quarrel over the Bussert deal, in which Irvin upbraided the mob, while Mann took sides with them. Hot words soon passed, when Dr. Irvin pulled his gun and fired two shots, one taking effect in Mann's heart, killing him instantly. Irvin walked back through Lowers Saloon and made good his escape from the officers.

Several witnesses testified at the coroner's inquest Friday morning that they saw the shooting, among them were: I. F. Lowder, Burt Jones, Clarence St. Clair, Fred Jordan, James Ewers, and Barney O'Rorack.

### THE FINDING.

The coroner's jury was as follows: C. L. Shidler, T. E. Smith, H. E. Guy, F. S. Timmons, Chas. Spencer and Hoshiss [sic].

After but a minutes deliberation the jury returned a verdict in substance that Dr. J. B. Irvin did feloniously shoot and killed "Doc" Mann on Thursday evening September 28.

### ARREST MADE.

S. A. Chambers and wife, Mrs., Frank Monosmith, Mrs. Wilber Stout and \_\_\_\_\_ Monosmith were called to Newkirk last Saturday to answer to warrants charging them with rioting, and assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

They were arraigned before Judge Mussleman of Newkirk, where they waived preliminary examination. Prosecuting Attorney Brown recommended they be placed under \$750 on each to await the action of the grand jury. The bonds were placed at \$500 each. Several men present volunteered to go their bond which was accepted by the Justice without qualification.

The parties under bond are charged with taking part in the crowd that ran J. L. Bussert out of town. About twenty persons from this place were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury last Wednesday. Many other citizens from here went up to Newkirk.

Bussert had remained here most of the time since his trial. After he had disposed of his interests the injured parties supposed he would go for good. However he obtained a contract of Mr. Thompson of Newkirk to build a bake oven adjacent to the store room occupied by Brown & Smith who had recently made a new lease on the building with the understanding that Thompson was to erect an oven when they expected to start up a bakery business. His persistent manner in staying here highly incensed many of the citizens and it finally climaxed in the above.

So far as the killing is concerned, it is not generally considered that the Bussert deal was the only cause. There are many reports current which seem to prove that there was an old grudge between Irvin and Mann, and

the argument on the occasion only nourished an excuse for the affray.

### \$500 REWARD

Five hundred dollars has been offered for the arrest and conviction of Irvin, but at this writing Thursday evening, he has not been seen or heard of by the officers.

It will be almost impossible for Irvin to make good his escape unless he receives a large amount of assistance. There is considerable conjecture as to his whereabouts, but opinions vary, however the prevalent opinion is that he is hiding near here and is being cared for by friends.

It is to be hoped that no more awful catastrophes will befall us soon. It gives our town a bad name. But no matter what they say about it. We have a fine lot of people who aim to do what is right and they will do it if it takes the hair off.

The affair is deeply regretted here to say the least, and we trust that out town may be spared from any more notoriety of this kind.

### Alpha Mann's Funeral.

The funeral of Alpha Mann was held at the Agency last Saturday. A large crowd witnessed the ceremonies, occasioned by his very sad fate.

The Eagle Lodge or Newkirk of which he was a member had charge of the ceremonies, about thirty members from that city being present. His brother, Joseph Mann at Washunga is the only near relative who survives him. Mann was 85 years of age and single.

[See also the coverage of this incident in the Ponca City Courier and the Ponca City Democrat that can be found in Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Pioneers Extracted from Ponca City Newspapers. See also, Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Oklahoma Pioneers Extracted from Newspapers Published at Eastern Kay County Towns, both books by Loyd M. Bishop. Story of Dr. Irvin's trial is in the volume dated April 20, 1906. Story of sentence and imprisonment is in newspaper of 29 June 1906.]

[The *Kaw City Star* of 6 March 1908 reported **Dr. Irvin Was Granted Parole. Governor Haskell grants parole and Dr. Irvin Will Return Tomorrow.** "Governor Haskell held that the remonstrance did not show any legitimate reason why the parole should not be granted, and inasmuch as Dr. Irvin presented a very strong petition, he was disposed to grant a parole without farther consideration."]

[The *Newkirk Republican News Journal* of 7 August 1908, reports the following: **Dr. Irvin is Given Full Pardon.** As a reward for good behavior during parole, Dr. J. D. Irwin of Kaw City, sentenced to ten years for

first degree manslaughter, was given a full pardon today by Governor Haskell. Irwin was paroled last March. Dr. Irwin was sentenced for killing Alpha Mann, a half-breed Kaw Indian at Kaw City, September 25, 1906. The killing resulted from a dispute between Irwin and Mann over the guilt of J. L. Bussert, who had been arrested, charged with criminal assault, and subsequently horse whipped and egged in the streets of Kaw City by citizens.]

[The *Kaw City Star* of 7 August 1908 reported “**Dr. J. B. Irwin Received Full Citizenship.** Governor Haskell signed Dr. J. B. Irwin's pardon Monday and the papers reached this city the same evening. Dr. Irwin was sentenced on June 26, 1906 to serve 10 years, and on March 4<sup>th</sup> of this year Governor Haskell paroled him, and on August 3, after thorough consideration of the case, a pardon was issued and Dr. Irwin was restored to full citizenship in time to vote at the primaries.”]

From the *Kaw City Star*, 24 November 1905

**Bud Wells Would Give Himself up.  
Writes Letter to the Star Offering to Capitulate  
Upon Condition of Fair Deal.**

Last Friday we received a letter supposedly written by Bud Wells bearing the post mark, both his letter and envelope of St. Paul, Minnesota. Also the date of the letter and that of the postmark are the same being dated 11-15-05.

It will be remembered that on the 11 Day of April, 1904, Chas. Cavanaugh was shot while eating at the lunch counter in the White House Club Saloon by Bud Wells. Wells was intoxicated and as it was reported then, intended to kill Claud Proctor but the bullet went wild.

The next Monday at 11:30 p.m. Cavanaugh died, leaving a wife and little baby to mourn his loss.

Wells made good his escape, but from the tone of his letter he is tired of dodging the officers and is ready to give up if, as he says, he can get a fair trial. There is no doubt at all but what he would be given a fair trial and also that he has friends who would see that he was furnished able attorneys to fight his case. Court sets December 1<sup>st</sup> next.

**THE LETTER.**

“St. Paul, Minn., 11-15-05

Dear Sir:

I write this note to let all my old friends known I am well and getting along fine, but I want to come back and give myself up if them people will give me a square deal. The writer of this note is none other than Bud Wells, who is wanted for killing Cavanaugh in McKinzie's saloon in April, 1904, so when you people think you can give me a square deal please publish this

in the Star, and stating when courts sets and I will be there Johnnie on the spot. Hoping to see this in your paper

I remain, Yours truly,  
Bud Wells.

P. S. Regards to all friends.”

In our estimation this letter is a genuine article and from Bud Wells, also that he means what he says about giving up. His giving up, however will depend, we believe upon the sentiment expressed by the people in this vicinity, the condition of which will no doubt be conveyed to him by his friends.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 29 December 1905

**Mike Callahan**, who has been working rock crusher at Uncas, died Sunday, December 24. There seemed to be something mysterious about his death, and an investigation by the Coroner, Dr. Widney proved that the old man died from exposure while on a protracted drunk. He was an old soldier, having served in the Navy years ago. He had no relatives here, but told friends that he had a daughter and son living in Nebraska, the daughter being the wife of a banker.

The remains were prepare for interment by J. C. McAdams, undertaker, and laid to rest in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 26 January 1906

**Proctor a Murderer.**

“Red” Proctor, who is well known in this city, shot and killed a woman by the name of Mrs. Russ at Pawnee Thursday of last week. Proctor had been doing the cooking at the Russ restaurant and was fired because of his getting drunk so often. He was drunk at the time the shooting took place, and was mad because Mrs. Russ caused him to be fired. The woman received five fatal wounds.

Proctor was promptly captured and taken to Guthrie for fear that he would be lynched. He said after he sobered up that he would have been glad to have been lynched.

[From the *Kaw City Star*, 4 September 1908 – **Fred Proctor Escapes.** Fred Proctor, son of “dad” Proctor, well known here, who was sent up from Pawnee County in 1906 for the murder in the first degree, escaped last Friday from the Lansing penitentiary and seemingly has made good his escape for a time at least. Proctor was doing the cooking for the Warden of the penitentiary and had been given the liberty of a trusty by consent of Oklahoma authorities. Until this was done it was impossible to place Proctor in the circumstances which aided him in escaping. On Friday night Proctor dressed

in a suit of clothes belonging to the Warden's son, stole about \$20 in money from the Warden and boldly walked out the front way by the guards as though he was a visitor. It was not known that he escaped until the next morning, and the start he has a head of the officers will make his capture a very difficult task.]

#### **Mrs. Ewers Dead.**

**Mrs. James Ewers** died Wednesday after a sickness of nearly four months. About three weeks ago she rallied sufficiently to induce strong hope for her recovery. However, this was soon overcome by more serious complications which resulted in her death.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Christian Church today by Rev. Fazel, after which she will be laid to rest in the Kaw City Cemetery.

Mrs. Ewers leaves a husband, a mother, one sister and many sympathetic friends to mourn her loss. The mother and sister live in Arkansas and will be able to attend the funeral.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 9 February 1906

#### **Head Blown Off With Shot.**

**Otto Cooper**, a young man, 21 years old, living nine miles west of town, blew his brains out with a shot gun, Tuesday evening. Rabbits had been eating their fruit trees, and he went to kill them. His sister heard the report of a gun, but paid no attention to it, thinking her brother had shot at the rabbits. The father and mother grew uneasy along in the night as their son did not return, and noticed that the dog howled and acted strange. Following the dog Mrs. Cooper, the boy's mother, found the body a short distance from the house.

Dr. Widney, the coroner was notified, and his investigation of the case proved that the young man comes to his death by being shot with a shotgun in his own hand and that it was accidental. The load took affect between the eyes and shooting his brains over the ground. The skull was completely emptied.

The parents are broken hearted and great sympathy is extended to them in this sad hour.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 16 February 1906

#### **S. A. Owens Accidentally Kills Himself.**

**S. A. Owens**, colored and a laborer at the Midland camps at Hardy, accidentally shot himself Tuesday evening with a .48 caliber revolver.

County coroner Widney of this city was called to investigate the cause of the death. He found upon thorough inquiry that it was done accidentally. Owen was sitting on the track a few rods from the camp, and at the time of the shooting no one was near him. The gun belonged to him and it is thought that he either let it drop, where upon it sent off, or it went off by accident

when he was holding it. The bullet entered his breast and caused almost instant death. Owens was a single man.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 9 March 1906

#### **Mrs. Robert Woodside dead.**

Word was received here Saturday that **Mrs. Robert Woodside** died at Red Land, California Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodside and family and Burt Woodside left this place only a few days ago for California; where they thought Mrs. Woodside's health might be improved. However the sudden change in the altitude was more than she could stand.

Mrs. Woodside was born in the Indian Territory, her maiden name being **Lottie Gibbons**. She leaves two children, husband, sister and father and many friends to mourn her parting.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 20 April 1906

#### **IRVIN CASE TO TRIAL.**

#### **ONE HUNDRED FORTY WITNESSES SUBPOENAED.**

#### **Some new evidence is given by Defense**

#### **Found guilty of Manslaughter in the First Degree.**

Almost a trainload of people from these parts proceeded to Newkirk Monday evening in answer to subpoenas to appear in the territory vs. Dr. Irvin case.

A motion for a continuance was overruled Wednesday morning and the impaneling or a jury immediately began

#### **THURSDAY MORNING.**

After examining four witnesses the prosecution rested its case at 2 o'clock Wednesday. Dr. Irvin was the first witness for the defense. His testimony consumed about one hour and a half during which time he recited in detail the story of the killing, the incidents leading up to it and the history of his trip when endeavoring to get away.

The only story in the case which our people have not already heard was in the evidence of Clarence St. Clair, the third witness for the defense. St. Clair testified that he heard Doc Mann threaten to kill someone on the evening of the murder, and inferred from his remarks that he meant Dr. Irvin.

About ninety witnesses have been subpoenaed for the defense and fifty for the territory. It is hardly probably that more than thirty witnesses will be examined in the case. Many of those who have been here for two days have been excused.

#### **ANOTHER SURPRISE**

Another surprise was sprung in the testimony of Ross R. Turner for the defense wherein a six shooter was in evidence that Mr. Turner said he picked up near the sidewalk, in two or three feet of where Mann lay after the shooting. No direct evidence was introduced,



however to prove that this gun was the property of Mann.

Dan Bunnel, another important witness for the defense testified that two or three days previous to the killing Mann told him he would leave kill Dr. Irvin as to eat.

M. P. Potter, also testified that on the evening of the killing he overheard a conversation between Mann and two strangers, in which he heard Mann say, {I will kill the big bellied s—o—b before morning,

The prosecution used four witnesses in direct testimony and five in rebuttal, while the defense used about sixteen.

### **THE VERDICT**

The argument was concluded Thursday night at 10:30, and at 3 o'clock in the morning the jury agreed on a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree, however, the court had ordered a sealed verdict, and the same was not read until 9 a.m. today.

J. R. Scott of Perry, Barnum and Moore of Ponca, Lafe Hubler of Newkirk and Geo. Jacques of this city handled the defense; while the county attorney was assisted by A. F. Moss in prosecution.

For manslaughter in the first degree, the laws of our territory prescribe a penalty of no less than four years, and the maximum sentence is left to the discretion of the court.

Dr. Irvin together with Harpster, Hardenbrook, Storms and some others who have been convicted will be given their sentence in the morning.

### **S. B. Brown Killed.**

**S. B. Brown** of Kansas City, a brakeman on the C. M. & St. P. and brother of Owen Brown of this city was killed Sunday in a railroad accident near Kansas City. His body was sent to Ponca Monday and interment was made in the Ponca Cemetery Tuesday.

Deceased leaves father, mother, two sisters and four brothers and a host of personal friends to mourn his untimely death. To these the sympathy of the entire community is extended in heir sore affliction.

**From the Kaw City Star,** 4 May 1906

### **Robert Washburn Dead.**

**Robert Washburn**, who is a well known citizen of these parts and a resident of Longwood Township, died very suddenly last Sunday night at the home of his son, M. B. Washburn. Interment was made in the Uncas Cemetery.

**From the Kaw City Star,** 15 June 1906

### **Died.**

Little **Blanche Lucile**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon **Sweat** of this city died Tuesday morning after nearly a week's sickness.

Little Blanch Lucile was born at Kaw City, April 18, 1904 being two years and two months old. She leaves a little brother to comfort the home of the sorrowed parents and relatives. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved parents, as three little one have gone before.

Those little ones most dear to our hearts, their footsteps no longer heard, their little chattering gone; death must be a cruel thing, but his will be done.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence Tuesday at 4 p.m. after which interment was made in the Grand View Cemetery.

**From the Kaw City Star,** 29 June 1906

### **Dr. J. B. Irvin Accepts His Sentence.**

Dr. J. B. Irvin of this city was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree for killing of Doc Mann sometime ago, the first of the week accepted his sentence of ten years which was given him by Judge Hainer and accordingly on Tuesday morning he was taken by Sheriff Wooden to the penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. It was understood generally that this case would be appealed to the supreme court in an effort to procure a new trial, but on account of the lack of funds, Dr. Irvin said he was unable to enforce the appeal. He seriously contends that the shooting was in self defense and believes if he were able to furnish the funds for another fight he would come clear. He was here in company with the sheriff and a deputy Monday to straighten up a few affairs preparatory to taking his sentence.

### **Died.**

**Margarete McCorkle** the little ten months old daughter of Mr. [and Mrs.] Robert McCorkle died in this city last Saturday. Funeral services were conducted at Peterson home Sunday afternoon by Rev. Carder. Interment was made in Grand View Cemetery. The parents have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

### **Card of Thanks.**

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to those who assisted us during the illness and at the death of our beloved daughter, little Margarete.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCorkle.

**From the Kaw City Star,** 06 July 1906

[A resolution of sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle was published in this edition of the *Star* by a lodge to which they were members.]

**From the Kaw City Star**, 13 July 1906

**Hank Smith Dead.**

**Hank Smith** deputy game warden for the Kaw Country and an old timer in this section died at his home near Washunga Monday evening,

He was taken Tuesday to his last resting place, the Ponca City Cemetery. The only relative Mr. Smith had in this country was a nephew at Ponca. [Henry Smith is buried in lots purchased by Isaac Smith at the Ponca City IOOF Cemetery.]

**From the Kaw City Star**, 3 August 1906

**Burt Hackley Killed in a Railroad Wreck**

**Burt Hackley**, who is well known to our people, was killed Tuesday near Shawnee in a railroad wreck.

After Mr. Hackley left here he took a position as brakeman on the local freight which runs between Arkansas City and Shawnee.

The wreck occurred Tuesday morning only a few miles out of Shawnee. Several cars went in the ditch and Mr. Hackley who was sitting on one of the cars at the time was instantly killed, one car having fallen on his body,

Owen Brown, Miss Margaret McAdams, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pattison attended the funeral which was held in Arkansas City yesterday. Mr. Hackley leaves a wife and one child.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 10 August 1906

**Dr. Wallace Died July 27.**

**Dr. Wallace** of Phillipsburg died Friday July 27 at that city, and was buried the Sunday following at the Phillipsburg cemetery. He suffered a second stroke of paralysis and never survived.

Dr. Wallace has many fast friends in these parts and at Arkansas City who deeply sympathize with those who are left to mourn the Doctor's demise. He leaves a wife and two daughters Florence and Mrs. Grace Gebhart all of whom reside at Phillipsburg.

Kaw City never had a more highly esteemed family than that of the Wallace family, and the community at large will exceedingly regret to learn of the doctor's death.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 10 August 1906

**DIED**

Mrs. Myra Ethel Myrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth, died Monday, August 13.

Mrs. Myrick's former home was in Barden, Kansas. She was brought here a few days ago that she might spend her remaining days with her mother and father.

Myra Ethel Ellsworth was born in Marion County, Iowa, March 30, 1871. On Sept. 2, 1895 she was united in marriage at Pawnee Oklahoma to Fred Myrick.

To this union one child was born, Gilbert who is eight years old and survives his mother,

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon, after which she was taken to her last resting place at Grand View Cemetery,

**From the Kaw City Star**, 28 September 1906

**Prominent Townsman Dead.**

**J. C. McAdams Died Monday Afternoon.**

**His wife is in a Critical Condition.**

**J. C. McAdams**, a prominent businessman of this city died last Monday afternoon at four o'clock. He had been suffering for several weeks from a case of typhoid fever, but his friends had steadfastly hoped for his ultimate recovery. Hardly at any time was his condition supposed to be as serious as that of his wife, who was suffering with the same disease.

Mrs. McAdams has been laying at the point of death for two weeks, and many days little hopes have been entertained for her recovery. Mr. McAdams possessed of a very strong constitution, but it is thought that probably the constant uneasiness felt for the welfare of his loved one who lay so ill in the same house bore on him more than his attendants realized. His every thought was for his wife and for her care. Saturday if last week, after having been in bed for three weeks he suffered a relapse from which he gradually sank until life was no more,

Friends and relatives cared for the sick ones with all the care that human knowledge could give, but He who is mighty and prevails intervened, and his will was done.

In this vicinity every heart beats in sympathy for the grieved and distracted ones, and especially for the poor sick wife who lies helpless on her sick bed. Two sweet and cheerful little girls, Thelma and Elena, and the little baby girl, Helen are left to comfort their mother and other relatives. Not since the starting of Kaw City has our town experienced a more heart rendering incident. Mr. McAdams was a friend indeed to everyone he met, he was successful in business, an ardent worker in the Methodist Church and was always ready with a helping hand for those in need.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence of H. H. McAdams Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. by Rev. Carder of the M. E. Church, in which also the Masonic brothers took a prominent part. The entire community practically congregated about and witnessed the ceremony which forever separated them from their brother and friend. His body was taken away on the evening train for Blackwell, Oklahoma where interment

was made Wednesday. Lodge brothers, relatives and friends accompanied him to his last resting place.

The sick and distracted wife, the grief stricken parents and relatives have the profound sympathy of the whole community.

All places of business were closed during funeral services Tuesday out of respect for them and the departed one.

Late reports from Mrs. J. C. McAdams indicate that she is getting along as well as can be expected.

#### **Obituary.**

**James Corydon McAdams**, son of H. H. and Martha R. McAdams was born in Bond County, Ill., December 10, 1867, and departed this life September 24, 1906, age 39 years, 9 months and 14 days.

He was married to Lillian Carmichael; December 24, 1890 at Blackwell, Okla., to this union was born three little girls.

The boyhood and young manhood of J. C. McAdams were of a noble character as I have never have known a cleaner and purer young man, "he was ambitious and courageous," were the words of the Rev. J. D. Botkin, his former pastor.

He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of 12 years and remained a member of the same up to the close of his Earthly life. The church feels that a useful and good member has been called out of their number. The town and the lodge has lost a valuable citizen and business man.

To his sorrowing wife and loved ones we would say, Heart to Heart and hand in hand love shall clasp again her own, in God's sinless summer land, where good bye is never known, time speed on Eternity, Angels guide our weary feet, Pearly gates wide open be, husband, father, son and brother wait with welcome sweet.

PASTOR.

[A news item in the *Kaw City Star* of 16 November 1906, notes: "Mrs. J. C. McAdams left Saturday for a visit with her parents at Blackwell, Mrs. McAdams will soon be fully recovered from her recent sickness." Another news article of 18 January 1907 announces the sale of Mr. McAdams furniture store to a B. E. Johnson who had recently moved to Kaw City from Kentucky.]

**From the *Kaw City Star*, 26 October 1906**

#### **Chas. Kraus Found Dead.**

**Chas. Kraus**, who has been employed on the L. C. Robertson ranch for several years met with an accident about noon last Saturday, which caused instant death.

His body was found at 3:00 o'clock Saturday, one mile south of Salt Creek station in the Osage country. He had been out in a lumber wagon on some business

and judging from the position of his body when found he had been taken suddenly with this heart trouble and fell out of the wagon, as the wagon wheel had run over his head.

His body was brought to this place Sunday and after funeral services at the church he was buried in the Grand View Cemetery.

Mr. Kraus was a single man of German birth and had no relatives in this country.

**From the *Kaw City Star*, 26 October 1906**

#### **Killing at Hardy.**

Monday morning Dr. Widney, county coroner was called to Hardy to hold an inquest over the dead body of James Thompson, who was killed the day before by J. Page, who is a member of the firm of Humes and Page, Merchants of that place.

An altercation took place Sunday night between Page & Thompson about a horse which Thompson claimed had been poisoned. The affray ended by Page hitting Thompson over the head with a billiard cue. The fight took place in Page's billiard hall. Upon searching the dead man it was found that he was carrying a deadly weapon.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of justifiable homicide. A preliminary hearing will be had in the case at Newkirk, today.

**From the *Kaw City Star*, 16 November 1906**

#### **Obituary.**

**Robert W. Thompson** died at his home in Sumner Co., Kansas Sunday evening at 8 o'clock Oct. 28, 1906. The deceased was born in Baltimore Co., Md., April 20<sup>th</sup> 1854, aged 52 years 6 months and 8 days. He leaves a wife, five children, two sisters and three brothers to mourn his death. One sister and two brothers were present at his funeral: Mrs. Orange Putney, Elgin, Okla., and f. L. and J. Z. Thompson or Okla. City.

Mr. Thompson was an early settler here having lived in this vicinity for 33 years. He was converted to the Christian faith 27 years ago, uniting with the church known as the "Followers of Christ" of which body he was an ordained Elder. His chief delight was his Master's work. Cause of death [was] a hemorrhage of the stomach, of which disease he had been a sufferer for many years,

Mr. Chambers, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Perth, held funeral services at Pleasant Hill Chapel.

The remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and old settlers. Interment [was] in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. — *People's Voice (Kans.)*

From the *Kaw City Star*, 18 January 1907

**Died.**

The little two months old **baby** of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. **Penniston** of this city after a prolonged illness Died Thursday.

Funeral services were conducted at the house Friday by Rev. Kirkpatrick after which the little one was laid to rest in the Grand View Cemetery.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 1 February 1907

**Mrs. Elizabeth Fronkier Dead.**

On account of the excitement of the high waters last week the *Star* neglected to give notice of the death of Mrs. Fronkier.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fronkier, wife of Benjamin Fronkier of Washunga, died Saturday, January 19 of pneumonia.

Mrs. Fronkier leaves a husband and four children to mourn her demise. Her body was interred in the Washunga Cemetery on Monday following her death. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends and relatives. Mrs. Fronkier was a member of the Catholic Church, which faith she adopted in her girlhood.

The sorrowing husband, sons and daughter have the sympathy of the entire community.

From the *Kaw City Star*,

**A HOST OF FRIENDS PAY RESPECT TO THEIR DEPARTED BROTHER.**

**Many Hearts Beat in Sympathy for Bereaved Ones. Many Were the Kindly Deeds, to Comfort the Distracted**

The funeral services of the deceased brother, Rev. Elwell were conducted at the Methodist Church Saturday afternoon, the funeral sermon being delivered by Rev. Lemon, pastor of the Methodist Church and Rev. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. The church was crowded with sympathizing friends and lodge brothers, all of whom were most deeply touched by the divine services which spoke a last farewell to the departed one. The songs that were sung, the prayers that were made, the kindly words that were said, sank deep in the hearts of every listener. Kaw city has never witnessed a more heart rendering scene,

Sitting in the front row of seats, was the family, composed of mother, and seven children, all which realized that the father who had been so dear to them on this earth was gone, and they were soon to look upon his face for the last time. The earthly ties which bind father, mother, and children were broken. The grief of the little ones was more than they could hardly bear, which involuntarily caused the entire audience to sit in tearful silence and hearts to ache in sympathy,

The floral offerings were indeed beautiful and many. The casket at the church was covered with wreaths of the finest flowers that could be had. Each lodge to which the deceased belonged made a beautiful floral offering in representation of their esteem and kindly devotion.

Beautiful flowers are naturally born of natures brightest sunshine and carry with them joy and comfort, but on this sad occasion although the natural likeness was there, their sweet odor was a perfume of bereavement, their brightness was a shadow of eternal parting and their dewy leaves were as covered with tears of sorrow.

All was done to comfort the bereaved ones that loving hands and comforting words could do. The Woodman lodge, in which the deceased carried \$3,000 life insurance, the Odd Fellows and Masons gave every assistance possible.

The body was taken to Cleveland Sunday. Those accompanying besides the family were, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Buck, Miss Francis McAdams, Clyde Sharp and Kede Knedler. Mrs. Riley Elwell of Atchison, Kansas, a brother of the deceased also accompanied the funeral party to Cleveland. They were met at that place by many friends and members of the Masonic, Odd fellow and Woodman Lodges, in all of which Rev. Elwell was a member. Monday afternoon services were conducted at the Masonic Temple by rev. Burt and Rev. Stockwell, where over two hundred friends met to pay their last respects to the one who had been so dear to them. Immediately after the services the body was interred in the Cleveland cemetery.

Although the family has been here only a short time they have made many fast friends who deeply sympathize with them in their sorrow.

**Card of Thanks.**

We desire to extend our thanks to all our friends who have so greatly helped in the sickness and death of our dear husband and father. May God bless you all and grant that in the time of sore need that comes to all you may meet the same generous kindness and loving sympathy so freely given us.

Mrs. S. C. Elwell & children.

**Obituary.**

The Rev. Samuel Curtis Elwell was born in Putnam County, Ind., October 28, 1859, and died at Kaw City, Okla., January 31, 1897, age 47 years, 3 months and 8 days.

He was married to Miss Delia Reel of Rud, Ill., August 19, 1888, at Galesburg, Ill.

He was educated at Knoxville, Ill., and at DuPauw University, Green Castle, Ind., and has served charges in northwest Kansas, the Colorado, St. Louis and the Oklahoma Conferences having entered the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1893.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 8 February 1907

### **Obituary**

**Mrs. Eliza Jane Hoffer** was born in Washington County, Maryland, February 27, 1842, and died at Kaw, Okla., February 1, 1907, aged 64 years, 11 months and 3 days,

She was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Henry Offer, Dec. 25, 1860.

To this union were born 5 children, one dying in infancy. Mr. Hoffer died nearly 8 years ago.

She professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and united with the United Brethren Church soon after her marriage, 18 years ago. She united with the Church of God in Polk County, Nebraska. Her whole desire was that the lord would have his way with her, and longed to see him, but in late years her desire was live and enjoy the fellowship of friends and loved ones. She was sick all last summer, up and down, and went to bed Oct. 8, 1906 never to be well again in this life.

She bore her sickness with Christian patience and love. She went peacefully to her Savior. She leaves 2 sons and 2 daughters to mourn her loss and many friends. She has joined the redeemed in Paradise.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Chas. Kirkpatrick at the son-in-law (S D. Taylor's) home, 1 1/2 miles southwest of Kaw and was buried in Grand View cemetery awaiting the resurrection of the blessed.

Pastor.

### **Card of Thanks.**

We desire to extend to our dear neighbors and many kind friends our sincere and heartfelt thanks for their assistance during the long protracted sickness and at the death of our dear mother.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Taylor.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 22 February 1907

### **Mrs. John Annis Dead.**

**Mrs. Annis**, wife of **John Annis** a well known and highly respected lady, died at her home west of this city Monday morning at four o'clock.

Mrs. Annis had suffered severely from an attack of pneumonia for over a week, when other complications set in and caused her death.

She had a host of friends in this section who will greatly sympathize with the bereaved ones.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday by Rev. Kirkpatrick of the Presbyterian Church. After which interment was made at the Grand View Cemetery,

**From the Kaw City Star**, 22 February 1907

### **Obituary.**

**Mrs. Honor Emmazette Annis** was born January 24, 1840 near Northfield, Boone County, Indiana and died 3 miles southwest of Kaw City, Okla., February 18, 1907, aged 67 years and 25 days/

She was united in holy matrimony to John Annis at Knoxville, Illinois, September 18, 1858. To this union were born 8 children, 5 sons, and 3 daughters.

She professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 6 and united with the M. El Church at Victoria, Illinois.

Later in life they came to Kansas and becoming dissatisfied with her Christian experience she consecrated her life, and professed holiness near Arkansas City, 15 years ago. She lived a faithful Christian and confessed her faith and love for her God. She was a faithful and devoted mother and during the civil war she provided for the home when Mr. Annis was in the army. She took sick February 7<sup>th</sup> with pneumonia and heart trouble. She bore her sickness with patient under intense suffering never murmuring or complaining, realizing she was very sick. Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> she seemed better and hopes were entertained of her recovery, when in the evening she got worse and at 4:00 o'clock Monday morning the earthly life ripe in years and Christian experience was transplanted to be among the blessed.

She was waited upon with skill and all that loving hands could do to relieve her sufferings, but the cold hand of death claimed her. She came to Kaw seven years ago, and made many friends.

She leaves a husband and an unbroken family to mourn the loss of the first link of the family chain to be broken in forty-eight years of married life.

There were present at the funeral: her husband, John Annis, four sons John and Emmet Annis and daughter, Miss Pearl Annis, of Kaw; L. P. Annis and Miss Mabel Annis, of Cushing; Mrs. Maggie Thomas, of Wellington, Kansas; O. A. Annis of Kansas City, Mo., a daughter in Arizona and a son in Texas were unable to attend.

The services were conducted by Rev. Chas. Kirkpatrick assisted by Rev. W. G. Lemon, and the remains were laid away in Grandview cemetery to await the resurrection of the blest.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 15 March 1907

### **FIRE CHIEF, CHAS YEOMAN KILLED WHILE ON DUTY.**

#### **Was One of Our Most Respected Citizens.**

At one o'clock last Sunday morning the fire department was called out to fight a fire which started in a residence in the northeast part of town belonging to S T. Sutterlin, and which was being occupied by Fred Peitzke.

The fire boys were there soon after the alarm was given, and had just succeeded in getting the fire under control, when an old rifle, which had been left in the burning building exploded and killed Chief Yeoman instantly.

The noise of the rifle was hardly discernible midst the crackling of the fire and the sound of voices and it was not known that anything was wrong until Mr. Yeoman fell over dead.

The only words uttered by Mr. Yeoman were, "I am shot boys," His brother Frank who was standing close by caught him as he fell. The noise of the explosion was so slight that it was a few minutes before the cause of his death could be realized. The bullet from the rifle, which was a muzzle loader, entered about the center of the breast and supposedly grazed and pierced his heart

The old rifle had been possession of Mr. Peitzke for about three years, and he did not even know that it was loaded. Another gun that was in the house was removed early for fear of an explosion.

The fire boys continued their work and succeeded in saving the residence of Wm. Cordry's, which was only twelve feet north of the burning house. The wind was blowing directly from the north and it was almost miraculous that the Cordry residence was saved. The chemical engines were recharged three times each and a steady stream was kept going on the Cordry residence. Despite this fact however, the entire north wide was charred.

The only loss was the household goods of Mr. Peitzke which were not insured. The burned residence was insured. The origin of the fire is somewhat of a mystery as Mr. Peitzke and other or the neighbors say that the entire north end of the

Sutterlin residence was ablaze before the fire broke out in the inside. In fact the fire had gained such headway on the outside that when Mr. and Mrs. Peitzke were awakened they had no time to get any of their goods out. The only succeeded in removing a small amount of bed clothing.

The fire boys certainly did gallant work in saving the Cordry residence, but their efforts were climaxed by one of the saddest accidents yet to happen in our midst.

Charley, as all his friends called him, and that means all of his acquaintances, was always up and doing with an ever-helping hand when anyone about him was in need. He was always busy, but never too busy to lend assistance. It is true that one of our noblest and best citizens has gone.

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

We desire to express our most sincere appreciation or the kindly deeds and loving sympathy so freely and nobly extended to us out of respect for our beloved departed brother and Uncle, Charley. And especially do

we thank the Fire Company for their kindness shown on this sad occasion.

Frank Yeoman.

#### **The Funeral**

Funeral services were conducted at the M. E. Church Monday afternoon at 3:30 by Rev. Lemon after which the deceased was taken to Kingman, Kansas on the evening train for burial.

The church was crowded with sympathizing friends, who came to pay their parting respects to the deceased. Three brothers of the deceased, A. O., James and Mark, of Kingman, were present at the funeral services, besides his brother Frank Yeoman and family of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yeoman and the other brothers present here, accompanied the remains to Kingman.

#### **Obituary.**

Charles J. Yeoman was born August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1858, at Rensselaer, Indiana, where he lived until 1888 when he came west, living at Kingman, Kansas, most of the time until 1900 when he came to Oklahoma, residing at Newkirk for two years. From there he came to this place, where he has since been in business. The deceased met his death March 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **Resolutions**

[Resolutions of sympathy were published by the Fire Department expressing sympathy to the family of their fallen Chief, Charles J. Yeoman.]

#### **From the Kaw City Star, 22 March 1907**

[Resolutions of sympathy by Crescent Lodge No. 12 were tendered to the mother of their Sister, Sara Stevens who had passed away. Also condolences were published to Mable Yeoman expressing sympathy because of the death of her Uncle, Charles Yeoman.

#### **From the Kaw City Star, 29 March 1907**

#### **Lindsay Stubbs Dead.**

**Lindsay Stubbs** a Kaw Indian, died at his home in the Kaw Reservation last Thursday and was buried the same day at the Washunga Cemetery.

Lindsay's only heirs are Robt. Sands and Claud McCalley, second cousins and Gene Monroe a third cousin. His estate will amount 1000 acres of land and about \$1000 in money, all of which will go to the above heirs.

#### **From the Kaw City Star, 5 April 1907**

#### **Uriah Spray Dead.**

**Uriah Spray**, one of the oldest settlers in this country died at his home in Washunga last week.

Mr. Spray for several years was agent of the Kaw Indians, having located the tribe where they now are.

## Washunga Items.

**Mr. Uriah Spray** died at his home here last Sunday afternoon after an illness of one week. He leaves a wife, one son and one daughter to mourn his loss. Mr. Spray has lived in this country for many years, having come here with the Kaw Indians when they first settled here. He was loved by all who knew him and his many friends were much grieved at his death. The funeral was held Monday afternoon and Monday evening the remains were taken to his old home in Arkansas City for burial.

“Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe in his gentle breast;  
There by his love o’er shaded,  
Sweetly thy soul shall rest.”

## Obituary.

**Uriah Spray** was born in New Burlington, Ohio, Oct. 29, 1828 and died, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1907, aged 77 years, 5 months and 2 days.

On Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1847, he and Miss Mary Mills stood at the marriage altar, and in name of the triune God, they became husband and wife,

Two children were born to this union – Amos Spray of Wichita, Kansas and Phama Spray Pattison of Washunga, Okla., both of whom were present,

Immediately after their marriage, they left New Burlington, Ohio, came to Indianapolis, Ind., and resided there until 1871. In that year he was sent by the Friends’ Church to work among the Kaw Indians in Kansas and resided at Council Grove.

In 1872 he was named as one of a commission to select a new location for the Kaw Indians, and in 1873 he assisted in their removal to this section, and established this Indian School. He left this school in 1894 and went to Arkansas City, where he resided until 1893 then came here and 1904 organized the Sunday School, and was Superintendent until this year,

Bro. Spray had a birthright in the Friends Church, and about the year 1852 he was born of the holy Spirit, became a son of God through faith in Christ, received the witness of the Spirit, to the fact of his sonship, and it was a constant joy to him to know, that he being in Christ, was a new creature, -- old things were passing away, and all things were becoming new.

Sister Spray, his faithful companion, and devoted wife through nearly sixty years, is sorrowing over this departure of a loved one, but the certainty of a better world for him, turns sorrow into joy. The wife, daughter and son will tarry here for a short time; but through the tender and loving care of our Father in Heaven, may they too arrive safe at that City of which the poet wrote.

“O’er death’s sea, in you blest city;  
There’s a home for everyone,

Purchased with a price most costly,  
‘Twas the blood of God’s dear son.

Here we’ve no abiding city,  
Mansions here will soon decay;  
But that city God’s built firmly,  
It can never pass away.  
T’ward that pure and holy city,  
Of’t my longing eyes I cast;  
Jesus whispers sweetly to me  
Heaven is yours when earth is past.  
In that city—bright city;  
Soon with loved ones I shall be,  
And with Jesus live forever,  
In that city beyond death’s sea.”  
PASTOR.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to our many friends for their loving kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father. We also thank the Sunday school and Club for their beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Uriah Spray, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pattison,

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Spray.

## Resolution of Condolence.

WHEREAS, the angel of death has entered the home of our beloved sister, Phama Pattison, and taken therefrom her loving father, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the entire club do deeply mourn his death, and extend to her our deepest sympathy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family to the local paper, and a copy be placed on the records of our club.

Hattie Bowker, Alice Jones, Emma Early,  
Committee.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 12 April 1907

## Mrs. L. A. King Dies Suddenly

**Mrs. L. A. King** of Burbank died here Wednesday afternoon of organic heart trouble. Her death was very sudden and unlooked for.

On Monday evening Mrs. King came up from Burbank to consult a physician, but anticipated no serious trouble at the time. Tuesday morning she was feeling quite badly and telephoned her husband to come up on the evening train, which he did.

Tuesday night she was taken seriously, when complication affecting the heart organs set in. All was done for her that medical skill could provide, but Wednesday afternoon she succumbed to death.

She leaves a husband and a little three-year-old daughter and many friends to mourn her sudden death.

Mrs. King's parents reside at Parsons, Kansas, where her body was taken Thursday evening where the funeral and burial will take place.

Although Mrs. King had lived at Burbank only a short time, she was well known and loved by all who knew her. The deepest sympathy is expressed for the father and the little daughter in this hour of sadness.

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

I desire to thank those who so kindly assisted me during the short illness and at the death of my beloved wife. May Heaven bless you for your kindness. L. A. King

#### **Found Guilty of Murder in First Degree.**

Woodson S. Morris, who was tried last week for the killing of **Finnis Cassidy**, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. The defendant asked for a change of venue and judge Burford presided.

An appeal will be taken in the case it is reported on the grounds that the defendant should have been tried but once for the murder of the elder Cassidy and his son. Last fall Morris was acquitted of the murder of the elder Cassidy, [This case is covered extensively in *Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Pioneers Extracted From Early Kay County Newspapers Published in the Eastern Kay County Towns of Newkirk and Kildare* by Loyd M. Bishop].

**From the Kaw City Star**, 19 April 1907

#### **Obituary.**

**Claudine Pendarvis** was born at Erie, Neosho County, Kansas on September 19, 1878, the only daughter of George F1 and Mrs. Myra H. Pendarvis. A few years later Mr. and Mrs. Pendarvis moved with their family to Parsons and here Pearl attended school later graduating from the high school with honor a member of the class of '96. After her graduation she was not content with a life of ease, but wanted to take a part in the active pursuits of life. It was this that caused her to accept a position as assistant city clerk, a position which she filled with honor and credit for five years and for one year she was deputy register of deeds in the office of Arch Swanwick.

April 9, 1892 she was married to Mr. Lee A. **King**, who was then a traveling salesman, the marriage taking place at the home of her parents in this city, where Friday morning, her body filled its last resting place before its final interment. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. King moved to Washington, Kansas, where they resided for a time, and then to Pleasant Hill, Mo., later moving to Marysville, Kansas, and then to Burbank,

Okla., where Mr. King engaged in the mercantile business.

But wherever their home, the heart of Mrs. King always turned to Parsons where her parents lived and where her girlhood friends always gave her a hearty welcome and where she was a general favorite, and where her baby daughter was born, September 5, 1903. Just before Christmas she came home and spent a couple of months, and during the holiday festivities she was always among the leaders, her charming personality, quick wit, education and social accomplishments making her a general favorite with all. Last Monday her parents received a long letter from her saying that she was going to Kaw City shopping, preparatory to her summer visit in Parsons, and it was there that the fatal illness overtook her and death came.

Before their marriage Mr. King lived in Randall Kansas.

Mrs. King was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, living in each day's duties the life of a Christian woman. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. A. S. Freed of Galena who performed the marriage ceremony a few short years ago.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 28 June 1907

#### **Died.**

The little three months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolfenberger died Tuesday. The baby took suddenly ill with cholera infantum and died in about twelve hours.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday and the little one was laid to rest in the Washunga Cemetery. [Harry E. Wolfenberger, b. 28 March 1897, d. 26 June 1907.]

**From the Kaw City Star**, 12 July 1907

#### **Resolution.**

WHEREAS the angel of death has entered our sister's home and taken her darling baby **Harry Wolfenberger**, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we the members of the W. W. W. extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved mother and father in their hour of great sorrow.

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our sister and to the official paper of publication and also a copy be spread on our minutes.

Mrs. J. Bowker, Mrs. T. C. Jones, Mrs. B. W. Frost. Committee.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 16 August 1907

#### **Albert Reed Dead.**

**Albert Reed**, Traveling salesman for the Dawson Produce Co. of Arkansas City was found dead in his



room at Winfield last Sunday. Conditions surrounding the dead body indicated that he had committed suicide, as he lay face downward on his bed with a chloroform bottle in his hand.

It will be remembered that Reed was found in an unconscious condition at a hotel in this city not long ago, which was caused from an overdose of chloroform.

A doctor was summoned and he was soon revived. Upon being questioned about the matter he said that he would have been all right, and that he had only inhaled the chloroform that he might sleep off his headache,

The next morning he was out early at his work and seemed to think nothing of the little event. It is altogether probably that Reed only intended to sleep off the headache, but dropped off to sleep while he was inhaling the medicine.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 23 August 1907

#### **Obituary.**

**A. J. McCullough** was born near Cincinnati, Ohio Aug 22, 1831 and died at home of his son, W. R. McCullough of Hardy, Oklahoma, August 11, 1907, aged 75 years, 11 months and 21 days.

He was married to Rebecca Mae, in 1852 in Davis County, Iowa. From there they moved to Ottumwa, Iowa, where they made their home until 1887 when they moved to Wichita, Kansas where they have since resided with the exception of about two years residence at South Haven, Kansas. There were born to this union twelve children – eight daughters and four sons – eight of whom are still living.

The deceased was converted in early life and identified himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has endeavored to live a faithful and consistent Christian life.

The funeral was held in the Methodist Church at South Haven August 13 at ten o'clock a.m., conducted by W. J. Barron, pastor, and the remains interred in Rose Hill Cemetery.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 18 October 1907

#### **Thomas Bassler Dead.**

A telegram received today announces the death in Stillwater last Monday night of **Thomas Bassler**, the well known citizen of Longwood Township, in this county. The immediate cause of death was paralysis, though Mr. Bassler had been in poor health for some time. The family was residing in Stillwater in order to give the son and daughter an opportunity to attend the A. & M. College. Funeral services were conducted in Stillwater this afternoon and the body will arrive here at 11 a.m. tomorrow and will be taken charge of at the train by the Odd Fellows with interment in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. – *Ponca City Courier*.

#### **Killing at Cedar Vale.**

*Foraker Tribune*

There was a very unfortunate affair at Cedar Vale last Friday that resulted in one man losing his life, brought sorrow into two homes and cast a gloom over the entire community. **Joseph Leedy** aged 60, a retired farmer and banker, and William Hines, a prominent farmer and stockman, engaged in a dispute over a drainage proposition that involved the farms of each, that led to hot words and Hines struck Leedy on the head with a shovel, from the result of which he died Saturday about three o'clock. Hines who has given himself up is much broken up over the unfortunate affair, both men are married and have families, and both were prominent in social and business circles of Cedar Vale.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 8 November 1907

#### **Mrs. J. S. Bassart Dead.**

**Mrs. J. L. Bassart** who had been critically ill at the home of her son, R. H. Hill died Saturday evening. Funeral services, which were conducted by the Rebekah Lodge, were held Monday and the body was interred in Newkirk Cemetery.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 29 November 1907

One of the twin **boys** born to Albert **Hickman** and wife Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> died Tuesday night and was buried Wednesday afternoon in the Washunga Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted at the home of Mrs. Hickman's mother by Rev. Hamerick, pastor of the Methodist church.

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

We desire to thank the many friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and at the death of our **infant** child.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert **Hickman**.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 13 December 1907

#### **Died.**

Mrs. Mary Goodman, aged eighty-three years died at her home in Osage County, Wednesday. She was a widow. The remains was interred in Grandview Cemetery Thursday Rev. Kirkpatrick conducting the burial service.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 27 December 1907

#### **W. S. Stevens.**

The funeral of **W. S. Stevens**, whose death occurred at his home west of town, last Friday morning after a protracted illness caused by liver trouble, was held at the home early Saturday morning. Rev.

Kirkpatrick of the Presbyterian Church, who had been Mr. Stevens' spiritual advisor during the latter part of his illness, delivered a short address. Although held early in the morning so that the funeral party would have time for the long drive to the Newkirk Cemetery, the funeral was largely attended by neighbors and friends of the deceased. Interment was made on the family lot in Newkirk Cemetery where lies also the remains of a son who died several days ago.

The drive to the cemetery was made through a drizzling rain which continued through the day. Several members of the I. O. O. F., of which Mr. Stevens was a member, accompanied the family with the remains. When the party reached the cemetery, it was found that the grave had been made on the wrong lot and it being late, the interment was postponed until Sunday.

### **A Sad Christmas.**

While some of us are enjoying the luxuries of Christmas times, there are those even in our midst suffering untold sorrow.

**Mrs. T. C. Jones** of Washunga, who left here Monday evening to spend Christmas with relatives at Dexter Kansas, barely reached home when her nineteen-year-old **brother** was brought home a corpse, having been killed in a railroad accident, and the next day her **father**, who had been ill for some time, died. The aged gentleman's death was probably hastened by the shock incident to the death of his son. Christmas day, instead of the expected festivities, there was a double funeral and the father and son were laid away side by side.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 3 January 1908

### **Died.**

**Freddie**, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. **Stanfield** of Salt Lake, Utah, died at the home of John Moores in this city last Monday morning. The child had suffered an attack of Diphtheria at Salt Lake at Salt Lake and was supposed to have recovered, but was still very weak, the quarantine by the Salt lake officials having been raised only two weeks before the family came here last week for a holiday visit with Mrs. Stanfield's father Mr. Moores. The little body was buried in Grandview Cemetery, Tuesday.

### **Obituary.**

Little **Freddie Stanfield**, aged 2 years, 5 months and 22 days. After a short illness, died at the home of his grandfather, John Moores in this city, December 20, [1907].

"Teddy," as he was called by those at home, was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stanfield and his sudden demise occasioned intense sorrow on the part of parents and relatives.

### **W. S. Stevens**

**William Shelby Stevens** was born October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1852 at Bloomfield, Iowa, and died near Kaw City, Oklahoma, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1907. He was married to Miss Sarah Drake, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1874. To this union were born five children, two of whom have gone before him in youth. He professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and united with the Methodist Protestant church in 1896. Coming to Oklahoma in 1893 and not having the church privileges he would have liked consequently in Christian life was dwarfed and he became back-slidden in heart. Realizing that the dreadful disease which finally overcame him and claimed him a victim, he became anxious as to his eternal destiny. He began to pray that the past might be blotted out and the joys of salvation restored. He was unsatisfied for two months, but finally, for the past month, the presence of god came into his soul, lighting up his pathway and enabling him to say "that he was going to live for Jesus the balance of his days," He became burdened for his home and expressed a desire that he would love to see a revival in his midst for they needed it so badly. Near the last he was resigned to the will of God and when the writer would come to see him his first request was "Let's have a word of prayer." His joy was restored, his lamp was trimmed and ready when the spirit said "It's enough; come up hither."

His wife loses a kind and affectionate husband, the children a loving father; the community loses a true friend and noble citizen.

May we all live and have the desire to depart to be with Jesus at last.

He leaves a wife, three children, three brothers and two sisters to mourn his loss.

Jesus the Savior bright  
Morning star,  
Looking for lost ones straying  
Afar –  
Hear the glad message, why  
Will you roam?  
Jesus is calling "Sinner,  
Come home.  
C. Kirkpatrick

### **Resolutions.**

Whereas the Angel of Death has entered sister's Alice Jones home and taken from her midst her beloved father, **Mr. Washington Waymire**,

Resolved: That we the members of the W. W. W. extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family in their hour of affliction.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the sister and to the *Kaw City Star* and also that a copy be spread on the minutes of our Club in memory of our sister's departed father.

Their royal home is broken.  
A spirit has passed above  
O'er the loss of one they love  
For God in his love and wisdom  
Has taken the first of their family  
To dwell in eternal day.

Mrs. G. W. Moore, Mrs. P. L. Mann, Mrs. J. N. Bowker,  
Committee.

### Resolutions

Whereas, He that giveth and He that taketh away has entered our sister's **Sophia chateau** home and taken her loving **mother, Margaret Cornelius** away,  
Resolved: That we the members of the W. W. W. extend the bereaved sister and family our sympathy in their hour of great sorrow;

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the sister and to the local paper, and a copy be spread on our minutes in memory of her departed mother.

God in his love and wisdom  
Has taken her mother away;  
Has taken a loved one  
To dwell in eternal day

Ethel Fuller, Alice Jones, Florence Jones, Committee

### From the *Kaw City Star*, 10 January 1908

#### Tells of His Mother's Death.

We are in receipt of a letter from **D. W. Bush**, who recently moved from a lease in the Kaw Country to his farm near Conquest, Oklahoma which contains the sad news of his mother's passing away. We give the letter:

Conquest, Beaver County, Oklahoma

Mr. Charley Spencer,

Dear Sir and Brother, -- I write a few lines for you to put in your paper for the benefit of my friends.

My mother died Saturday, December 28, 1907, at 11:30 a.m. She ate a hearty breakfast late that morning and then got up and went to her chair and went to sleep. We could not arouse her, and she remained that way until Jesus called her home for the last rest.

Yours Truly, D. W. Bush

**Mrs. Bush** was very aged and feeble and seems to have had an ideal transition from this life into the great beyond. Her home for many years had been with her son, whose devotion to his aged mother was unusually marked. The painless manner of her taking away will be a source of comfort to the family's numerous friends here, with whom the *Star* joins in an expression of sympathy with Mr. Bush and his family in the loss they have sustained.

### Died.

**Mrs. Grace Norman Pappan**, wife of Weso Pappan, died suddenly at her home in Kaw Township last Saturday night,

Mrs. Pappan was in town Saturday, seemingly well and hearty, but on the way home she took sick and gradually grew worse until death resulted.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday morning, after which interment was made at Washunga Cemetery.

A husband and four small children are left to mourn her sudden demise.

### From the *Kaw City Star*, 7 February 1908

#### Obituary.

Mrs. Sara A. Hutchison, who for several weeks has been critically ill, passed away Monday morning January 27, at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Hutchinson was born in Washington County, Pa., July 8, 1836. She was the daughter of Josiah and Anna McMahan Patterson and in early [life] moved with her parents to Ohio. Here she was later loved, wooed and won by J. W. Hutchison, and [on] March 11, 1858, at Cambridge, Ohio they were married by Rev. W., V., Milligan.

To this union were born 12 children, five of whom, with the sorrowing husband survive her. These children, all of whom were present at the funeral, are Mrs. S. B. Reed, Attica; Mrs. L. F. Duggan, Wichita; E. M. Hutchison, Noble, Oklahoma; R. P. and F. B. Hutchison of Kaw Okla.

Grandma's circle of friends was large and she was loved honored and respected by all. She united with the Presbyterian Church in her 17<sup>th</sup> year, and her life has been one of singular beauty and faithful service to the Lord.

Funeral services were conducted at the home two miles west of Attica, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, the sermon being preached by Rev., C. D. Whitman, whose text was one of her own selection. — *Attica* [Kansas] *Independent*.

### From the *Kaw City Star*, 21 February 1908

#### WAH-SHUN-GAH IS DEAD.

**Wah-shun-gah**, chief of the Kaw Indians, was found dead near the home of Rufus Test, a member of the tribe with whom "Wash" has been living, Tuesday morning.

He had been in town the day before and current rumor has it that as usual, he filled up considerably on liquor, so much so that when he reached the gate at the Test farm late Monday evening he was unable to open it and falling into a stupor, expired in the night from exposure to the storm of sleet and wind that was raging.

“Wash” was seventy years of age and had been chief of the tribe for more than twenty years, having been elected upon the demise of Chief Alex Go-wah-hoo, who became the leader of the Kaws when that band left the Osages.

Wah-shun-gah had a very wide acquaintance over Oklahoma particularly among the Indians. He was conceded to be one of the leading orators of the various tribes and never failed to attract a crowd of red skins when he was on the program. Although he was somewhat intemperate and even dissipated in his own habits, the wisdom of his counsels was acknowledged and there is no doubt that many an Indian would have been benefited by heeding the advice of the old man, particularly in regard to dealings with the whites.

One of the white man’s ways that “Wash” never learned was the overlooking of financial obligations. His word was good and his memory in regard to items for which he had been credited was remarkable. Many instances are related of his making settlements by counting out into separate piles the money for each individual item of an account of many items and it is claimed that he never forgot one. After drawing his money at a payment his first thought was of his creditors. At one time, probably with the idea of saving himself a trip that seemed unnecessary, he had a bank here send drafts to pay two rather large accounts he owed at Arkansas City. Next day, however, he went up to the city to inquire whether his friends had received the “papers” he had sent.

At the time he was elevated to the position of chief, there was a tribal law to the effect that any departure from the path of sobriety by a chief should be causing much interest in our state, but is gaining great favor in other states. Becoming a law as it had become sufficiently intoxicated to attract attention and a committee of his tribesmen are appointed to investigate report their findings to the tribe. “Wash” proved equal to the occasion. He had a barrel secreted behind his shanty and when the investigation had reached the point where the committee demanded to know what had caused his peculiar demeanor on the occasion referred to, he escorted them to the place where his barrel was hid and allowed them to partake freely of the cause of his joy. This committee failed to make a report, a second one met with the same experience and also failed to report; and eventually the unjust restrictions the Kaws had put on their chief were removed.

Of the many wives, the old chief has had only one, from whom he was divorced is now living. She is a white woman, now the wife of “Willie” Jones another member of the tribe. Mrs. Test, a niece, is the nearest living relative. She is the wife of Rufus Test, in whose home “Wash” had made his stay for some length of time.

A belief that to be photographed was a death sentence had been common among the Indians, and until late years “Wash” refused steadfastly to sit for a picture, or to allow even a snapshot picture to be made of him. It is claimed that he did sit for a photographer while on a visit in Washington a few years ago, but so far as is known here the picture at the head of this article is the only one showing him in full costume.

On all but a very few occasions when persuaded by ones who had particularly befriended him, he persisted in his refusal to face the camera, and would always cover his face when he noticed a camera being sighted at him.

The remains of the old chief was buried in the Washunga cemetery Wednesday afternoon with little ceremony. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, few witnessed his laying away.

Albert Taylor is the member of the tribe entitled to succeed Wah-shun-gah, who, by the way was not of the chief blood but was elected supposedly on account of his superior qualifications and skill as a politician. Since tribal relations are a thing of the past there is no more need of a chief and Albert will have to content himself with thoughts of what might have been.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 28 February 1908

**Obituary.**

**Edgar Thomas Harley** was born in Clearfield, Co., Pa. Jan 27, 1880 and died at Norman, Okla., February 20, 1908. He moved with his parents to Missouri while yet small, and lived there until thirteen years of age. From there the family moved to Washington, Co., Ohio, and about three years ago it being from there that Mr. Harley came to Oklahoma to live with his brother John, who resides in the Kaw Country.

Funeral services were conducted at the Washunga Cemetery by Rev. Chas. Kirkpatrick, where he was laid away to await the resurrection morning.

The deceased was survived by a father and brother in Oklahoma and by a brother and sister in Iowa.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 8 March 1908

**SHERIFF SYL FORD KILLED.**

**Run Over by train at Ponca City.**

As southbound No. 405 was pulling into Ponca City last Monday evening, Syl G. Ford, Sheriff of Kay County, who was going to Ponca City on business jumped from the train, just before it stopped at the station, fell under the wheels, and was literally cut in two and his lower limbs ground to jelly.

Mr. Ford stood on the lower step of the car, while just behind him were two deputies. They had all arranged to get off some distance from the depot as they were going to that place to raid a gambling house, and did not want to put in an appearance at the depot, for fear

of flushing their game. It is thought that Mr. Ford's coat caught on the railing in some manner, which caused him to fall under the train when he alighted. The other parties alighted all right and did not know that Mr. Ford was hurt until they found him lying on the track face downward. They turned him over and ask him if he was hurt, and he replied, "I am killed," and breathed his last.

Mr. Ford was 48 years of age, leaves a wife, daughter and son, Funeral services were held at Newkirk Wednesday.

[This accident is covered extensively at the time in newspapers published in both Ponca City and Newkirk, Oklahoma.]

**From the Kaw City Star**, 24 April 1908

#### **Resolutions of condolence.**

Hall of Kaw City Encampment No 83, I. O. O. F. Kaw City, Oklahoma.

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved brother and Patriarch, Chancey J. Hill, who on April 10<sup>th</sup> 1893 was called to the presence of Him who Sitteth as Grand Master of the Universe and,

Whereas, the bereaved family has lost a kind and loving husband and father, and Kaw City Encampment, No. 83 and Waynesville Lodge No. 474, Waynesville, Mo., a true and faithful member.

Therefore be it resolved that we extend to the mourning loved ones and to the officers and members of Waynesville Lodge No. 474, I. O. O. F. our heartfelt sympathy in this their dark hour of bereavement and here farther we resolve that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our departed brother, also to the Lodge at Wayburn [sic], Mo., and they be spread upon minutes of our encampment.

J. F. Harris, A. T. Sine, and J. S. Glazebrook, Committee.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 5 June 1908

#### **Commits Suicide.**

A telephone message from Sedan today discloses the news of a suicide at Cedarvale Saturday night. He dead man is Cloy R. Weaver, editor of the *Cedarvale Commercial* and of the *Hewings Sayings*. The deed was enacted about dusk Saturday evening and Mr. Weaver took his life by taking a dose or strychnine. The bottle which contained the poison bore a New York label, showing that he had sent away for the poison.

Mr. Weaver was in dire circumstances, it is said, and his printing plants were mortgaged. The dead man was a former schoolteacher and a Rough Rider. He had told people that he had been misled in his purchase of the plant and that the deal had broken him up financially.

He committed his last act, that of taking his own life in an outbuilding at the rear of his home. His brother heard him scream and ran to him, but the man was dead a few minutes later. Mr. Weaver leaves a wife and one child. – Arkansas City, Kansas, *Traveler*.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 4 September 1908

#### **Obituary.**

Geo. Hall was born in Indiana February 1, 1829 and died at Washunga August 27<sup>th</sup> 1908. He leaves two sisters to mourn his loss. He was buried in the Uncas Cemetery last Friday. Rev. Kirkpatrick pastor of the Presbyterian Church here conducted the funeral services.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 11 September 1908

#### **A. D. HEARD DEAD.**

#### **Old Soldier and Frontiersman Passed Away Suddenly**

A. D. Heard, well known in this vicinity as an old frontiersman died very suddenly at the home of Joda LaSarge in Osage County Tuesday morning.

Mr. heard had gone to the LaSarge home to do some painting. He was well up in his years and had been ailing considerable of late, so much so that he had been able to do but little work.

The LaSarges were away from home Monday, no one being present but Ernest Jamieson and two small boys. Mr. Jamieson was awakened Tuesday morning about four o'clock by the noise made by the dying man and upon reaching the bedside found him in an unconscious condition from which he never recovered. Mr. Jamieson summoned some near neighbors. But all efforts for his recovery were fruitless.

Mr. Heard was an old soldier and was drawing a pension. He leaves a wife, from whom he has been separated sometime so far as we are able to learn, no children survive him. His burial took place at the Grand View Cemetery Tuesday.

Later – it is learned that Mr. Heard has a daughter in Galt, California and a sister in Saratoga, New York. No evidence can be found substantiating the report that he was an old soldier.

**From the Kaw City Star**, 30 October 1908

#### **G. M. Dick Dies Suddenly.**

**G. M. Dick**, one of Washunga's leading merchants died very suddenly Tuesday evening at that place.

He had been out in the country on business and returned to town in the evening with Steve Pappan. He was found dead in the street just a few doors from his home, where it is presumed he had fallen.

Dr. Compton and Barker were called when the body was found, but all life had left it. Judge Pattison was

notified of his sudden death, but no inquest was held as the doctors pronounced death from heart trouble, and there was no evidence of any kind of violence. Mr. Dick had been a resident of this county for several years, and his sudden demise was a great shock to the community.

He leaves a wife, one son and one daughter. His body was sent to Medford, Oklahoma yesterday evening for burial.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 6 November 1908

### **KILLED IN A POLITICAL ROW**

#### **Oklahoma Republican Shot with an Automatic Gun**

Foraker, Okla., Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – In a political quarrel here Sunday, Frank S. Seward a prominent hardware merchant and local democratic committeeman, shot and killed **John R. Milam**, a prominent farmer and stockman of Pawhuska.

At the time of the shooting Milam, Seward and Isaac Gasteneau, democratic members of the election board were in Seward's store on Broadway. Words passed and there seems to have been considerable trouble when the shots were fired.

An automatic gun was used and four or five shots fired, all taking effect in Milam's head and body. After being shot Milam staggered out to the sidewalk and died in a few minutes.

Seward is under arrest. Both men are prominent in business and politics. Seward is a democrat and Milam a republican. – *Arkansas City Traveler*.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 13 November 1908

#### **T. J. Fagin Dead.**

**T. J. Fagin** of Kildare died at his home in that city Saturday morning at about three o'clock. Mr. Fagin had been sick for the past year, and while hopes were entertained by his family and friends that he would ultimately recover, the malady of which he was suffering seemed to each day hold a tighter grip on his life.

Funeral services were conducted at Kildare Sunday and his body was interred in the family cemetery near the Kansas line north of Newkirk. One of the largest crowds ever attended a funeral in Kay County was present to pay their respects to their departed neighbor and friend.

Tom, as he was familiarly known all over the county, numbered his friends by his acquaintances. He was always ready to do a kindly deed for humanity, and his life, although ended to this earth, will always remain a living quantity to his many friends.

#### **Obituary.**

This village has suffered a loss in the death of **Mr. Thomas Fagins** who passed away Saturday at 3 a.m. after much suffering endured in the past two years. He was 47 years, 11 months and 7 days old.

Last winter, during the services in the Methodist Church here, he sought the Savior, joined the church on probation, and set up the family altar in his home. During the last few weeks of his life when he felt he was soon to go, he often spoke of his being ready. When losing consciousness, Friday evening about 5 o'clock, his last words to his wife were, "It is all right Ella."

The funeral services were held at the Methodist Church at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The church was tastefully decorated under charge of the Rebecca Lodge, and many and beautiful were the floral tributes of love and esteem. The music, spoken of as the sweetest ever heard at a funeral service, consisted of a quartet under the direction of Prof. Fowler of Arkansas City. Rev. H. W. Lewis preached from Psalms 30: 5 "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning"

The lodges of which Mr. Feagins was a member attended in a body. The Woodman Lodge assisted in arrangements at the church and the I. O. O. F. had charge of the service at the grave. Interment was made in Mercy Cemetery, Kansas.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved wife and children to whom he was a devoted husband and father.

The relatives from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Bannester of Chandler, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs., C. M. Crocker of Crescent City, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Crocker and daughter May of Winfield, Kansas.

From the *Kaw City Star*, 27 November 1908

### **FUGHT ENDS BAD**

#### **Washunga is Scene of Bad Cutting Scrape.**

#### **Roy Grantham is Lying at the Point or Death and Leonard Cassity is in Co. Jail.**

Last Friday night after the crowd attending the dance and box supper had dispersed, an altercation took place between Leonard Cassity and Roy **Grantham** which ended in Grantham being stabbed four or five times the back with a knife and may probably not recover.

The young men were clinched and standing face to face, when Cassity drew his knife, reached behind Grantham in some manner and cut him in five different places before they could be separated. This fight seems to have been the climax of some other trouble.

Drs. Barker and Irvin were called to attend the injured man, and all that is possible is being done to save him, however, it appears at this writing – Monday – that chances are much against the recovery.

Cassity was arrested Saturday morning by Officer Clark and taken to the county seat, where he will be held, pending the fate of Grantham.

It is understood that Cassity will plead self defense, but at this writing the stories of the fight are so varied

that we are unable to ascertain with any degree of certainty who was the aggressor.

LATER. –Cassity was arraigned before Judge Duvall at Newkirk Tuesday and pled not guilty to the charge proffered against him. His bond was fixed at \$2000.00 which he gave. A hearing in the case is set for December 21<sup>st</sup>.

As we go to press reports from the bedside of Roy Grantham are very unfavorable. However they are still chances for his recovery.

LATER – Grantham died at 10:30 A. M. Today

[Article in the *Kaw City Star* of 11 December 1906 says **Cassity bound over without Bail.** Leonard Cassity, who stabbed Roy Grantham at Washunga with a knife, inflicting wounds which resulted later in Grantham's death, at a preliminary at Newkirk Tuesday, was bound over to the District Court without bail. Cassity will be compelled to remain in the county jail to await his trial in the district court, which will in all probability be heard at the next session of that court. About fifty people from here including witnesses for the prosecution and for the defense were present at the hearing. Proceedings in mandamus have been filed which will determine whether or not the defendant will be allowed bail pending his final hearing.]

#### **TWO DEATHS IN ONE HOME.**

#### **Mrs. J. M. Pattison Dies Sunday of Pneumonia and Her Mother, Mrs. Mary Spray, Succumbs Wednesday to the Same Disease.**

The entire vicinity is sorely grieved over the death of **Mrs. J. M. Pattison** and her mother **Mrs. Spray**, whose demise came only three days apart. Both ladies were residents of Washunga, but had a wide circle of friends here and in Kansas who deeply feel the loss of their highly esteemed friends and neighbors,

Both suffered and died of the same malady, acute pneumonia, and both will be side by side in the family lot at the Arkansas City Cemetery,

Mrs. Pattison was taken to Arkansas City Monday evening after short services, conducted at the house by Rev. Finley. Funeral services were conducted in that city Tuesday at the M. E. Church by Rev. Riley, pastor, after which her body was taken to its last resting place.

Thursday evening the remains of Mrs. Spray were taken to Arkansas City and after services at the church Saturday was placed along side of her daughter, who had gone only three days before.

Mrs. Pattison leaves a husband and brother, near relative, to mourn her demise.

#### **John R Tate Dead.**

**John R. Tate** died at the home of his daughter Mrs., J. S. Mills in Tonkawa Wednesday afternoon after

an illness of many months. The funeral was held in Tonkawa Thursday afternoon and the body was brought to the I. O. O. F. cemetery south of this city and laid by the side of his wife. A number of Masons and others of our citizens attended the funeral. Mr. Tate was one of our most prominent citizens and his death is universally regretted. Active for years in church, municipal and political circles. Mr. Tate has helped materially in making the history of our city and it is not going to be an easy matter to fill his place. A more extended obituary next week. – *Blackwell Times Record.*

**From the *Kaw City Star*, 11 Dec 1908**

#### **Tragedy near Braman**

On Wednesday, December 2, about 2 p.m., **Wm. Noble**, about 45 shot his brother, S. B. Noble, who is about five years older? Two of the bullets struck the victim in the arm and one in the shoulder, but it is said none of the wounds are serious. The men live on adjoining farms about two miles northeast of Braman and both are apparently prosperous. The one who did the shooting went to Braman and surrendered to Ferguson, a butcher, who was deputized to bring the prisoner to Blackwell, where Deputy Sheriff Clarence Gross of Newkirk took charge of him to the county seat.

The cause leading to the shooting appears to have been the wife of Wm. Noble, with whom he has had trouble on various occasions, their disagreement at one time having gone so far as the beginning of divorce proceedings, but were stopped and the couple were again living together. It is reported that Wm. Noble blamed his brother for much of the trouble and suspected him of being unlawfully intimate with woman. It is said that the day of the shooting he lay in hiding in a field and saw his brother enter the house. He immediately followed and entered and began shooting with the results above noted. The sympathy of the neighbors is said to be with Wm. Noble, the general impression being that he has been deeply wronged and had good reason for attempting to take the "unwritten law" into his own hands. (Reprinted from the *Blackwell News*.)

#### **Roy Grantham's Funeral Saturday.**

Funeral services over the body of Roy Grantham were conducted in Washunga last Saturday by Rev. Kirkpatrick, after which the body was interred in the Washunga cemetery. A large crowd was present to pay respect to the dead and to express sympathy for the relatives.

The deceased leaves a young wife having only recently been married.

## Obituary.

**Roy Grantham** was born in Colorado October 25, 1888 and died Nov. 27. He was married to Miss Laura Pappan November 6, 1908 at Newkirk, Oklahoma, since which time he had made his home at Washunga.

The deceased leaves a wife, mother, two brothers and two sisters to mourn his tragic death.

**Mrs. Gearhart** of near Burbank mother of H. E. Gearhart, died Friday and was buried at Newkirk Saturday. Mrs. Gearhart died of consumption. The Gearharts have many friends in the community in which they reside, who extend sympathy in their hour of bereavement. [**Hannah C. Gearhart**, b. 18 January 1853, d. 4 December 1908.]

## Card of Thanks

We desire to express our most sincere thanks to the kind friends who gave so generously, their assistance and sympathy, at the death of our mother. May God bless and reward those willing hands. – Elmer Gearhart.

**Mrs. Harris Conklin** died at her home between this city and Foraker Tuesday. Her body was brought to this place Wednesday evening and shipped to Breckenridge, Oklahoma, for burial. Mrs. Conklin leaves a little baby about a month old.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Conklin left here Wednesday evening for Frederick, Oklahoma, where they will attend the funeral of Mrs. Harris Conklin.

*From the Kaw City Star*, 18 Dec 1908

## FIVE DEATHS AT WASHUNGA – Pneumonia Takes All But One The Little Town Certainly Has Had Its Share of Trouble

During the past two weeks Washunga, the little town on the north, has certainly had its share of deaths, there being five recorded up to this time.

**Died. Mrs. J. M. Pattison** and her mother, **Mrs. Spray**, were the first to be called, having died from pneumonia. A few days later **Roy Grantham** succumbed to death from the result of a bad knife wound. Last week pneumonia claimed to more, the little six year old **daughter** of Mrs. F. O. **Rickard** and the two year old **son** of Mrs. U. G. **Hughes**.

Ordinarily Washunga is a very healthful place, and up to his time the death rate has only been common place. However this most remarkable number in such a short time has caused a gloom to settle over the little town that will long be remembered.

**Died.** The two-year-old **baby boy** of Mrs. U. G. **Hughes** died at the Hughes home in Washunga Saturday of pneumonia, and was buried in the Washunga cemetery Monday. Funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. Finely of the M. E. Church of this city.

**S. N. Noble** of Braman, who was shot by his brother December 2<sup>nd</sup>, died at the hospital at Wichita December 5<sup>th</sup>. The man that did the shooting is being held in the county jail at Newkirk.



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