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Introduction

What started as an attempt to locate obituaries for some names listed in early records of Undertaker J. M. Hayden's, who in June, 1895, established his funeral business in Ponca City became a book continuing obituaries published in Ponca City newspapers. Since that edition this obituary project has expanded into four additional volumes that include all Kay County towns. This volume includes Obituaries of Braman, Oklahoma and vicinity. Braman was not incorporated until 1899, and the earliest newspapers published at Braman do not seem to be as well preserved as do those of other Kay County towns. The first newspaper to appear in the microfilms at Oklahoma Historical Society was published by the *Braman Star* published on May 18, 1901. The publication of the *Star* seems to have ceased after August 13, 1904. The *Braman Leader* started publication on 28 October 1904. Newspapers searched in this volume are OHS numbers 2483-101, 2483-102, 2483-103, and 2483-104 (through December 31, 1908).

The first burial on record at the Braman Cemetery occurred on November 1, 1899 and it is recorded on a tombstone. This leaves about an eighteen-month gap in which accounts may have appeared in newspapers and the earliest headstone in place. Since early official records of the cemetery do not seem to be extant. If newspaper accounts are not available, and if there is no gravestone in place, there is little chance that a record of deaths that occurred in this area exists.

The proximity of Braman to Cowley and Sumner Counties, Kansas, as well as Grant County, Oklahoma, communities makes it possible that a funeral notice or obituary could have appeared in a newspaper published at a nearby town. A death that occurred in the Braman area may also have been recorded in Blackwell newspapers. Most of these appear on the Pioneer Genealogical Society Web page under a separate listing from these five Kay County volumes.

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

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

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.

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 may only have printed news items relating to their subscribers, ignoring others in the community. Maybe the editors thought that reporting such bad news would give outsiders a negative impression of the area. Services may have also been announced from the pulpit on Sunday mornings, so by the time the newspapers were printed later that week the Sunday announcements were "old" news and not printed.

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

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

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

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

In order to make it easier for the reader scanning the pages of this book, the name of a deceased person appears highlighted in bold type within the text of the obituary. Names did not appear in bold face type in the

original columns of the newspapers. Also, the obits are listed in chronological order except in a few instances when continuing investigations or trials occurred.

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

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

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From the Braman Star, 25 May 1901

Gone to Rest

Lot Jordan died at the home of his mother's, Mrs. Henry Flandings, May 21, of that dreaded disease consumption. During his illness he was a great sufferer and as the end drew near he expressed a desire to go and be at rest. He leaves a mother, several relatives and a host of friends to mourn his loss. The funeral services was conducted by Rev E. Watkins and was attended by a host of sympathizing friends. His remains were laid to in the Braman Cemetery.

From the Braman Star, 22 June 1901

Obituary.

The sunshine of another home has been darkened by the grim visage of death, the pride and joy of another home is gone, and the sweet babe of Mr. and Mrs. w. A. Stough is now safely sleeping folded in the arms of Jesus, It's savior, freed from the cares and turmoil of life, it has passed the portals into the land of bliss.

Searles Albert Stough was born August 24, 1900, died June 16, 1901 of cholera infantum, aged 9 months and 23 days. The little one was sick only a few days and all that medical aid could do to save its life was done, but it was too rare a treasure to remain on earth and answer to the call of Jesus to come.

The funeral was held from the family residence on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. J. M. Via. After which the remains were conveyed to the Braman cemetery east of town for interment.

From the Braman Star, 19 August 1901

Fouly Murdered.

Irwin C. Rogers Shot and Killed by Robbers

The people of this vicinity were startled and grieved when a message was received here Tuesday afternoon announcing that one of our most honored and esteemed citizens, **Irwin C. Rogers** had been most fouly murdered by robbers at Lawton, Okla., Monday night. It is seldom that such expressions of sorrow are manifested, seeming to cast a gloom over the entire community. For two days message after message was sent by an eager, anxious people, hoping to get some particulars of the tragedy, but not a word could be heard until Thursday when Fred Brown wired from Medford that he was coming with the remains and would arrive here on the 8 o'clock train, but the Rock Island was three hours late and they did not get into Blackwell until 4 o'clock, missing the train. The remains were brought up from Blackwell in a hearse arriving here at about 7 o'clock and were taken to his home two miles northwest of town. A short funeral service was conducted at the

residence yesterday at 10{00 a.m. by Rev. Thomison, after which the remains were followed to the Braman cemetery by a vast concourse of sorrowing friends and neighbors and laid to rest.

Deceased was 40 years old and leaves a wife and four children to mourn the loss of a faithful husband and loving father. The bereaved family have the sympathy if the entire community in their sad bereavement.

The following are particulars of the murder: Mr. Rogers in company with W. J. Bebb, John Homer, and John Coulter left Lawton about 9 o'clock Monday night to walk out to their camp a half mile southeast of town, and when they reached the outskirts of town they noticed three fellows walking along behind them who they took to be fellow campers, when suddenly they quickened their pace and walked around them, and turning round drew their guns and commanded them to throw up their hands, Coulter who was walking along side of Rogers immediately put his hands up but Rogers said, "I don't know about this," when the robbers fired three shots almost simultaneously at him and he exclaimed, "Boys I am shot, shot twice," one of the robbers then thrust his four children to mourn the loss of a faithful husband and loving father. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

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and summoned medical assistance who found that two of the three shots had taken effect, one struck him in the right arm near the shoulder ranging down the cavity of the right lung, the other shot struck him in the right hip. All was done that was possible to save his life, but to not avail, and death relieved him of his suffering at 1:20 a.m.

Mr. Rogers has been a resident of this community ever since the opening and was esteemed by all for his many good qualities as a citizen, neighbor and friend, and his untimely death is mourned by all.

From the *Braman Star*, 31 August 1901

Card of Thanks.

I desire to extend to the hind friends and neighbors, and especially the members of the A. H. T. A., my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the extreme kindness and sympathy shown me in my recent great trouble, and my God's richest blessings forever abide with them. Mrs. I. C. Rogers

From the *Braman Star*, 12 September 1901

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our darling **Eva**.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. **Wells**.

From the *Braman Star*, 25 June 1901

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to all the dear friends who have so kindly assisted in the care and for tender sympathies extended during the sickness and death of my **husband**. May God bless you. Mrs. Sarah C. **Ardery**

From the *Braman Star*, 8 March 1902

Resolutions of Sympathy M. W. A. Camp No. 6904, Braman, O. T.

Whereas, God in his allwise providence has entered the home of neighbor H. B. Kendrick and removed to his eternal home a much loved husband and father. Therefore be it

Resolved, that we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the wife and children and other member of his family, in this, their hour of deep sorrow and encourage them to look beyond the sleep of their loved one, to the bright and joyous awakening in that home above where partings come no more.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the home now filled with sadness, a copy be placed on file in our camp and published same in our paper.

W. W. Yeager, H. C. Scott, W. A. Stough,
Committee

From the *Braman Star*, 14 June 1902

Mrs. E. W. Heffron Dead.

Mr. E. W. Heffron died at her home in this city, on Tuesday June 10 1902, after a short illness of only a few hours, at the age of 29 years, 10 months and 12 days.

Mrs. **Sarah Eva Heffron** was born July 28, 1872, at Winfield, Kansas, where she has resided with her parents until her marriage to Mr. E. W. Heffron, Dec. 13, 1891, after which resided with her husband on a farm near that place until they removed to Oklahoma, some four years go.

The deceased leaves a husband and four small children, two sons and two daughters, the eldest nine years of age, to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother and a devoted wife.

While the deceased never united with a church, yet she lived a true Christian life and was known as a woman possessed of a noble, womanly character, gentle, kind and devoted to her family always ready to extend sympathy and aid to her neighbors in time of need

A beautiful and impressive funeral services was conducted from the Baptist church at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, by Led. J. M. Via, after which the remains were followed by a large number of sorrowing relatives, friends and neighbors to Braman Cemetery where interment took place after a short burial service.

From the *Braman Star*, 28 June 1902

In noting the death last week of **Mrs. E. W. Heffron** we erred as to her birthplace, which was Allen County Indiana instead of Winfield as then published.

From the *Braman Star*, 12 July 1902

Died, Monday, July 7, of acute indigestion, seven-months-old **infant son** of Mr. and Mrs. **Ricks**, residing four miles southeast of this city. Funeral were conducted from the home by Elder J. M. Via.

From the *Braman Star*, 26 July 1902

Gone to His Reward

Wm. Beckmeyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Beckmeyer, of this city, died Saturday, July 19, at the hospital in Wichita, Kans., where he had been awaiting the time to be operated on for appendicitis. The funeral took place in Wichita at 6 o'clock from [name not readable] undertaking establishment.

Everyone in Braman and vicinity is acquainted with the circumstances of Mr. Beckmeyer and his family. . . . for six long weeks his wife had been stricken with the

fever and he watched over her so diligently; and to add another link to their chain of sorrow, their newborn babe was lying at death's door. By and by the too much worry that had been laid upon willing shoulder began to tell and he was stricken down in sickness, and later the black rider, which will some day come to us all, gently stretched forth his hand and said, "Come."

The sympathies of the entire neighborhood go out to the young widow and baby he has left behind for a while to later join him on that other shore. Also, the aged and bereaved father and mother, to the loving sister who survive him we can only say that it was God's will, and their hope and trust if placed in the Designer of all men's destinies will cause them to meet him and thus complete the family circle around the giant white throne above.

From the Braman Star, 24 June 1902

Uncle **Joe Pickett** is dead. Another aged man gone to his reward. He died Jan. 21 at 8:30 P. M. at the home of his son Neal A. Pickett in Geulph Township Sumner County, with whom he has lived for several years. He was born in N. C., July 21st, 1817. The funeral services were conducted by Elder J. M. Via of Wellington, Ks. The remains were taken to the Ahrnsniker Cemetery for burial. The text used, Prov. 19:31. He had been a Christian for many years and died as he had lived trusting in the Savior. Many friends gathered to say good-by. He leaves three sons Newton, in Beaver Co., O. T., Sib and Neal near Guelph Kansas. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

From the Braman Star, 4 October 1902

Met a Horrible Death.

David Schwab, living four miles west and one north of Ingersoll met a horrible death Monday of this week. He was dragging plowed ground one-half mile from home. He had taken four horses and gone to spend the day and as he did not return in the evening searched was instituted and sometime after dark he was found under the drag, dead. It is supposed he was killed in the fore noon, as his dinner was not eaten. — *Nardin Star*.

From the Braman Star, 22 November 1902

Fatal Accident

Theodore Zink, while unloading rock at Blackwell, suffered a fracture of his skull. A heavy rock was thrown off the wagon and fell on one end of an iron bar causing the other end to fly up and strike him on the forehead, inflicting a wound from which the blood gushed in a stream, and knocking him down.

From the Braman Star, 21 February 1903

Obituary.

Mrs. **Susie Mary Mooter**, wife of D. F. Mooter and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Hubbard was born June 27, 1872 in Neosha County, Kansas, and died Feb 15, 1903, in Braman, O. T., was buried Feb. 17th from the Baptist Church, Rev. J. M. Via officiating. The large number of people that helped to perform the last sad rites attested the high esteem in which she was held in this community. Mrs. Mooter was married to D. F. Mooter Sept. 19, 1896; she was 31 years old and had been married six years. She joined the United Brethren Church at the age of fifteen, and became member of the Methodist Church in Braman by letter. She was also an active worker in the Fraternal Aid Association. The direct cause of her death was pronounced neuralgia of the heart although she had been quite sick for sometime from stomach trouble and a short time previous to her death was supposed to be improving, consequently her sudden demise came as a shock to the people and especially to her many intimate friends who discovered on her final departure that they had unconsciously formed a tie stronger than they suspected and that caused the greater grief that followed, nor is this strange for Mrs. Mooter's was one of those patient sweet self sacrificing natures that endears themselves to all acquaintances and to whose friends, who are always legion, a sort of help and prop that leaves one indeed heart sick and sad when taken away. Not only was her kind gentle spirit, cheerful greeting and helpful hand always ingratiating her into the life and affections of others, but her Christian advice was often sought and found by trial to be of that trustworthy nature that inspired the utmost confidence, so that her multitude of friends not only loved but trusted and now that she has gone the remembrance of her many estimable qualities is an heritage of which we are all proud and the richer, and if death has claimed another shining light.

It but asserts its divine right,
But if hope illumines the soul's pathway;
Death at last will loose its prey.

From the Braman Star, 7 March 1903

SAD ACCIDENT

Dave Brogan the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brogan died Monday morning at 8 o'clock having drunk some sulfuric acid the night before, that had been left in an adjoining room by the creamery company. Little Dave had just recovered from a protracted sickness that had tried his strength as well as his mothers and was enjoying the childish freedom that comes with health when he came across this bottle of acid and child like drank some of its contents with the inevitable result, for nothing can save life from a dose of

this virulent poison, and a loving family, fond and faithful mother were left to mourn his untimely and unseemly end. Strange fatalities seem to pursue us and in the many combats Little Dave had, one can imagine he detects a sinister foe that will not be satisfied with less than a victim's life and so Dave yielded to the odds as we all must when they become too great. The *Star* hopes this last affliction will work a change and that the family may enjoy a long surcease from those cares and distresses that have burdened them so grievously. As Bertram said to his compatriots, "Surely the weather will clear tomorrow."

From the Braman Star, 21 March 1903

Obituary

Margerite Lousina Dickerson [Miller] was born in Harrison Co. Ohio, March 23rd, 1851. [She] Came to Iowa with her parents in 1867 moved to Kansas in 1871 was married to Samuel C. Miller on Sept., 2nd, 1873, at Osage City, Kansas. Of this union there are three children Elmer C. Miller, David Dl Miller and Mrs. Harvey G. Fisher. There are two grand children. This family moved to Oklahoma in the spring of 899. This sister united with the Methodist Church at the age of 26 and has lived a life consistent with her profession. Departed this life March 17th at the age of 51 years 11 months, and 25 days. Her father and six brothers survive her. The funeral was held at the house Thursday March 19th the remains were interred in the Rose Hill Cemetery at South Haven.

From the Braman Star, 28 March 1903

Card of Thanks.

We wish this as a testimonial of our gratitude for the numerous expressions of sympathy by our many friends in our late bereavement in the loss of our wife and mother.

C. Miller and Family [Probably **Margaret C. Miller** b. 23 March 1851, d. 17 March 1903.]

John Alderson and wife of Wellington attended the funeral of **Opal Davis** who was buried in Braman Cemetery.

From the Braman Star, 4 April 1903

Opel Davis, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis departed this life Friday evening March 26, 1903, at 6 p.m. She was 7 years and 11 months old. Opel had not been well for sometime gut was dangerously ill only a few days, when God in his infinite wisdom took her to dwell with him. Only a few days before her death she told her mamma she had dreamed of Jesus and that she had walked a little way with him. She was a little child

yet who can say, she had not a vision of what was awaiting her. She was a child of a lovely disposition unselfish and helpful. No one can know the bitter anguish of her parents in their sad hour of affliction.

We sorrow not as hopeless,
Tho' stumbling in our night,
Our loved ones sleep in Jesus
May wake with him in light.

N. E. H.

From the Braman Star, 11 April 1903

Obituary.

Opal Davis was born [at] Mayfield Kansas April the 24th 18905 and departed this life March the 26th 1903 near Braman Okla. aged seven years eleven months, and 2 days. She had not been well all winter but had not been down. She was in bed only two days, and everything was done that kind friends could do but it seemed that the lord had other work for her to do. To know her was to love her. She was the light of the home.

The house so still, that but lately rang with the silver tones of infante tongue.

Dost thou sit in darkness to weep and mourn for the sinless child from thy bosom torn.

No stay thy tears that thy precious one to Savior's arms hath so lately gone,

No throb of anguish no moan of pain, no dying pang will she know again.

But safe and sheltered and owned and blest thy babe hath entered holy rest.

Oh! Earth's best homes are but drear and wild compared to the home of thy ransomed child,

Wouldst thou call her back from those regions fair, nay; strive young mother to meet her there.

By a friend.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the kind friends and neighbors who kindly assisted during the sickness and death of our little daughter and grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. David

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Craig.

From the Braman Star, 11 April 1903

Horrible Death.

Arthur Yoakum and Arthur Horstley the Victims.

EARLY MORNING FIRE AT BLACKWELL.

Arthur Horstley 14 years old and **Arthur Yoakum** proprietor of the Blue Front restaurant in Blackwell died Wednesday from the effect of burns they received as the result of an explosion in a cooking stove caused by the careless use of kerosene in starting the morning fire. But

for the prompt and efficient work of the fire department a disastrous conflagration would have followed

From the *Braman Star*, 18 Apr 1903

Obituary.

Walter Higginbottom, 16 year-old, living with Lon Clark 2 mi. south of Portland [Kansas] died Monday evening at 7 o'clock of pneumonia fever; was buried at Cleardale Tuesday Rev. E. R. Parker Baptist minister from South Haven conducting the services,

Walter is the son of Mrs. Tom Ittison of Cleardale. This one of those sad irreconcilable deaths that causes everyone to protest. Strong, young, full of hope and promise he is cut down in the flower of his youth by a fate that seems to \make a plaything of life, leaving all his friends and acquaintances to mourn with that bitterness such untimely deaths alone occasion. We can see the aged depart this life with equanimity and composure, realizing that they are but conforming to the natural order of things, and that they are through with this life here; but when death invades the precincts of youth, sunshine joy and hope to blast it all without fell blow we marvel with unappealable grief and pray may be spared another affliction of this sort, and only hope it is for the best.

From the *Braman Star*, 30 May 1903

Deaths.

Francis Hunter.

The *Star* is called upon to perform again the saddest of all sad duties—announce the death of promising hopeful childhood. Little **Francis**, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert **Hunter**, of Hunnewell, died Monday May 25 of Pneumonia fever and was buried at Wellington.

This was an only child; the idol of its parents. The grief of the father heaven knows, is deep enough, but the child was not bone of his bone or flesh of his flesh; he has not suffered the travail of its birth, nor has its life been nourished at his breast. He has felt the outside pangs of sorrow; the mother—ah, the mother, to her, and her alone is given to feel the heart of it; to be torn, and wrenched, and crushed, with that unutterable woe that time or death alone can assuage. There is nothing in the gamut of human experience that approaches her immeasurable pathos, and fortunate indeed is the mind escaping injury under its strain,]

We feel our impotence to extend condolence in the days of weeping to follow. To the husband and intimate friends is left the delicate task in this world, and to her God in the unknown world--this last the sweetest and surest source of balm for wounded affections, and one to

which bereaved womanhood instinctively turns. – E. Myers.

Mrs. Nellie Brown

Another good woman has gone to her eternal rest. Death a constant reminder of the limitations and uncertainty of human existence; that strikes your loved one today and you tomorrow, working so assiduously and insidiously that any moment of joy may be turned to one of sorrow laid its fatal hand and Mrs. Brown last Monday and took her "to that bourne from whence not traveler ere returned. Barely had the hearts of Braman people begun to recover from the tribulations occasioned by the loss of other dear ones, when they were suddenly called upon to continue their grief with added bitterness in mourning the untimely demise of another gentle, loving faithful, Christian woman. That Mrs. Brown was all this and more well attested by the large gathering of weeping relatives and sorrowing friends who paid their last touching tributes. Stepchildren whose affections had been so tenderly nurtured that they had reached full fruition, vied in the love with which they called her mother, with that of her own children and in the purity and sweetness of their home life natures lines had been obliterated and she had become the same to both. They sobbed a last good-bye and shrank from the mockers of life with mother gone and wondered in their youthful weakness, if all the light and joy and hope of their beings was not being buried too. There were flowers in profusion, some eyes saw them, their delectable aroma pleased some senses their defiant colors softened some grief; but the husband and children were not deceived it took more than these too dull the poignancy of their grief., It will take time—time that arbitrator of destiny--may it deal kindly with this stricken family.

Nellie Brown, nee **Rice** was born in Douglas County, Mo., March 29, 1875, moved with her parents to Arkansas City, Kan., March 1879. She was united in marriage to John Palm, October 16, 1892, to this union were born two children, John and Dudley Palm, both survive her. Mr. Palm died Sept. 6, 1866 [sic]. She was united in marriage to Omer Brown Sept, 76, 898, and to this union was born two children, Willard and Raymond, both survive her. She united with the M. E. Church at Arkansas City, AT the age of 15 years and with the Braman M. E. Church by letter Sept. 1898 and died in its fellowship, May 25, 1903, aged 28 years, 1 month and 26 days. She leaves an aged mother, a husband, two sisters, two brothers, four children and three stepchildren.

Her funeral was held in the Baptist Church, Rev. Porter officiating, his text was: "If a man die shall he live again." His theme the resurrection. She was laid to rest in a beautiful cream colored casket, heavily banked with wreaths of flowers, in the Braman Cemetery.

From the Braman Star, 4 June 1903

Chas. T. Bradley living 5 miles east of Braman died suddenly Friday June 6th, from the effects of an operation performed the previous day for peritonitis. Mr. Bradley was 37 years old and leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his untimely death. He was buried Monday June 8th in the Braman cemetery, Rev. Father Severs of Ponca City officiating, there being a large attendance of mourning friends. Mr. Bradley's mother and two sisters came from N. E., Kansas to attend the funeral. They were delayed on account of high water but by postponing the interment were permitted to take one last farewell look at their departed loved one.

The sympathy of this community is extended to the stricken wife and mother, and loving kindly friends and neighbors will do all within their power to lighten her burdens and soften her grief.

From the Braman Star, 4 July 1903

DEATH OF AN OLD SETTLER.

Frank Gott was born in Darke County, Ohio, Dec. 29, 1836. He removed to Vermilion County, Ill., where he was married in 1858 to Elizabeth Wood. Later he moved to Mo., and from there he came to Sumner County in 1872, and settled on a farm near South Haven. He continued to live in this vicinity until about three weeks ago, when on account of failing health he went to live with his son at Caldwell where he died June 26, 1903, aged 67 years and six months. Mr. Gott was twice married, both his wives having passed on to the other world. He leaves two children, the son with whom he was staying at the time of his death and a little girl about six years old, who at present is living with her brother.

Mr. Gott was brought to South Haven for burial. The funeral was preached by Eider J. M. Morris, at the Christian Church Tuesday, June 30, after which he was laid to rest by the side of his wives in Rose hill Cemetery. — South Haven *New Era*.

From the Braman Star, 8 August 1903

G. W. Olinger in response to a telegram from Miller, Mo., announcing the fatal illness of his twelve-year-old son Hetchel, left for that place Thursday, July 30. The boy died at 2 o'clock the same day. Mr. Olinger was delayed in his journey so he did not reach his destination until 3 o'clock Saturday morning. The funeral took place the same day at 10 o'clock. He was buried in the Pennsboro Cemetery beside his mother and sisters. The death of Hetchel makes the fourth in Mr. Olingers family—his first wife and three children. Mrs. Olinger was unable to attend the funeral. It would seem as

though Mr. Olinger was having more than his share of trouble, but the adage says, "It never comes single." He has the sympathy of this community that hopes he may enjoy a respite from such afflictions.

From the Braman Star, 10 October 1903

*"The silver card is loosed,
The golden bowl is broken."*

Sin, fire, floods, death, disease, disaster, drought and disappointments, burden the life of man and fill his days with woe and lamentation. Yesterday 'twas the death of a beloved sister, wife, a mother and helping Christian, Mary E. Montgomery that filled the community with mourning. The noble woman was the wife of Al Montgomery, Pastor of the Christian Church. She was a loyal helpmeet and ardent co-worker in the Lord's vineyard who had endeared herself with her husband to the people of this place. She was born in Terra Haute, Ind., April 13th, 1849, and died Oct. 7th, 1903 of neuralgia of the heart and stomach, and was buried in the Braman Cemetery, old soldiers acting as pallbearers. The Rev. C. E. Myers and G. W. Porter conducting the services which were held in the Baptist Church. They were most appropriate, impressive and instructive. A large number of friends attested their appreciation of her worth and showed sympathy for the afflicted husband. Unfortunately relatives were unable to reach Braman in time for the funeral. Mrs. Montgomery whose former name was Mrs. Mary Wallace was married to A. Montgomery Nov., 1888 at Topeka, Kansas. One child, a daughter survives her, Mrs. Ida Herrick of Topeka. She was immersed and joined the church of Christ at Resssville, Kansas about 16 years go. Her former Husband, Mr. Wallace was a Presbyterian minister so that Mrs. Montgomery's life, in later years at least, had been especially devoted to the work of her master, and the numerous evidences of her faithfulness and devotion to his cause prove her success, in not only doing good to others, but to building up and chastening a soul which it is no extravagance to believe, will become a bright jewel in the Lord's diadem. May the glory of her life and death and the sturdy Christian manliness of her husband stimulate us all to the doing of better deeds and the hoping of a better life.

From the Braman Star, 17 October 1903

Resolution of Condolence.

Whereas, the Great Commander has seen fit to remove from our midst, Mrs. Montgomery, companion of our brother the venerable Elder A. Montgomery, and

Whereas, we feel the severance of a faithful wife and mother from the bereaved relatives and friends, and

Whereas, we appreciate the expressed preference of the departed for members of the Grand Army of the Republic as pallbearers;

Resolved, that words of condolence to the bereaved brother be hereby express and

Resolved, that a record be placed on the minutes of the Post, and a copy be furnished [to] the papers for publication. By order of the Committee, Dan McCook Post, No. 109, G. A. R.

James E. Hooper, Allen Baggett, H. V. Brown, Committee.

From the Braman Star, 24 November 1903

Lyman Bennett, aged 21 was accidentally shot Sunday afternoon, while climbing into a lumber wagon at Lige Roswall's place near South Haven. He had recently purchased a new .45 caliber revolver that fell some way as he was climbing into the wagon striking the ground it was discharged sending bullet into Mr. Bennett's bowels and producing a wound that proved fatal. The wounded man was taken to Wellington the same evening in a spring wagon. The physicians of Wellington in conjunction with Dr. Hollingsworth tried to locate and remove the bullet, but the patient was too weak from loss of blood and succumbed to the operation. Deceased leaves a sister, Mrs. Lusk and brother, Harry Bennett, to mourn his untimely death.

A **Brocks child** that died with diphtheria in Wellington was brought to South Haven for burial.

From the Braman Star, 2 January 1904

Died. Calvin H. Dinwiddie, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dinwiddie died January 2, 1904, at 1:30 a.m., aged 12 years, 9 months and 5 days. The direct cause of his death is unknown. The best medical skill is inclined to attribute it to tumor of the brain. Calvin was taken sick the fore part of last July by attacks of almost daily frequency, that caused considerable suffering, especially in his head. Looking back on his sickness one can see the steady persistent onslaught of his fatal malady. There have been slight intermissions, but from July down each month brought him that much closer to the grave despite the superhuman struggle put up by his parents and the untiring efforts of the best medical skill in the country including that of the Wichita hospital and when this morning disease proclaim itself the victor and Calvin's loving friends had to yield, the one reflection that they had done everything within human power to save his life, contributed it moiety in lightening burden of grief, which their many friends will try and temper with true sympathy.

From the Braman Star, 5 May 1904

Died at her home two miles east of Braman, March 1st, 1904, of peritonitis, **Amelia Nichols**, wife of Lloyd L. Nichols and mother of Lundy and Charles Nichols. Mrs. Nichols was born near Orrville, Stark County, O., Feb. 23, 1861. Her parents moved to Atchison County, Kansas, when she was quite young. Her maiden name was Amelia Reinhard. She leaves a father nearly 75 years old. Her mother died Feb. 56, 1895. She has four brothers and six sisters all of whom are living except one sister. She was married to L. L. Nichols January 5, 1881. She was buried in Braman Cemetery Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Porter of the Baptist Church conducting the services. A large number of sorrowing friends paid their last sad tribute. Mrs. Nichols was enjoying her accustomed good health Sunday a.m., shedding abroad her motherly and wifely sunshine--Tuesday she was a corpse.

From the Braman Star, March 26, 1904

Died.

The legions of friends and acquaintances of the Aldrich family at Hunnewell were shocked and pained to hear of **Mr. E. S. Aldrich's** death last Sunday. He had been confined to his bed some time with sickness, but did not call a physician until Thursday, his trouble was pronounced appendicitis and of a serious nature. He was taken Friday to Wichita hospital and an operation performed, which afforded him no relief, but rather hastened his death, which occurred Sunday at 3 p.m. His remains were brought to Hunnewell and buried in South Haven Cemetery Tuesday, the Rev. Morris conducting the services. The funeral was befitting the man and attested the esteem of the community. Mr. Aldrich left six children, four boys and two girls, three the fruits of his first marriage. He was 51 years, 6 months and 9 days old.

From the Braman Star, 7 May 1904

Died.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris May 1st, of stomach trouble. [He was] aged four months

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned wish to express their most heartfelt thanks to their many friends who so nobly and kindly stood by them through the sickness, and death of their darling little "Carlie" who died May 1st, 1904, at 7:30 A. M. May God's richest blessings rest on them all.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris.

From the Braman Star, 25 June 1904

Mrs. Sam Scott who lives near Chickasha, O. T. Died recently while giving birth to twins, her sister **Miss Kendrick** living near Rome, Kansas, went to Mrs. Scott's home to take care of the twins. Last Saturday she was so badly burned by a gasoline explosion that she died the same day. She was buried Monday in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Blackwell.

[Note: The end date for issues of the *Braman Star* was August 13, 1904. Issues of the *Braman Leader* start on October 28, 1904.]

From the Braman Leader, 28 October 1904

Mrs. Sherman Dead.

Mrs. M. N. Sherman died at the home of her nephew, F. R. Stobo, in Wellington, Kansas, October 21, 1904. Mrs. Stobo and his mother accompanied the remains to her old home in New York for burial. [She] died at the ripe age of four score and ten years. The bereaved friends have the sympathy of this community.

From the Braman Leader, 11 November 1904

Mr. Fife [Fyffe], funeral director was up from Blackwell Thursday and conducted the funeral of Isaac K. Franks.

From the Braman Leader, 25 November 1904

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank the numerous kind friends for their assistance during the recent illness and death of our beloved father.

Mrs. C. A. Cox, Mr. Ollie Horne, W. H. Franks.

From the Braman Leader, 13 January 1905

Died. **Eunice Enettie**, Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arista **Azeltine**. After a brief illness departed this life Monday January 9, 1905, aged two years, two months, and two days.

The little pilgrim had not gone far on life's highway before the Heavenly Father took her in his arms and bore her to the fair clime of the Eternal City.

From the Braman Leader, 27 January 1904

Arista Azeltine received a paper from Montrose So. Dakota in which was an account of the death of his brother-in-law **Ed Gage**, who died Jan. 9th, the same day upon which little Eunice Azeltine passed away at her home west of Braman, Interment in each case was made at eleven o'clock the same day, Wednesday Jan. 11, 1905.

From the Braman Leader, 10 February 1905

TO THE GREAT BEYOND

William F. Eiklor Dies Suddenly Saturday Last. The News a Shock to the Friends—Was On the Streets the Day Previous—Funeral Tuesday

Again was the community shocked last Saturday to learn of the death of our esteemed and honored townsman **William F. Eiklor**. Although Mr. Eiklor has been in poor health for some time, no one anticipated that he was to be called so soon. He was on the street the day previous,

William F. Eiklor was born on the 2nd of August, 1838, at Huron, Erie County, Ohio, and died at his own home in Genoa, Ill., January 14, 1905, being 66 years, 4 months and 22 days of age at the time of his decease.

He moved to Genoa with his parents when he was a young boy but ten years of age and grew up and was educated in this community and is well known thruout [sic] DeKalb County and other portions of Illinois.

He was united in marriage to Miss Sophrona Olmstead on the 8th of January, 1858, and a few years after his marriage moved to Livingston County, Illinois, where he remained for about twenty-five years, making a great many friends and acquaintances. He then returned to Genoa Township and settled on his farm about two miles north of Genoa where he lived until about four years when failing health compelled him to cease his hard labor and he came to Genoa to make his home.

Into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eiklor two children were born—one son and one daughter. The daughter died when a little child seven years of age and the son, William A. Eiklor survives his father.

Mr. Eiklor was one of a family of twelve children, of whom five brothers and three sisters survive him. His brothers are: Edward and Jay Eiklor, both of Oklahoma; Fred Eiklor of Barber, Kansas, John Eiklor of Wellington, Kansas, and Moses Eiklor of Colfax, Washington. His sisters are: Mrs. Celia Culver and Mrs. Jettie Judd, both of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Rebecca Olmstead of Genoa. Of his immediate family besides his wife, Mrs. Sophrona Eiklor, and his only son, William A. Eiklor, who are bowed down in deep sorrow over the loss of a loving husband and kind hearted father, he leaves five grandsons and many other relatives, among them Edwin Beardsley, a nephew, who has been a member of his family from childhood to young manhood, all of whom must realize their great loss in the death of so good a man.

Mr. Eiklor was a hard working man and made his way to success in life by his personal energy, his devotion to duty and his love for uprightness and honesty. He was a man of his word, kind and generous toward others and was always ready to lend a kind and sympathetic hand to those in need or sorrow or distress. He valued character above every possession, and for the

final approval of his acts and motives he looked above this sordid world to his heavenly Father.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 17. The services were very largely attended, many from out of town being present. Rev. T. E. Ream of the M., E. Church and pastor of the deceased officiated. — Genoa, Illinois *Republican Journal*, January 20, 1905. [This obituary has been edited to include only genealogical content.]

From the Braman Leader, 10 February 1905

Gone to Her Reward

Once more the hand of death claims one from our midst, and again our attention is called to the transitory condition of this life.

Mrs. **Jennie Olds** was sick but [a] short time when she past [sic] into the sweet beyond, Wednesday February 8, 1905 at 11 30 A. m. where her spirit wells forever with the angels of Heaven.

Mrs. Jennie Nuttle Olds was born in Allen County, Indiana, December 20, 1866, moved with her parents to Russell County, Kansas, in 1877, married to Chas. F. Olds, Nov. 29, 1883 at Dornace, Kansas, came to Oklahoma in the early days and settled on a farm with her husband and family. She joined the M. E. Church at Asbury about eight years ago and has lived a consistent Christian life dying happy in the Lord.

She leaves to mourn her absence a husband and five children, a father, three brothers and three sisters-- Jeremiah Nuttle, Robt. Nuttle, Mrs. Nina Bradshaw, Mrs. Minnie Yearout, of Milan, Kansas, Mrs. Sarena McKee, South Haven, Kansas, Chas. Nuttle, Chautauqua, Kan. and Ami Nuttle of Braman, Okla.

Sympathy may soothe the aching hearts, but words cannot fill the place made vacant in the home. There is but one, the God of Heaven who can sweep away the sorrow and say to the bereaved, "There is yet a life to live that you too may come up higher and be with God in Heaven."

From the Braman Leader, 10 February 1905

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Tate, accompanied by his brother R. B. returned last evening from Stillwater, Okla., where they had been to attend the last rites of his father, **J. R. Tate** who died at that place Tuesday Feb. 7, 1905, at 6:45 o'clock a.m. at the age of 58 years and 9 months. Mr. Tate had lived at Stillwater, Oklahoma, for the past thirteen years and was a respected citizen of the community. Two sons survive him, Byron and R. B. Tate who are here in Braman. The bereaved family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this community.

From the Braman Leader, 3 March 1905

Obituary.

Kiest -- At his home southwest of Braman, February 22, 1905, **William C. Kiest**, aged 68 years.

He was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, November 5th, 1837, where he grew to manhood. In 1859 he married Alcinda Ingraham and continued his residence in that state for a period of twenty-five years when he moved westward, finally settling near Barman, Kay County, Oklahoma. To this union was born eight children five of whom, with his wife survive, and were present to minister unto him in his last moments. They are Ella V. Hunter, Wichita, Kansas; B. F. Kiest, South Haven, Kansas; Rosa Peters, Wellington, Kansas; Mini Kiest, Braman, Okla.; Lois Hamker, Hunnewell, Kansas,

Bro. Kiest sought the Lord early in life, and at the age of twenty-five years united with the M. P. Church in which he lived as a devoted Christian. After removing to Kay County, Oklahoma, he transferred his membership to Asbury M. E. church in which he remained a faithful member until the Lord called him from labor to reward

Bro. Kiest was a kind, loving father and possessed most gentle nature, bearing malice toward none, it being his disposition to return good for evil. He walked with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

A deep sense of loss is felt by all the relatives of this godly man, who was so fondly loved and so tenderly nursed, and the sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the home southwest of Braman, Oklahoma after which the remains were laid to rest in the Braman Cemetery.

R. N. Morgan, Pastor Asbury, M. E. Church.

From the Braman Leader, 10 March 1905

One day last week, presumably Saturday, says the *Tonkawa News*, **Geo. Ford**, an old gentleman who has been living in the west part of that town, was drowned in Deer Creek. He had started to wade the stream and the opposite bank being steep, in his effort to climb it, he had fallen backward, striking his head on a stone. When found the body was only partly out of the water. Deceased was 89 years of age and leaves a wife and family. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

From the Braman Leader, 17 March 1905

A Sudden Death.

Mrs. Whitehead, an aged lady living some five miles southeast of Braman, died suddenly last Tuesday

morning, the lady was some sixty-five years of age, and was engaged in usual household duties when she stooped over to pick something up, when a blood vessel bursted [sic] in her head. A physician was immediately called, but medical assistance was of no avail, the unfortunate woman dying within twenty minutes after she was stricken.

From the *Braman Leader*, 31 March 1905

Obituary.

Last Monday at 5 p.m., the community was shocked by the sad news that little Leo Fawcett had fallen into a boiler of hot soap, from the effects of which he died Thursday, March 23, at 1:30. **Edwin Leo Fawcett** was the little son of Mr. A. E. Fawcett and Mrs. Maude (Clark) Fawcett. Leo was born November 2, 1892 and was permitted to remain with his parents two years, 4 months and 11 days. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Myers at Antioch Church on Friday, March 25 at 2 p.m. The remains were laid to rest in the Rock Falls Cemetery. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community in this their sad hour of bereavement.

A home once so happy and light,
A shadow is cast upon it now;
For one so lovely gave it life,
Before death stilled the pallid brow.

As they sit in their home all alone,
And see the vacant chair;
They mourn the loss of a loved one gone
And wish again he could be there.

They tired not of watching by his bed
They knew what a treasure was there;
And O! How sad to know he was dead,
As he lay cold and lifeless there.

He sleeps with those who have gone before,
Who have long been laid away;
To wake to the call of loved ones no more.
'Till Jesus shall call them away.

E. A. Clark

From the *Braman Leader*, 7 April 1905

Obituary.

Luther Shobe was born in Warren County, Ky., June 13, 1838. When he was two years old, his parents moved to Missouri, where he lived many years. He was sheriff and county treasure of Boles County and at one time was very close to the nomination for state treasurer. Here he showed the spirit which manifested itself all through his life, and yielded in favor of a close friend who he thought needed it because of some physical

disability. Four years of his life after that were spent in Oregon, where he was very successful in the mercantile business. In 1865 he came from that state to Wellington under the persistent entreaties of some old friends who lived here. He continued to live in Wellington till the Cherokee Strip was opened when he went to Hunnewell and later to the territory. In 1868 he joined the Christian church and remained a consistent follower until his death, although deafness kept him away from services more or less during later years. He talked of his approaching death and expressed a willingness to meet God that dispelled all fear. He died at El Paso, Tex., where he had been taken by his son, in the hope that it might be helpful to his failing health, but heart failure caused the end on March 23, at 1:40 a.m. He passed to freedom from all that can work sorrow on earth; having almost attained his allotted three score and ten. He leaves a wife, one daughter and four sons.

From the *Braman Leader*, 14 April 1905

Death of Mrs. Matilda Knox.

Death at any time, under any circumstances, strikes at the very hear-strings of love; it pierces like an arrow the profoundest affections and with a sting that is cruel, it penetrates the sacred precinct of home. The human mind is incapable of compromising with its presence. In no aspect of its appearance does its grim visage seem more cruel; its relentless mandates more heartless, or the child more averse to its inevitable call, than when that call touches with its icy hand the most sacred object of filial love—a good and devoted mother. The word mother is the epitomizing of all that love can mean; all that affection can conceive; all that affection can conceive; all that God does encompass in human form.

Matilda Law [Knox], the subject of these lines, was a daughter of John and Mary Law, and was born in Country Tyrone, Ireland, in 31 and died at her home near Leon Kansas, in the early morning of April 9th, 1905. Her last illness was of several weeks duration, and during that period hope and despair fluctuated like a phantom between death and medical victory. As the hour of dissolution became more immanent, the wan but saintly features expressed that spiritual peace which surpasseth understanding and which only those who die in God can know.

Deceased grew to womanhood in their native isle and was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock to Thomas Knox December 25, 1855. Of this union six sons were born all of whom, except one, survive their mother, one son dying some fifteen months since in the zenith of manhood, under especially sad and untimely circumstances. The surviving children are John and William of South Haven, Kansas; Irvine E., of Nardin,

Oklahoma; James A., of Leon, Kansas, and A. H. of this place. Her devoted husband preceded her.

Upon their arrival in America the family located in Pike County, Illinois, later moving to Sandman County in the same state where they resided until 1884, when they then came to what was at that time the trackless prairies of Kansas, where the courageous and intrepid mother again commenced, with the loyal aid of her six sons to establish a home, in which she most admirably succeeded, locating in Elk County but later moving to Butler County where she was living at the time of her death. Matilda Knox was indeed a true tabernacle of God and the incarnate expression of devotion.

The funeral services occurred at the Methodist Episcopal Church in South Haven, Kans., Tuesday, April 11, at 10 a.m., the service being conducted by Rev. Ward, who delivered a sublime sermon from the words. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." A large number of friends were present to pay their last respects to the deceased, and interment took place in Rose Hill Cemetery at South Haven. [Note: this obituary was edited to include information of only genealogical content.]

From the Braman Leader, 30 May 1905

A Child Dies from Suffocation.

Neal Akers, but five years old, was playing with a boy friend in the Hunter elevator at Hunnewell, Kans., last Wednesday and by some misfortune fell into one of the pits into which wheat was being elevated. He was not recovered until about a half-hour later when he was removed from under about seven feet of wheat and as a matter of fact was suffocated to death. The family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

From the Braman Leader, 16 June 1905

May Belle Wooden, wife of Sheriff Wooden, of Kay County died in the hospital at Wichita, Wednesday evening, June 7th, from the effects of a surgical operation. The remains were brought to Newkirk and services were held at the home of the deceased, conducted by Rev. Shephard. The remains were interred in the Newkirk Cemetery.

From the Braman Leader, 30 June 1905

MURDER AT PONCA CITY

Man is Shot From Ambush While He is Buggy Riding With Woman. Assailant Unknown.

Ponca City, in the southeastern part if the county again comes into the criminal arena of Kay County with another murder case. Life down there must be strenuous and reckless. The murder occurred last Sunday evening.

We learn the particulars of the affair from the columns of the Courier and other sources and so far as we can glean them they are about as follows: Martin Julian, the murdered man, was a bar tender at the Pabst Palace saloon in that place was shot and killed about 10 o'clock, Sunday night while out driving with one Della Lewis of Arkansas City. Della Lewis, the woman who was with Julian, says that she and a friend, Nellie Edwards, also of Arkansas City, had been staying at the St. Nicholas hotel for several days, presumably enjoying the balmy zephyrs of the flower laden atmosphere of Ponca's environs and the quiet indolence of a midsummer vacation. On Sunday evening Julian and one Al Harpster, a bartender on First Street invited the two girls to go driving, and they started in single rigs about dark. After driving about the city until nearly ten o'clock Julian and the Lewis girl drove out about one mile east of town and turned into a road leading south. After traveling his road a short distance they met a man on foot turned their team and drove back to the main road. They had driven east about 100 yards when a man stepped from the side of the road, commanded them to halt, and not waiting for them to comply, placed his pistol against Julian's right shoulder and fired. The ball entered just to the left of the right shoulder and came out under the left shoulder in the back. The horses became frightened at the shot and started to run. The girl seized the lines which had fallen from Julian's hands and cried to the man, "Don't shoot again; you have killed him." In reply he cursed her and started to follow the team. The girl drove to the home of Mrs. Abel asked Julian repeatedly who had shot him, and, although he talked on other subjects, he refused to answer the question. The Lewis girl says that the person who did the shooting was a large man dressed in dark clothes and wore a dark slouch hat, but she did not recognize him. Harpster and the Edwards girl did not return until after Julian's body had been brought to town. They were immediately placed under arrest, but claim they were not within a mile of where Julian was killed. Julian had only been in Ponca City a few months, but bore the reputation of being a peaceful and sober young man. The doctor testified at the coroner's inquest that the bullet entered the man's right breast, just above the nipple and came out just below the left shoulder blade, passing clear through the body. Julian was dead before the physician arrived. The unfortunate man was conscious for some time after being carried into the Abel house and talked about several things, but on being questioned in regard to who shot him became silent and made no reply at all. His parents who live somewhere in Kansas were notified. The only relative Julian has in Ponca City is a sister, Mrs., Kilpatrick. Dr. Widney, county coroner, was notified in Kaw City and came over and impaneled

a jury at about 9:30 Monday morning. The inquest was in progress all day, but no evidence of importance was secured. The coroner held that he could not issue a warrant on the verdict was returned and the parties which the jury intended to hold for further examination, but Sheriff Wooden decided to take them to Newkirk.

[Note this murder case is extensively covered in *Some Obituaries of Early Kay County Pioneers Extracted from Ponca City Newspapers* by Loyd M. Bishop.]

From the Braman Leader, 14 July 1905

Death of Mrs. Kampshroder.

It is with a keen sense of regret that we are called upon this week to chronicle the death of Mrs. H. Kampshroder which occurred at the family home Saturday morning, June 9, 21905, at 8 o'clock, age 36 years, 2 months and 11 days. The day previous one of the children had gone to the field and told Mr. Kampshroder that she was ill. Upon his arrival at the house he found Mrs., Kampshroder unconscious and she remained in a comatose condition until the hour of her death as stated above. Deceased had been in very poor health for some time and the immediate cause of her death was convulsions induced by [unreadable word] poison and also other complications.

Mrs. Kampshroeder's maiden name was Laura Flauding and she was married to Mr. Kampshroder, who survives her, some eight years ago, and leaves two children, a son and daughter, the daughter, Katie, being seven years of age, and son, William, age four years.

The funeral occurred Monday, June 19 and was conducted by Rev. H. Teal, the Lutheran minister at Nardin. Interment taking place at Plain View Cemetery nine miles northeast of Braman.

Mrs. Kampshroder was a good Christian woman, devoted wife and a fond indulgent mother whose death will be an irreparable loss to the motherless children and a severe blow to the sorrowing husband. The family and other relatives have the profoundest sympathy of the entire community in their deep affliction. [The Kampshroders had an infant son who was born and died on 6 January 1899.]

From the Braman Leader, 11 August 1905

Mrs. Flora B. Dunlop, wife of County treasurer Robert Dunlop, died July 30, succeeding an illness where the most sacred office of motherhood made her a sacrifice to its exactions. She was married to Wm. Dunlop June 7, 1905, and leaves an infant daughter, her husband, mother and three brothers. Deceased was born March 31, 1877, at Holden, Mo. Mrs. Dunlop's maiden name was Flora B. Christian. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. H. Lloyd of Ponca City, at the

Christian Church in Newkirk. Her remains were interred at Prairie View Cemetery near Tonkawa Wednesday.

From the Braman Leader, 18 August 1905

Death of Tryphina Crane

Tryphina Crane, an uncle of Mrs., J. H. Middleton, who has been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Middleton since their residence in this place, died at their home last Thursday evening at 10 o'clock, age about 65 years. Mr., Crane's death was caused by a complication of diseases and advanced age. Deceased was a single man, his wife having died some years since. The remains were taken to Centerville, Kans., for interment.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of extending our sincere thanks to those friends who rendered us valuable assistance during the recent illness of our uncle, **Mr. Tryphina Crane**, and following his death spoke kind words of consolation and sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs., J, H, Middleton

From the Braman Leader, 15 September 1905

A SHOCKING FATALITY.

A Young Married Couple Literally Cremated in Their Home by Burning Oil.

One of the most shocking fatalities that we have ever been called upon to chronicle occurred at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Outlaw** of this place last Tuesday morning, wherein Mr. and Mrs. Outlaw lost their lives, Mrs. Outlaw dying at 10:00 a.m. four and one-half hours following the accident, and Mr. Outlaw dying at 2:15 p.m., or about eight and one-half hours following the sad affair.

From the best information we can secure (although there is variation in some reports which cannot be verified owing to there being no witnesses) it appears that Mrs. Outlaw had arose at an early hour—about 5:30—to prepare breakfast, owing to the fact that friends—Mr. David Ritchie, a brother-in-law or Mr. Outlaw and Mr. Nickerson, a friend—intended to take an early morning train, and in order to gain time, before she lit the kindling in the stove, she picked up a kerosene can containing two gallons of oil, and commenced to pour a small quantity into the stove. The supposition is that there were smoldering coals in the grate, for instantly the oil in the can ignited, bursting the can, saturating her body and clothing with the liquid and in a second she was enveloped in a seething sheet of flames. The unfortunate woman, shrieking with the awful pains of her burning flesh, ran to the bedroom (there is some doubt as to this) where Mr. Outlaw was making his toilet

and threw herself onto the bed. Mr. Outlaw immediately wrapped his wife in a blanket, but the flames had reached such headway that the blanket was soon consumed and the blaze communicated to his clothing and the bed. (Some believe he went to the kitchen where the explosion had knocked her down and attempted to drag her out but only succeeded in getting her to the dining room.) By this time they were both a mass of flames and the fire was making desperate headway in the kitchen. The unfortunate couple attempted to escape from the room, but Mrs. Outlaw stumbled and fell to the floor and Mr. Outlaw reached the yard. By this time Messrs. Ritchie and Nickerson realizing that something awful was transpiring, hurried into their clothing and attempted to reach the dining room but found the door fastened and consequently were compelled to pass out of the front door, then go round the house and enter the rear door, where they succeeded in extinguishing the flames in the kitchen, and passing to the dining room, which was filled with smoke, they stumbled over the body of Mrs. Outlaw which lay writhing in pain. She was taken to the front porch. At this moment John Felible, Sr., arrived on the scene and found Mrs. Outlaw sitting on the porch moaning, while some feet distance was her husband writhing on the grass in intense agony. The bodies of both were black with smoke and burned to a crisp. The awful scene and burning flesh was enough to sicken the stoutest heart and shock the coolest head. At this time John Felible, Jr., arrived and immediately ran for medical aid, and soon Drs. Downs and Hooper were on the scene doing all they could to relieve the pain of the unfortunates. In the meantime the fire in the house had been extinguished. Mr. Outlaw was taken across the street to J. M. Wommack's home. While Mrs. Outlaw was taken into the house where the accident happened. Both Mr. and Mrs. Outlaw were fully conscious, and Mr. Outlaw upon being informed that his beloved wife was fatally injured, in the midst of his awful distress said, "Be good to Her; take good care of her." Upon learning of the fatal termination of her injuries Mrs. Outlaw asked to meet the local ministers and in a short time, Rev. J. E. Largent and G. W. Porter were scion in her presence, extending such words of cheer and consolation as was appropriate to the sad occasion. Mrs. Outlaw was resigned to her approaching death, and her pain having been alleviated by anesthetics, her intellect was clear. Mr. Outlaw did not seem to realize the severity of his injuries and declared that he would recover. He was not immediately informed on the probably fatal termination in his case, but the attending physician gave little hope that his constitution would successfully resist the awful shock. At 10:00 o'clock a.m. the spirit of his wife took flight, the good woman falling to sleep at peace with God. At 12 o'clock it was quite evident that Mr. Outlaw

would succumb in a few hours and he was informed that if he had business that needed final attention while he lived, that it should be tended to, and he asked that proper persons be brought to his bedside so he might be enabled to make appropriate disposal of his property and his income from a \$1,000 life insurance policy that he had taken out about a few days since.

The death of Mr. and Mrs. Outlaw under such distressing circumstances was an awful shock to our citizens and cast a gloom over their friends and acquaintances that hung like a pall over the community. At the time of his death Mr. Outlaw was 25 years of age and his wife 21. They are survived by near relatives living at Colfax, Ill., to which place the remains were shipped Wednesday morning. A brief funeral service was held at the late home on north Broadway at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, conducted by Rev. J. E. Largent and Rev. G. W. Porter.

In referring to the lives and character of the deceased couple it seems most supererogation for the pensive attempt to add to their many excellencies. Their friends were as wide as the circle of their acquaintances. Mrs. Outlaw was a woman of markedly domestic turn of mind, and a wife whose joy was her home, whose religion was to do good. Mr. and Mrs. Outlaw had not children. Mr. Outlaw, during the period of his residence in Braman had proved himself one of God's noblemen, being generous, considerate and of jovial disposition. Everybody was his friend. He knew no enemies, and so far as anyone was aware, either by act or word, he had none. The Pen falters; --the tear of sympathy for the bereaved relatives and the aching hearts of the aged father and mother moistens the eye of all, as memory envelopes Mr. and Mrs. Outlaw's lives with love, and thought turns upward to the Throne of an Omnipotent God with a true and humble faith. Well can this people say [sic] in the words of Pope: "By foreign hands they dying eyes were clouds, by foreign hands they decent limbs composed." This is the true evidence of Barman's Christianity. They earned our respect and won our love, and in their untimely death the tears of relatives are mingled with the profoundest sorrow of all our people. [See also Related story of the death of his mother, Mrs. Daniel Outlaw in November 7, 1905 edition of the *Braman Leader*.]

From the Braman Leader, 1 September 1905

Death of Harold S. Yeager.

This community was inexpressibly shocked last Tuesday morning—the sweetest love of a devoted mother the fondest hopes of an indulgent father, and the keenest admiration of a wide circle of friends of the family was made manifest, as each and all reverently bowed the head in deep sorrow—when they learned of

the death, at one o'clock that morning, of little Harold, son and only child of Mr. W. W. and Nellie B. Steele-Yeager, of this city.

How keenly it has been felt by friends of the family in the past that "Youth is the gay and pleasant spring of life, when joy is stirring in the dancing blood, and nature calls us with a thousand songs to share her feast." Again, how keenly we felt in the presence of death the immortal words of Longfellow, "The air is full of farewells to the dying and mournings for the dead." It is indeed difficult to compromise with death; and as its icy hand touches the tabernacle of our cherished loved ones, the words of the Savior, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God," is the only bridge that spans the dark abyss between an undying, unyielding and unconsolable earth-live and that fathomless eternity in the presence if the majesty of an Omnipotent God.

Harold S. Yeager was born in Braman, Oklahoma, December 30th, 1902, and consequently at the time of his untimely death was aged 32 years, 7 months and 29 days. His brief life was one of sunshine; by his loving disposition, vivacity and childish glee, he had deeply ingratiated himself into the tenderest affections of his devoted parents, and all who came in contact with his noble childish character. His sweet life was indeed a benediction. To know him was to love him. His last illness was of brief duration, and no doubt the relentless inroads of his disease was largely traceable to his not especially rugged constitution, the little fellow always having delicate health and a superabundance of life, his illness drew heavy on his vitality. The golden cord was broken, the angels have received his innocent soul and father, mother, and friends are lunged in deepest sorrow.

The funeral occurred at the family home on Kimmel Avenue, on Wednesday, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. conducted by Rev. G. W. Porter, pastor of the Baptist Church. The attendance at the home and cemetery was large and was a deep testimonial of the esteem in which this lovely child was held by the community and the sincerest sympathy for the grief stricken parents. Interment took place in the Braman cemetery, one mile east of town, where the frail body was reverently laid to rest, with a deep confiding confidence that those who die in the Lord never see each other for the last time." The pallbearers were friends and fellow citizens of the family and consisted if Messrs. James F. Crowley, F. E. King, John B. Dinwiddie and A. H. Knox.

A feature of little Harold's closing days was the fact that only recently near relatives of the family had been guests in the home and now that the angels have claimed his noble little soul there is pictured in their thoughts with an indelible vividness recollections where memory lulled in the countless chambers of the brain, their

thoughts are linked by many a hidden chain; awake but one, and lo, what myriads arise.

A pure soul has gone to its God; a stricken father and mother are weighed down with the most poignant grief and distress, and the hearts of many friends are bleeding at the mysterious portals, as they so vividly realize again that, "Death borders upon our birth and our cradle stands in the grave."

From the Braman Leader, 29 September 1905

Particulars of the Nardin Affair.

From the *Blackwell Daily News* of Monday we glean the following particulars of the death of Mrs. Lewis T. Chambers and child of Nardin last Friday from the effects of accidental burning, owing to the explosion of gasoline gas, brief mention of which appeared in these columns last week. "The accident was caused about 9:30 a.m. by a leak of one of the burners of the gasoline stove which Mrs. Chambers was using to heat irons for ironing. The drippings were caught in a pan, and in some way became ignited. Mrs. Chambers undertook to carry the stove out of doors in order to save the house. Her clothing caught fire and she dropped the stove close to a baby carriage in which was the baby and he flames were communicated to it. Mrs. Chambers was aflame from head to foot and ran across the street to a neighbor's calling for help. When assistance reached her, her clothing was completely burned off, but she was still conscious and realized that she could not recover. She was carried into the neighbor's house and, notwithstanding her agony, told how the accident happened as above. She was carefully attended and her sufferings relieved as much as possible until death came about 2:30 in the afternoon. The baby was so badly burned that it died the same evening. Mr. Chambers was not at home at the time of the accident, having gone with his little son in the country some seven miles on business. He was summoned at once and reached home before his wife and child expired. The sympathy of the people of the entire country goes out to him in his terrible affliction.

The remains of Mrs. Chambers and the baby were taken to Wakita, Okla., which was the former home of Mrs. Chambers, and where her parents and family reside. Mrs. Chambers' maiden name was Elsie McCray, and she was a sister to Mrs. J. B. Butler, of Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Butler and other relatives and friends of the family accompanied the remains to Wakita, Saturday.

From the Braman Leader, 29 September 1905

Death of Chas. E. Cassidy.

Charles Edward Cassidy was born at Beecher City, Ill, November 29, 1874, died near Braman, Oklahoma, September 23, 1905, aged 30 years, 9 months, 25 days. He came with his parents to South Haven, Kans., seventeen years ago, residing there until the opening of the Strip twelve years ago when they moved to the homestead where he died. He was the fifth son of Patrick and Catherine Cassidy. His father and two brothers have preceded him to the better world. For the past four years he has been employed on the "Big V" ranch near Ponca City, where he was a general favorite, as he was here with all who knew him, being very kind hearted and always willing to do for others. Deceased contracted his last illness nursing a friend through a long siege of typhoid fever, his own illness was of four weeks duration and through all he was very patient and thoughtful of others. He leaves a mother, two sisters and three brothers to grieve for him. To these we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

We wish to say to the friends and neighbors who were so very kind to us during the sickness and death of our brother and son that words fail to express our appreciation and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts. James and M. Cassidy.

From the Braman Leader, 6 October 1905

[This edition of the *Braman Leader* contains more coverage of the killing at Kaw City of Alpha Mann by Dr. J. D. Irwin. This incident is widely covered in other volumes of obituaries in this series.]

From the Braman Leader, 27 October 1905

The funeral of **C. A. White**, popularly known as "dad White" occurred at Newkirk Friday. Dad White was an old soldier and an old resident of Kay County, having lived in Ponca City for twelve years. He came to Newkirk about two years ago. He built the first house in Kildare. [Charles A. White, Corporal, Co. F 2nd Vermont Infantry. Died 20 September 1905.]

From the Braman Leader, 3 November 1905

A six months old **daughter** of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. **Carmichael**, living four miles southeast of Braman, died last Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m., the funeral being held Tuesday. The cause of death was pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael have the profoundest sympathy of this community in their deep bereavement. [Buried at Blackwell IOOF Cemetery is Amnia Rebecca Carmichael b. 3 June 1905, d. 28 October 1905. Daughter of E. E. & M. A.]

From the Braman Leader, 3 November 1905

Death of Mrs. Mary Cowles.

Mary Martin was born in Vernango County, Pennsylvania, March 15 1818, and died at the home of her son, C. C. Cowles, near Braman, Thursday October 26, 1905, age 87 years 7 months and 11 days. Deceased was married to Charles H Cowles Dec 9 1841. In 1854 they came to Otoe County, Nebraska, where they passed through all the adversities and privations of a pioneer life and three years ago the aged mother came to make her home with her son.

Mrs. Cowles for two years past has been bedfast, a patient sufferer only longing for the Lord to set her free from the trammels of the flesh, that prison house of a Christina soul, that seeks communion and union with god. Before the infirmities of old age had depleted her strength and debarred her from activity, she had been a devoted worker in the case of good and God, always willing and anxious to do her part in the church. Such expressions of devotion are the climaxes of a vital religion and choicest pearls of Christianity.

A short funeral service was held at her late home, conducted by Rev. J. E. Largent, pastor of the Braman Methodist Church and Saturday noon the remains were taken to her old home in Wyoming, Otoe County, Nebraska, where they were tenderly and reverently laid to rest in Cowles's Hill Cemetery by the side of her husband.

In closing her long and useful life, mother Cowles has only paid a debt of nature; but the radiance of her character, the mellowing influence of her love, the dignity, the grandeur, the tenderness, the everlasting and divine significance of motherhood, stand out like a figure of the Angelus, in magnificent beauty, an inspiration to her surviving relatives, a rich heritage to her son and an honor to her creator. Indeed, the world grieves deeply for a child; the scalding tear moistens the cheek of a wife, but the epitomizing of the most poignant sorrow, coupled with the profoundest honor, finds its keenest expression when the noblest of God's creation, and aged and devoted mother is called to her long rest and her tender love is enveloped in the bosom of her God. This, we say, touches the deepest chord of love and raises the human to a kinship with the angels.

From the Braman Leader, 3 November 1905

Ned Little Warrior, a Ponca Indian, age about 35 years, was found dead on the Santa Fe right of way near Ponca City last Sunday morning. His death was caused by excessive alcoholism. Little Warrior was a fine looking Indian and apparently in the best of health, but like all warriors, little or big, red or white, who enter the lists against King Alcohol, he met inglorious defeat. Deceased was well educated, honest and industrious.

From the Braman Leader, 7 November 1905

Death of Mrs. Daniel Outlaw.

From the columns of the *Colfax (Ill.) Press*, we glean the following particulars relative to the life and death of Mrs. Daniel Outlaw, mother of the late Chester L. Outlaw, who met with such a tragic death in this place some weeks since. The *Press* says:

“On Saturday October 28, 1905, at noon, at her home in Colfax, occurred the death of Mrs. Daniel Outlaw, at the age of 47 years and five months. Her death was caused from a cancer, as the result of receiving a bruise, and she was under the doctor’s care for nearly a year. Her Death was probably hastened by the tragic death of her son, Chester L. Outlaw and his wife, in a kerosene explosion at Braman, Oklahoma, September 12, 1905. Mrs. Outlaw, whose maiden name was Hulday Ellen McReynolds, was born in Sullivan County, Indiana, May 24, 1858, and at the age of two years removed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berry Franklin McReynolds to McLean County Illinois, where she has since resided. In 1875 she was united in marriage with Daniel Outlaw at Bloomington, Ill. To this union were born four children, two boys and two girls. One son died in infancy, and the other, Chester, as above mentioned. She is survived by her husband and two daughters; Mrs. Kittie Ritchie of Saybrook and Miss Ada of Colfax. Also, her mother, Mrs. Emily Outlaw; two brothers, William and Greenberry McReynolds of Colfax; and one sister, Mrs. Lavisa Jane Stout of Sanford. Mrs. Outlaw was a Christian woman in the truest sense of the word and was a member of the Christian Church and the C. W. B. M. The funeral was held from the Christian church on Monday, October 30th at 10 o’clock a.m., conducted by Rev. P. O. Baker of Milford, and interment was in the Wiley Cemetery.

From the Braman Leader, 17 November 1905

Death of James Edward Carder.

James Edward Carder, son of James and Ida Carder, was born in Cowley County, Kansas, January 16th, 1892, and died at the home of his parents east of Braman November 14, 1905, age 13 years, 9 months and 28 days. He leaves to mourn his departure a kind and indulgent father, a grief stricken mother, a loving sister and brother, and numerous other relatives.

Deceased was in the best of health until recently and in him was centered the fondest hopes of his loving parents and a wide circle of friends. The disease which snapped the chord of this promising young life was of an acute character. He was not afraid to die and signified his willingness to meet his god and the loved ones who had gone before.

The inscrutable ways of Providence are indeed mysterious, and in the demise of this young man we are again reminded of the words of the Irish poetess, Mrs. Hemans, wherein she wrote, “Leaves have their time to fall and flowers to wither at the Northwind's breath, and stars to set—but all thou has all seasons for thine own, O Death.”

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. John E. Largent, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church and interment occurred in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Arkansas City.

From the Braman Leader, 1 December 1905

Deaths.

The little seven year old girl of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Moore passed this life last Tuesday under the painful exactions of membranous croup. The remains were laid to rest in the Braman Cemetery on Wednesday. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

Little **Blanche Southwick**, who was 5 years, 8 months and 22 days old was taken sick recently and on last Sunday at 4:40 a.m. the dreadful effects of Membranous croup revealed to the dear parents that Blanche was to comfort them no more on this earth, and her little spirit was taken to dwell among the angels. The disease being of a contagious nature no public funeral services were held. The remains were laid to rest in the Braman cemetery. The friends and relatives extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

From the Braman Leader, 8 December 1905

Death of J. M. Via.

James Mordecai Via was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, July 3rd 1848 and died at the home of Mr. Carey Tillberry at McMinnville, Oregon, November 24, 1905, aged 57 years, 3 months and 21 days.

Rev. Via’s life was a benediction. His Christianity was of that quality which flows from a truly converted heart, a heart that found communion with God by a thousand invisible cords that only the spiritually minded possess, and which many of the worldly minded cannot comprehend. In his ministrations he was a real man, a live man, a true man, great in his love, in his life, in his work, in his simplicity, in his gentleness. His death came as a shock to his friends, creating a void where duty had been swathed in his self-sacrifice; and now at the close of his active career, when his gentle spirit is gathered to the heavenly host, all men can say with one accord, when reviewing his life and accomplishments, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” No encomiums

are necessary; his Christian character is the ablest eulogy; his good deeds his sweetest memory.

Growing to manhood in his native state, at 21 years of age he came west to Missouri in April 1869. In September of that year he entered Westminster College at Fulton Missouri, and in February of 1870, he entered William Jewel College at Liberty Mo. In 1873 he began his public ministry. The same year he was united in marriage to Mary Isabelle McGinness, who survives him and of this union six children were born, three sons and three daughters. They are Rev. John Via, at present pastor of the Baptist Church at Oxford, Kans.; Archie O. and William J., the two latter now living at home, and three daughters, Mrs. F. E. King and Braman, Okla., and Misses Maggie and Neta, the two latter yet remaining under the parental roof. In the year 1889 Mr. Via moved to Wellington and during the past twenty-five years has been closely identified with religious work in southern Kansas. For a while he lived in Bitter Creek Valley and his pastoral work was largely carried on in Sumner and Cowley Counties and in this vicinity. When the Strip opened September 16, 1893 he came to Oklahoma building the first church in Kay County in 1894. It was a sod affair located one mile east of Braman. Later he became pastor of the First Baptist Church in Braman, going to Wellington in 1902. During the years of his ministerial labors he was pastor of the following places: South Haven, Portland, Meridian, State Valley, Mr. Zion, Udall, Oxford, and Wellington, Kans., also at Blackwell, Tonkawa, Round Grove, Newkirk and Braman, Okla. He was pastor at Braman nine years.

Deceased was a practical man, he did a great deal for Sumner County and much for Oklahoma. The impress of his character will stand for years in local church history. Aside from his duties as a pastor, for two years he was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Blackwell College and the past year was its treasurer. He was also a valued member of the fraternal orders being actively identified with the Fraternal Aid Society Lodge. Loyal to Christ in his religious work, he was also loyal to mankind in fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Via left Wellington about September 18, for Portland, Oregon, but Mr., Via was taken sick and they stopped at McMinnville. His trouble was an abscess on the lungs with other complications. In his last illness he was attended by his devoted wife and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of South Haven, who were accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Via to the Portland exposition when he was stricken at McMinnville. Deceased had enjoyed good health up until very recently, and was a strong man intellectually and physically. The writer remembers an afternoon some months since spent in his company, wherein in conversation his comprehensive mind, while closely

adhering to the tenants of his religion and church, he revealed a profound power of intellectual analysis and liberality of views that proved him not only a leader in religious thought but also a ripe scholar in secular affairs. He was a man whom his contemporaries could honor, whom posterity will reverence—a notable figure among the pioneer religious giants of the middle west. Mr. Via was easily capable of six days of exhausting physical and mental exertion and on the seventh would preach two able sermons. In social life he was appreciated by his friends, in his religious work devoted to his Master, and strongly attached by the tenderest ties to his personal friends.

The funeral services were held at Wellington Tuesday conducted by Rev. W. M. Hoover, an old and devoted friend on the deceased, from Blackwell, who took his text from Heb. 4:9-10. The funeral service at Wellington was very largely attended and when the body was shipped to Braman for Interment, it was necessary to attach an extra coach to the train to accommodate the sympathizing friends from Wellington who wished to attend the services at this place. The body arrived here Wednesday noon and was taken to the Baptist Church, where some of his best labors had been carried on, whence the very walls were hallowed by the tender influence of his generous soul. Where many of his sweetest memories clustered about its chancel.

The services in Braman were brief, consisting of a reading of the 23rd Psalm, followed by such remarks by Rev. Hoover as seemed appropriate before consigning to earth all that was mortal of one who had preached to our people the richest gospel in primitive days; had prayed at the bier of our dead, and now “That Life’s fitful dream was o’er,” craved the privilege of mingling his dust with our dust, his victories with our hopes--fruits of his earnest labors in the cause of God and Redemption

. The cells of memory will long retain recollections of this good man. Kindness was inherent in his nature; Christian principles were the cornerstones of his character, and to be a true tabernacle of his God was his aim in life. In all things he honored his Maker, sought to bind up the wounds of the spiritually dying and the world is much better that he lived. His ideals lifted those about him to a higher plane. Many, who have known him to honor him, as the months run into years and the years into old age and the visions of youth fade into advancing life, in the words of the immortal Byron, “As they pass by the tomb where his ashes consume, will moisten his dust with a tear.” [Note: A photograph of the late Rev. James M. Via appears with this article in this newspaper edition.]

From the Braman Leader, 6 January 1906

A Sad Death.

We find the following in the *Pecos (Tex.) Times* in reference to the death of Mrs. Maria M. Thorpe, sister of W. A. Starkey of this place. Our entire community was shocked and plunged into deep and inexpressible grief on December 26th, when the news was given out that Mrs. Maria M. Starkey Thorpe, secretary and general manager of the Dixie Irrigation Company, was dead. Mrs. Thorpe appeared to be in good health Sunday and attended the services at the Baptist Church Sunday night, December 24th, and sang beautifully in the choir; but on their arrival at home she was taken suddenly and violently ill. She lived until 2:30 p.m., December 26th, and yielded to the call of death. She had the very best medical attention and tender and loving hands ministered to her, but all in vain. Mr. Thorpe was in St. Louis, Mo., and did not arrive here until the morning of the 28th, his wife having been dead near three days. Mrs. Thorpe's two sisters were here visiting her with and with her during her illness. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Medaris, at the Baptist Church with an exceedingly large attendance. The body was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery to await the morning of the resurrection. Mrs. Thorpe was in excellent lady and had many friends in Pecos and in her death her husband has lost a loving, true and faithful wife and her father a loving dutiful daughter and their brothers and sisters a precious sister and our community one of the best and most popular ladies. Mrs. Thorpe made a profession of religion in early life and was always ready to aid in Christian work. The husband and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community."

From the *Braman Leader*, 2 February 1906

Obituary.

Mattie May Rugg was born at Marion, Kansas, November 11th, 1881, and died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wittum, near Braman, Oklahoma, January 27, 1906. Deceased was married to A. H. Briggs, at Hutchinson, Kansas, September 4th, 1905, and leaves a husband, five sisters: Mrs. M. I. Wittum whose home is here; Mrs. Austin English, of Hutchinson, Kansas; Mrs. P. E. Carder of Redondo, California; Mrs. Dora Green and Miss Fannie Rugg of Santa Barbara, California; also a father, E. M. Rugg of Elposa, California, all of whom deeply grieve over her loss. Her illness had been of two years standing and never was there a more patient, uncomplaining person, with always a pleasant smile for everyone. No one ever heard a murmur from her and to know her was to love her.

Darling girl; how sweet it is to know that she is with mother in her Heavenly home and all her sufferings are o'er.

The body was shipped to Hutchinson, Kansas for burial Monday morning. She had many friends here

who were shocked at her sudden death Saturday. Death often picks our most precious ones and it is hard to understand why this is so, but when the curtain is rolled aside and we see beyond the clouds, then we shall understand.

From the *Braman Leader*, 26 January 1906

Obituary.

The people of Plainview and vicinity were shocked last Thursday to her of the sudden death of **Florence Crabtree**, wife of Chink Crabtree, which occurred Wednesday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clate Wentworth. Cause of her death being pleurisy. Mrs. Crabtree has for the past year lived here and had endeared herself to all who knew her. She leaves behind to mourn for her a husband and young son also father, mother, sisters and one brother and a large circle of relatives and friends. Her funeral service was conducted by her pastor Friday afternoon at Mount Hope Church, where the deceased had attended church and Sunday school almost every Sunday since she was a child. She was always an active member in the church and Sunday school and especially the choir having served as organist for several years. Alas! We shall hear her sweet voice no more in this life, yet we have a hope that reaches beyond the grave and into the life to come. The body was laid to rest in mount Hope cemetery:

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep
From which none ever wake to weep,
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.

The parents, brothers and sisters, and especially the young husband have the deepest sympathy of the entire neighborhood. A Friend.

From the *Braman Leader*, 16 February 1906

Jacob Meier died near his home northeast of Braman last Monday evening, February 12, 1906, while visiting at the home of his son-in-law, Frank F. Priboth. His death was unexpected, it being caused by rheumatism of the heart. The funeral services will be held today at the m. E. Church. Interment will take place in the Braman Cemetery. More of the particulars will appear next week.

From the *Braman Leader*,

The Late Jacob Meier, Sr.

The following particulars relative to the life of the late Jacob Meier have been handed to us and appear below:

Jacob Meier, Sr., was born July 7, 1844 in Switzerland. At nine years of age he moved with his

parents to Ontario, Canada. There he lived, first in Markham and then in Howick Townships. His father was a tailor. Mr. Meier followed farming. When he located in Howick Township the country was new. He cleared out and improved a farm. In 1859 he was married to Carolina Biermn. Deceased leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, two sons, six daughters, seventeen grand children, and two sisters. Mr. Meier was a righteous man in all of life's relations. At an early age he was converted and become a member of the Evangelical church. Church services were held in his home in Canada for a number of years. After coming to Braman, Okla., four years ago, he and the family united with the Methodist Episcopal Church of which he was a member at his death.

The family desires to express their appreciation of the kindness of their many friends in the time of their bereavement. [Note: This obituary is typed exactly as it appears in the newspaper. There are obviously some jumbled lines of type and probably some lines omitted when the type was set.]

From the Braman Leader, 9 March 1906

Death of Conrad Kohler.

We find the following in the *Bison* (Kans.) *Bee* in reference to the late Conrad Kohler, father of E. R. Kohler of this place:

"Hon. Conrad Kohler was born in Wurtumburg, Germany, on January 21, 1835 and died at Bison, Kansas, on February 25, 1896, aged 71 years, 1 month and 4 days.

In the year 1847 he came to the United States with his parents who located in West Union, Adams County, Ohio. Here he learned the carriage maker's trade. On February 16, 1857, he married Margaret emery. It was in September 1859, he with his wife decided to move westward and located in Kansas on Lyons Creek in Dickinson County where he took up government land on a government land warrant. Here he plied his trade of blacksmithing as well as farming and in 1873 moved to enterprise in the same county in order to give his children better schooling. Here he opened a blacksmith shop and worked at the trade until February 904, when his health broke down. In May 905 he and his wife moved to Bison, Kansas, where they have since lived. For the past two years Mr. Kohler has been in poor health until death relieved all suffering in peaceful sleep. The wife and mother, Margaret Kohler and nine children are left to mourn his death. The children re Mr. J. P. Timken, Mrs. J. C. Timken, of Bison, Kans.; J. W. Kohler and J. H. Kohler of Herrington, Kans.; C. H. Kohler and E. R. Kohler.

Conrad Kohler had been a member of the German Methodist church fir years, being converted and joining

the church when 17 years of age. He was one of the members of the Lyons Creek charge which in 1869 outgrew the old log church and built the present stone structure. He was always an earnest worker and official member of the church in Enterprise, holding position of trustee, steward, Sunday school superintendent, class leader, etc. For the year past has been a member of the Bison charge of the German Methodist church.

In the days past Conrad Kohler was prominent in public life, having been three times Representative from Dickinson County and served one term as state senator. For twelve years he was county commissioner of the same county. He was also one of the first trustees if the Dickinson County High School the first of its kind ever established,

Funeral services were held at the m. E. Church, Monday at one o'clock by Feb. H. S. Humfeld of Bushton, assisted by Rev. Scheu and Rev. Bixler. In spite of the inclement weather one of the largest crowds ever in attendance at the funeral in Bison was there. The remains were laid to rest in the Bison Cemetery northwest of town. With their many friends we desire to express our sympathy for the bereaved family."

From the Braman Leader, 16 March 1906

Infant son, first and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Lony **Brown** was born Sunday, March 4, 1906, and died March 12, 1906. The departure of this sweet little soul, in whom the fondest hopes of the rents were centered, was indeed a shock that brought the most poignant grief to the parents and deepest sorrow to friends of the family. Indeed, in the language of Cottle, "Joy thou bringest, but mixed with trembling anxious joy, and tender fears; pleasing hopes and mingled sorrows, smiles of transport dashed with tears." The funeral service occurred at the family home Wednesday afternoon conducted by Elder G. M. Weimer, of the Christian Church, interment taking place at the Braman cemetery east of town.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of extending our most sincere thanks to those friends who so kindly extended aid and expressed words of sweet consolation in our late bereavement in the death of our infant son. We thank all from the bottom of our hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. Lony Brown.

From the Braman Leader, 30 March 1906

Death of Frank A. Dowd.

We reproduce the following from the *Fort Dodge* (Iowa) *Post*, in reference to the life and character of Frank A. Dowd, lately deceased, who was a brother of Mr. J. H. Dowd of this place. Mr. Dowd was a

gentleman of conspicuous position in his community and his death is mourned by a wide circle of friends. The *Post* says:

“The death of **Frank Allison Dowd**, formerly Sheriff of Webster County came as a distinct shock to his numerous friends and to the community at large on Tuesday morning of this week. It was known that he was seriously affected and that in all probability his day was fast drawing to a close, but few realized, even among those most intimate with him, and nearest to him, that the end was so near. His death occurred at seven minutes past three on Tuesday morning and was witnessed by his faithful wife, his brother and sister and four members of the Masonic fraternity who has been with him much of the time during the last four or five days and nights.

Mr. Dowd was first taken ill about Thanksgiving, but did not realize till as late as the twenty-fifth of January that his illness was at all serious. At that time he appeared to be stricken with Jaundice and he then consulted a physician with the result that it was discovered that his liver was seriously affected and was in all probability cancerous. Later, a closer examination located the cancer in the lower bowel, and this diagnosis was verified by a number of physicians both at home and at Rochester, Minnesota, where he went for advice. After his return from Rochester, he appeared cheerful and remained so until last Thursday, when increasing weakness warned him that the end was approaching more rapidly than had been expected. On Friday evening he went to bed suffering considerable pain, and by Saturday morning was in a semi-comatose condition, which steadily progressed to the close. All Sunday and Monday he failed to recognize his friends and gave no sign of any kind that he was conscious of anything going on about him. His death was pathetic, but it was met fearlessly and with a full consciousness that it was not possible for him to recover. Having made his peace with his God, he folded his hands and slept with his fathers; his last sigh was as gentle as a summer zephyr, and the peace that passeth all understanding was his.

The friends of Frank A. Dowd are legion. He filled every trust put upon him with fidelity and zeal. He was loyal to his country, his trust and his friends. He was gentle in disposition and drew them to him with hoops of steel; he valued his friendships; lived his life out filled with deeds that are of moment to the community,

The following biographical sketch we take from the history of Webster County published some years ago:

Frank Allison Dowd was born in Sprat Township, Noble County, Indiana, June 18, 1848, and was therefore only about seven years of age when he came to Webster County in 1755. He was reared amid the wild scenes of the frontier and with the family endured all the hardships

and trials of pioneer life. He assisted in the cultivation of the fields until 1867, when he entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad as brakeman, the road having been completed to Omaha only the year before. In the spring of 1868, however, he returned to his home in Dayton, where he remained until the fall of 1869. He was elected constable of Dayton Township in that year, and on the 3rd of November, 1869, he went to Des Moines, where he entered the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad as fireman for George T. Nettles, his brother-in-law. He continued in that employ until 1872, when he went to Colorado and worked on the Rio Grande as a fireman for a time and was then promoted to engineer, serving until the financial panic of 1873 when he was laid off. He next removed to Saguacha, near Lost Pinnacle Agency, and did the machine work for a sawmill, which he operated through the winter of 1873.

On the expiration of that period he returned to Iowa, locating at Stuart and for one year was employed in the shops of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad. In 1875 he again went upon the road, running an engine on the main line from Stuart to Council Bluffs and to Brooklyn until 1886 when he went north, entering the service of the Canadian Pacific railroad in August, as engineer, which occupation he followed until April, 1887. Going to Minot, North Dakota, he entered the employ of the Great Northern as conductor, which position he resigned in August 1890. At that time he was appointed deputy collector of customs at Sweet Grass. In 1893 he resigned that office and returned to Dayton to look after his farming interests, for since 1893 he had owned a half-section of valuable land in Dayton Township.

In the fall of 1897 Mr. Dowd was elected sheriff of Webster County and served four years which expired in January 1902. He had served as mayor of Dayton for two terms and was also justice of the peace.

On the 27th of March, 1896, Mr. Dowd was united in marriage to Mrs. Caroline Barnquist, the widow of Samuel Barnquist of Webster County who survives him. They had no children, but Mr. Dowd leaves two brothers and a sister and several half –brothers and sisters. Of his brothers John H. is a resident of Braman, Oklahoma, and Alexander lives in Kansas. A full sister is the wife of J. A. King of Dayton.

Mr. Dowd was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Elks.

The funeral took place today, the remains being taken to Dayton by special train chartered by the Masonic brethren, who accompanied his remains. The funeral was in charge of the Lodge at Dayton where he kept

membership. He was, however, a member of Delta chapter and Commandery of this city.”

From the Braman Leader, 13 April 1906

Took Shot Gun Route.

G. H. Watrous, the 17 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Watrous of near Cross, shot and killed himself with a single barrel shotgun. He did the shooting in about ten rods of his home, and a note left by him gave his reason for this action. He stated in substance that it was ion account of trouble between him and his father. Dr. Widney, County Coroner of this city, was called to the scene Sunday night, where he found upon investigation that the boy came to his death by his own hands. – *Kaw City Star*.

From the Braman Leader, 13 April 1906

Mrs. J. H. Dowd died at her home east of Braman last evening after a lingering illness of some months. The particulars will appear next week.

Death of Mrs. Love.

Mrs. Phobe Alvira Love was born in New London, Huron County, Ohio, June 19th 1849, and died at their farm residence six miles southwest of Blackwell, Oklahoma, April 9th, 1906. She had been an invalid for a number of years; the last year she was afflicted with paralysis, which was the immediate cause of her death. She was married to Jeremiah Love about 46 years ago. Two sons and two daughters constitute their family of children. These are all married; names and residences are as follows: George, near Blackwell, Okla.; Frank, Braman, Okla.; Mrs. Inez McCartney, Portland, Kans.; Mrs. Emma Hinkle, Portland, Kans. There are thirteen grand children. These, with the husband are left to mourn the loss of a dear mother and devoted wife. Mrs. Love was a member of the Christian Church. She united with the church about thirty years ago at Huron, Brown County, Kansas. Being an invalid the past years has prevented her attending church since their location in Oklahoma. They came to the territory two years after the opening. Funeral services were held at the home residence, conducted by Rev. Isom Roberts, pastor of the Christian Church, and the body put to rest in the Blackwell Cemetery. – *Blackwell Times-Record*.

From the Braman Leader, 27 April 1906

Death of Mrs. J. H. Dowd.

Matilda J. Watts, oldest child and first daughter of Harvey and Susan Watts was horn in Indiana, June 14, 1865 and died at the family home, east of Braman, Okla., Thursday evening, April 12, 1906 age 41 years.

In early childhood deceased moved with her parents to Eota, Minn., where she grew to maidenhood, when she moved to Dayton, Webster County, Iowa. She was married to J. H. Dowd at Dayton, January 26, 1884, and of this union two children were born—a son and daughter—the children being Fannie, now Mrs. E. S. Weaver living south of Braman and Channey M. Dowd, who is yet living at the family home. Mr. and Mrs. Dowd moved to Braman, Okla., November 11 1901, where they have since made their home and have deeply endeared themselves in the friendship and affections of our people. Mrs. Dowd accepted the saving grace of the Christian religion January 23, 1905, and thereafter joined the Baptist church at Braman and from that time to the hour of her death lived an earnest, devoted Christian life. She was a good neighbor, a consistent Christian and a devoted church member. She was uniformly kind to everyone, always anxious and solicitous to do her Master’s cause with the utmost faithfulness. In the domain of motherhood she had also been a true and devoted mother to two step-children, Mrs. F. S. LeValley and Ray W. Dowd, both of whom today keenly feel her loss and as the tender recollections of their mature years flood the sacred cells of their childhood memories the scalding tear attests the love her saintly character had instilled into their unfolding minds.

Mrs. Dowd’s illness took an acute form last August and she was taken to Wichita to get medical advice. January 4, 1906, she went to Kansas City in hope of getting relief and at that place submitted to a second operation. Upon returning home from Kansas City February 22, she was apparently improving and it was thought for several weeks that she would recover. Later she commenced to decline. Mrs. Dowd was conscious up to the very last and as soon as she realized that her death was inevitable, she called the family to her beside, and there as the Death Angel hovered o’er the frail form, she conversed over those subjects that are sacred to the family circle; and at this time selected the pallbearers whom she wished to have officiate at the funeral services, her choice being N. M. Southwick, John B. Brown, J. A. Humphrey, t. H. Morehead, S. B. Noble and J. H. Hampton. Mrs. Dowd also selected the sacred songs which she wished to have sung at her funeral services, the selections being, “In the Sweet Bye and Bye,” “It is Well with My Soul,” and “Shall we gather at the River.”

The funeral services occurred Sunday, April 14 (Easter Sunday) at 2 p.m. at the Baptist Church in Braman, the services being conducted by Rev. J. W. McAttee, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The church edifice was filled to its fullest seating capacity, the large attendance markedly testifying to the profound respect in which deceased was held in this community.

Mrs. Dowd is survived by her sorrowing husband and the children as noted above; also her mother, living at Pond Creek, Okla.; a sister, Mrs. Elsie Richardson who is living with the mother; Mrs. Lizzie Peel, of Pipestone, Minn.; and a brother, Edward Watts, living in the northwestern part of Minnesota,

A near friend of the family hands us the following beautiful lines which express a beautiful sentiment and the keen anguish of bereaved hearts:

We miss thee from our home dear mother,
We miss thee from thy place,
A shadow o'er our home is cast,
We miss the sunshine of thy face;
We miss thy kind and willing hand,
Thy fond and earnest care;
Our home is dark without thee, mother,
We miss thee everywhere.

It was Lamartine who has said, "The loss of a mother us always; severely felt: even though her healthy may incapacitate her from taking an active part in the sweet rallying point around which affection and obedience and a thousand tender endeavors to please, concentrate: and Dreary is the blank when such a point is withdrawn. In the death of Mrs. Dowd, a great bereavement has entered the family circle. In the loss of a saintly wife and mother, the husband and children, have the profound sympathy of the entire community and in the words of the immortal John Milton, we can say "Death is the golden key that opens the place of eternity." And through its portals we all must pass—let us hope to a reunion with our loved ones and our God.

From the Braman Leader, 11 May 1906

The Same Sad Story.

Indeed, "the wages of sin is death." Last Friday night a woman was arrested on South First Street in Ponca City for disorderly conduct and lodged in the city jail says the *Courier* of that city. Saturday she was arraigned in Police court, gave her name as Rose Duvell, and was given a twenty days jail sentence. Sunday morning she was found dead in her cell in the jail. She was sitting on her bunk in the jail, her feet resting on the floor and her eyes and mouth were closed as if in sleep, showing that she had died peacefully and without a struggle. Dr. Widney, the county coroner was notified by phone and came over from Kaw City Sunday and held an inquest on the body in the police court room. After hearing the evidence, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by heart failure. The body was removed to Hayden's undertaking rooms, when it is being held until relatives can be found if possible. It is said that the woman's husband resides at Wichita and his name is James Glayson, but so far it has been impossible to

locate him. The woman appeared to be about 30 or 35 years of age, of medium height, rather stout and apparently in good bodily health. It is hardly probable that anyone will claim the body and it will likely be buried at public expense; --and those who consider themselves saved will march on triumphantly to the celestial city and as they espy the scarlet woman they will give their garments a hitch that they become not soiled. Thus closes another life, food for the juggernaut of our boasted civilization. The priest and the Levite passed, but their gowns were not to be polluted—not on your life! In the meantime, the Omnipotent God has made this world a beautiful place in which to live, so far as His works are concerned.--but how about His "images" that He established here on two legs, to stalk about and stroke their bosoms in conceited majesty, with His love and power potentially perfect in their spiritual organizations. Such stories as the one quoted above makes the heartsick.

From the Braman Leader, 11 May 1906

Death of Milton McVay.

Milton McVay was the youngest child and son of Vincent and Ann McVay and was born in Martinsburg, O., august 13, 1833, and died at the family home northeast of Braman, Sunday, May 6, 1906, age 72 years, 8 months, and 23 days. His death was a very sudden and severe chock to his friends and neighbors. Mr. McVay left the state of his nativity when a youth and came to Hudson, Illinois, from there he moved to Iowa, locating near Afton, in Union County. In 1876 he moved to Butler County, Kansas, where he resided until 1902, when he located near Braman, Oklahoma. In all his business relations throughout his long and active life he was noted for his industry and scrupulous integrity. His life was indeed an honorable manhood.

Deceased was married to Ann Anderson, who survives him, December 8, 1859), and of this union ten children were born, eight of whom are living, one son and one daughter having passed to the great beyond. The surviving sons are F. M., living a Augusta, Kans.; A. O., of Deer Creek, Okla.; Luther M., of Leon, Kans.; and A. E. and M. A. of Braman. The daughters ore M. A., wife of Elton Hamblet and E. C., Wife of James Ferguson, of Braman; and N. M., wife of James Carr, of Frederick, Oklahoma.

Mr. McVay was of a deeply religious cast of mind, and as the advancing years silvered his hair, his whole life revealed in the words of Pander, that, "A graceful and honorable old age is the childhood of immortality." In writing of the beauty of Mr. McVay's religious poise the language of Tyron Edwards most fittingly expresses a definition of his religious life, wherein that greater writer said, "Religion, in its purity, is not so much a

pursuit as a temper; or rather it is a temper leading to the pursuit of all that is high and holy. Its foundation is faith; its action, works; its temper improvement of self and benevolence to man. Mr. McVay had been a devoted religious man many years, becoming converted and joining the Methodist Episcopal Church at Afton, Iowa, in 1865. He received the blessing of sanctification December 25, 1882, and has lived an upright Christian life from the day of his conversion until the day of his death. Deceased had always ordered his home aright according to God's children; the rarest flowers of perfect manhood; the acme of fatherhood;--and his sudden taking away is indeed an irreparable loss of the bereaving wife and mother. A wide circle of friends will join their sorrow with the tears of the weeping wife; their profound respect with her womanly affection and love; and with the eye of faith all will look lovingly to the living God and the joys of an assured immortality and reunion.

The funeral services occurred at the M. E. Church in Braman, Wednesday afternoon, May 9th, the services being conducted by Rev. J. A. Davis, the local pastor, interment taking place in the Braman Cemetery.

As the last sad rites of this good man's life took place the clods of earth hid from mortal view the tenement of clay, the wife and mother, sons and daughters, relatives and friends, with one accord could truthfully say of deceased, "He loved goodness, harbored angels, revered reverence and exemplified holiness—and thus was death crowned with eternal victory.

From the Braman Leader, 7 August 1906

Obituary.

Richard B. Tate, a well-known and respected citizen and businessman of Braman died Monday evening August 13 after a long illness. The death occurred at the Wichita Hospital to which he was taken from here that day in a vain hope of affording relief.

The deceased was born in Anderson County, Kansas, August 21, 1881, went to Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1892 coming from there to Braman Feb 9, 1905. Since that time he has been associated with his brother Byron in the livery business. He is survived by his brother here, also, a half sister at Hutchinson, Kansas his parents, a sister and a half sister being dead,

The body was interred in the Braman cemetery, Wednesday afternoon after funeral services at the Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Jas. A. Davis, who preached an eloquent funeral sermon. The songs, "Nearer My God to Thee," "Rock of Ages" were beautifully rendered by the choir.

By this death Braman loses an excellent citizen. Dick Tate, as he was familiarly known, had many friends and as few enemies as any man in town. His

business and social standing was the best. He bore his long, painful illness with Christian fortitude, and died in the blessed hope of a glorious hereafter. The bereaved brother and other relatives have the sincere sympathy of the community.

From the Braman Leader, 28 September 1906

Miss Ethel Rees Dead.

The following obituary notice from the *Republican News Journal* [Newkirk, OK] refers to former resident of Braman:

"At Colorado Springs, Colorado, Friday night September 14 at nine o'clock after five weeks of patient suffering with typhoid fever the end came peacefully to **Miss Ethel Rees**. [Reece?] The last fifteen months she has spent in the pure Colorado climate on account of ill health. She had about recovered her health and was living in the sweet anticipation of returning to her home when the fatal fever came,

Miss Ethel was the efficient deputy treasurer during her father's term as County treasurer and was also one of the pioneer teachers of this county. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church and her sweet Christian life and example is a benediction that few can surpass. Her father, mother and two brothers were with her when the end came, and on the following quiet Sabbath day they accompanied the body to Newton, Iowa, and there in the family burying ground laid the last of mortality away to await the resurrection day. [Note: The surname is spelled Reese in the Newkirk paper, but Rees is probably the correct spelling.]

From the Braman Leader, 26 October 1906

Murder at Renfrow.

John Smith a section hand was murdered at Renfrow, twenty miles west of Braman last Saturday night. Harry Brown, Guy Rader, Randolph Matthews and L. B. Kauph are under arrest for the murder. Brown, who was a roommate of Smith, has confessed, implicating the others. He says the murder was the result of an attempt to rob Smith whose boasting had led them to believe he had a large sum of money concealed in a belt he wore beneath his clothes.

From the Braman Leader, 9 November 1906

Hallowe'en Tragedy

Little **Lloyd Kinley**, 13 years old was shot at Arkansas City last Wednesday night while out with a party of friends having what they call a good time. The accident occurred near the home of G. W. Cline where their 14 year old son stepped to the back porch and fired a revolver intending to scare the Hallowe'ens but was careless and shot so the contents of the weapon took

effect as stated above. Hallowe'en is alright if celebrated, but in late years a practice has been introduced that is bringing bad results. The destroying of property which bring about the loss of life is all wrong and it is high time parents were educating their children to celebrate all saints day in a more refined and humane way.

From the *Braman Leader*, 30 November 1906

Obituary.

Jesse Monroe Judd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Judd, was born near Braman, Kay County, Oklahoma, December 5, 1905, and departed this life November 26, 1906, aged 11 months and 21 days, and was interred in the Braman Cemetery November 27, 1906.

The funeral discourse was delivered by the Rev. J. A. Davis, pastor of the M. E. Church, the Bible reading taken from the tenth chapter of St. Mark, where Jesus says, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." His text was taken from the twenty-third verse of the twelfth chapter of Second Samuel, "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast." The choir sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus,"

A large number of friends and neighbors were in attendance to pay their last respects to the departed, to mingle their tears with the tears of the grief stricken parents and to console and cheer them in this trying ordeal.

On such occasions, when the heart is bruised and bleeding and the spirit almost rebels at the stern reality of giving up the angelic forms of those loved ones, it must be a consolation to realize that Jesus said, "for such is the kingdom of God," and to know that the believed one is "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

B. S. Barnes Dead.

On Wednesday, Nov. 21, **B. S. Barnes**, postmaster at Ponca City died very suddenly of heart trouble. Mr. Barnes had been feeling badly for three or four days but seemed to be improving. He had ordered a carriage to take him to the office, but in the effort he collapsed completely and died a very short time. Mr. Barnes was 62 years of age. And [he] was the founder of Ponca City, having laid out the original townsite. He was a Republican, and had taken an active part in politics, and was in his second term as postmaster.

He was always considered an able man, and highly respected by all who knew him or had business dealings with him. In the death of Mr. Barnes not only Ponca City, but the whole state loses one of her best citizens and ablest platform speakers and orators.

From the *Braman Leader*, 14 December 1906

Obituary.

Henry Gardner was born September 30, 1819, in Franklin County, Kentucky, and married October 4, 1862. Four children were born of this union, Lyda Ann Robinson, Etta Seacat, Alice Hughes and Josie Kite, all of whom are living. His wife died thirty years ago. After the marriage of his daughter, Lyda, he took up his abode in her home and remained there until the time of his death, which occurred December 7, 1906, being 87 years, 2 months, and 7 days old. Besides these four daughters he leaves two stepdaughters, Mrs., Mary Eckles, and Mrs. Mahala Bumgardner, and 17 grandchildren and 5 great grand children. He had not been well for some time but was not bedfast until the last three weeks before his death. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since a mere child, having been baptized when a baby. He has always been faithful to the baptismal covenant. Just 11 days before his death his little great grandchild, Jesse Judd, passed away.

Card of Thanks

Being unable to see and thank personally all who so kindly assisted us in the last sickness and death of our beloved father, we take this method of expressing our gratitude to each one who has so assisted us.

Mrs. and Mrs. Morgan Robinson.

From the *Braman Leader*, 25 January 1907

Obituary.

Charles F. Olds was born in Whiteside County, Ill., Nov. 29th, 1860, and died January 1907.

His first marriage was to Miss Jennie Nuttle occurring No. 20, 1898 [sic]. Of this union were born six children: Ramon V. Olds, of Arkslom Kansas; Mrs. Edith Miller of Braman, Oklahoma; Jesse Clyde, of Lipscomb, Texas; Mary M. and Geo. D. Olds, of Braman, Oklahoma; and Guy S. Olds who died in his infancy.

His second marriage was to Miss Nora Morris, occurring Oct. 19, 1905 who survives him, also a mother and two brothers.

He was converted and united with the m. E. church under the ministerial labors of the late Rev. John Hogan, in what is now Asbury Chapel seven miles west of Braman. He remained a faithful member of the church until his death. Brother Olds was respected by all who knew him. He was a kind and indulgent father, a true and devoted husband. Those who knew him best, loved him most. Our loss is his eternal gain.

From the *Braman Leader*, 1 February 1907

Obituary.

Sunday Morning at his home one mile east of Braman occurred the death of **Paul Lobsinger**.

Mr. Lobsinger had been a sufferer from asthma for many years and the past few weeks had been complaining more than usual. On Saturday evening neighbors called at his home and he apparently spent a pleasant evening.

About twelve o'clock Mr. Lobsinger arose saying that he would rest easier in his armchair and about one o'clock passed peaceably from this life, his death being caused by heart failure.

Besides his wife, four children mourn his loss. They are as follows: Mary A. Franklin of Meade, Kansas; Mrs. Jas. Wise of this place; Mrs. Lyman Taylor or El Paso Illinois; and Mrs. W. A. Starky of Lukhart, Oklahoma.

Mr. Lobsinger moved to this place four years ago coming from Hudson, Illinois. Since coming here Mr. Lobsinger has made many friends.

From the Braman Leader, 123 April 1907

Obituary.

Gone before s, O, our father, to the spirit land vainly look we for another in thy place to stand.

Asbe Montgomery was born Jan. 3rd 1820, in Tylor County, W. Va. He united with the church when but 18 years of age. Much of the early part of his life was spent in the eastern part of West Virginia and in Ohio.

[On] March 21st, 1907 at the age of 87 years, 2 months, and 21 days, he passed his devoted Christian life over into the keeping of his heavenly father. Sixty years of his life had been dedicated to working in the Lord's vineyard preaching the lovely truths of the gospel, leading men and women into Christ. We rejoice to know this noble old soldier of the cross has fought the good fight, has kept the faith and hence forth there is laid upon him a crown of everlasting happiness eternally in the heavens.

From the Braman Leader, 3 May 1907

Obituary.

Rozzetta May Brewer was born March 11, 1882 at Tuscola, Illinois, and died at her home near Braman, Oklahoma April 26th, 1907. She was married to Albert Arnett March 19th 1903.

She is survived by her husband and three sons William Aaron, born November 9th, 1904; Clarence Marion, born November 2nd, 1905; and Joseph, born February 28th, 1907.

She was brought up in the Presbyterian faith and lived quiet consistent life. She was a kind and loving wife and affectionate mother and loved by all who knew her.

Her funeral was preached at the Methodist Church, Sunday April 28, by Rev. J. A. Davis.

From the Braman Leader, 10 May 1907

Obituary.

Blackburn, Henry Bascomb was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1830, and died Sunday evening April 28, 1907, at nearly 77 years of age. He was married September 1, 1864, and his wife died December 26, 1900, at the age of 62 years. He leaves three children to mourn his departure – Mrs. Hillie Wallace, wife of W. C. Wallace, editor of the Braman, Okla., *Leader*; Frank Blackburn, county superintendent of Graham County [Kansas]; and Miss Nona Blackburn, proprietor of Spring Creek Store. The deceased united with the M. E. Church early in life and remained with that church until he came to Graham County when he joined the United Brethren Church, remaining a consistent and active member until his death. During the war he was enlisted in the 211th Pa. Vol. Infantry. Mr. Blackburn, with his family came direct from Pennsylvania to Graham County in 1885, and homesteaded eight miles northeast of Hill City, in which neighborhood he resided during his 22 years in Graham County.

Mr. Blackburn's death was very sudden, and supposed to be due to heart failure. He has been quite rugged and strong for a man of his years and his sudden death is quite a shock to his relatives and friends. He has been living with his daughter, Miss Nona at Spring Creek. Sunday evening he did his chores as usual, ate a hearty supper and retired in apparent good health. About midnight he called to his daughter, and when she went to him he was in a critical condition. She phoned to near neighbors and soon after they came the old gentleman expired.

Mr. Blackburn was a man of quiet disposition, well liked and highly respected by all who knew him. A large concourse followed the remains to their last resting place in the Roscoe cemetery on Wednesday after appropriate services by Rev. McMillan. –*Hill City* [Kansas] *New Era*.

From the Braman Leader, 19 July 1907

Mrs. J. M. Via, of Braman, was in this city Sunday attending the funeral of her old friend, **Mrs. McClandles**. – *South Haven* [Kansas] *New Era*.

From the Braman Leader, 13 September 1907

Obituary.

Mr. A. K. Hubbard was born in Randolph County, Missouri, on Aug. 27th, in the year 1849. [He] Died in Blackwell, on Wednesday, September 4th, 1907. He

leaves a wife, five daughters and five sons and a community of friends to mourn his departure. He was well thought of in and around Braman, where he has lived for a number of years. In speaking of him all say he was a friend to those in need. A kinder hearted man was seldom found. His death was a surprise to the entire community, and while the family were almost crushed under the blow, the community in general felt the shock. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Davis at the Methodist Church of which he was a member. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

From the Braman Leader, 1 November 1907

Obituary.

Matilda Penwell was born in Elkhart, Indiana, on March 4, 1830, being one of a family of 18 children. She was married to R. M. **Hood** Feb. 9, 1853, and died Oct. 25, 1907, aged 77 years, 7 months and 21 days. She leaves a husband and five children – Hiram, of Carthage, Mo.; Charles, of El Reno, Okla.; Mrs. Carri Swan, of Riverdale, Kansas; S. H. Hood, of Braman, Okla.; John F. Hood, of Lecompton, Kansas.

She joined the Methodist Church 51 years ago along with her husband and their house was one wholly dedicated to the Lord. She died in the Christian faith and has gone home to receive her reward.

From the Braman Leader, 8 November 1907

Died.

Last Tuesday, of inflammation of the bowels, **Emery**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs., Lloyd **Mooter**. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the home of the parents [lines of type missing] by Rev. White. Interment was made in the Braman cemetery. The leader, together with the whole community sympathizes with these bereaved ones.

From the Braman Leader, 15 November 1907

Mr. **Iman**, southwest of town, received a telegram last Sunday morning stating that his son had been killed on the railroad. He was a brakeman on the Mo. P. railroad out of Osawatomie, [Kansas], and was killed while discharging his duties. The *Leader* readers join in expressing sympathy for the bereaved family.

From the Braman Leader, 22 November 1907

Obituary.

Emery, Infant son of Mr. and Mrs., Lloyd **Mooter**, died at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hall, Nov. 5, 1907. Funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Mr. White, of the Christian Church.

[Obituary has been edited to include only information of genealogical value.]

From the Braman Leader, 29 November 1907

Obituary.

Died. Nov. 9th, **W. L. Iman** aged 22 years 1 month and 9 days. The deceased was the son of Gabriel Iman and the nephew of Eran and Joseph Iman. He was well known in this vicinity and his kindly disposition made him loved by all who knew him.

It was in the performance of a generous, kind-hearted act that he lost his life. He was an employee of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and on the evening of the 9th, he took the place of a fellow employee who was sick, and it was in doing the sick man's work he met his death.

Left to mourn his departure to the unknown, are his young wife and nine months old babe, his parents and his sister. [Obituary edited to include only information of genealogical value.]

From the Braman Leader, 13 December 1907

Card of Thanks.

To the kind friends and neighbors who helped us by word or deed, in the burial of our darling son, we extend our heartfelt thanks. A kind Heavenly father will reward you.

T. H. Jones and wife.

Obituary.

Theodore Holland, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jones was born December 7, 1907 and after a brief sojourn here of two days passed away. His little life on earth, though brief was long enough for those who knew him to become deeply attached to him and when the Master said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me," he answered the call and went to be at home in the heavenly Kingdom.

Though his stay was short he will be deeply missed by his parents who have the sympathy of friends.

[Note: Gravestone says, Infant son b. 7 December 1907, d. 10 December 1907]

From the Braman Leader, 13 December 1907

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to all the kind neighbors and friends who so loyally assisted us in the last illness and death of our dear wife and mother. And especially do we wish to thank that noble body of men, of the priestly order, and their true and faithful auxiliary, The Rebekahs, who by their deeds cause us to know that he who has mercy upon us is our true brother and friend.

H. B. Scott, H. C. Scott and Family.

From the *Braman Leader*, 20 December 1907

At Rest in Jesus.

At 12:20 Saturday morning, December 7, 1907, at Braman, Okla., the angel of death beckoned and the spirit of Mrs. H. Scott took its peaceful flight from earth to enter a life of heavenly rest.

Nancy Flaster [Scott] was born August 25, 1839 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. She was married to H. B. Scott, December 31, 1859, and together they lovingly walked life's way for almost half a century. Two years more would have brought them to their golden wedding. To them was born one son, Harry Clay Scott, who has proved to be a worthy son and showed her every mark of love and respect that a loving son could render.

Mrs. Scott and her husband settled near Braman about 10 years ago and are well and favorably known to the people of Kay County. She leaves behind her an aged husband, a fond son, a devoted daughter-in-law and a darling little grandson, besides a host of friends to mourn her departure.

In 1866 she accepted Christ and united with the Methodist church, of which she remained a faithful member until her death. Among her last words were quotations from the 34 Psalm of David: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

In her sickness of over a year she was in all her suffering, as she was in her life, so forgetful of self and thoughtful of the loved ones about her,

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church at Braman, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Presiding Elder, J. E. Burt of Perry and Rev. J. A. Davis, of Braman. After the ceremony the remains were taken to the cemetery, east of town, and were peacefully laid to rest.

The family have the sympathy of the entire community. The following selection expresses the feeling of the writer.

Over the river our loved one has gone
Over the river deep and wide,
While we are left to journey on
She is resting in the sunlight on the other side.

She is free from trouble, free from pain
Free from sorrows that with us abide
What is our loss is surely her gain
She is resting in the sunlight on the other side.

Resting in the sunlight of Jesus' love,
Blessed Savior be our guide,

That where death's dark river at last we cross,
We may rest in the sunlight on the other side.
E. A. C.

From the *Braman Leader*, 7 March 1908

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends who were so kind as to assist us during the sickness and death of our darling little **baby** which passed away on Tuesday of last week. May God bless them.

Wm. T. Higgins.

From the *Braman Leader*, 5 June 1908

Obituary.

Cordelia J. Evans was born in Brown County, Ohio, Dec. 3rd, 1844, moved with her parents, E. W. and Charlottie Evans to Kentucky in 1846, moved from Kentucky to Indiana and resided until 1855 when they moved to a farm 1 ½ miles south of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, and later to the old homestead 7 miles southeast of Urbana where Cordelia grew to womanhood. She was married to Frank Wells, October 19, 1866 and moved to Sumpter, Oklahoma, March 5, 1904. Departed this life May 27, 1908.

Mrs. Wells was the mother of eleven children, nine of whom were present at the funeral which was held at the family residence Friday, May 27th.

She united with the Christian Church early in life and lived a consistent Christian until her death. She will be greatly missed in the neighborhood. We mourn the loss if a neighbor and friend and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family. E.J.

From the *Braman Leader*, 26 June 1908

Deceased.

Elbridge Heffron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Heffron, died at his home at Snohomish, Washington, June the fifteenth from pneumonia fever and heart failure. He was buried under the auspices of the Modern Woodman Camp at that place. He leaves a wife and two children a father, mother, two sisters and five brothers to mourn his absence. He with his family formerly lived here until about two years ago they moved to Washington where they have since resided. His father, mother and one brother still live here, and to the bereaved we extend our sympathies.

Drowned.

Nothing that has happened recently in our midst has caused so much excitement and aroused so much interest as the drowning of little **Hughie Clark** which occurred on last Monday afternoon accompanied by Alonzo

Hubbard and Wilber Persing, Hugh went to the river, where they went in bathing. After being in the water for some time they got out, dressed and after a time began amusing themselves by riding on a log down the river. When they came to the deep water the accident happened which cost Hugh his life, he stepped off into it and could not swim. The other two boys came on to town but were so frightened they did not tell of the drowning as they had gone to the river without permission. Late in the evening the little fellow's uncle, Hugh Johnston, became alarmed and started out in one direction to hunt for him and Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Hanna in another. They went to the home of Alonzo Hubbard and aroused him and inquired for Hughie, but he was drowsy and did not give an intelligent answer but would break down and cry. This aroused the suspicion that something serious had happened and next morning the boys stated that Hugh was drowned. Then began some of the most heroic work that has been witnessed in this community. Men searched for hours, not stopping for their meals, all day Tuesday, in hopes of finding the body, and some came up from Blackwell and assisted the search. On Tuesday evening a meeting was held at the Odd Fellows hall and a thorough organization was perfected and on Wednesday a systematic search was made. The Rebekah Lodge, with the assistance of others furnished lunch for the earnest workers during the day. Late in the afternoon the body was found. It had lodged on a tree about two miles from the hole in which it had; drowned. An obituary will appear next week.

Card of Thanks.

We sincerely desire to thank the kind neighbors and friends who so valiantly assisted us in the search for and the burial of our little nephew, Hugh Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnson.

From the Braman Leader, 3 July 1908

Obituary.

On last Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock the remains of little Hughie Clark were laid away in the Braman Cemetery. The funeral procession was one of the largest ever had here. There was no funeral sermon, only a few remarks by Rev. J. A. Davis of the M. E. Church and prayer by Rev. John Via, of the Baptist Church of Ceres,

The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles A. Clark and was born at Walla Walla, Washington, March, 1899. His age at the time of death was 9 years 3 months. His mother died when he was a little babe and since that time he has made his home with his grandfather and uncle.

There remains living, two sisters and one brother, with a number of relatives and friends who mourn his departure.

From the Braman Leader, 10 July 1908

Obituary

Vane Rolland Wilson, the infant son of Earnest and Bessie Wilson was born March 7th, 1908. He was 3 months and 21 days old. His life was short but very sweet and dear to his sad parents and two little brothers who are left to mourn his loss.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the Royal Neighbors Camp for the beautiful floral offering and also our friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance during our sad bereavement, the death of our infant son.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Wilson.

From the Braman Leader, 17 July 1908

Died.

On Wednesday morning at about 7 o'clock Mrs. Cal Morris died at her home in Braman. She had only been sick for a few weeks, and before death came she seemed to be resting well, and it was quite a shock when it was discovered that she was dead. The Leader joins the many friends in extending to the bereaved their heartfelt sympathy. An obituary will appear next week.

From the Braman Leader, 24 July 1908

Obituary.

Sarah Marinda Battorff [Morris] was born in Iowa, February 4th, 1857, and died July 15th, 1897, aged fifty-one years, five months and seven days. She was married February 11th, 1875 to Colbert Morris at Newton, Illinois.

Four children were born, of which two, a boy and girl, died in their infancy. She was converted in 1874 and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and remained a loyal member until her death.

She had lived in our midst for several years and her kindness and patience won many friends,

She had not been well for some time but only bedfast a few days. Our sympathies are with the bereaved husband and daughter. The funeral service was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place and conducted by the pastor, Jas. A. Davis at 2:30 o'clock p.m. Thursday and interment was made in the cemetery one and one half miles of town.

Card of Thanks.

We sincerely desire to thank the kind neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and mother.

Colbert Morris, Mrs. Nora Olds.

Obituary of Mrs. Magette.

Ghaska Lillian Cagle was born May 11, 1873 in Massac County, Ill., came to Kansas with her family in 1884 and to Oklahoma in 1897. She was married to Leon Magette July 7, 1898. She united with the Baptist Church in 1899, and departed this life July 12, 1908 at Wichita, Kansas. She leaves a loving husband, five sisters and three brothers to mourn her loss,

Miss Kate Sloan.

Katherine Sloan was born in Highgate, Vermont, in 1843 and died near Braman, Oklahoma. July 17, 1908 aged sixty-five years.

At the age of 29 she moved with her parents to Marysville, Kansas, and remained there until this country was opened for settlement in 1893 when she secured a claim about nine miles northeast of here and lived there with her brother and his death about two years ago, since which time she has made her home with Mrs. Mary E, Sharon or Mrs. James Hennessey.

She was a devout member of the Catholic Church She leaves one sister and many friends to mourn her death.

From the Braman Leader, 21 August 1908

Obituary.

Mathias Friska was born Feb 24, 1821 in the village of Kacrove, County of Plas, Province of Bohemia, Austria. He married Rosa Beranck in 1842; to this union were born ten children, seven of whom are living, Frank, John, Joseph, and Anthony, Mrs. James Krotz, Mrs. Katherine Keifer, and Mrs. Anna Woral. He came to America in 1853, settling in Washington, County, Iowa, from there to Kansas in 1887, thence to Oklahoma in 1894. He died near Braman Aug 12, 1908, aged 86 years, 5 months, and 18 days. The funeral was preached by Rev. J. A. Davis and the remains laid away in the Braman Cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in the sickness and death of our beloved father and grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Krotz and children,.

Mrs. Kiefer and children.

Obituary.

Arthur Bierbower was born October 26th 1896 at Colfax, Illinois, and died at the St. Francis Hospital at Wichita August 14th, 1908.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bierbower of this place and had only been ailing a few days before his decease. The day before he complained of having a pain in his side and on examination it was found to be

appendicitis and was immediately taken to Wichita where an operation was performed, but he did not leave the operating table alive.

His death was a shock to the community as no one thought his case so serious.

Arthur was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bierbower and was a bright little fellow with a mind far beyond his years, and it seems strange to us that one with such talents and great possibility should be taken from this life, but we with the mortal eye, cannot see as does God, so we are to place our trust in the Great Infinite and hope for the best,

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Davis, of the Methodist church in Tonkawa, assisted by Rev., G. W. Irwin. The remains were laid away in the Blackwell Cemetery.

The entire community offer their sympathy to the bereaved family in this their sad affliction.

From the Braman Leader, 28 August 1908

Obituary.

Freeman Heater was born in Ohio on October 16th, 1864 and died near Braman, Okla., August 2nd, 1908. He leaves a wife Emily C. Heater, one daughter, two brothers and two sisters to mourn his departure. Mrs. Geo. Leiringer is the only daughter and it was at her home where he breathed his last. He was rational on the morning of the day he died, and as his wife drew near to administer unto him he assured her that he was ready for eternity and that there was a blessing awaiting him. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Davis at the Methodist Church and the remains were laid away in the Braman cemetery. The *Leader* joins the many friends of the bereaved in extending sympathy in this hour of sadness.

From the Braman Leader, 4 September 1908

In Memory of Freeman Heater.

Freeman Heater was born in Seneca County, Ohio, October 6, 1846. Together with his parents, sisters and brothers he remove to Nebraska in 1865. He was converted to the true Christian faith in early life. [He] Was united in marriage to Emily C. Duncan in 1871. The greater part of his life was that of a useful man, was cheery and kind ambitious in all his undertakings, charitable in deed and his desire to be {about and doing” remained with him until nearly the last hours of his life. He had many failures and disappointments such as all flesh is heir to. He met these trials with renewed ambitions for future accomplishment of what he believed his duty. The last six months of his life was blessed by the renewal of his early Christian faith. He died peacefully bidding his family “let him go. There is

a blessing could you only know you ought to shout salvation.”

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the kind friends and neighbors who so ably and kindly assisted us in our distress and bereavement in the loss of our father and husband.

Emily C. Heather, Hattie E. Leininger, Geo. R. Leininger.

From the Braman Leader, 4 September 1908

Little Girl Drowned Near Ponca.

While bathing with her sister, aged 15, and her brother, aged 9, the 7 year-old daughter of George Archer, a widower of Ponca City, whose wife recently died, was drowned in Turkey Creek. Archer's wife died at their home seven miles south of St. Louis and he and his three children were traveling in a wagon to the home of relatives at Stillwater. [Note: Hayden Funeral records indicate the child's name was **Lillian Archer**. She died on 26 August 1908, and was buried in the Catholic section of Ponca City IOOF Cemetery. See also the Obituaries from Ponca City Newspapers.]

From the Braman Leader, 18 September 1908

Died.

A. L. Curl, father of the Curl brothers, passed out of this life last Sunday at the home of his son, C. W. Curl, 8 miles northwest of town, aged 80 years, four months and twenty-nine days.

He leaves eight children to mourn his departure, five boys and three girls. He had been weak for some time, gradually growing worse and it is thought he died of old age. His remains were shipped to Browning, Mo., for interment. The *Leader* extends sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

Obituary.

Joseph Marion Swan was born in Knox County, eastern Tenn., Oct. 30th, 1877. Came to Kansas with the family when seven years of age, where he remained until the past six years, during that time he had been in business in Kansas.

He came home sick two months ago and gradually grew worse until his death which occurred at 9 o'clock Tuesday evening Sept. 1, 1908.

He was converted and joined the Presbyterian Church in Wellington eight years ago. About a year ago he united with the Congregational Church in Kansas City, where he was a faithful and consistent worker in the Sunday school and church.

He leaves a father, three brothers and three sisters to mourn his death: James D, Riverdale, Kansas; Andrew H. who lives at home; Hugh W. of Bunsburg,

Washington; Mrs. Maggie Shoemaker of Kansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Rachel Hood, Braman, Okla.; and Tessie Swan, of Wellington, Kansas.

Our loss is his gain, for the light is shining brighter now for him.

A Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our thanks to the friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our father, A. L. Curl. We cannot soon forget the good neighbors and friends.

The bereaved family.

From the Braman Leader, 23 October 1908

Obituary.

Dimmis E. Ford was born in the state of New York, April 4, 1836. [She] was married to George **Heffron** March 25, 1852. She moved to Winfield, Kansas, March 3, 1880, and to Oklahoma in 1896.

Mrs. Heffron united with the Me. E. Church at Winfield in 1889. [She] died at her home in Braman, Oklahoma, Oct. 18, 1908, at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 14 days.

She was the mother of ten children, six boys and four girls, of which five boys and two girls with her husband survive her to mourn her loss.

Besides her own immediate family she has had four grandchildren left to her patient, motherly care during the past seven years,

She was a loyal wife, a fond and devoted mother, a cherished friend, and a constant faithful neighbor. An ever-faithful worker in all good that came before her, she made the world better for all who knew her.

From the Braman Leader, 20 November 1908

Obituary.

Bessie Wilson was born in the state of Missouri, April 3, 1887. [She] was married to Ernest Wilson January 28, 1904. She died at Wellington, Kansas, Nov. 11, 1908 at the age of 21 years, 6 months, and 14 days.

She was the mother of three children, of which two boys survive her. She was a fond and devoted mother. Her wish in her last days was that she might live to care for her two little boys, James and Dale, four and two years of age.

It is to be remembered that on the 25th of last July, Ernest Wilson, husband of the deceased, abandoned his wife and two little children and left them to the mercy of friends, who took them in and cared for them. It was Mrs. Wilson's request to thank each and every one that helped her in her needy condition.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends of our darling sister,

Bessie for their kindness at the time of her death.

Mrs. J. L. DeVaney, Mrs. Elmer Hawkins, Miss Grace Hills.

Died.

A little 3 months old **child** of Mr. and Mrs. **Lawrence** living 5 miles north of town died Saturday night. It seems from the best information we can receive at this time that when the parents awoke on Sunday morning the little one was dead.

From the *Braman Leader*, 4 December 1908

Obituary.

Henry Flauding was born in the year 1846 in Saxony, Germany, and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. His mother died in Germany. He came with his father, two sisters and two brothers to Pittsburgh, Pa., and then to Portland, Ind. He enlisted in the Civil war Oct. 20 1862 and served three years.

He was married to Lydia DeHoff Aug. 13, 1865. To this union three children were born; Mrs. Lillie Kelsey, Blue Rapids, Kas.; and Mrs. Sarah Lee, Portland, Ind. [Third child not listed in obit.]

He was married to Sarah Renner March 14, 1883. To this union three children were born: Mrs. Mary Taylor, Braman, Okla.; and George and Gertrude Flauding who are still at home.

He came to Oklahoma in an early day and took a homestead northeast of Braman and there resided until his death came Friday morning, Nov. 28, 1908.

He leaves a wife, five children, seven grandchildren, four stepchildren, one sister, and one brother to mourn his loss. He was a kind and devoted husband and a dear and loving father. His remains were laid to rest in the Braman Cemetery.

Obituary.

Little **Elmo Glenn**, infant son of Elton and Alice **Hamblet**, was born in the home August 1, 1908, like a beautiful, tender, flower, to bless and brighten the home for a little time, after winding the cord of love and affection about their hearts, hath flown away to be with Jesus, ever to be with him as a beacon light to draw father, mother, sisters and brothers to him. He died Nov. 28th, 1908, aged 1 year, 3 months, and 27 days. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. C. Brannon at the M. E. church Nov. 29th in Braman Cemetery. He leaves father, mother, three sisters and three brothers to mourn their loss.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to Thank our friends and neighbors who were so kind during the sickness and death of our little son and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamblet and family.

From the *Braman Leader*, 11 December 1908

Fatal Shooting.

S. B. Noble, of Braman, Okla., died in this city last night at the St. Francis Hospital near midnight. His death resulted from three wounds from shots from a 44-caliber revolver. It is said his brother, Wm. Noble, did the shooting.

C. Noble, a son of the deceased man, came with his father to the hospital here last evening. According to the son's story, his father, S. B. Noble, and Wm. Noble have adjoining ranches. S. B. Noble started out Wednesday afternoon to look for lost calves. He stopped at his brother's ranch, and not seeing the latter about he went to the house, where he found Mrs. Wm. Noble. He talked with her a few moments and then went out to mount his horse, when his brother rushed out of the barn with a revolver in his hand and began firing the son says.

S. B. Noble darted back in the house, ran through it and jumped out of a window. His brother followed and succeeded in shooting him three times, once in the shoulder and twice in the left arm. Wm. Noble is now in prison in Braman, Okla.

The deceased was born in Kentucky July 4, 1865=4. The body will be taken to Braman this afternoon at five o'clock, where it will be interred. *Wichita Daily Beacon* of Saturday, Dec. 5 [1908].

Obituary.

S. B. Noble was born in Metcalfe County, Ky., July 4, 1864, and came to Sumner County, Kas., at the age of 19 years.

He was married to Josie Stratton Nov. 18, 1884. To this union were born 9 children, 5 boys and 4 girls.

He came from Sumner County to Oklahoma with the first settlers and lived there until his death. He was converted and baptized Aug. 7, 1884 at South Haven, Ks., and lived a true Christian life until the death angel came Dec. 5, 1908 at Wichita, Kas.

Before he left his home for Wichita he told his wife to meet him in heaven, if he never met her again on earth. When the sad news came to him that he would have to die, he called his oldest son to him and told him to take good care of his precious family, that he was going home to meet his savior. He said he was glad that he had lived the life he had for it gave him comfort to die. In his dying prayer he said all was well with his soul.

He was a kind and loving husband and father, and all who knew him loved him. He leaves a wife, nine children, an aged mother, three brothers and two sisters to mourn his loss. What earth has lost heaven has gained,

At an early morning hour
Came a voice from heaven so dear,
Whispered softly to our loved one,
Come and join us over here,
When our loved one heard the summons
He layed the cares of earth aside,
Closed his eyes against world's troubles,
And in Jesus calmly died.
Mother and son.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our thanks to our many friends who were so kind in assisting us during the sickness and death of our loved one.

We also wish to thank Dr. Hooper for his loving kindness that he has shown us from the beginning of our sorrow to the end.

Mrs. S. B. Noble and children.

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