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**GONE AND FORGOTTEN**  
**PLEASANT GROVE CEMETERY AND CHURCH**  
by  
**Lu Durham and Irma Miller**

PCHS member Irma Miller, now living in Colorado, sent us an update article for *Gone and Forgotten* taken from *The Canon City Daily Record* of Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado. The article appeared in the May 27, 1902 issue of this newspaper and is as follows: (spelling and punctuation verbatim). Also quoted are the obituaries of Mrs. Nancy Jane Tanner and her brother, W. R. Lassell.

**GEORGE ROBERT TANNER**

Was born in Culpepper county, Virginia, September 25, 1841. His father, Levi B. Tanner, was a farmer and George was brought up on a farm, attending school until 13 years of age, when his father moved to Platt county, Missouri, and continued there his occupation as a farmer, and George attended school until he was twenty years old.

In September 1861, he inlisted in Company E, Second Missouri Infantry of the Confederate army under Colonel John H. Winston. He served three years and nine months

For nearly two years he was in the infantry service and in calvary service the last two years of the war, first under General Van Dorn and then under General Forrest's command when he surrendered at the close of the war, at Gainsville, Alabama, in June 1865. The first battle in which he participated was the battle of Lexington, under the command of General Price, and continued in his command until 1863, when the army was transferred to the east side of the Mississippi river. He participated in many battles - in Lexington and Pea Ridge in Missouri and in the second battle of Corinth. He took part in the Atlanta campaign under Generals Johnson and Hood, and also in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, and many other battles.

He was never wounded nor taken prisoner, and says that the only time he felt very uneasy about himself was on the occasion of his enforced march of more than a half a mile in the rear of General Hardee's line of the Confederate forces. He was on his horse, his right side exposed to the fire of the enemy, and as he galloped that distance through a perfect hail of bullets, expecting every instant to be hit by one or more of the minnie balls that were whistling past him, his mind was engaged in a speculation as to which portion of his body was most liable to get hit.

He had no expectation of successfully running that gauntlet of fire, but there was not other alternative. It had to be done, and he pushed ahead, and neither he nor his horse was hit. His early training and his associations led him to espouse the Confederate cause and he was true to it to the close of the war. When the conflict was over he returned to Missouri and engaged in farming.



**Harry Hume taught 7th and 8th grades for many years and later married one of his former students, Emogene Miller.**

**Anyone who reads this article is welcome to contact me with any comments, additions or corrections. I did not have access to any school records so had to rely on my memory and keepsakes plus information given to me by a few others. In some cases I have shown the married names of female teachers and students. I apologize for any errors or omissions.**

**This would not be complete if I did not pay tribute to my teacher, Carl L. Massie. He always had a story to make classes interesting and he had all sorts of contests in spelling and English. Prize for a week of perfect spelling would be a candy bar, and he would take semester winners to a movie at Edgerton or Smithville. He had parties for us at Christmas and other holidays, and we would have weiner roasts in the nearby woods. Some of these events would be after school on Friday and others in the evening for the entire community. I am sure that all who had Carl for a teacher would agree he made our school days a pleasant experience.**

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## **REMEMBER 8870**

**That's not an error: It's the number to remember when you want to find the birthdate of someone when you only have the date of death and an age. Some old tombstones have the date "at X years X months X days" -- how do you figure the birthdate? Suppose the stone says the person died May 6, 1889, at the age of 71 years, 7 months, 9 days.**

<b>Write the year, month, day as:</b>	<b>18890506</b>
<b>Subtract the age at death:</b>	<b><u>710709</u></b>
<b>This gives the figure:</b>	<b>18799797</b>
<b>Now subtract 8870</b>	<b><u>8870</u></b>
<b>The result is:</b>	<b>18170927 or</b>
<b>Year 1817, 9th month, 27th day or 27 Sep 1817</b>	

**Wasn't that easy?**

## Mrs. Tanner, 91, Taken by Death Early Thursday

A leader in the First Baptist Church in Canon City for many years and a resident here sine 1888, Mrs. Nancy Jane Tanner, 91, widow of the late G. R. Tanner, business and civic leader, died suddenly at a local hospital at 8:45 a.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Tanner suffered a fractured right hip on November 22 when she fell at her home, 621 Rudd avenue. She was immediately taken to the hospital where she seemed to be gradually improving in spite of her advance age.

Thursday morning she seemed usually well. She talked to nurses as they bathed her. Then as she was being turned in bed Mrs. Tanner gasped and relaxed. She died immediately altho emergency treatment was administered. Her death came as a great shock to members of her family and friends who had held hopes that she would recover. Until the last Mrs. Tanner maintained her full faculties.

With her passing is removed from the community one of that group of early-day residents who contributed generously of their time and efforts in advancing the civic and religious life of Canon City. Until the last few years when advanced age required that she lead a quiet life, Mrs. Tanner participated in virtually all activities of the Baptist church. She was a worker in the Sunday school and women's organizations. She was always interested in community doings, as was her husband, who served Canon City as mayor a quarter of a century ago.

Mrs. Tanner was born in Kentucky in February 1845. She moved to Missouri and lived there for a number of years ago until she and Mr. Tanner moved to Canon City in 1883. Mr. Tanner was in business here for years by himself. J. M. Anderson, now president of the Anderson-Morgan Mercantile company, bought an interest in Mr. Tanner's store and the two remained partners for about eight years until 1906 when Mr. Tanner sold he remaining interest to Mr.. Anderson and retired. He died here in 1923.

Surviving Mrs. Tanner are five daughters and one son; Mrs. A. Vaughn, Mrs. J. M. Anderson, Mrs. Glenn Haigh, all of Canon City. Mrs. Ida T. Weaver of Turlock, Cal, Mrs. S. W. Pressey of Pueblo, and C. F. Tanner of Sacramento, Cal. All are in Canon City except Mr. Tanner.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. The body of Mrs. Tanner is in care of the Wilson mortuary.

Mrs. Tanner was one of Fremont county's oldest residents. She numbered her friends in all sections of the county.

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## Death Claims W. R. Lasswell Here Thursday

William Rawson Lasswell, brother of Mrs. J. R. Tanner of this city, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, 729 Rudd avenue at 3:45 o'clock Thursday morning from the infirmities and exhaustions due to old age. Mr. Lasswell had been in failing health for some time. His death was not wholly unexpected to those about him.

In the spring of 1882 he sold his farm and went into the mercantile business at Stanberry, Mo. At the end of a year he closed out his business and returned to Platt county, where he resumed farming and continued there till the spring of 1888, when he came to Canon City and engaged in the grocery business, in which he has continued up to the present time.

He is the head of the firm of Tanner & Co., the company being comprised of his son, Charles and his son-in-law, J. M. Anderson. This firm is very popular, and is doing much the largest grocery business in Fremont county.

Mr. Tanner joined the Baptist church in Missouri when he was 17 years old, and during his residence in Canon City he has been a member of the Baptist society here. He has been an influential and prominent member, being a deacon and one of the pillars of the church.

He has been a member of the Masonic lodge since 1868, and has been master of the Blue lodge. He was a member of the city council, being its president in the years of 1894 and 1895. He is now one of the directors of the Canon City school district.

December 12, 1867, he married Nannie Laswell, at Camden Point, Mo., and they are now living at their very comfortable home on Rudd avenue, surrounded by their children. Six children have been born to them and all are living with or near them. Laura, the oldest, is the wife of J. M. Anderson; Bettie, the next one, is the wife of Alonzo Vaughn, Charles, the only son, is married and lives near by. Mr. Anderson and Charles constitute the company of the firm, and Mr. Vaughn is a clerk. Ida, Jessie and Lula are unmarried and live with their parents.

Mr. Tanner is universally respected as a man honorable and upright in every relation of life. Since he came to Canon City he has devoted himself very closely to business and has been uniformly successful. He is of a quiet, genial disposition, of great kindness of heart and attends to his own business, meddling not with the affairs of others. His popularity would have given him more positions of public trust had he been ambitious of such preferment, but he has preferred to attend strictly to his own business.

His business success and popularity here forcibly illustrates the fact that the war of the rebellion is over. In that war the north and the south were arrayed against each other in the greatest contest the world has ever known. Mr. Tanner was a southerner and a soldier all through the Confederate war, and yet after the contest was over, he comes north, enters into business and makes his home here.

He has been welcomed as warmly as though he had never borne arms against the north, and the prominence he has attained in business and the high esteem in which he is held is conclusive evidence of the reunion of the whole country. This is as it should be.

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