

DEATH RECORDS, 1908-1919

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Most states did not require deaths to be reported until early in the 1900s. New Mexico and North Dakota waited until 1920 before requiring deaths to be reported. On the other hand, New Hampshire has death records starting in 1640; the second oldest death records are those for the state of Massachusetts that date from 1841.

Unfortunately, not every death in Franklin County was reported (and the same statement applies to all other counties in the state). Midwives and many doctors did not see the value of this new piece of "red tape". World War I and the flu epidemic in 1917-18 changed a lot of minds and more thorough reporting resulted. I have not seen statistics on how thoroughly vital records are reported now but it seems likely that we still do not have 100% reporting – and never will. We read too many reports of babies found in garbage bags, hidden burials of serial killers, and the like.

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Surname	Given name	Death date			Volume	Page
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ABERCROMBIE	G. W. (inf)	5	Jul	1916	13	80
ADKINS	Milton	3	Apr	1911	6	564
ALLEN	E. L. (parent)	26	Feb	1913	10	326
ALLEN	Edwin	25	Feb	1913	10	329
ALLEN	Nesbit (inf)	-	Jun	1911	6	562
ALLEN	Roscoe (inf)	9	Jun	1913	10	328
ALLEN	Russell	3	Mar	1909	6	464
ALLEN	William M.	10	Feb	1913	10	325
ALLEN	William M.	10	Feb	1913	10	330
ALLISON	Ann	21	sep	1910	7	180
ALSBROOKS	Sarah	28	Sep	1914	11	8
ARNOLD	B. F.	2	Nov	1913	10	327
ASBELL	Fred B.	21	Oct	1910	7	182
ASBELL	W. C. (inf)	7	Aug	1910	7	181
ASBELL	Wesley C.	9	Jan	1911	6	563



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AVERY	Daniel C.	10	May	1910	7	183
AVERY	Granvil P.	23	May	1910	7	184
BACHELOR	Sarah E.	2	Jan	1914	11	34
BADGETT	Fannie	31	Jun	1912	10	159
BAKER	John A.	9	Feb	1912	10	160
BAKER	Milt	20	Apr	1909	6	476
BARBER	William M.	23	Jan	1911	6	565
BARNS	Cora	9	Jan	1910	7	185
BARNETT	Andrew J.	20	Mar	1910	7	187
BARNETT	Grace	18	Aug	1909	6	478
BASS	Oscar	4	Aug	1916	13	87
BEAN	Charley (parent)	10	Feb	1911	6	572
BEAVORS	Eddy	4	Sep	1911	6	570
BECHER	Minnie (inf)	13	Nov	1913	10	331
BEECHER	Will (inf)	29	Dec	1916	13	81
BENEFIELD	William (inf)	11	Jan	1915	11	242
BENTLEY	Calvin	29	Mar	1913	10	339
BENTLEY	Elijah	1	Apr	1914	11	35
BENTLEY	John W. (inf)	-	-	1914	11	36
BENTLEY	Mildred	17	Nov	1913	10	345
BERHAM	M. P., Mrs.	9	Nov	1916	13	82
BERRY	Martin	20	Jan	1911	6	567
BERRY	Mat, Mrs.	26	Dec	1915	11	248
BERRY	Peggie	15	Jub	1915	11	243
BERRY	Walter	30	Aug	1915	10	335
BIBB	Wilson	30	Sep	1910	7	193
BIGBY	Richard, Jr.	20	Jun	1916	13	88
BINOM	Sarah	2	Feb	1913	10	334
BISHOP	Brown	27	Mar	1913	10	343
BLACK	Luella	22	Feb	1913	10	341
BLACKBURN	Howard L.	18	Aug	1910	7	194
BLANKENSHIP	Barney C.	17	Feb	1909	6	474
BLANTON	George	28	Mar	1908	4	16
BLOUNT	Malenda	26	Sep	1910	7	192
BOLTON	Gilbert	1	Aug	1912	10	164
BOLTON	Mike	10	Oct	1911	6	568
BONDS	Author (inf)	14	Oct	1910	7	195
BONDS	Dianna M.	26	Feb	1910	7	189
BONDS	Gardner	3	Jul	1912	10	158
BOREN	Luller	9	Aug	1914	11	42
BOTTOMS	Sarrah H.	29	Jun	1910	7	196
BOWELS	Mary	7	Oct	1909	6	480
BOWING	Albert	9	Nov	1912	10	162
BOX	Bill (inf)	26	Mar	1913	10	340
BOX	David	28	Apr	1916	13	90
BOYD	Charles F. (inf)	28	SE	1916	13	84

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BOYD	Elisha	30	Dec	1909	6	482
BRADEN	Mary	6	Dec	1912	10	161
BRADEN	Mary	6	Jun	1912	10	334
BRADEN	Sophy	19	Jul	1913	10	333
BRADY	Lena I.	30	Dec	1913	10	337
BRAGWELL	Edwin	10	Jun	1914	11	38
BRAGWELL	Sento	21	Jun	1915	11	241
BRANLEY	Lena I.	30	Dec	1913	10	338
BRAY	Will (parent)	1	Nov	1913	10	346
BRAZIL	William	28	Mar	1912	10	163
BREEDLOW	John (inf)	19	May	1916	13	89
BREWER	Lester	12	Dec	1915	11	247
BREWER	Mattie I.	12	Feb	1909	6	483
BRIGHT	Becky	-	Jun	1914	11	94
BRITNELL	Frank	8	Sep	1910	7	191
BRITNELL	James	20	Sep	1910	7	190
BRITNELL	R. F.	3	May	1912	10	157
BRONY	Lucinda	8	Jun	1914	11	37
BROOKES	John W.	7	Apr	1913	10	332
BROWN	Andrew	25	Aug	1915	11	246
BROWN	Eddie	10	Oct	1911	6	566
BROWN	Ethel L.	7	Sep	1908	4	15
BROWN	Mittie	14	Mar	1909	6	475
BROWN	Mozelle	24	Sep	1909	6	481
BROWN	Phillip L.	7	Jul	1908	4	17
BROWN	Robert	3	Mar	1910	7	186
BROWN	W. Isore	7	May	1909	6	477
BUCHERE	Joe (inf)	9	Aug	1915	11	244
BUCK	Poly	-	9	1912	10	166
BURKS	Andrew	26	Aug	1916	13	85
BURKS	Andrew	25	Aug	1916	13	86
BURNELL	Carry	16	Oct	1916	13	83
BURNELL	Mrs.	10	Apr	1912	6	569
BURROW	Joe (inf)	8	Aug	1914	11	39
BURSON	Ina R.	25	May	1915	11	245
BUYYES	Haried	-	Jun	1914	11	43
BYARS	Nancy C.	2	Feb	1910	7	188
CAGLE	Lovt (inf)	10	Nov	1912	10	167
CAMP	Lewis B.	24	May	1912	10	172
CAMP	T. M.	1	Apr	1910	7	200
CANIP	T. M.	1	Apr	1910	7	205
CANNON	William R.	31	Dec	1915	11	252
CANSBIE	Jessie	1	Jul	1911	6	577
CARPENTER	Mitch (parent)	21	Aug	1910	7	202
CARROLL	Mary	23	Mar	1913	10	360
CARROLL	Mattie E.	19	Jun	1913	10	355

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CARTER	Erie	20	Jun	1911	6	574
CARTER	J. H., Mrs.	18	Ar	1913	10	359
CARTER	John H.	22	Aug	1912	10	168
CARTER	Sallie	24	Apr	1913	10	350
CEERE	Susie	25	Jub	1913	10	349
CHAMBERS	Methyl	20	Jan	1915	11	251
CHAPPEL	Will	17	Apr	1909	6	486
CHEEK	William R.	20	Dec	1916	13	911
CLANTON	Joseph	28	Aug	1909	6	489
CLARK	Febey	11	Jul	1914	13	95
CLARK	J. O.	2	Aug	1913	10	351
CLARK	J. W., Mrs.	-	11	1909	6	490
CLARK	Jackson O.	2	Aug	1913	20	354
CLARK	Kelly	30	Jul	1909	6	488
CLATON	Jim	18	Feb	1912	10	171
CLATON	Matildy	14	Sep	1915	11	253
CLEMENT	Martin (inf)	18	Mar	1912	10	169
CLEMENT	Richard (inf)	16	Mar	1912	10	170
CLEMENT	Richard (inf)	21	Feb	1913	10	356
CLEMMENT	Leander	29	Apr	1914	11	84
CLINGAM	Jim	20	Oct	1915	11	255
CLONTON	Perry P.	20	Jan	1910	7	199
CLOUCH	Ellen	20	Jun	1916	13	97
CLURE	Polk	13	Nov	1916	13	93
COAN	Pharis	31	Oct	1915	11	254
COFFIELD	Mrs.	14	Apr	1908	4	52
COFIELD	Alice	15	Dec	1909	6	491
COFIELD	Lindy	6	Jan	1010	7	198
COLE	Lena	4	Sep	1908	4	48
COLEMAN	John	13	Apr	1909	6	487
COLEMAN	Crowford	25	Jul	1911	6	575
COLLIER	Spencer	24	Dec	1909	6	492
COLLOM	Oscar (inf)	4	Jul	1910	7	201
COLOIMAN	Umella	19	Jan	1908	4	51
COOK	John (inf)	23	Oct	1916	13	94
CORBLE	Ed (inf)	27	Jan	1910	7	197
CORNELISON	G. E. (inf)	4	Nov	1916	13	92
CORNELIS	Levi	23	Sep	1913	10	353
CORSBIN	Percy M.	27	Jun	1914	11	85
COUNTS	J. A. (inf)	6	Sep	1913	10	352
COUNTS	Lucy H.	21	Aug	1898	4	49
COX	Elmander A.	28	May	1913	10	358
COX	William	-	Jul	1910	7	204
CREEL	Isaac	30	Jun	1916	13	96

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CREELE	Willie	26	Sep	1914	11	86
CROUNCH	E. W.	28	Dec	1911	6	576
CROWEL	C. A. (inf)	24	Mar	1913	10	348
CRUKMORE	William (parent)	22	Apr	1909	6	485
CRUMP	Mrs.	22	Apr	1908	4	50
CRUTCHFIELD	Bessie	16	Jul	1910	7	203
CRUTCHFIELD	Wallace	2	Jul	1911	6	573
CUMMINGS	Clyde	26	Feb	1909	6	484
CUNNINGHAM	Francis	21	Apr	1908	4	80
DAILEY	Bessie	3	Jul	1911	6	579
DAILY	Licugus	7	Jul	1909	6	471
DALE	Alma	--	May	1911	6	578
DALE	Ama	16	May	1911	5	581
DALE	Mattie	10	Aug	1915	11	256
DALE	Silas	1	Mar	1916	13	105
DANIEL	John W.	31	Oct	1913	10	365
DANIELS	J. W.	31	Oct	1912	10	176

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"A LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post Office at Tuscombua on the 31st December 1847, which, if not taken out before the 1st day of April next, will be sent to the General Post Office as dead letters." J. J. BELL, P. M.

ABERNATHY, Robert T.
ALLEN, William
ARIES, Mrs. Eliza
ATKINSON, Miss C.
ALSOBROOK, Mrs. D.
BARTON, A. C.
BYRD, Rev. William
BROWNLEX, Henry F.
BARLOW, Henry W.
BURNS, N. W.
BURNS, J. J.
BLOCKER, Abner B.
BROWN, George
CONNER, James
CREAMER, George W.*
COCKBURN, G. Lem
COCKRILL, S. R.
CARSON, Thomas
CURRY, Claiborne
CLARY, Wm
COBB, Asa
COCKBURN, Master J.
COCKBURN, G. F.
COATS, Wm
CRAWFORD, James
DIDLAKE, John G.
DUNCAN, W. T.
DAVIS, John
DORMAN, Simeon
DONALSON, Sarah
DICKSON, Michael
DOGETTS, Mark
DAVIS, Rev. Willis G.
ELLIOT, Miss Elizabeth
EVANS, John
FORT, Monroe
FORT, Mrs. Mary
GREEN, J. T.
GREEN, Miss Elizabeth
GOFF, George T.

HOOK, A.
HUCKABY, Thomas
HICKS, Miss M. W.
HARRIS, Rev. F. H.
HENRY, James F.
HUDSON, F.
HUBLIN, F.
HART, D. S.
HENNIGAN, A.
HUGHS, John M.
HOLT, Richard F.
HOLT, Major
HOOKS, Miss Bathsbeba
HOOKS, Cullen
HOOKS, Robert W.
HAYS, Hannibal
ISBEL, W. C.
JOHNSON, Miss Jane H.
JOHNSON, Alfred
JONES, John J.
JONES, Mrs. Susannah
JONES, Mrs. Elizabeth
JENNINGS, Dr. Saul K.
JAMES, A. J.
JARNEGAN, G. W.
KILLEN, H. W.
KENEDY, Miss Sarah
KING, F. H.
LOUIS, James
LOCKHART, J. J.
LOCK, George R.
LAWLER, James E.
MARTIAL, D.
MATLOCK, R. C.
MANNERS, John G.
MILLER, John
McMAHAN, J. J.
McCLURE, Wm R.
McCASTLAND, A. W.
McCORKLE, Thomas

POTTERFIELD, Wm. D.
PARMERE, Miss Nancy
PORAM, Miss Louisiana
PATTERSON, James A.
PEIREEL, Jacob
PARK, John
PHILLIPS, Col. & Co.
PHILLIPS, W. C.
PHILLIPS, Rev. J. W.
RUMP, Christian
ROBARTS, Henry
RICHESON, John T.
SHEFFIELD, Joseph
SHERMAN, (Tailor)
STEVENS, Dr. J. A.
SMITH, N. W.
SLEDGE, Nathan
SANDEFORD, Wm
SIBLEY, Lenard
TAYLOR, James
TITUS, Wm S.
TOMLIN, Zach
THOMAS, Miss Susan T.
TAYLOR, W. B.
TAYLOR, Wm
TAYLOR, Jacob
THORNTON, Lewis B.
TAYLOR, Howel
TROTTER, Col. Joseph
WHITE, David
WEAL, John A.
WASHINGTON, Dr. W. B.
WILSON, J. L.
WARRINGTON, James P.
WILSON, Welcan
WINSTON, Mrs. Serrant James
YOUNG, Mrs. Martha O.
YOUNG, Joseph

*See the *Traveler*, Vol 11, page 44, 1991 for more information about George Washington CREAMER

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DAVIS	Andrew	8	Nov	1916	13	101
DAVIS	Louica	10	Dec	1912	10	366
DEATOM	Mary E.	12	Aug	1916	13	98
DEFORE	Lexie	24	Nov	1912	10	174
DEMICE	M. A., Mrs.	14	Nov	1916	13	103
DEMPSEY	Eliga (inf)	11	Jul	1910	7	209
DENNIS	Ealy N.	8	Jan	1912	10	173
DENNIS	Margarette	15	Nov	1916	13	100
DENNIS	Mrs.	30	Apr	1911	6	580
DEVANY	Sam	30	Jan	1914	11	104
DEVENCY	Joe (inf)	3	Feb	1913	10	361
DEVANEY	Ella	25	Dec	1914	11	105
DEVANEY	John A.	22	Mar	1908	4	92
DICKERSON	Jane	17	Jun	1913	10	364
DOBBINS	Annie	10	Sep	1913	10	363
DODSON	Joc	17	Jan	1909	6	469
DONALLY	Lizzie	17	Oct	1909	6	472
DONALLY	Willie	9	Jun	1912	10	175
DONLEY	Wil	--	Jun	1914	11	106
DOOLEY	Henry L.	14	Nov	1909	6	473
DORAN	J. H.	19	Nov	1916	13	99
DORAN	J. H.	29	Nov	1916	13	102
DOGLAS	Evelyn	9	Sep	1913	10	364
DOWNEY	John	13	Feb	1910	7	210
DRAKE	Drayton L.	28	Dec	1915	13	106
DUKE	Ed	16	Jan	1913	10	367
DUNCAN	Riley (inf)	24	Feb	1909	6	470
DUNGAN	(inf)	27	Feb	1910	7	208
DYE	Jim C.	5	Jul	1916	13	104
EALSTON	H. C., Mrs.	16	Mar	1914	11	117
ELIZABETH	Edith	19	Sep	1914	11	118
ELLIS	Luther (inf)	25	Sep	1909	6	496
EMERSON	Willie	4	Feb	1909	6	493
ENGLE	Mr.	10	May	1909	6	495
EVANS	Jack, Mrs.	18	Nov	1915	11	257
EVERETT	Mary	13	Jun	1916	13	108
EVEY	Apaline	23	May	1913	10	368
EZZELL	Blanch	19	Jan	1913	10	309
EZZELL	James C.	6	May	1909	6	494
EZZELL	James	6	Sep	1908	4	107
EZZELL	John (parent)	20	Aug	1916	13	107
EZZELL	Willie	26	Jul	1910	7	211
FARLEY	G. M.	27	Nov	1916	13	111
FARLEY	John H.	25	Nov	1915	11	298
FARNED	Sidney	--	-	1911	6	586
FERGUEA	Allie	12	Jul	1913	10	373
FERNIT	Richmon	5	Apr	1913	10	371

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FERRELL	Mrs.	24	Aug	1909	6	499
FIKE	Benjamon P.	31	Dec	1912	10	183
FIKE	Mary	11	Feb	1912	10	180
FIKE	William A.	5	Oct	1911	6	583
FINNEY	Sallie	11	Sep	1910	7	213
FISHER	John (inf)	11	Sep	1912	10	182
FISHER	Tom	--	Dcc	1911	6	590
FISHER	Toney	21	Jul	1909	6	498
FISHER	William	6	Aug	1908	4	115
FISHER	Willie (inf)	10	Mar	1913	10	372
FISHER	Will (inf)	30	Mar	1913	10	374
FLIPPE	A. J. (inf)	--	Aug	1912	10	184
FOSTER	Walt (inf)	3	Sep	1916	13	112
FRANCES	Susie	15	Aug	1911	6	585
FRANCIS	Susie	10	Aug	1911	6	598
FRANCIS	John	3	Aug	1908	5	324
FRANKLIN	Lothie	16	May	1916	7	215
FRANKS	Brit (inf)	17	Jun	1910	7	214
FRANKS	Hattie	3	Oct	1911	6	589
FRANKS	Marry	1	Jan	1916	13	113
FREDERICK	Archer (inf)	28	Sep	1912	10	177
FREDRICK	Bratts	28	May	1909	6	497
FREDRICK	Cuthbert (parent)	5	May	1912	10	178
FREEMAN	Bager	20	Sep	1912	10	185
FREEMAN	Jeet (parent)	23	May	1912	10	181
FULLER	Ben	20	Oct	1911	6	584
FULLER	Chester (inf)	20	Dec	1916	13	109
FULLER	Chester (inf)	20	Dec	1916	13	110
FULLER	Walter (inf)	25	Jul	1911	6	582
FULTON	Raymond	5	Feb	1910	7	212
FUSSEL	Joney (inf)	9	Mar	1912	10	179
GABER	Pearl	3	Sep	1911	6	592
GAD	John	7	Apr	1916	13	120
GAD	John	7	Apr	1916	13	122
GADIS	Mrs.	30	Jul	1909	6	503
GARDNER	Charles	11	Apr	1910	7	217
GARDNER	Ida	7	Aug	1912	10	194
GARETT	William L.	10	Mar	1916	13	124
GARETT	Ann	2	Feb	1913	10	377
GARETT	Clara I.	18	Oct	1915	11	258
GARRETT	Edna G.	27	Nov	1915	11	259
GARRETT	Louis L.	30	Sep	1910	7	226
GARRETT	Pearson	26	Sep	1911	6	591
GARRETT	Rosa L.	19	Apr	1915	11	265
GARRETT	William	10	Mar	1916	13	123
GARRISON	Albert	24	Mar	1908	4	128
GARTH	Will	16 M	May	1912	10	193

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GATES	Alice	10	Jan	1909	6	500
GATES	Ora	28	Nov	1912	10	189
GEORGE	Nancy C.	31	May	1912	10	190
GHISHAM*	Mary A.	5	May	1920	3	402
GHOLSON	Julia	23	Oct	1909	6	505
GHOLSON	Coly	27	Jun	1916	13	119
GIBBS	Eula	29	Apr	1911	6	593
GIBSON	Blanch	13	Feb	1910	7	221
GILBERT	Hun	3	Mar	1910	7	218
GILBERT	J. G.	26	Mar	1910	7	219
GILLIS	Mary L.	2	Nov	1916	13	115
GINDSLEY	George	18	Oct	1912	10	230
GINN	Eugena (parent)	12	Jun	1909	6	502
GIST	Myrtle	6	Sep	1909	6	506
GOMBY	Charles F.	25	Jul	1912	10	186
GOMER	W. E. (inf)	3	Jun	1914	11	155
GOMER	W. E. (inf)	25	Jun	1914	11	156
GOODSON	Ella P.	23	Feb	1915	11	262
GORDNER	Orbin	22	Dec	1915	11	260
GORMAN	Harris	2	Feb	1913	10	376
GOSS	Bessie	22	Feb	1916	13	121
GORAN	William	17	Sep	1915	11	261
GRAHAM	Allice R.	—	Apr	1912	10	195
GRAHAM	Minnie (parent)	25	Jun	1908	4	127
GRAHAM	Minnie	27	Jun	1908	4	126
GRAHAM	Tom	9	Jul	1909	6	504
GRAHAM	Will (parent)	10	Sep	1914	11	157
GRAY	John S.	20	May	1913	10	379
GREEN	f. (inf)	27	Nov	1908	4	125
GREEN	Mary	16	Jan	1909	6	501
GREEN	William W.	23	Mar	1915	11	264
GREENE	John, Mrs.	19	Jan	1912	10	191
GREGGS	Edgar H.	5	Jul	1916	13	117
GREGGS	Sarah	13	Jun	1916	13	118
GRIFFEN	George (parent)	17	Nov	1910	7	323
GRIFFIN	J. A.	16	Sep	1916	13	116
GRIFFITH	Birdie	26	Aug	1911	9	594
GRIMES	Bell	4	Jun	1912	10	188
GRISSOM	Arthur	14	May	1915	11	264
GRISSOM	Delmer	19	Oct	1912	10	192
GRISSOM	John (parent)	7	Sep	1910	7	224
GRISSOM	Walter	27	Jul	1912	10	187
GRISSONS	Arthur (inf)	3	Feb	1913	10	378

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THOMAS EAST

"One of Franklin's wealthiest planters and largest slave owners was Thomas EAST, who resided on Cedar Creek, near the present Isbell Station. His parents were among the earliest settlers of Franklin County. They had several other children, among whom were Robert, Sarah, wife of William YOCUM, and Catherine, wife of James DOUTHIT, an early Baptist preacher of Franklin County. James EAST, son of Thomas EAST, states that the EAST family came from Tennessee (Duck River) to Franklin County. He also states that the family is descended from Lord PHILPOT of England. Thomas EAST is said to have cared little for styles or smart clothes. Those who did not know him would have hardly taken him for a really large planter. He was twice married (1) to Miss Susie SUGG, daughter of William and Polly (BUTLER) SUGG; (2) to Mrs. Amelia BURTON, daughter of James and Mary (COOK) LIGON, and a grand-daughter of John COOK, who settled on Cook's Bluff.

"Several children were born to the first union. They were: 1. Thomas, died when young; 2. William; 3. Twins, who died in infancy; 4. James; 5. Elizabeth J., married Thomas GORMAN, originally O'GORMAN; 6. Mary, married A. R. ALEXANDER; 7. Catherine, married Major Wesley M. SMITH; 8. Hattie, married John HURST.

"The above is not in exact order of age. Ms. GORMAN was the eldest child.

"William EAST, son of Thomas and Susie (SUGG) EAST, was a very prominent Franklin County citizen. He was born in September 1838, and died January 30, 1902. He served in the Confederate army, enlisting first in the 27th Alabama. After the fall of Fort Donelson he was transferred to the 4th Alabama Cavalry and afterwards to BURTNELL's regiment. Mr. EAST was associated with the Wilson Mercantile Company of Russellville for a number of years. He was a strong Democrat and an active member in the Baptist Church, having preached some in his later years. His wife was Miss Mary L. WILSON, daughter of Bryce and Mary Ann (EDWARDS) WILSON, who is yet living. They had no children.

"James EAST, son of Thomas and Susie (SUGG) EAST, was a former citizen of Cherokee, but now lives in Russellville. He is a Confederate veteran."

DEATH RECORDS, 1908-1919

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In August 1993 Alabama's Center for Health Statistics microfilmed the death, marriage, and divorce indices and made them available to the public through the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Official Alabama birth and death records started in 1908, marriage records started in 1936 (records at the county level started when the county was organized), and divorce records started in 1950. Birth records are not available except to the individuals involved and there are cutoff dates for the other three types of vital statistics. That is, death records are available on microfilm for the period 1908 to 1959, marriage records stop in 1969, and divorce records stop in 1959. The Florence - Lauderdale Public Library acquired the available records for the Local History - Genealogy Room and these microfilms were used in preparing the following material. The indices are in Codex (semi-alpha) order for surnames and are coded for the county. Thus, it is comparatively easy to find a particular name, but finding all the names for a single county requires the researcher to examine every entry and then record those for the county being searched. It is easy to overlook a record after a couple of hours of sitting reading the microfilm.

Unfortunately, not every death in Franklin County was reported in the early years (and this statement applies to all counties in the state. Midwives and many doctors did not see the value of this new piece of "red tape." World War I and the flu epidemic in 1917-18 changed a lot of minds and more thorough reporting resulted. It seems likely that not all births and deaths are reported even today when one reads about discovering babies in a dumpster or the disappearance of a person seemingly forever. Note that in several cases, a death for obviously the same person is reported twice and not on the same date. I have no explanation of how or why the person died twice.

Roll 1 of death records is labeled as 1906-1919. Roll 2, however, covers the period 1917 to 1932. Thus, readers who had a Franklin County ancestor who died in 1917, 1918, or 1919 may find the record on Roll 2 instead of Roll 1 as might be expected. Requests for complete copies of the death records should be addressed to the Center for Health Statistics, State Department of Public Health, P. O. Box 5625, Montgomery, AL 36103-5625. The cost is \$12.00 although the charge is subject to change almost any time.

Surname	Given name	Death date			Volume	Page
		Day	Month	Year		
Grisson	Floyd C.	11	6	10	7	222
Grubbs	Julia	11	27	9	6	50
Grubbs	Hattie (inf)	9	22	10	7	225
Guest	Liza	3	19	10	7	220
Guinn	George A.	12	30	12	10	249
Guinn	Jeff, Jr.	12	4	16	13	114
Guthrie	Ben (inf)	10	27	13	10	375
Hale	E. J.	8	12	11	6	600
Hale	Hannah E.	8	31	9	6	512
Hale	Jim (inf)	7	6	16	13	138
Hale	Lizzie	6	30	11	4	598
Hall	William, Jr.	1	21	11	4	598
Hall	Wilce	12	24	12	10	202
Ham	Mamie E.	6	17	15	11	276
Hamett	J. Northern	4	22	13	10	392
Hamilton	Alice	11	23	16	13	127
Hamilton	Ann	3	17	12	10	209

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		Day	Month	Year		
Hamilton	Bartley	2	16	11	6	596
Hamilton	Cora	12	22	9	6	514
Hamilton	Eliza A.	5	29	14	11	190
Hamilton	Enid B.	6	20	14	11	190
Hamilton	Hardy F.	7	21	10	7	232
Hamilton	Hattie	5	4	13	3	105
Hamilton	Lula	9	29	16	13	135
Hamilton	Millie	11	13	16	13	131
Hamilton	Nellie	11	30	13	10	397
Hamilton	(Parent)	9	16	10	7	231
Hamilton	Sara	9	24	12	10	196
Hand	Bob (inf)	10	28	16	13	134
Haney	Ben D.	6	2	12	10	201
Harden	Clara	3	2	13	10	381
Harden	Lee	10	20	13	10	387
Harden	Virnie M.	12	22	9	6	515
Hargeel	M. M., Mrs.	8	23	12	10	214
Harget	Mary	—	—	13	10	386
Hargett	Fred (inf)	12	11	12	10	204
Hargett	Henry H.	10	14	15	11	267
Hargett	J. C.	9	10	12	10	216
Hargett	Lawrence L.	11	26	14	11	194
Hargett	Jane C.	—	—	13	10	313
Harris	Bettie	—	—	15	11	273
Harris	Ed	4	4	9	6	511
Harris	Joseph	1	7	9	6	508
Harris	Mabel	1	27	9	6	509
Harris	Mattie	7	14	12	10	198
Harrison	Joe	12	20	15	11	266
Harthcock	Mary C.	7	23	8	4	152
Hasrell	H. W. (inf)	1	19	12	10	197
Hatcher	Elmer (inf)	4	1	12	10	213
Hayes	Lizzie	4	1	13	10	383
Hayes	Sarah E.	3	31	13	10	394
Haywood	Robert	10	23	8	4	146
Headin	Oscar (parent)	6	28	16	13	140
Heargett	Jane C.	—	—	13	10	393
Heatcher	Lizzie J.	2	16	13	10	390
Henderson	David J. (inf)	11	1	15	11	271
Henderson	Guss	8	25	12	10	199
Henderson	Tom M.	7	19	14	11	192
Hendley	Fred, Jr.	1	11	15	11	270
Hendrix	Mattie	12	27	9	6	516
Henley	J. C.	11	12	13	10	380
Henson	Adaline	6	30	13	10	389
Heron	Frank (inf)	10	8	13	10	385
Hess	Rachel	12	17	12	10	205

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Hester	Amos (inf)	12	16	10	7	229
Hester	Bettie	12	31	12	10	203
Hester	Bittie	12	31	12	10	395
Hester	Hattie H.	2	14	10	7	228
Hester	Roland B.	5	24	14	11	189
Hester	Tabetha	2	12	16	13	144
Hester	William C.	11	21	8	4	145
Hickey	Aaron	5	21	12	10	200
Hill	Luther	4	22	12	10	215
Hillman	Alex	12	12	16	13	125
Hite	Bud	11	29	16	13	129
Hoater	W. L. (inf)	11	20	16	13	128
Holden	William G.	1	12	15	11	274
Hollensworth	Ella	10	24	16	13	133
Holland	Annie	11	3	13	10	396
Holland	Parthenia	7	20	12	10	207
Holland	William T.	5	21	12	10	206
Holliman	Catholine	1	2	15	11	272
Hooper	E. A.	5	27	16	13	142
Hopkins	Lela	2	24	13	10	382
Horton	J. H.	12	27	16	13	126
Horton	Jamie	8	3	12	10	212
House	Andrew (parent)	30	5	16	13	143
House	Minnie	10	3	11	7	1
Hovanter	Amy	11	21	8	4	147
Hovanter	Eliza	5	29	14	11	191
Hovanter	Frank (inf)	11	20	8	4	148
Hovater	H. C.	6	30	16	13	136
Hovater	Jack	4	27	8	4	151
Hubbard	H. B.	7	18	11	6	595
Hudson	Margret J. C.	3	21	12	10	204
Hudson	Margaret S.	4	4	15	11	275
Huffman	Fannie E.	5	21	10	7	233
Hunnicutt	John F.	3	17	10	7	227
Hurley	John (inf)	10	2	16	13	130
Hurley	Julia	8	20	9	6	513
Hurley	Tom (parent)	4	3	8	4	150
Hurley	William	3	1	8	4	149
Hurst	Bill	5	22	16	13	141
Hurst	Floyd	8	5	12	10	210
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Colonel John Wyatt HARRIS and his Father, John Wyatt HARRIS, Sr.

"The two most prominent educators of the present Franklin County pioneers prior to the Civil War were Col. John Wyatt HARRIS and his father John Wyatt HARRIS, Sr. The father, of course, was the pioneer, but the son was the better educated, it appears, and more modern in his methods.

"John Wyatt HARRIS, Sr., might be termed the real pioneer teacher of Franklin County, as it now exists. He instructed many of the former citizens of the county, as well as those of adjacent counties and Mississippi. He was a noted disciplinarian and "did not spare the rod." It is said that a number of boys who were uncontrollable in college were sent to him and very soon learned that he was master of his school. Mr. HARRIS came from Cedar Hill, Hanover County, Va., to Russellville, in 1820, at the age of about eighteen, and made the county his home until his death which occurred in 1884. He was married when a young man to Miss Judith Eldridge COX, a daughter of Henry and Judith (ELDRIDGE) COX and a descendant of John ROLFE and the renowned princess, POCAHONTAS. Several children were born to them, among whom

