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OBITUARIES FROM *RAMSEY NEWS JOURNAL* and *VANDALIA UNION*

ALBRIGHT, Elizabeth age 96 died at the home of her son, Jake west of St. James yesterday morning, 4 Nov. The dau of John and Lydia SHUTT SMAIL she was born 13 Aug 1829 Spartalian, Livingston Co., New York. She was the widow of John Edward ALBRIGHT who died 30 years ago. Survivors were 4 sons and 2 daughters, Lydia Ann SCHWARM, Alice C. GRIFFITH, Tillman, Luther, Jacob, Koscinsko, brother William SMAIL of Otego. Burial was in Old Loogootee Cem. beside her husband Vandalia Union 5 Nov and 12 Nov 1925.

ALEXANDER, Henry H., b 17 Dec 1858 Fayette Co., IL son of Jacob and Mary ALEXANDER, d 5 Nov 1925 of yellow jaundice and complications. He m 1 Mar 1888 Harriet MERRIMAN and they were parents of 9 children, 4 sons and 5 daughters, six of whom preceded him in death. Surviving were Rosa SARVER, Herrick, Anne at home and William H. ALEXANDER, brother John of Assumption and Joe of Fillmore, sisters, Mrs. Ben TURNBOW of Bingham and Mrs. Willie HARRIS, Fillmore. He served several terms as assessor of Hurricane Twp. and was county clerk of Fayette Co. He held membership in Spunk Missionary Baptist Church later placing it at Bayle City. Burial at Harris Cem. Ramsey News Journal 13 Nov 1925, Vandalia Union 12 Nov 1925.

ARNOLD, Florence, age 20, died at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. George CARTER in Shobonier 15 Nov. Death was due to tuberculosis. In addition to her parents and husband, she left a 1 1/2 year old daughter along with a sister, Mrs. ALENDER. Vandalia Union 26 Nov 1925.

BELLM, Joseph, a retired farmer of Highland was electrocuted in the basement of the August HUMPLER home where he had been working. He tried to turn on a light from a socket that was defective and received 110 volts. Mr. HUMPLER immediately turned off the light but Mr. BELLM could not be revived. Vandalia Union 1 Oct 1925.

BENNYHOFF, Levi b 9 May 1851 Senica Co., OH d 28 Nov 1925 at his home. He was a prominent resident and merchant for many years. He came with his parents to Illinois and settled at Old Loogootee. He began his business career at a clerk in the store of Isaac ZEIGLER later going into business with his brother James BENNYHOFF. When the railroad bypassed Old Loogootee, he was the first to build a building in New Loogootee, retiring in 1909. He m 2 Nov 1871 Isabella EDWARDS and they were parents of 5 children. A son, Edward died in infancy. Surviving were James F., Bradenton, PA, Charles N., Vandalia, Mrs. C.O. BALTZELL, Princeton, IN and Mrs. Edward MILLER of Farina. Also surviving with the wife were brothers, Joseph, Frederick, Frank and George and sister Amanda LASH of Brownstown. Vandalia Union 3 Dec 1925.



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BROWN, Matthew b 8 Oct 1859 son of James and Lucinda BROWN d 5 Dec 1925. He m 1 Feb 1882 Mary KLIER and they were parents of 8 children 1 dying in infancy. Gertrude BROWN died in 1914 age 22 and Mrs. Charles KUNZ died at age 32 in 1919. Surviving were Fred, Emmet and Edward of Ramsey, Maggie FLEMING and Corlina LEACH of Pana, IL. Also surviving were sisters, Martha, Anna and Sinah BROWN. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1906. Ramsey News Journal 11 Dec 1925.

BUTLER, E.O., Rev. the "Boy Minister" was b 18 Jan 1867 Ramsey, IL 24 Oct. from pneumonia. He was pastor in Twin Falls, Idaho. He took an early interest in religious matters graduated from Shurtleff College and took up work as regular pastor in Stonington, IL. He m 14 Oct 1891 Malinda Catherine DIAMOND in Vandalia and they were parents of 7 children; 5 surviving, namely Mrs. H.B. WEBER, Blackfoot, ID, Mrs. J.W. CHENOWETH, Trinidad, CO, Herschel BUTLER, Pueblo, CO and Gordon of Twin Falls. Ramsey News Journal 30 Oct 1925.

CLARK, Emily, age 10, stepped directly in path of a train and was struck. She was walking around a freight train near the Tripp Elevator when hit by the southbound passenger train. The dau of Mr. and Mrs. Wash CLARK she was returning from school. Her father was a rural mail carrier employed by the Assumption post office. Burial was at Assumption. Ramsey News Journal 18 Dec 1918.

COCAGNE, Isadore Joseph, age 84 and uncle to S.N. COCAGNE of Vandalia died at the County Farm 4 Nov. Burial was in the Catholic Cem. He was born in France and came to America in 1857. He had been a resident of this county for 12 years. A son of Assumption, one in Defiance, OH and a daughter of LosAngeles survived. Vandalia Union 5 Nov 1925.

COLE, Joseph R., b 25 Aug 1859 Montgomery Co., IL son of Tillman and Edna COLE died 11 Oct 1925, age 66y 1m and 16ds. He m 23 Aug 1883 Mrs. Laura CULBERTSON and she survives with children, Mrs. Homer CASEY, Zora COLE at home. A son Cecil COLE preceded his father in death. A step-son Dr. O.J. CULBERTSON of St. Louis also survived along with brother John COLE, Ramsey, half-sister, Frona WILLIAMS and step-sister Mrs. Ewing RHODES. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. He was a 25-year member of the Ramsey I.O.O.F. Lodge. Ramsey News Journal 16 Oct 1925.

CROSS, Sarah N. of Knoxville, TN died while visiting her daughter Laura CROW 2 miles east of Mulberry Grove. She was 92 years old. Burial was in Knoxville, TN. Survivors were daughters, Mrs. CROW, Jane YERKES, Clinton, TN, Frances MITCHELL, Knoxville, Flora GARDNER of Miami and son by a former marriage, Rufus SMITH, Salt Lake. Vandalia Union 12 Nov 1925.

CUNNINGHAM, John died 14 Nov at his home in Sharon Twp. Vandalia Union 26 Nov 1925.

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CURRY, Sarah Jane nee HOWE b 16 May 1838 Reynolds Co., MO d 1 Dec 1925 at Pana, IL. As a child she came with her parents to Wayne Co., IL living near Fairfield. She m Thomas J. CURRY in Wayne Co., IL, he died 1895. They were parents of 7 children, 4 daughters preceding her in death, namely, Laura Ellen, Eliza Jane, Mary Emily and Martha Frances. Surviving were Lydia CHESHER, Vandalia, William A. and Thomas F. of Assumption. When she was about 28 years of age she was injured in a fall which left her crippled. Funeral was held at the Lyons Church with burial nearby. Vandalia Union 3 Dec 1925.

DAVIES, Harry who will be remembered from recent Chautauqua's from the Harry Davies Light Opera Company died of pneumonia October 27 at Clintonville, WI. Burial was in St. Louis, MO in Friedens Cem. He was the red-headed comedian in the opera "Olivette". He studied under great artists and appeared in 99 tenor roles in as many operas. Vandalia Union 12 Nov 1925.

DUNBAR, Caroline nee FULTON was b 17 Mar 1857 Fayette Co., IL d 23 Sep 1925 at her home in St. James. She m 2 Dec 1875 Charles B. DUNBAR and they were parents of 8 children, 3 deceased. Survivors were the husband and children, James L., Monroe, IA, Carrie PONTIOUS, Findlay, IL, Clinton B., St. James and Cora HILL of Mattoon. Vandalia Union 8 Oct 1925.

ELLER, Dan of the Big Three neighborhood died. Burial was in Casey Cem. One child was Reynald. Ramsey News Journal 6 Nov 1925.

ELLIOTT, S.R. age 57 of Stewardson, IL died suddenly on the work train of the Nickel Plate railroad a short distance east of Fancher in Shelby Co. An inquest was held whose verdict was "death due to organic heart trouble". Survivors were the wife and several children. A son, George was present at the inquest. Ramsey News Journal 11 Dec 1925.

ELLIS, S.R. died at this home of his parents in Mulberry Grove. He was raised in the Mt. Zion community. Vandalia Union 19 Nov 1925.

ENGLAND, Robert, age 44, died 26 Sep 1925 the result of an accident. He was hit by an automobile while riding a bicycle. Survivor was wife, Elizabeth and son, Robert. A brother Joseph died Nov. 12, age 36 at the Wabash shops in Springfield, IL. He was born 14 Sep 1881, Ramsey and married 14 Oct 1917 Elizabeth FRIEDERICH. Surviving were parents, 3 sisters and 3 brothers, Eva CORSON, Shobonier, Clara RADCLIFFE, Vandalia, Viola COOK, Springfield, Thomas of Clinton, IL, Walter, Ramsey and Wm. J. ENGLAND, Morrisonville. Burial was in Lakeside Cem., Pekin, IL. An article from the *Pekin Daily Times* said he had been unconscious for a week before he died. Ramsey News Journal 2 Oct 1925 and 23 Oct 1925.

EVEL, Mrs. Frank was killed during the cyclone at Brownstown. She and her son, who was also killed, had taken shelter in McCormick Garage. Vandalia Union 1 Oct 1925.

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FARTHING, Charles J., a prominent jeweler in Effingham was struck and killed by a Big Four passenger train at a crossing in Windsor, IL Monday. He had been spending the weekend with his wife and 2 daughters where the wife was taking a course in jewelcraft. He died instantly. The deceased was about 37 years old. He m Adelaide PEDELUPE of Ramsey who with the daughters and aged mother of Farina, IL survived with brother Dr. E.W. FARTHING a druggist of Ramsey. Burial was in Farina. Ramsey News Journal 18 Dec 1925.

FINK, Clarence, age 20 an inmate at the State Farm died of Typhoid 23 Oct 1925. He was sent to the farm June 4, 1925 from Henry Co., his home being in Belvidere. There was 3 other cases of typhoid at the farm however Dr. Greer administered the typhoid serum to all other inmates. The body was taken to Woodstock, IL for burial. Vandalia Union 29 Oct 1925.

FISHER, Julia A. died at her home in Vandalia 13 Nov following a brief illness. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Surviving was son, Fred A. CARMACK, brother Frank CARMACK of this city, sisters Mrs. L.T. GROVES of El Reno, OK and Allie DIVEN of Dawson, Yukon Territory. Vandalia Union 19 Nov 1925.

FORCE, Alice Adele b 3 Apr 1869 near Donnellson, Montgomery Co., IL died from injuries received in a car/train accident. Her husband John died also (see obit below). The dau of VanBuren and Lucy Angeline THACKER she was aged 56y 6m 22ds. She m 1) Richard Hardin BLANKENSHIP, 21 Jul 1887. He died several years ago. Surviving were children: Herman BLANKENSHIP, Mulberry Grove, IL step-son Alex BLANKENSHIP, Mt. Zion, IL, daughters Mrs. Robert HIATT, St. Louis Co., Mrs. Ben McFARLAND, Ayres, Velma ALDERMAN, Bond Co., IL and Ruth INGLES, Mulberry Grove. Also surviving was a sister, Mrs. Henry CAUSEY, brother Martin THACKER, near Coffeen, half-brothers, Grover THACKER, Vandalia and Jacob of St. Louis, half-sisters Edith SMITH and Bessie HOWELL of, St. Louis, Jessie ELAM of Gillespie, Jane ELAM, Coffeen, IL and Mary STEWART, Vasndalia. Burial was beside her first husband in Liberty Baptist Cemetery (Bond Co.?) Vandalia Union 29 Oct 1925.

FORCE, John Curtis b near Altamont, Effingham Co., March 11, 1865, died from injuries he received in a car/train accident. He m Frances MEYER of Bingham in 1891; she died 6 Nov 1919. He m March, 1922, 2) Alice THACKER BLANKENSHIP. Children were from the first marriage: Mrs. E.A. CROWDER, Smithboro, IL; Mrs. Edgar ELLSWORTH, Geneva, IL; Mrs. Milton NOWLAN, Sugar Grove and Mrs. Charles ANDREWS of St. Louis. A son, Floyd FORCE died 1918 of influenza. Also surviving were brothers/sisters, Edward, Vandalia, Elmer of Mulberry Grove; Charles of Decatur, IL; Mrs. Levi WILDERMAN, Coffeen, Flora GRANT of St. Louis, MO, Elizabeth GRUBBS of Decatur and Mrs. Will STINE of St. Elmo. His mother, Elizabeth FORCE, age 80 also survived. She made her home with her children and was currently living in St. Louis, MO. The funeral was held at the M.E. Church in Mulberry Grove. Vandalia Union 29 Oct 1925.

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FOUKE, Julia A., b 3 Apr 1848 the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel GREGORY died 7 Oct 1925 in St. Luke's Hosp. Decatur, IL. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Her father was the receiver at the U.S. Land Office and later a judge. She m Harry FOUKE and they were parents of a son Gregory who was born 1874 died 1893. She was 1 of 4 sisters, Antonette who died many years ago, Josephine who died recently and Sarah G. CAPPS who survives. Vandalia Union 12 Nov 1925.

GIRHARDT, Paul of the Newton Highway Patrol who was injured in the National Road just east of the river bridge died. While crossing the bridge his vehicle met with a car who had their bright lights on - he crashed into a vehicle pulled by a small mule and driven by Mrs. Fannie HENDERSON COLEMAN. His sidecar struck her rear wheel. He had been on duty for several days at Fairmount races and had been a patrolman for about 4 years. He was survived by his wife. Vandalia Union 12 Nov 1925.

HARRISON, Louisa nee KIRK was b 18 Jan 1849 Fayette Co., IL d 6 Nov 1925 age 76y 9m 18ds. She m May, 1865 Valentine NEWCUM and they were parents of 4 children, Cerelda NEATHERY, Springfield, Mary ISBELL, Bingham, IL, Ida McFARLAND, Shafter and Frank NEWCUM, Bingham. She m 2) 5 Feb 1883 William HARRISON. Also surviving were brother Benjamin F. KIRK and sister, Caroline McFARLAND, Shafter, IL. Her sister Mrs. Perry LAWLOR was buried at Liberty last week. Burial was in Hurricane Cem. Ramsey News Journal 6 Nov and 13 Nov 1925.

HELMS, Jacob died at his home in East Vandalia, 21 Nov, age 60 years. Survivor was son, Bee HELMS along with 3 brothers. Burial was in the Old Cem. Vandalia Union 26 Nov 1925.

HICKS, William Merle, age 16, youngest son of Charles and Delia HICKS was b 2 Sep 1909 Ramsey, d 28 Sep 1925 was killed when hit by a freight train. He and a companion, Rufus PATTON age 13 had been riding trains and laid down on the Illinois Central railway track and fell asleep. His mother died when he was 18 months old and he was raised by an aunt, Mrs. Charles COMBEST. Survivors were the foster parents, brothers Floyd and Melvin of Dochester, MA, Elvis, Hillsboro, sisters Florence THIERGART and Ruby SCHROER of St. Louis, MO and Goldie SMITH of Macon. Burial was in Shedd Cem. Ramsey News Journal 2 Oct 1925, Vandalia Union 1 Oct 1925.

HODSON, grandchild of John who was a former resident of the Independence area. He had moved to Arkansas and word was received that he had a big fire that destroyed his property and caused the death of a grandchild. Ramsey News Journal 30 Oct 1925.

HOOVER, J.H. prominent farmer in Shafter Twp. died at his home of dropsey. Burial was in Browning Cem. He was born in Cumberland Co., TN and came here at age 9 years with his parents. He was the largest taxpayer in the township. Survivors were the wife aged 74 and children, Walter, Mrs. Roy DAVIDSON near Bayle City, Byron and Mildred HOOVER. Vandalia Union 19 Nov 1925.

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HOPKINS, Ethel May nee BABCOCK died 10 Oct 1925 at her home in Seimnary Twp. following a brief illness. She was aged 39y 1m 26ds. Burial was in Taylor Cem. The deceased was born 14 Jul 1886 in Mulberry Grove the dau of H.H. and Sarah J. BABCOCK. She m Clay M. HOPKINS 14 Nov 1906 and they were parents of 5 children, Marvin, Orval, Elbert, Maggie and Lois HOPKINS. In addition to the children were 5 brothers, Wilmer of Terre Haute, IN, Estes, Pittsburg, Emmet, E. St.Louis, Leon and Ira of Greenville, sisters, Elsie WILLIAMS and Margaret EDWARDS of Greenville. Vandalia Union 15 Oct 1925.

HUDSON, Lillie wife of Elmer died at their home in the north part of town 19 Nov. from general paralysis. She was 48 years of age and was survived by her husband, 1 son and 2 daughters. Burial was in the Old Cemetery. Vandalia Union 26 Nov 1925.

IRELAND, Catherine died 18 Oct 1925 at Huber Hospital in Pana, IL. Burial was in Oconee Mound Cem. beside her 2 sons. Ramsey News Journal 30 Oct 1925.

KLEEMANN, William Christian d 28 Oct 1925 at his home one and one-half miles east of Vernon, aged 82y 9m 23ds. He had been ill for the past 3 weeks. He was born in Germany, 1 of 7 children. At age 28 he came to America and continued to send money back to his parents until their deaths. He served 5 1/2 years in the German Army and had 5 medals for bravery and acts of heroism. After coming to America he lived first in New York for a hort time, coming to St. Louis where he worked in the sugar industry of 19 years. He m Hermine SCHULZE, 16 Mar 1876 and they were parents of 4 children, Olga, Clara, Walter and an infant daughter who died. Surviving were Mrs. John WEISS, Kinmundy, IL, Clara EHRAT, Shobonier and son, Walter living on the homeplace. Burial was in Tillman Cem. Vandalia Union 5 Nov 1925.

LAWLOR, Perry, Mrs. nee KIRK died recently with burial in Liberty Cem., Nov., 1925. Ramsey News Journal 13 Nov 1925.

LEES, James died at his home in Oconee 18 Oct., age 83 years from a complication of diseases. His widow and children, Ed LEES, Pana, Will of Oconee, Roy of Iowa and Harry of Normal along with daughters Grace DONALDSON, Normal, Ocia SMITH of Oconee survive. Burial was in Oconee Mound Cem. Ramsey News Journal 23 Oct 1925.

LEIGH, James Edward son of David W. and Mary J. LEIGH was b 15 Feb 1868 Ramsey Township, d 14 Nov 1925. He m Myrtle L. WILLIAMS, 26 Mar 1890 dau of David J. and Mattie E. WILLIAMS and she survives. They were parents of 10 children; 7 of whom survive, namely, Lottie GILBERT, Mayme HOWE, Jamie, Marion and Jessie of Rochelle, IL, Mabel BROWN and Goldie BURCH of Hanson, IL. Also surviving were sister, Mrs. John PYATT, Vera, brothers Rolla, Weesley LEIGH of Ramsey, Charles, Pana and Roy of Pocahontas, IA. Burial not given. Ramsey News Journal 20 Nov 1925.

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LONG, Joseph L., died 18 Oct. at Shelbyville hospital, age 75 years. He was b 4 Sep 1850, Westmoreland Co., PA the son of Louis and Catherine LONG. He came to Shelby Co. with his parents in 1865. In 1877 he m Rosetta CLESSON and they were parents of 6 children. Survivors were Laura MOORE, Wauneta MURRAY of Decatur, Carlye GARVIN, Clinton, Allen of Bloomington and Fred LONG, E. St. Louis, IL. A son, Lawrence died some years ago. Also surviving were sisters Harriet ELLIOTT, New London, IA, Julia HAYNES, Ramsey and David LONG, Arenzville. He had been a member of the Odd Fellows' Lodge 54 years. Burial was in Glenwood Cem. Ramsey News Journal 23 Oct 1925.

MARSHALL, John a resident of the county since 1853 died at his home in Seminary Twp. 24 September following an illness of several weeks. Burial was in McInturff Cem. He was born 28 Jul 1848 Jasper Co., IL and moved with his mother, brother and sister to Bear Grove Twp. in 1853 where his mother took up a homestead. He m 8 Feb 1869 Drucilla ELAM. They were parents of 10 children; 7 deceased. Survivors were the wife, sons, Adam of Omaha, NE, Jeff of near Mulberry Grove and Rafor of Seminary. Vandalia Union 1 Oct 1925.

McCASLIN, Sylvester Finley b 17 June 1854 Dickson Co., TN d 24 Oct 1925. He was the son of Frank and Syrena McCASLIN, one of 12 children; 9 deceased. He m 16 Apr 1874 Mahala Louisa DONALDSON and she survives him with 4 children (8 were deceased); John F., Coffeen, Floyd P., Rochelle, IL, Florence BECK, Aurora and Leroy B. McCASLIN, Rochelle, IL. Also surviving were brothers and sisters Ann COUBLE, Nokomis, Alfred Andrew, Okla., John J., Anna, IL, half brothers, Louis, Bob and Hiram. Funeral was held at Cold Springs Baptist Church. Ramsey News Journal 30 Oct 1925.

MILLER, James M., age 84, pioneer resident of Bond Co. and its richest man died from a blood clot in the brain. He was mayor of Greenville from 1891 to 1893. He m 1) a sister if W.A. McLAIN and she survived him. Vandalia Union 3 Dec 1925.

MILLER, Rosanna nee LAWLER b 3 Mar 1867 died last Monday at her home on North 7th St. of cancer. Burial was in South Hill Cem. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Oren LAWLER and was born near Vera. She was a successful teacher for a number of years. She m 30 Sep 1886 George N. MILLER and 2 years later they moved to Wilson, KS where they lived for several years before returning to Fayette Co. Sh was the mother of 9 children; 3 deceased. Survivors with the husband were Florence BEINER, E. St. Louis, Nelson, Frederic, Roy, Edna and Bessie MILLER. Vandalia Union 12 Nov 1925.

MOYER, Peter K., b 23 Sep 1835 PA d 10 Dec 1925 at his home in Illiopolis, IL, age 90y 2 m 176ds. He was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth MOYER and m 1) Mariah HAYNES by whom he had 5 children, 2 deceased. He m 2) 19 Jul 1884 Maretta POPE and they were parents of 2 children. Surviving with the 2nd wife were from 1st marriage: Alice VanHOOK, Britton, MI, John C., Illiopolis and Emma Jane McKNABB of Buffalo, IL and from the 2nd marriage, Winifred FIX of Columbus, NE and Charles E. MOYER at home. Funeral was held in Fillmore. Ramsey News Journal 18 Dec 1925.

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NICHOLS, Mary C. died at her home in Vandalia following an illness of nearly 5 months from a complication of diseases. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCORMICK and m William H. JONES in 1866; he died in 1892. She again m Joseph NICHOLS in 1896 and he survived. She was the mother of 11 children; 5 deceased. Living were Mrs. William YARBROUGH, Mrs. Ad WALTON of Vandalia, Mrs. Amie LINDSAY, Detroit, William, Elmer and Albert JONES of Vandalia. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 19 Nov 1925.

PEAK, Eleanor died from a heart attack at her home in El Paso, TX where she lived with a brother and sister, John and Grace PEAK. The body was brought to the county for burial in South Hill Cemetery beside her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex PEAK. She was the second eldest of 9 children.. In addition to John and Grace she was survived by sisters and brothers, Mrs J.W. HAHNE, Gary, IN, Mrs. Alf DICKERSON, Decatur and C.Q. PEAK of Alton and Harvey PEAK of Peoria. Vandalia Union 5 Nov 1925.

PORTER, John William b 26 May 1856 Shoals, IN d 11 Nov 1925. He was the son of Levi and Christina PORTER. He m Sarah Angeline ELLER 32 years ago and she with daughters Mrs. James GREEN, Ramsey and Cora LINLEY, Shoals, IN survive. Also surviving were brother Frank of Vandalia, Clell of Hillsboro, sister Rachel MILLIGAN of Schram City, Montgomery Co. Burial was in Casey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 30 Nov 1925.

SCHWARM, John W. died 1 Nov 1925 at his home in Loogootee. Cause of death was pneumonia but he sustained injuries 2 days ago when struck and run over by an auto driven by Eddie H. RUBIN. Burial was in German Reformed Cem. He was born and raised in Wilberton Twp. and m 1) Mary GEPFORD by whom he had 11 children, 1 deceased. She died September, 1922. He m 2) Jennie SANDAGE, 31 Jul 1923. Survivors were children: Lydia LEE, Decatur, Nancy HARPSTER (Mrs. Otis), Maud HARPSTER (Mrs. Henry) Sarah HARPSTER (Mrs. Ben), all of Loogootee area, Carrie MYERS (Mrs. C.E.), St. Elmo, Mrs. Clint QUICK of Farina, Charles, William and Johnnie SCHWARM of Loogootee and Fred, whose residence was unknown at the time the obit was printed. Vandalia Union 5 Nov 1925.

SCHWARM, Lydia A. b 8 Jan 1854 OH dau of John Edward and Elizabeth SMAIL ALBRIGHT died at her home in Loogootee, 10 Nov 1925. She came to the county in 1854 with her parents. She m 6 Mar 1884 Wilson SCHWARM and they were parents of 2 sons, Arlie of Loogootee and Sidney W. of Johnson City. Vandalia Union 26 Nov 1925.

SCOTT, Elizabeth widow of the late James H. SCOTT died at her home in Sterling, CO, 16 September. She was 75 years of age and had lived there for 43 years, having been among the early settlers of that town when it was laid out in 1881. Her husband had been the first county commissioner and owned one of the first grocery stores as well as being the first postmaster. Survivors were 5 children. Vandalia Union 1 Oct 1925.

SIGLER, Henry Edgar b 26 Nov 1867 son of John and Leanna SIGLER was struck by an auto and died a few hours later. The person who struck him hurried on and was unknown. A companion, Fred BROWN, was also struck at the same time and sustained injuries. His father died when he was 11 years old. He m Mary STEINHAEUER 31 Aug 1887 and she survived with 9 children, Charles, Roy and Woodrow SIGLER, Ella of Decatur, Lottie WHITTEN (Mrs. Oren), Ramsey, Jessie BEAL, Mulberry Grove, IL Mrs. Bert BOWLES, Vandalia, Nellie KELLEY, St. Louis and Cleo at home. He was for many years a drayman. Ramsey News Journal 2 Oct 1925, Vandalia Union 8 Oct 1925.

SLOAN, Pet b 17 Apr 1859 OH, dau of Joseph KERR died 3 Nov 1925 at her home in Oconee. She came to this area with her parents as a small child. She m B.S. SLOAN who died 19 Aug 1924. She was survived by daughter, Susan WILMURE, Oconee and brothers and sisters, B.W. KERR, Shelbyville, John, Pana, Alice JONES, Arthur, IL, Minnie HUNSAKER, Springfield and Hattie MARTIN, St. Louis, MO. Ramsey News Journal 6 Nov 1925.

SPANGLER, Theodore J. son of John and Katherine SPANGLER was b 5 Dec 1854 Terre Haute, IN, died 29 Oct 1925 at his home near St. James, IL aged 70y 10m 24ds. He m 2 Sep 1875, Malinda C. LENEX and they were parents of 6 children, Etta P. and Harry L. dying in infancy and James T. who died 21 Mar 1917. Surviving with the widow were Rosa BIGGS, Willow Hill, sons Frank E. and Roy L. of St. Louis. Burial was in the Stine Cem. Vandalia Union 5 Nov 1925.

SUMMANN, George was accidentally electrocuted in Los Angeles last Friday. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry SUMMANN of the St. Paul prairie telegraphed to the widow to have the body shipped back, but she said it was impossible. It was believed he came in contact with a broken light wire. Survivors were parents, widow who was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. August SASSE, a child, not named. They were married 3 years ago and have since lived in Los Angeles near the wife's relatives. 5 brothers and 3 sisters also survived. Vandalia Union 1 Oct 1925.

THOMAS, Mrs. Elisha died at her home Friday 4 Dec of paralysis. Funeral was at the Vera Baptist church with burial in Assumption. Survivors were husband, 3 daughters and 1 son, sister and 2 brothers. Ramsey News Journal 11 Dec 1925.

TORRENCE, Mary Ann died at the home of her dau, Mrs. Hardin MIDDLESWORTH in Cowden 10 Oct. She was the widow of the late L.G. TORRENCE (he died 37 years ago) and was aged 83 years. The dau of Jacob LOCKART, she was born in Dry Point Twp. and was one of 10 children of whom, Harriet DAYTON, W.R., David, George and Jacob LOCKART of Cowden survive. Also surviving were her children: Jacob of Herrick, David TORRENCE, Cowden, Mrs. H.H. GOAD, Vandalia, Mrs. J.W. WAKEFIELD and Mrs. Hardin MIDDLESWORTH, Cowden. Burial was in Cowden. Ramsey News Journal 16 Oct 1925. Vandalia Union 15 Oct 1925.

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TUDOR, Nelson b 22 Jul 1845 Richmond, KY died 10 Nov 1925 at his home in Brownstown. He m 8 Nov 1863 Elizabeth MURPHY and they were parents of 4 children; John M., Miner, IL, Stephen and Mrs. Lena EVATT of Des Moines, IA, surviving. The firstborn child died in infancy. He served in the Civil War and was with Sherman in his march to the sea. Shortly after his service he with wife moved to McLean, IL. They moved to this county 8 years ago. Vandalia Union 19 Nov 1925.

TURNER, Elizabeth died Wednesday of last week of cancer. She had been ill for a year. The deceased was born in Tennessee, afterwards moving with her family to Indiana where she married A.P. TURNER. Following their marriage the couple moved to this county where they farmed. There were no children. Burial was near Hanson. Ramsey News Journal 30 Oct 1925.

WALLACE, William age 59, a prominent businessman and former postmaster died Sunday at his home from pneumonia. He was a brother of F.T. WALLACE of Assumption. Ramsey News Journal 11 Dec 1925.

WALTER, Henry Adam b 3 Oct 1861 Boody, IL d 28 Oct 1925 at the home of his brother, Mike nar Moweaqua. The cause of death was anemia. He m 28 May 1893 Ida J. MOSBY and they parted 13 years ago. Survivors were children, Mae SMITH, Edna ALLEN and Lester WALTER, all of Detroit, MI, brothers Mike, George of Ramsey and William, Assumption and sisters, Lizzie ACKENHOUSEN, Denver, CO, and Allie WESSELS, Oconee. Burial was in Salem Cem., east of Fame. Ramsey News Journal 6 Nov 1925.

WESTENHAVER, William Lawrence b 15 Dec 1870 Shelbyville, IL d 1 Dec 1925 at the Kankakee Hosp. He m Clara COLE of Ramsey and they were parents of 2 children, Hazel who died in 1910 and Edward of Rantoul. He was employed by the Illinois Central railroad as section foreman and as foreman of the bridge and building dept. for 30 years. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. beside daughter, Hazel. Survivors with the widow and son were brothers, Frank of Decatur, Charles and John of Shelbyville, sisters Mrs. A.B. BEVERAGE, Shelbyville and Mrs. B.B. CULP of Toledo, OH. Ramsey News Journal 4 Dec and 11 Dec 1925.

WESTHOFF, Evadna nee JAMES died in Toledo, Ohio Monday. She was born 27 May 1893 and married 24 Dec 1919 Frank W. WESTHOFF who he survives along with her brothers Charles of St. Louis, MO, George and Floyd JAMES of Salem, IL. She was about 36 years of age and had suffered from gall bladder trouble. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. T.M. JAMES and was born 27 May 1893 in Ramsey. Her father had been circuit clerk in the county. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 3 Dec 1925 and Ramsey News Journal 4 Dec 1925, Vandalia Union 3 Dec 1925.

WILLIAMS, Benjamin A. b 22 Oct 1847 son of Alexander and Sally WILLIAMS d 26 Nov 1925. He m 17 Dec 1867 Mary M. O'REAR who preceded him in death 9 Jul 1924. They were parents of 4 children, Clarence and Edward, deceased and Mrs. Nora LEIGH and Fred of Ramsey, IL. Also surviving was a foster daughter, Mrs. Ona MITCHELL of Oconee. Ramsey News Journal 4 Dec 1925.

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WILLIAMSON, Caleb Caswell b 25 June 1861 Fillmore, IL d 12 Oct 1925 St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur. He had been in poor health for a long time and hospitalized for 6 weeks. Survivors were 6 children: Dr. O.M. WILLIAMSON, Mrs. J.E. STROBEL, Mrs. H.L. FREIDLINGER all of Decatur, L. T., Sullivan, IL, J.C. of Toulon and Mrs. Clarence WALLACE, South Bend, IN. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 16 Oct 1925.

FACTS WANTED

Roline Crews ASKEW, PO Bx 1365, Stillwater, OK 74076

CONNER, DIAL, Would like to exchange info on the following families:
DONALDSON, CONNER, DIAL, DONALDSON, KEPLER, MUSSER,
KEPLER, MUSSER, MUSSER, RILEY, SPIVEY, PETTY, TALLY, THOMPSON,
RILEY, SPIVEY, TALLY, SWEAZY
THOMPSON, SWEAZY

Marilyn Myers HARSH, 9610 62nd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98513

DODSON Would like to exchange info about Willis DODSON. I recently discovered he was my mother's great-grandfather. What was his wife's name? When was he born/when did he die?

Victor HINCH, 890 Stefany Ln., Moscow, ID 83843-9635 - vhinch@completebbs.com

PATTERSON, I am looking for information on the families of Newton
GANNON, BECK PATTERSON, William GANNON and Edward BECK b 1709
PA. (Editor's Note: See Mr. Hinch's Ancestor Chart on page
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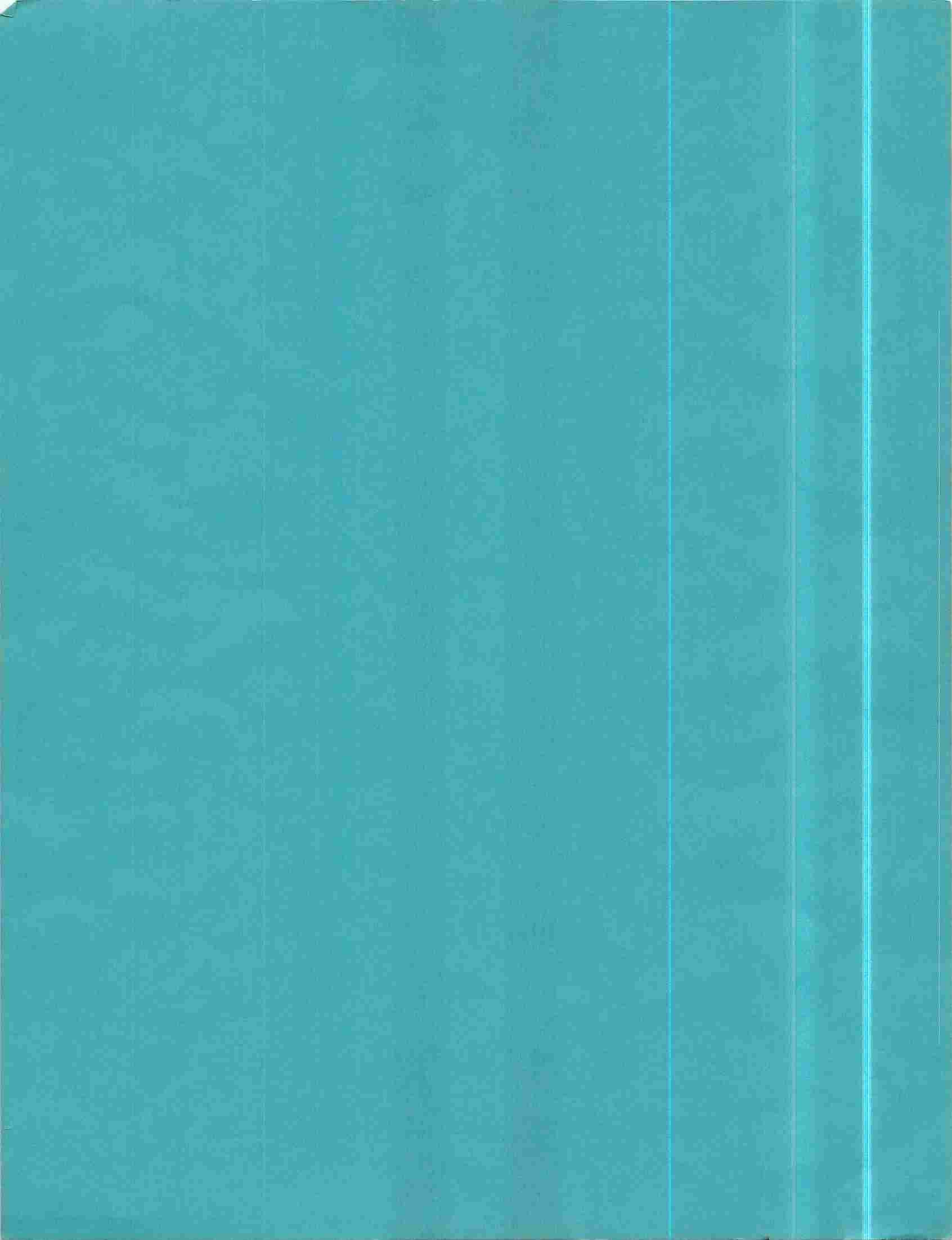
ANCESTOR CHARTS OF MEMBERS

Harold Wesley HAMILTON, 1050 Hays Rd., Heber Springs, AR 72543

- p Orlie HAMILTON b 24 May 1893 Wheatland Twp., FC, IL d 6 Oct 1978 Effingham Co., IL m 30 Jul 1921 Sarah Elizabeth LOVETT b 14 June 1893 FC d 7 Dec 1959 same.
- gp John Wesley HAMILTON b 21 June 1861 Hardin Co., OH d 13 Feb 1938 Wheatland Twp., FC, IL m 18 May 1884 Barbara Ellen EICHENLAUB b 16 Aug 1866 FC d 26 Jul 1938 Wheatland Twp., FC, IL; James Franklin LOVETT b 8 Oct 1861 FC d 23 Mar 1939 IL m 21 Mar 1886 Clara May FRISTOE b 20 Aug 1864 Crawford Co., IL d 6 Dec 1897.
- ggp William HAMILTON b 22 June 1827 Nenagah, Ireland d 2 Jan 1913 Loogootee, IL m 23 Nov 1855 Henerietta SAXONY she d Renwick, IA; George EICHENLAUB b 8 Nov 1830 France d 10 Jul 1915 FC m Fremont, OH Rachael EBERHARD b 11 Aug 1833 Senaca, OH d 1 Mar 1897 FC; Obed Edom LOVETT b 20 Oct 1834 Allegheny Co., MD d 17 Sep 1901 Wheatland Twp., FC m 14 Oct 1860 Edith LIPPENCOTT b 7 Sep 1859 d 31 Aug 1924 FC; Samuel FRISTOE b 11 Nov 1816 VA d 17 Apr 1899 St. James, FC m 11 Nov 1851 Catherine Melissa HOOK b OH d 31 Mar 1885 Crawford Co., IL bu Hardenville Cem.
- gggp Henry Jacob LOVETT b 31 Jan 1803 d 3 Jul 1879 m 28 Feb 1829 Elizabeth AYERS b 18 Dec 1806 d 18 Jan 1879; James LIPPENCOTT b 1801 NJ d 22 June 1863 Wheatland Twp., FC m Elizabeth CAMBURN she b 1 Feb 1810 Monmouth Co., NJ d 13 Aug 1871 FC.
- ggggp Joseph C. CAMBURN b 1745 d 1831 (Rev. War) m 1781 Monmouth Co., NJ Frances (Fanny) BOGART b 1765 d 1831. Both are bu Presbyterian Church Cem., Waretown, Monmouth Co., NJ.

Joyce METTLER HAMILTON, 1050 Hays Rd., Heber Springs, AR 72543

- p George William METTLER b 30 Jul 1901 Effingham Co., IL d 15 Jan 1975 same m 2 Nov 1923 Gertrude E. UPTON b 5 Feb 1906 Vera, FC, IL d 21 May 1989 Altamont, Eff. Co., IL.
- gp George Tilden METTLER b 18 Aug 1876 Eff. Co., IL d 19 Feb 1959 FC m 3 Jul 1898 Mary Elizabeth SAPP b 9 Apr 1878 FC d 7 Jul 1928 St. Louis, MO; Samuel Charles UPTON b 26 Oct 1872 FC d 22 Oct 1954 same m 10 Nov 1904 Emma Ora HAWLEY b 15 Dec 1879 FC d 13 Jul 1924 same.



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OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Ramsey News Journal and Vandalia Union
January to March, 1926

ALBERT, Fred of Altamont died recently. Mrs. Ferdinand ADERMANN was a sister-in-law to the deceased. Vandalia Union 11 Feb 1926.

ALEXANDER, William H., b 27 Jan 1894 d 29 Dec 1925. He was the son of Henry and Harriet ALEXANDER. His mother and sisters Mrs. Leonard SARVER of Herrick and Anne at home survived him. Burial was in Harris Cem. Ramsey News Journal 1 Jan 1926.

ARTHUR, Murial d 8 Feb 1926 at Charleston Hospital. She was b 6 Jan 1892 the dau John A. and Lucinda DEPEW. She took nurses training in Pana. She m 2 Jan 1910 Frank ARTHUR and they had a son Carl, age 12 who survives. Also surviving were brothers Cecil and Justin DEPEW of Ramsey, Mrs. Frank ROGERS of Moline. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 12 Mar 1926.

AUSTIN, Sherburn drowned in the Little Wabash River at Effingham Monday. James WINTERS drowned at the same time. Vandalia Union 25 Mar 1926.

BAINS, Ina b 20 Jan 1894 d 5 Jan 1926. She was the dau of James and Elizabeth WILLIAMS. She m 27 Aug 1911 Benjamin BAINS and they were parents of 3 children, Lunette, Burl and Elizabeth, all of whom survive with her brother George and her aged father. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 8 Jan 1926.

BARTON, Rhoda b 29 Jan 1844 Roanoke City, Bedford Co., VA died at her home in St. Elmo, 1 Feb 1926. She came with her parents to Clinton Co., OH in 1847 living there until 1850 when they migrated westward to Okaw Twp., Shelby Co., IL. She was the 2nd of 9 children, all deceased. She m 16 Apr 1863 John T. JONES and they were parents of 7 children: 3 deceased. Surviving were James D., Carlsbad, CA, William M., Farmington, IA, Mrs. Harry E. BAKER, Spokane, WA and Mrs. O.Z. STEPHENS, Stewardson. Her husband died 14 May 1878 and she m 2) 26 Jan 1882 C.R. BARTON. They were parents of 3 children - Charles Timon who died 28 Apr 1898, Truman E. and Mrs. W.F. JONES both of St. Elmo, IL. The funeral was held in Lakewood with burial in Harmon Cem. Vandalia Union 11 Feb 1926.

BECK, Dick died 31 Jan at the home of daughter Ona in Oklahoma. He was blind and about 89 years old. Surviving were daug Ona, Anna SARVER and brother Sam BECK of Herrick. Ramsey News Journal 12 Mar 1926.

BENN, Bobbie, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul BENN died at Mark Greer Hosp., Vandalia of pneumonia. He had gone with his mother to visit in the home of his grandmother in Peotone, IL and became ill. The father was a mechanic at Burtschi Moon Garage. Vandalia Union 7 Jan 1926, 28 Jan 1926.



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BERGEN, Mrs. Thomas b 22 Jan 1864 died at her home in Decatur 29 Dec. Surviving were the husband 3 daughters, 2 sons, and 2 brothers. The funeral was held in Assumption. Ramsey News Journal 1 Jan 1926.

BOAZ, John Alpheus b 16 Jan 1869 d 8 Mar 1926. He was the son of Thomas and Mary Jane BOAZ. He m 3 Mar 1897 Mary NOWLAN and she survives with son Rolla and dau Cora BOAZ. Also surviving were brother William of Carson Twp., Lillie McKINNEY of near Vera. Burial was at Independence Cem. per 19 Mar edition and Vandalia Union - the 12 Mar paper said he was buried in Sharon Cem. Ramsey News Journal 12 Mar and 19 Mar 1926, Vandalia Union 18 Mar 1926.

BOLIN, John P. died at Mark Greer Hosp. following a stroke. He was b 22 June 1853 IN coming to Vandalia 40 years ago. He was a teacher for a number of years and principal of the Vandalia Schools. In 1891 he began work with the New York Life Insurance Co. Survivors were sisters, Lou SCHAUB of St. Elmo and Mary FOGLER of Loogootee. Vandalia Union 11 Mar 1926.

BRADLEY, Margaret died 24 Dec in Huber Meml. Hosp., Pana. Burial was there. She was b 16 Oct 1883 and was survived by sisters and brother, Mrs. W.H. CASHIN, Ramsey, Bettie BRADLEY, Newton, MA and James BRADLEY, St. Louis, MO. Ramsey News Journal 1 Jan 1926.

BROWN, Nancy, age 69 died at her home in Bear Grove Twp. following an illness of 3 months. Burial was near Bayle City. Surviving were her husband, son Turner BROWN, Mulberry Grove, 'Tot' of Bingham, Mrs. Charles HOLMES or COLMES (written both ways), sister Mrs. HARRISON of Hillsboro. Vandalia Union 18 Feb 1926.

BURCHAM, James S., d at his home on North 3rd St. 21 Jan. He was b 21 Dec 1847 Guilford Co., NC son of William and Sarah BURCHAM. He came to this county 1872. He m 12 Mar 1872 Catherine McCORMICK and they were parents of 6 children, 2 deceased. His wife died 18 Jan 1892. He m 2) 29 Apr 1894 Isabelle DANIEL BUCHANAN, her 4th marriage. She was the daughter of William and Susan WAINWRIGHT DANIEL. Survivors were Ida and Lottie of Chicago, Blanch, New York and William M. of Los Angeles. Also surviving was a brother, William of Spiceland, IN, sisters Sarah SHONK, Muncie, IN, Lydia PEAK, Decatur and Lottie RAY, Stonington. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 28 Jan 1926.

BURRUS, Mary A., b 12 May 1846 dau of Joseph and Cynthia EVANS JOHNSON d 20 March at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Millard BAUGH in Bicknell, IL. She was born on a farm near Spencer in Owen Co. She m 1863 John MAY and they were parents of 11 children, 5 of whom survive, namely Albert MAY, FL, Mary BAUGH, Bicknell, IL, Rose ROSS, Chicago, John, Indianapolis, IN, and Elizabeth JARVIS. Deceased children are Ella who died in infancy, William, Mrs. Frances WILKE, Mrs. Emma CANSTANS and Frederick

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MAY. Her husband served in the Civil War and died as a result of his injuries. Following the death of her husband, she m 2) 1914, Henry BURRUS who died several months ago. Also surviving were sisters, Emily DAYHOFF, Indianapolis and Mrs. Lemuel GAILEY, Seelyville. Burial was in Highland Lawn Cem., Terre Haute, IN. Ramsey News Journal 26 Mar 1926.

CAIRNS, Mary E., d at her residence 517 W. Wood St., Decatur, age 65 years. She was born in Herrick and m William CAIRNS and he survives with children, Harriot BROWN, Washington, DC and Edward of Decatur. Also surviving was brother Edward DEPEW of St. Louis. Burial was in Decatur. Ramsey News Journal 12 Mar 1926.

CALVERT, Robert Alton died at Webster Farm adjoining Vera, 8 January. He had operated the farm for 8 years. Burial was in Old Loogootee Cem. beside his wife. Born 10 Feb 1860 Harding Co., OH he was the son of John and Mary C. CALVERT and came with his parents to this county. He m March, 1891 Mary J. HARPSTER who died 16 Feb 1901. He owned and operated a livery stable at St. James moving to the Webster Farm 8 years ago. Survivors were children, Fay DENTON, Addie LATHROP, Milwaukee, WI, Elza CALVERT, Findlay, IL and William of Villa Grove. His mother Mrs. Mary SHUPE also survived with brothers Mart of Edgewood, Frank and C.B. of near St. James and sister Mrs. Jacob RAGEL of Coffeyville, KS. Vandalia Union 14 Jan 1926.

COX, Mary died in St. Vincent Hosp. Taylorville, IL 13 Feb. Burial was to be in Pope Cem. but bad weather delayed the burial. The body was placed in a mausoleum in Oak Hill Cem temporarily. The deceased was an aunt of Mrs. Sam SHOCKEY of Ramsey. Ramsey News Journal 19 Mar 1926.

CRAWFORD, Harvey was killed following a short pursuit from the home of Charles PRITCHETT in Decatur. CRAWFORD had forced an entry in the house and was seen by a neighbor who reported it to the police. He ran out the front door when the policemen entered from the rear. He was ordered to stop; the officer fired a shot into the air. He drew a pistol and leveled it at the officer who then fired. Crawford was found to have a stolen revolver in his hand stolen December 8 from the home of E.A. MYERS. Burial was in Rock Island, his former home. He married Miss LOVETT over a year ago. Vandalia Union 14 Jan 1926.

CRICKMAN, Dora nee TERRY died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer D. EVANS 3 Feb. Burial was to be in a Decatur Cemetery. She m W.H. CRICKMAN and were parents of a son and daughter. Also surviving with the daughter was son, Fred CRICKMAN. Vandalia Union 4 Feb 1926.

DAVIS, Maranda C. d 23 Dec 1925 at her home following an illness of influenza. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Cem. She was the dau of John and Betsy Anne NAVE HARRIS. A son Charles survived her. Ramsey News Journal 1 Jan 1926.

DAWDY, Amelia M., widow of late Judge William H. DAWDY of Greenville died in St. Joseph's Hosp. Highland, IL. She had been a patient there for 2 1/2 years and had been an invalid for the past 15 years. Vandalia Union 14 Jan 1926.

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DAYHOFF, Dorothy, age 1 week and 5 days, child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter DAYHOFF who died 7 Mar 1926 was brought to Brownstown for burial in Libery Cem. The parents lived in Terre Haute, IN. Vandalia Union 11 Mar and 18 Mar 1926.

DICKSON, James M. age 83 died at Mt. Vernon, 16 January of heart disease. He was principal of high schools and supt. of grade schools for 45 years. Surviving was widow and sons, Gov. Frank S. DICKSON of Chicago, former congressman and Illinois adjutant general for 12 years and George L. DICKSON of Lake Forest, IL. Vandalia Union 21 Jan 1926.

DIXON, Frances P. widow of David, died at the home of her dau, Mrs. K.K. COX in Granite City, IL. Burial was in the Old Cem. The dau of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph CHAPMAN she was born in Lancaster, OH, 7 Sep 1845. She m 24 Dec 1865 David DIXON of El Paso, IL, a veteran of the Civil War. He was also a minister of the Free Methodist and was largely instrumental in building the Free Methodist Church in Vandalia. They lived here from 1892 until their deaths. Survivors were 3 children, Charles of Effingham, Albert of E. Alton and Mrs. COX. Vandalia Union 4 Mar 1926.

DUSPIVA, Frank died at the home of his son, Mike in Idaho. He was b 4 Oct 1845 Bohemia. His father died when he was young. He m Ann AMOLIK and they sailed for America 1 May 1869. At mid ocean the vessel was driven off course and it took 7 weeks before they arrived at Baltimore. He moved to St. Louis 6 months later and engaged in the masonry business. 6 years later they moved to Bayle City. His wife died 1913. Surviving with the son was a dau Mrs. A.O. POPE, Meridian. A dau Anna died in infancy, John d age 8 years, Mary age 10 and Frank at age 34. Ramsey News Journal 12 Mar 1926.

EBERHART, Samuel b 10 Jul 1840 Seneca, OH came to IL with his parents in 1859. He m 13 Oct 1864 Nancy PETERS and they were parents of 3 sons and 1 daughter, William O., Loogootee, Lewis E. and Mrs. Wm. H. GRAY both of Vandalia. Son, James died 6 Dec 1903. The deceased's wife, died 8 Feb 1912. He was found dead in his rocking chair beside the stove by his son William. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cem. Vandalia Union 11 Mar 1926.

FARTHING, Charles John b 1 Jan 1888 Farina, this county, d 14 Dec 1925. He was the son of John W. and Parthena HUFF FARTHING. He m 1 Nov 1911 Adeline PEDELUPE in Ramsey and they were parents of Jane, Frances and Betty June who survive. Also surviving was brother Dr. E.W. of Ramsey, Mrs. T.W. BLYTHE, Farina. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 1 Jan 1926.

FRISTOE, James Franklin b 1 Jul 1854 Licking Co., OH coming with his parents Samuel and Melissa FRISTOE to Crawford Co., IL as a small child. He was the oldest of 4 children and died 4 Feb 1926. Burial was in Maplewood Cem. The obituary tells a lot about his younger life in logging camps, etc. He m Anna Caroline MILLER 8 Dec 1897 in St. James

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and a year later moved to Crawford Co. where they made there home in a log house on an 80 acre farm. In 1907 they returned to Fayette Co. living 3 1/2 miles southeast of St. Elmo. Survivors were the wife and children: Dewey, Mt. Zion, Il, Wallace, Normal, IL, Samuel, Lola, Ola and Mary at home. Vandalia Union 11 Feb 1926

GARRET, Bluford, age 47, died Sunday when a train struck his car at Pana. The Vandalia paper said it was a result of the wreck at Pierron and detour of Pennsylvania Passenger train No. 11 over the Big Four. C. Arthur SIMONS, age 40, was also killed in this accident. Ramsey News Journal 19 Mar 1926, Vandalia Union 18 Mar 1926.

GREEN, Mrs. William died at the home of a son in Vandalia. She was 75 years of age. She m William GREEN in Shelby Co., IL and he died 9 Apr 1919. Mr. Green bought the Lockart and Lorton livery stable in Vandalia, taking his son, Billie into partnership with him in 1905. She was the mother of 5 sons, one of whom, Guy GREEN died at age 14. Surviving were Charles, William, former Fayette Co. Sheriff, Albert and DeWitt, all of this county. Also surviving were sisters, Bertha THOMAS, Cayuga, IN, Nellie SAGERS, Silver Wood, IN, Lorinda CAPLINGER, Wallace, IN and half-brother Carlie ROACH, Cayuga, IN. Burial was in St. Elmo, IL. Vandalia Union 21 Jan 1926.

GRIDER, Silas - Resolutions of Respect were published for him - said he was called to the Grand Lodge 19 Dec 1925. Vandalia Union 7 Jan 1926.

GRIFFITH, Josephine Helen widow of the late Wallace N. GRIFFITH died at the home of her son E.E. in Orting, WA 31 Jan 1926 age 73y 5m 25ds. She had lived near Brownstown for many years. Her son, E.E. was the only surviving child. 3 others were deceased. A sister, Rosa BARMORE, brother Edgar GRIFFITH both of Wenatchee, WA survived. Vandalia Union 11 Feb 1926.

HACKETT, Charles, engineer on a west bound Pennsylvania mail train was killed in an accident at Pierron, IL. The crew were told not to travel more than 10mph over the track where the rails were spreading, they disregarded this and traveled at 25mph. Several people were injured and two men, Bluford GARRETT and C. Arthur SIMONS (see obit notices) were killed in another accident at Pana caused by the Pierron accident. Vandalia Union 18 Mar 1926.

HALFORD, Vera Lynn dau of Ashley and Lizzie HALFORD was b 21 Oct 1909 d 4 Jan 1926. Burial was in Little Hickory Cem. Survivors were parents, brother Roy of Winthrop, IA, Ray of Beardstown, IL, sister Verna Madison, IL, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan F. DAVIS and Mrs. Frances MATHEWS, all of Hurricane Twp. Ramsey News Journal 15 Jan 1926.

HENSON, James R., b 4 June 1852 KY son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley HENSON, died at his home in Pana, 18 Mar 1926. He had been employed as watchman at the Hickory street crossing of the Baltimore and Ohio RR in Pana for many years. The body was shipped to Fillmore, Montgomery Co., IL for burial. Ramsey News Journal 26 Mar 1926.

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HERMAN, Anna Elizabeth b 6 Apr 1860 Washington Co., IL d 5 Feb 1926 at her home on North First St., Vandalia. She had suffered for years with asthma. She m 1882 Max C. HERMAN and a year later came to Vandalia. Survivors were husband and daughters Ella JAMES of Salem, Ruby CARSON of Chicago, brothers, August and Gustav GERDING both of St. Joseph, MO. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 11 Feb 1926.

HILL, Birdie Sarah d 14 Dec 1925 at her home in Ramsey. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Bird R. STOKES. She m 1894 O.E. HILL and they were parents of 8 children, Mrs. R.G. DOWNS, Cleveland, OH, Howard, Ramsey, Joseph, Iron Mountain, MI, Virgal, Mahala, Nova and Mary Louise. Also surviving were brother Cam. W. STOKES of Hurricane Twp and Mrs. William COLE. 2 siblings died in infancy. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 1 Jan 1926.

JACKSON, James P. (Pete) hung himself at the Fayette Co. Jail. He had been arrested for assault and battery with intent to kill sworn out by his half-sister and half-brother. Last May he was arrested for assaulting his divorced wife. They later remarried and they lived together a week before she left. Ramsey News Journal 1 Jan 1926.

KASKIE, Minnie b 5 Dec 1837 Germany d 9 Jan 1926 at her home. She came to the county 31 years ago. She m Mike KASKIE, deceased. Ramsey News Journal 15 Jan 1926.

KLIER, Elizabeth d 17 Mar 1926 at the home of her daughter in Hanson. She was born in Germany 15 May 1843 the dau of William and Margaret KUDER WISKIRCHEN. They came to America in 1846 first purchasing a farm near Milwaukee, WI. She m 19 May 1863 Mathias SCHMITZ. They came to Fayette County 1868 settling near Hanson. The husband died 9 Sep 1879 and she m 2) 16 May 1889 John H. KLIER who survives with children: G.F. SCHMITZ, Morrisonville, IL, Mary BECK, Hanson, Sophia CARROLL, Brocton, Clara ECKHOLT, Decatur - 4 daughters were deceased, i.e., Barbara 1874, Theresa, 1877 both dying in infancy, Mrs. Margaret HINES d in 1906 and Martha SOMMERS in 1917. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cem., Oconee. Ramsey News Journal, 26 Mar 1926.

KNIGHT, Frank age 55 died suddenly from angina pectoris at his home in Holland Twp., Shelby Co. He m Ida PHILLIPS and she with daus Retha BULLINGTON, Arloa KNIGHT, brother, Charles of Shelbyville and sister of New York survived. He had been employed by the Clover Leaf RR. Ramsey News Journal 15 Jan 1926.

KNOX, F.E., a Nash Salesman, died here of a burst appendix. He was survived by his wife, mother and brother. The body was taken to St. Louis for burial. Vandalia Union 21 Jan 1926.

KOHL, Ferdinand of Centralia died there and was buried 6 March following a heart attack. He was vice president of Old National Bank, Pres. of Kohl & Meter Wholesale Grocery Co. and Centralia Envelope Co., VP of Illinois Chamber of Commerce. Vandalia Union 11 Mar 1926.

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KOONCE, Infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy died at the home of grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob CARTER north of Vandalia. Burial was in Old Cem. Vandalia Union 21 Jan 1926.

KRAMER, Ruth Marie, dau of Jake and Bertha KRAMER b 16 Apr 1921 at Salem, IL d 8 Jan 1926 at the hospital in Centralia. Surviving were parents, brothers Kenneth and Dewey, sisters Jennie Ellen and Mabel Fay. A brother Owen died in infancy. Burial in Maplewood Cem. Vandalia Union 14 Jan 1926, 21 Jan 1926.

LACK, Julia Ann nee OWENS was b 7 Feb 1866 near Fillmore, IL d 3 Mar 1926 at her home near Ramsey after a long illness. She m 1893 Jerry Newton LACK and they were parents of Myrtle MARTIN who survives with adopted son Clarence and the husband as well as brothers James and Sam OWEN. Ramsey News Journal 12 Mar 1926.

LASWELL, Charles "Chick" hung himself from a tree near the river bank 1 mile south of town. The body was found by Raymond and Wendell FRAKES, ages 15 and 8 who took authorities to the site. He had complained of not being able to remember things and was afraid he was going crazy. He had been missing for about 3 weeks. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman LASWELL he was born in Nashville, Washington Co., IL 26 Jul 1904. His father was killed in a railroad wreck in 1914; his mother died 4 years ago. A brother William survived. Vandalia Union 25 Mar 1926.

LAWLER, George W., Police Magistrate, died following a 3 week illness of Bright's disease. Burial was in South Hill Cem. The son of Oran and Clarissa LAWLER he was born 17 Oct 1854 Sharon Twp. He m 17 Nov 1874 Ada WILLIAMS and they were parents of Oran E., Murphysboro, James, Vandalia, Clara SPRAGUE, Carbondale, Rev. Lee LAWLER, Shafter and Nelson of Vandalia. 2 sisters also survived, Mrs. Joseph DOWNING, South Dakota and Mrs. David WATERHOUSE, Seaton. Vandalia Union 21 Jan 1926.

LORTON, James M. died at his home in Bowling Green Twp. 28 Jan. He had cancer of the stomach. Ramsey News Journal 1 Jan 1926.

MARTIN, George M. an old resident of the city, died at the home of Asa SHEPARD 20 March. Burial was in Danville, IL. Survivors were daughters, Mrs. Asa SHEPARD, St. Elmo, sons George of Oregon, Cody of Montana and Charlie MARTIN of N. Dakota. Vandalia Union 25 Mar 1926.

MEREDITH, Mary F. nee PHILLIPS died at the home of her nieces Bird and Mary McDUFF near Archison, KS Saturday 6 Feb. She was an aunt to Col. R.W. ROSS, his mother being a sister to the deceased. She was born in Vandalia and married Thomas MEREDITH. He died in Kansas. They had no children. Vandalia Union 11 Feb 1926.

MERRIMAN, Sarah Frances b 16 Oct 1856 the dau of John and Ellen McCLANAHAN d 21 Feb 1926. She m 23 Nov 1882 Thomas MERRIMAN and they were parents of 5 children, 2 deceased. Surviving were 3 sons, not named. Burial was in Myers Cem. Ramsey News Journal 26 Feb 1926.

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MONTGOMERY, David Edward b 5 Oct 1872 near Casey, Clark Co., IL son of Henry C. and Mary MONTGOMERY, died 14 Mar 1926 at his home near Vandalia. He m 8 Mar 1892 Viola WATSON and they were parents of 16 children; 3 preceding their father in death, 2 during infancy. A son, Denzil with the US Expeditionary Forces was a victim of poison gas and died 2 Jan 1921 at San Diego, CA. Survivors in addition to the wife were children, Lula WAGLE, London, OH, Dora BUCKLES, Martinsville, IL, Mary CANADY, Olivette, IL, Mabel BEASLEY, Bellfountaine, OH, Sheldon and Henry MONTGOMERY, same, John W. Mansfield, OH, Emerson, Ebenezer, George, James, Helen and Viola MONTGOMERY at home. Also surviving were his father, step-mother, 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Burial was in Casey, IL. Vandalia Union 25 Mar 1926.

MORREL, Nancy b 20 Jan 1882 d 19 Jan 1926. She was the dau of William and Sarah Jane MORREL. Surviving were her aged mother of Oconee, brothers, Denton, Nokomis, Rolla, Hanson, John, Ramsey, Mrs. George RABOR, Oconee, Mrs. Andy BATES, Pana, Mrs. Asa WALKER of Pana. Her father and 2 brothers preceded her in death. Burial was in Tennessee Cem. Ramsey News Journal 29 Jan 1926.

MORTON, James Bourner b 23 Dec 1848 near Vandalia the only son of Reece R. and Sarah MORTON. At age 16 he enlisted in the Civil War. He m 1867 Malinda Isabel THOMPSON of Vandalia and they were parents of 4 children: Edward R., Altamont, Maud DAVIS, Vandalia and Syd D. of Greenville. A son, Thomas A. died in 1917. His wife died in 1905. Burial was in Griffith Cem. Vandalia Union 11 Feb 1926.

MUFFER, John, age 22 died of TB, 22 Jan 1926. He was living with his grandmother and step-grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. PORTERFIELD in a woodshed in the Stone Orchard addition when his condition was brought to the attention of the Relief Committee of the Woman's Club. The Club with the assistance of Supervisor John ETCHESON rented them a house in Hagarstown. The boy died a week later. Burial was in the Old Cem. A sister living in Centralia along with the grandparents were the survivors. His deceased parents were both bu in Vandalia Cem. Vandalia Union 28 Jan 1926.

OSTROM, Elizabeth age 84, died at her home in Greenville, IL from a relapse of pneumonia. She was a native of Switzerland coming to America with her parents at age 8. Surviving was daughter Mrs. Ernie RODE of E. St. Louis, IL and Henry OSTROM of Greenville, IL as well as a sister, Mary TUFFLI, Quincy, IL. Vandalia Union 14 Jan 1926.

PARADEE, Isaac died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. George SHARP 31 Dec. Funeral was from the M.E. church at Vera. Ramsey News Journal 1 Jan 1926.

PARKISON, William L., d 16 Mar 1926. Burial was in the St. Elmo Cem. He was born 22 Jun 1857 on the old homestead in Sefton Twp., this county, son of Isaac and Margaret PARKISON. He m 1887 Elizabeth Ann BUCHANAN and they were parents of 2 children, 1 dying in infancy. She died 3 May 1920. Survivors were son, Ferd A. on the home place with whom the deceased had made his home, sisters Sarah VANCE, Mrs. W.T. WILSON of Sefton and Mrs. Frank PASLAY of Moweaqua. Vandalia Union 25 Mar 1926.

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PERKINS, John Leroy b near Stone River, Rutherford Co., TN 28 May 1826, one of 12 children of Jesse and Maria PERKINS. He came to Illinois at age 14. In 1844 he m Nancy HALL and she died 6 weeks later. He served in the Mexican War, m 2) 1849 Elizabeth PERRYMAN; she died in 1853. They were parents of 2 children, Charles Willis and daughter Louisa, both deceased. He m 3) 1859 Mary Ann HALL. In 1862 he enlisted in the 7th IL Cav, serving 3 years. Two years later he and family moved to Princeton, MO, living there 21 years at which time his wife died. He m 4) 17 Sep 1891 Alvesta BELBER and moved to Cowden; she died 15 Oct 1918. He died 30 Jan 1926. Burial was in Cowden Cem. A sister Nancy JONES of Tower Hill also survived. Ramsey News Journal 5 Feb.1926.

PETERSON, Velma nee METTLER b 16 Dec 1903 Altamont, Effingham Co., IL d 8 Mar 1926 at Maternity Hosp., Toledo following the birth of a baby girl who did not live. Her mother and sister Mrs. IRELAND were with her when she died. Burial was in South Hill Cem. She m 2 Jan 1924 Ivan L. PETERSON who was a teacher in Vandalia High School 1921-22. They moved to Toledo, Ohio where he was chief draftsman and engineer for Standard Oil. Survivors with the husband were her parents, siblings, Mrs. W.L. WHITE, Shelbyville, Mrs. Henry RETHORN, Woodriver, Mrs. Eugene IRELAND, Mishawaka, IN, Mary, Gladys, Kenneth and Richard METTLER at home. Vandalia Union 11 Mar 1926.

POPE, Kesiah C. age 77 died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Albert SANDERS of Taylorville. She was b 4 Feb 1849 Fayette Co. the dau of John and Elizabeth PRATT. She m 55 years ago, James POPE and he preceded her in death. Survivors were children, Albert, Henry, Wes, Edward, Mrs. Lizzie CUMMINGS and Mrs. SANDERS. Ramsey News Journal 29 Jan 1926.

POWELL, Julia E. b 4 Apr 1846 IN d 22 Feb 1926 age 79y 10m 18ds. She was the dau of Hugh and Polly SEFTON. At age 2 her parents moved to Sefton Twp. She m 1865 Levi POWELL and they settled on a farm in Sefton Twp. They were parents of 6 children; a dau Cora Lee died in infancy. Surviving were: Alva, Clifford, Sefton, Arthur of Decatur, Clara BUCHANAN, St. Elmo and Bessie DYCUS of Brownstown. Vandalia Union 4 Mar 1926.

RABER, George died of injuries he received, two broken legs and internal injuries, in an E. St. Louis hospital. He was in the vehicle of William RAMSHAW of Troy which collided head-on with a Red Line motor bus. Vandalia Union 18 Mar 1926.

RAMSHAW, William of Troy was killed instantly when his sedan collided head-on with a Red Line motor bus between Troy and Collinsville. His 2 sons, William 10 and Thomas 6 were hospitalized. The accident occurred during a snow storm. The east bound bus had turned to pass a car when the Ramshaw vehicle collided with it. Another passenger George RABER died later. Vandalia Union 18 Mar 1926.

REDDING, A.J., a former Mulberry Grove school teacher and former Justice of the Peace, died at his home 6 Feb, age 75. Burial was at Mulberry Grove. He m 10 Sep 1872 Rosa BOGARD who survives. They were parents of 2 daughters, Blanche and Flossie, both deceased. Vandalia Union 11 Feb 1926.

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REED, Alexander b 2 Jan 1865 Vandalia the son of William and Grace REED and died at the home of his daughter in East Chicago 10 January. Burial was in South Hill Cem. He m 1885 Emma DAVIS and they were parents of 6 children; five surviving, namely Frank, Charles F., Blanch BURNS, Mrs. T.R. ANGERS all of Chicago and Harry J. of Centralia. He began working for the Illinois Central at age 18. He served as a switchman and clerk until 4 Dec 1895 when he was promoted to Road Supervisor. In 1901 he became employed with the Bridge and Building Dept. in Chicago. Vandalia Union 14 Jan 1926.

ROBBINS, Anna nee SHIRLEY d 30 Dec 1925 at her home in Vandalia. Burial was in South Hill Cem. She was b 29 Jul 1858 and lived all her life in this area. She m 2 Nov 1881 Lewis E. MITCHELL. He was elected circuit clerk in 1896. He died 4 Apr 1901. They were parents of 3 children, one dying in infancy, a son Marvin age 15. A dau Delia survived as did 2 sisters, Margaret BINGAMAN, Vandalia and Mrs. John WELCH of near Ramsey. Ramsey News Journal 8 Jan 1926.

ROBERTSON, Isaac Butler b 1846 KY son of Ebenezer A. and Rebecca ROBERTSON died 23 Jan 1926. He came to Illinois in infancy. He m 6 Nov 1872 Nancy Elizabeth HALFORD and they were parents of 11 children; 6 deceased. Surviving were Mary Belle FARRAND, Springfield, Eben A., Edinburg, Leslie Lee, Argyle, WI, William E., Lakewood and Linzo Fern McMANAWAY, Champaign. Two sons, Joseph who died 10 years ago and Fred died 18 months ago predeceased the father. Also surviving were brothers William of Danville and Orville, Coffeen, Rebecca HILL, Fillmore and Elizabeth LINDHORST, Ramsey, IL. Burial was at Mound Cem. Ramsey News Journal 29 Jan and 5 Feb 1926.

RYAN, Joseph, age 57, injured when he fell under a freight train at Hagarstown, died 18 Feb from injuries. Burial was in South Hill Cem. No trace had been found of his relatives. He was said to have been adept at cards and a sporting man. He was often found in places where they was thought to be big payrolls. A bank book from Sturgis, MI was found in his pocket. He said he had a sister near Sturgis he had not seen in 10 years and 2 brothers in New York whom he had not seen for 35 years. RYAN asked for a priest to give him last rights which was done by Fr. SPEEMAN. Vandalia Union 18 Feb and 25 Feb 1926.

SAGE, William Henry, age 7 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry SAGE of Bluff City died 20 March from pneumonia. Burial was in the Old Cem. Vandalia Union 25 Mar 1926.

SEFTON, Leah nee POWELL died at the home of her sister, Lydia McKOIN 22 Mar from pneumonia. She had lived in Vandalia for 70 years. She was b 1 Jan 1840 Cardington, OH, dau of Henry POWELL an old pioneer Methodist preacher. She m 12 Nov 1863 Hugh SEFTON, a Civil War veteran. They were parents of a son who died in infancy. Her husband died 22 Jan 1924. She was 1 of 11 children; 7 sisters and 1 brother having preceded her in death. Survivors were sisters, Sarah DUNBAR, Wichita, KS, Lydia McKOIN, Vandalia, brother Levi POWELL of Brownstown. Burial was in the Mausoleum, Vandalia. Vandalia Union 4 Mar and 11 Mar 1926.

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SIMONS, C. Arthur, age 40, was killed at the crossing near Union Station in Pana. There had been an accident at Pierron, IL and rail traffic was detoured..this was said to be the cause of this accident. Vandalia Union 18 Mar 1926.

SLOAT, Benjamin T. died at Decatur and Macon Hosp. 14 March, age 41. Cause of death was a heart attack. He was b 9 Aug 1884 Shelby Co., IL and leaves a wife, 4 brothers, Thaddeus of Indianapolis, IN, Elkin of Peoria, Gardner of Fisher and Frank SLOAT whose present address was unknown, sister Lulu BECK of Herrick. Burial was in Graceland Cem. Decatur. Ramsey News Journal 19 Mar 1926.

SMITH, Ellen age 80 of Farina burned to death Friday when her home caught fire and burned to the ground. A neighbor, Roscoe DONHOM saw the flames and alerted the neighbors. He entered the building but couldn't find Mrs. SMITH. Surviving were sons William and Len. Burial was in Oskaloosa Cem. Vandalia Union 21 Jan 1926.

SMITH, J.W. died in Guthrie, OK, 22 Jan 1926. His wife died quite suddenly on Christmas Day. He was a native of Oconee. Surviving was a sister, Mrs. M.M. COWGILL of Hanson. Ramsey News Journal 29 Jan 1926.

SMITH, Alice died at her home in Guthrie, OK 25 Dec. of heart failure. She m J.W. SMITH and he survived. A brother John E. MORRISON of Hanson survived George A. of Edmond, OK, Charles C. and Frank of Ramsey. Ramsey News Journal 8 Jan 1926.

SMITH, Katherine nee SETTER d 5 Jan 1926 of stomach cancer at the Hotel St. Elmo. She was born Silver Creek, New York and married there Ferdinand SMITH about 1860 and they were parents of 12 children; 9 surviving. They came to Effingham Co. soon after their marriage living there until 1872 when they moved to a farm in Wheatland Twp. The husband died 1890. Survivors were children: W.F. SMITH (former Vandalia Mayor), Anton, William and John of St. Elmo, Henry, Wheatland Twp., Frederick, Decatur, IL, Hulda YOUNG, Champaign, Clara McELROY and Ella SCHAUB, St. Elmo. Burial was in Maplewood Cem. Vandalia Union 7 Jan 1926, 14 Jan 1926.

STEVENSON, Mrs. Tobias nee WANEMACKER died following an 8-month illness of heart trouble. She was born and raised in Madison Co., IL coming to this county in 1901. Surviving with the husband were children, Louis J., Sand Coulee, MT, Edward F., Carlyle, IL, William A., Denver, CO, Tobias T., Vandalia, Agnes LEHN, Greenville, Sister Oswina and Sister Tobia, Notre Dame, Quincy, IL and Anna L. at home. Also surviving were brothers James and Matthew WANEMACKER of Alton. Vandalia Union 21 Jan 1926.

STIGALL, J.B. died 13 March, Marland, OK. He was born 23 Dec 1856 Fayette Co., moving on Oklahoma in 1898. He m 13 Mar 1881 Eliza CARSON at Brownstown and they were parents of several children of which sons, John, Richland, NM, Sam, Walter and Rolla of Marland and dau Mrs. S.P. ANTLE of Oklahoma City survive. He was a member of the

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Masonic Lodge and the Cherokee Strip Cow Punchers Assn. There was reference to an article that the deceased had submitted to a magazine "The 101 Ranch" in which he said his father who fought with the Union Army was killed at Gettysburg and buried in a trench there. He wrote "My mother died shortly after from grief and hardship..." Vandalia Union 25 Mar 1926.

STODDARD, Cynthia b 17 Jan 1848 St. Clair Co., IL dau of Edward R. and Sarah McADAMS GRUBBS, died 22 Mar 1926 of a heart attack. When she was small her parents moved to Montg. Co., IL 3 miles west of Hillsboro. She m Dr. William STODDARD son of Dr. Luke STODDARD. They were parents of a son Frederick who is now in the lumber business in Tacoma, WA. Her husband died 4 years following their marriage. She made her home with a brother William west of Hillsboro. Burial was in Oak Grove Cem. Ramsey News Journal 26 Mar 1926.

STURGEON, Nancy Elizabeth b 22 June 1851 Findlay, OH dau of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah SICKLES. She m 24 Nov 1872 William S. STURGEON and he with 5 children survived: Edward B., Jacksonville, Lewis T., Winchester, Lillian J. BLANKENSHIP, Blairsburg, IA, Elmer T., Saws, IA and Floyd S. of Springfield. Also surviving was brother Marion SICKLES of Beecher City, IL. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Vandalia Union 14 Jan 1926, Ramsey News Journal 15 Jan 1926.

TAYLOR, Sarah A. b 17 Mar 1862 Hancock Co., IN dau of Absolom and Martha KIRKMAN died 20 Jan 1926 at her home in Bear Grove Twp. She came to Illinois with her parents in 1864 settling north of Bluff City. They later moved to Hagarstown. She m 7 Aug 1879 James N. TAYLOR and they were parents of 8 children; 2 dying in infancy. Surviving were Wiley W. of Decatur, IL, Lawrence L., Fairview, Delia MARSHALL and Ethel CLARK of Vandalia, Zeik and Niona at home. Also surviving was sister Mary CAUSEY and brothers Absolom, James and Hugh KIRKMAN. Burial was in McInturff Cem. Vandalia Union 28 Jan 1926.

TURNERY, William died at his home on E. Main following an illness of 3 weeks. He had a stroke 8 Feb. Burial was in South Hill Cem. He was b 27 Nov 1852 Ramsey, IL m 1886 Mary BRANHAM by whom he had 6 children - 1 of whom died in infancy. Surviving were James, Fred and Jane of Vandalia, Henry, of E. St. Louis and Maud POTTS of St. Louis. A brother James also survived, whereabouts unknown. His wife died ca 1896 leaving him to raise 5 little children. Vandalia Union 4 Mar 1926.

WALKER, Minnie Jane b 10 Nov 1907 Oconee Twp., Shelby Co., dau of Mr. and Mrs. Evan WALKER d 5 Mar 1926 in Fayette Co. Burial was in Price Cem. Ramsey News Journal 12 Mar 1926.

WALTRICH, J.H., Rev. who was pastor for several years at St. James Lutheran Church at Loogootee died at the home of his daughter in Mt. Carmel. He was a Civil War Veteran, enlisting 23 Sep 1864 at age 16. He served with C. I 9th PA Cav and was assigned to

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Sherman's army. He participated in the March To The Sea. He was taken captive and imprisoned in the stockade at Florence, S.C. Following the war he resumed his education at Gettysburg Theological Seminary. He had retired from active ministry 5 years ago. He was b 5 Feb 1848 Cumberland Co., PA. He was survived by 2 daughters, Mrs. John BAUMGARTNER and Mrs. Arthur LECHNER both of Mt. Carmel. Vandalia Union 4 Feb and 18 Feb 1926.

WASHBURN, Susan D. d 16 Jan 1926 in a Miami, FL hospital of typhoid fever. She had been ill 3 weeks. The body was brought to Vandalia for burial in the mausoleum in Fairlawn Cem. She was the dau of Cpt. T.W. DODGE who for 25 years was agent for the Illinois Central. The deceased was born 1 Jan 1863 Lynn, MA coming to Vandalia with her parents at age 13. She graduated from Vandalia High School in 1880. She m 9 May 1900 Co. J.B. WASHBURN, then in the shoe business in Vandalia. He died 11 Mar 1917. She was a member of the DAR. Surviving were sons, Roy of Cleveland, OH and Dr. C.D. WASHBURN of Vandalia with sisters Mrs. Carl DIECKMANN, Wagoner, OK and Mrs. E.A. KING of Melrose, MA. Vandalia Union 21 Jan 1926.

WEAR, Mary Ellen, nee BRIDGES died recently. She was b 20 Mar 1854 the dau of James I. and Sarah J. STURGEON BRIDGES. She m 4 Dec 1875 Thomas C. WEAR. She was the eldest of 10 children, 3 deceased; Margaret S. who died in 1866 at age 3 years, Clarence who d 25 Dec 1877 age 21, Dr. W.T. BRIDGES, Stonington, IL d 4 Jul 1923 age 62y. Surviving were sisters Minnie A. VanSHOICH, Bloomington, IL, Ida V. SMITH, Boise, ID and brothers, John T., Kearney, NE, Edward F., Oconto, NE, Isaac T., and Eugene H. of Mahomet, adopted dau Delcina May AYRES. A nephew, Thomas N. HUNT wrote a tribute to her and it appears beside the obit. The funeral was held at Mt. Pleasant Church with burial in the church Cem. beside her husband. Ramsey News Journal, 26 Mar 1926, Vandalia Union 25 Mar 1926.

WELKER, Joseph Moore, was found dead in bed 8 Jan 1926. He was 79 years of age. The son of John and Nancy WELKER he was born on the old Welker farm near Avena 8 Sep 1848, the 9th of 10 children. He along with 3 brothers served in the Civil War. Joseph was a member of Co. H. 145th IL Inf, joining at age 17 years. He was survived by a brother Morris WELKER. Burial was in Yolton Cem. Vandalia Union 14 Jan 1926.

WHITTEN, Arthur Lowell "Louie" d 15 Feb 1926 at his residence in Ramsey. He was a businessman and had been a director of the Peoples State Bank of Ramsey. He was born 18 Jan 1873 near Fillmore the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel WHITTEN. He m 16 Apr 1895 Effie GAGE and they were parents of 4 children, a son Austin died a few years ago. Surviving were Mrs. J.F. CALLISON, Moweaqua, sons Oren and Lowell WHITTEN of Ramsey with the widow, his mother and brother O.M. WHITTEN of Bloomington. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 19 Mar 1926, Vandalia Union 18 Feb 1926.

WILLIFORD, James Madison died at his home in Ft. Wayne, IN, 12 Feb. age 70. He had been in poor health for several months. Burial was in Glendale Cem., Fillmore, IL. He was a brother to Mrs. John Q. BOST of Fillmore. Ramsey News Journal 19 Mar 1926.

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WILLS, Minnie Laura JERAULD b 12 Feb 1869 dau of Gorton D. and Sarah A. JERAULD d 14 Mar 1926 at St. Anthony's Hosp., Effingham, IL. Survivors were children, Dr. Charles of Divernon, Walter, dau Ruby SOUTHWELL and Betty WILLS, sisters Jennie JERAULD and Rachel ROSE along with her mother. 1 child died in infancy. She attended Illinois College Conservatory at Jacksonville and m 2 June 1896 Jerome G. WILLS. Vandalia Union 18 Mar 1926.

WILSON, Caroline died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dan BRASHEAR in Shafter Twp., 22 March. The death was due to complications following the flu. Burial was in Lawler Cem. She lived in Oklahoma for several years moving to Siloam Springs, AR where her husband died. She was survived by sister, Mrs. BRASHEAR, Mrs. Ruth KING, Fayette Co., Celeste DONALDSON, Taylor Springs, Elvira KELLOGG, CA and brothers Charles CUNNINGHAM of Shafter Twp., FC and George of Drummond OK. Vandalia Union 25 Mar 1926.

WINTERS, James drowned in the Little Wabash River at Effingham Monday Morning. Sherburn AUSTIN also drowned at the same time. Vandalia Union 25 Mar 1926.

YENNY, Mrs. Jacob d at her home in Hagarstown 10 January, age 71 years. Her husband died 7 or 8 years ago. She had been afflicted with cancer for some time. Surviving were children, Henry, Louis, Mrs. Charles MILLER of Bear Grove, Bert, WI and William, address unknown. Vandalia Union 14 Jan 1926.

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BECK, Edith nee EVANS wife of Roy BECK of Sac City, Iowa. She was the dau of the late James EVANS of Carson Twp. Surviving were her husband, 7 children including a 3-week old infant daughter, brothers, Laban and Straud EVANS of Ramsey. Burial was in Welch Cem. Ramsey News Journal 21 May 1926.

BENTLEY, H.M. died at his home in Sidney, IL 27 May. He had been a druggist at the Humphrey Drug Store in Vandalia for many years. The deceased left here 6 years ago and bought a drug store in Sidney. His wife survived him, their daughter dying after they left Vandalia. Vandalia Union 3 June 1926.

BINGAMAN, Henry Augustus b 17 Aug 1841 Reading, PA died at his home on S. Seventh St. 20 May. He was one of a family of 9 children, son of Henry and Hannah BINGAMAN. In 1855 the family settled in DuPage Co., IL shortly thereafter moving to Montgomery Co., OH. They returned to Illinois in 1859 by ox and covered wagon settling in Seminary Twp. He enlisted in Co. F, 97th IL Reg. Union Army and served in 8 major battles including the siege of Vicksburg. He was honorably discharged 29 Jul 1865. He m 1871 Sarah SHIRLEY and they were parents of a son Clyde. She died in 1872. He m 2) 13 Oct 1875 Theresa JACOBS and they were parents of 7 children, Mayme, Richard, Forrest, Ruth, Myrtle, Rose and James, 2 deceased. A brother Mahlon BINGAMAN survived. Vandalia Union 27 May 1926.

BOLT, Mrs. E.E. died 23 May due to complications following a severe operation she underwent Feb. 10. Funeral was from the Methodist church in Ramsey. Survivors were daughters Jennie WALKER of Chicago, Hazel VanVRANKEN, Champaign and Mabel BOLT at home. Vandalia Union 3 June 1926.

BRODBECK, Gus a former resident and one-time marshal here died in St. Louis where he had lived the past 20 years. He and brother John were in the meat market business here. Vandalia Union 8 Apr 1926.

BROWN, Albert Hopkins b 30 Dec 1892 d at his home on North 6th St., 9 June after a one-week illness. He had been in failing health for a long time. He m 1914 Ruby CARROLL and they were parents of 2 children, Winona and Ellis who with their mother survive. He was
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employed as an accountant by Ford Roofing Co. and Johnson, Stevens & Shinkle Shoe Co. and in his early life he taught school in Vandalia. Also surviving were parents Mr. and Mrs. O.L. BROWN, brothers Lorenzo, North Dakota, Rollie, Shobonier, John and Roy, Vandalia, Floyd, Wilberton, sisters Mrs. Elsa MILLS, Wauketa, OK, Laura GERARD, Raymond, IL, Bessie RADCLIFF, Hookdale, Ruth and Fleta at home. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 17 June 1926.

BURNETT, Clara b 20 Dec 1887 Bingham, IL nee SPEARS, died 22 Apr 1926 at the Macon Co. TB Sanitarium. Survivors were husband, dau Mary A. of Decatur, sister Alta MERRIMAN and bro Charles SPEARS of Decatur, Harry SPEARS, Detroit, MI, half-bro William DAVIDSON of Bingham and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel SPEARS of Coffeen. Burial was in Fairlawn Cem., Decatur, IL. Ramsey News Journal 30 Apr 1926.

BUSBY, James M. b 16 Dec 1864 died recently at his home in Los Angeles, CA. He was a well known showman, a native of the Pana area and formerly made his headquarters in Ramsey. Son of Wallace and _____ DUNN BUSBY he had his own show, James M. Busby Minstrels. He also owned and managed the Busby Circus. Survivors were wife, son and dau, brothers/sisters, Burrell, Earl, Chester, Charles, Mrs. Frank BOYD and Mrs. John PRENTISS with one other, not named. His mother was the dau of James A. DUNN a pioneer resident of Pana. Ramsey News Journal 14 May 1926.

BUTREY, William, age 30 died when a moving truck he was riding in wrecked on the Charlie Taylor hill 2 miles west of Hagarstown. He and the driver, Julius BLANKE who escaped injury, worked for the General Warehousing Co. of St. Louis. They met a touring car at the creek crossing and the truck swerved going over the 5' emankment. BUTREY jumped from the truck and it landed on him. Vandalia Union 13 May 1926.

CARR, Eugene, aka Eugene TINKER age 48 of Otego Twp. died at his home in Stonington, IL Monday, 25 April. He had suffered from asthma for 20 years which incapacitated him most of the time for work. His death was due to a recent spell of the flu. Burial was in the cemetery near Luster Chapel. He was raised from childhood by Elizabeth TINKER, his real name being Eugene CARR. He m Lizzie AKEMAN dau of Mr. and Mrs. Sol AKEMAN. She was a practical nurse and for the past few years had been the postmistress at Stonington. There were no children. Vandalia Union 29 Apr 1926

CASEY, Fayette, Mrs. died 10 p.m. Saturday night. Burial was in Rush Cem. south of Bingham. Ramsey News Journal 21 May Ramsey News Journal 30 Apr 1926.

COLE, Augustus b Oct 1841 Fay. Co., IL d 31 May 1926 age 84y 8m. Son of Alfred COLE, he was raised 2 miles north of Ramsey along the IC right-of-way. His mother operated a boarding house for railroad workers. Augustus enlisted 4 Mar 1865 in the 58th Regt. Illinois

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Infantry and served a year. He was discharged 3 Mar 1866 in Montgomery, AL. He returned to Jasper Co. where he worked "haking ties". He m there Emily PETILLER. They lived there for 2 years before moving to a farm near Moccasin, IL. 2 years later he returned to Fayette Co. His widow survived. They had no children of their own but raised a girl, Laura CLEARWATER who m Wade HOLMAN and li near Chicago. They also made a home for Jack FITZGERALD for a number of years. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 11 June 1926.

COOK, Elizabeth Frances b 3 Oct 1837 Greencastle, IN dau of John and Sarah DUNCAN ROBINSON died at the home of her dau Ella WRIGHT in Ramsey, 1 May 1926. She m 4 Sep 1856 Dr. William H. COOK of Putnam Co., IN and in May 1861 they moved to Coffeen, Montgomery Co., IL. Here Dr. COOK practiced his profession for almost 60 years until his death 28 Jan 1920. They were parents of 4 children, Charles Edwin, an attorney in Greenville, IL died there 24 Oct 1919, infant son William Roscoe died in 1877, son Prof. Melvin T. COOK of Puerto Rico and dau Mrs. Ella WRIGHT (Mrs. Jefferson). Burial was in the Mausoleum at Vandalia. Ramsey News Journal 7 May 1926.

CRAIG, Bertha Agnes b 28 Aug 1897 died at age 28y 7m 11ds in Clinton, IL. She m William CRAIG and he survived with daughter, Ruby. Also surviving were her mother, brothers and sisters, Emma BECK, Sylvia SARVER, Frank, Jessie and Sollie WELCH. Burial was in Buchanan Cem. Ramsey News Journal 16 Apr 1926.

CURRY, Anderson b 31 Jan 1842 KY died 17 Mar 1926. He had been in failing health. He moved as a small boy to Clay Co., IL living there for several years before moving to Fayette Co. He m 28 Feb 1865 Betsy PRUETT of Wilberton Twp. She died 10 years ago. They were parents of 6 children, a daughter, Mrs. Leroy BROWN having died 30 years ago. Surviving were R.P., J. T., Charles and George CURRY of Vandalia, and dau Mrs. W.O. PEYTON. A brother Samuel of Vandalia, 6 sisters and 4 brothers preceded him in death. The deceased was a veteran of the Civil War enlisting 1 Mar 1865 in Co. K, 14th Illinois Infantry serving "at the front" until the close of the war. Burial was in Wilberton Cem. Vandalia Union 1 Apr 1926.

DOBBS, Andrew B. (Bee) b 27 Feb 1854 Allen Co., KY d 13 June 1926. He was the son of John D. and Narcissus DOBBS and came to Shelby Co., IL in 1864 with parents and 2 sisters. He m 22 Aug 1878 Sarah Elizabeth WHITTINGTON and they were parents of 2 sons, William Emory and John Benton who died in infancy. Sarah died 13 Jan 1881. He m 2) 16 Sep 1883 Harriet Emoline FRAILEY and they were parents of 8 children, 2 of whom, Myrtle Elizabeth and another daughter, died in infancy. The deceased was taken ill with typhoid fever then on Dec. 1, 1925 then struck with a complication of diseases. He held the position as Mayor of Herrick at the time of his death. Survivors were children, William Emory of CA, George Sidney, Robert Jesse, Jennings Clark, Thomas Wiley, Kempton, Gracie Ellen of Charleston, IL, 6 grandchildren, sisters Amanda BURRUS of Herrick, Mollie May, St. Louis, MO, half-bro Harry DOBBS of California.. Burial in Burrus Cem. Ramsey News Journal 18 June 1926, Vandalia Union 17 June 1926.

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DONALDSON, Gerald, age 6, son of Fred DONALDSON died Friday morning of measles and pneumonia. Burial was in Heckethorn Cem. Vandalia Union 22 Apr 1926.

DONALDSON, Julia Ann nee FELDPOUCH was born 1 Sep 1865 near Ramsey and died at her home near Dressor, 19 Apr 1926. She m John Isaam DONALDSON, 27 Mar 1881 and he died 20 Sep 1920 - they were parents of 6 children, Fred, Frank, Pella, Jim and Hershel who preceded her in death in 1920 and daughter, Nora AUSTIN. Also surviving was a brother Johnson FELDPOUCH of Ramsey. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. beside her husband. Ramsey News Journal 23 Apr 1926.

DUNAWAY, Charles, age 54 was killed instantly when his enclosed buggy was struck by a Nickel Plate passenger train at Cowden. The team cleared the tracks safely. When one of the horses returned home, the family knew something was wrong. Survivors were wife, Martha, 5 children, Calvin and Glenn of Shelby Co., IL, Sadie LEWIS, Decatur, Frank and Violet at home. Ramsey News Journal, 2 April 1926.

EWERS, Jennie died at her home in Charleston, 27 March. She was the widow of Rev. EWERS who died while serving as passenger at the M.E. church at Ramsey. Survivors were daughter Mrs. Leroy SAWYER of Central America, Mrs. Ernest LYONS, a missionary in the Philippines, Mrs. Irene SMITH, Charleston, son Rev. J.W. EWERS a Chaplin at the Soldiers and Sailors home in Danville. Ramsey News Journal, 2 April 1926.

FAIR, Charles, age 63 died at his home 1 1/2 miles southeast of Bluff City. He had been under doctor's care for 3 years suffering from fatty degeneration of the heart. Burial was in Fairview Cem. He m three times having 3 children by the first wife, 4 by the second. He married his current wife, not named 9 years ago. Vandalia Union 24 June 1926.

FERGUSON, Henry, age 80 was b 25 Dec 1845 Bridgeport, IL and died 21 May at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph DUNCAN. He fell April 8, breaking his left leg. Previous to living with his dau he had lived in the Soldiers and Sailors home in Quincy and Danville. He as a member of Co. I 49th IL Inf. He m 1866 Lottie NUGENT, she died about 20 years ago; they were parents of 3 children, 1 deceased. Survivors were John FERGUSON of Odin, Mrs. Fanny DUNCAN Vandalia. He married ca 1906 2) Sarah EMMETT and ca 1916 3) Mary PIGG who died several years ago. Vandalia Union 27 May 1926.

FINK, John b 9 Nov 1851 Marion Co., OH d at the home of his daughter 2 miles east of Brownstown at 5:15 Tuesday evening, 25 May. He came to this county at age 2 years with his parents. He m 26 Mar 1874 Cordelia PILCHER, she died 15 June 1925. They were parents of 8 children; 6 preceding their parents to the grave. Surviving were Mrs. Clyde BARNES and Mrs. Harry SATTERTHWAITE. Also surviving were brothers, Adam of St. Elmo, Wes of Olewine, IA and Francis of Onarga, sisters Mrs. Sol WEAVER, Clinton, Mae SMITH, Otego, Florence DAHNER, Westborough and a sister of Canada, not named. Vandalia Union 27 May 1926.

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FRAILEY, Howard b 22 Mar 1907 d 3 June 1926 age 19y 2m 11ds, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan FRAILEY. Howard was never a strong boy and had been ill for 2 months. Burial was in Antioch Cem. Survivors were parents, brothers George of Peoria and Hiram at home, sisters Agnes of Peoria, IL and Mrs. Dewey WAGLE of Hillsboro. Ramsey News Journal 11 June 1926.

FRAILEY, Jennie b 26 Jan 1840 d 22 Apr 1926 age 86y 3m 26ds. She was the dau of James and Phoebe FRAILEY. She m Daniel F. FRAILEY in 1856 and they were parents of 10 children: Hattie MOULTRY and Nettie BURRUS preceding her in death. Surviving were: Phoebe NODINE, St. Elmo, Cass of MO, Grandson and Cynthia WALKER, Herrick, Betty CONDIFF, Dressor, Charles, Vandalia, Otte JENNINGS, St. Elmo Viola DEPEW of Hillsboro. A brother Jim FRAILEY of Herrick also survived her. Burial was in Antioch Cem. She and husband had resided with dau Catherine WALKER for a number of years. Ramsey News Journal 30 Apr 1926.

GALE, Chad died at his home in Oconee with burial in Oconee Mound Cem. Ramsey News Journal, 16 April 1926.

GRANT, H.B., age 86 was found dead in a chair at the home of Marion WILLIAMS near Beecher City. A neighbor, Albert RICKETT discovered the deceased when he came to buy some corn fodder. (The Vandalia paper told that Ira WILLIAMS, a brother of Marion WILLIAMS had come to buy corn fodder and found the deceased lying on the floor.) Mrs. WILLIAMS had left to go to Vandalia and Mr. GRANT was in the chair by the window where neighbor RICKETT found him. It was determined he came to death by apoplexy. He was a Civil War veteran. Ramsey News Journal 30 Apr 1926, Vandalia Union 29 Apr 1926.

HAGER, Henry Austin, age 37, died suddenly at Buck's Annex where he was looked upon as a member of the family. He had been ill with heart trouble. His mother Mrs. Nelson HAGER lived in Oakland, CA with a brother Louis. The youngest brother, Nelson of St. Louis was notified and the body was taken there for cremation. He had been a resident of Vandalia off and on for about 9 years working at the Ford plant and at the Buck Hotel. During the war he worked in ship yards in California and traveled in France and other foreign countries. He had made the comment one time that when he died and was cremated he wanted the wind to be blowing toward Vandalia so that it would carry his ashes in that direction. Vandalia Union 8 Apr 1926.

HILTON, Orville Clifford b 24 Jan 1898 Shelby Co., IL d at Huber Memorial Hosp., Pana, age 28y 2m 28ds. Survivors were parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.J. HILTON, brother Harold, sisters, Mrs. Joe KARNS, Oconee and Mrs. Norman HINTON, Rochelle. Two brothers, Clayton and Warren were deceased. Burial was in Price Cem. Ramsey News Journal 30 Apr 1926.

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HUTSON, Martha died at her home in Bluff City, age 76 years. She had been ill for 6 years when she fell and broke her hip. She m Albert HUTSON who survived. A little over a year ago, she fell and broke the other leg and since that time she has been confined to her bed. She was survived by her husband, age 80 years, several children, including a dau, Mrs. Ott GERMAN. Vandalia Union 22 Apr 1926.

IDLEMAN, Zena Ann was born 30 Jun 1881 near St. James, IL the dau of William and Ella SANFORD TERRY and died 16 Apr 1926. When she was young both of her parents died and she was raised in the home of her Grandmother SANFORD. She m 3 Nov 1900 Latharo IDLEMAN of Vera and they were parents of 4 children, Helen FONDELLA of Chicago, Cecil Weldon of Millstadt, IL and Arthur Roe TERRY of near Chicago, with a son dying during infancy. Also surviving were brothers Leslie and Ira TERRY and sister Stella FLEMING. Burial was in Sidener Cem. Vandalia Union 22 Apr 1926.

IRISH, Harry B., died as the result of an accident at the Ford Garage in Farina. He was standing in front of a fly wheel when it busted - he died 3 hours later. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.P. IRISH. Burial was in the S.D.B. Cemetery west of Farina. In addition to his parents, he was survived by a sister Mrs. A.E. ABCOCK of Riverside, CA. Vandalia Union 13 May 1926.

JACKSON, Ada nee BOLT died at her home early Tuesday morning following a short illness of flu and pneumonia. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Kraff BOLT. She m 1) _____ HAWTHORNE and they were parents of 2 daughters; Cleo a teacher in the county and another in high school at Vernon, IL. She m 2) Pete JACKSON and they were parents of 2 children, both taken to the Soldiers and Sailors home following the death of their father. One child died there and she had the other with her at the time of her death. JACKSON hung himself while awaiting trial on the charge of trying to kill her. Burial was in Bolt Cem. Ramsey News Journal, 9 April 1926, Vandalia Union 8 Apr 1926.

JOHNSON, Engel Margaretha, died at her home 1 1/2 miles northwest of Vera, 22 June 1926. Burial was at German Ev. Church Cem. She was b 10 May 1846 Province of Hanover, Ger. the dau of Berend Eden OLTMANN. She m 4 Apr 1878 Happens, Ger., John Henry JOHNSON and they were parents of 3 children, Annie M. HASELEY, Ada HASELEY of near Vera and Jenny M. BOWMAN of Oconee. She and her husband came to this country 22 Mar 1881 landing at Baltimore, MD. After a few years spent in the Allegheny region, they moved to Mulvane KS, living there 4 years. They came to IL Sept. 1889 living in Menard Co. 9 years before coming to Fayette Co. Ramsey News Journal 18 June 1926, Vandalia Union 17 June 1926.

KAY, Charles died Sat. at the home of his nephew William KAY of Fox Den where he had made his home for some time. He had heart trouble. Burial was in Price Cem. Ramsey News Journal 11 June 1926.

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KELLY, Laura, age 17 was killed accidentally by the discharge from a 12 gauge shot gun. Her husband, Ralph was getting ready to go hunting with her brother and set the gun down to kiss his wife goodbye. When he set it down, it discharged entering her right shoulder and neck. The coroner ruled it an accident. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Matt PHELPS and was born in Shobonier. She m 16 Dec 1924 Ralph KELLY and he with parents and 5 sisters, Bertha RICHARDS of Seminary Twp., Mrs. Arthur GUINN, Hazel ELLER, Katy CARRUTHERS all of Vandalia and Laveda ARNOLD and brothers Leslie and Donald PHELPS surviving. (Ed. Note: She has a stone in the Old State Burial Ground with her name "Laura" being the only inscription.) Vandalia Union 29 Apr 1926.

KILE, Infant daughter of Mrs. William KILE died shortly after birth. Burial was in Sharon Cem. The father operated a garage on the hard road this side of Ramsey. Vandalia Union 1 Apr 1926.

KIRK, Rachel died in Vandalia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry CLIFTON of Watseka, IL, age 59 years. She was the dau of the late Ham GRAY and for many years a well known Ramsey resident. Before moving in with her daughter 7 years ago, she operated a private boarding house in the Blackwell Building. Burial was in the Mausoleum in Fairlawn Cem., Vandalia. Surviving were her husband, children, Mrs. CLIFTON, sons Ben of Winnipeg, Canada and Cliff of Chicago, sisters Mrs. A.D. MILLER and Mrs. Nora SYFERT of Alton. Ramsey News Journal, 16 April 1926, Vandalia Union 15 Apr 1926.

KIRKMAN, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner KIRKMAN who lived in the shoe factory neighborhood died Friday, 7 June, age 1 day. Vandalia Union 10 June 1926.

KLUS, Margaret, age 86 died at her home in Altamont, IL 21 May 1926. Burial was in Shumway Cem. Surviving were Mrs. John REISS of Ramsey, Joe and Herman KLUS, Odebolt, IA, Elizabeth and John of Altamont. Ramsey News Journal 28 May 1926.

LATTIG, Dorothy Mae, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. LATTIG died 25 Mar 1926 following an illness of measles complicated by pneumonia. She was born 7 Sep 1924. Rev. LINDSEY of Bluff City officiated at the funeral. Survivors were the parents, 5 brothers, George, James, Ralph, Melvin and Albert, sisters Mildred WILLIAMS (Mrs. Robert) of Vera and Irene, 2 grandmothers and 2 grandfather. Burial was in Sharon Cem. Ramsey News Journal, 2 April and 9 April, 1926, Vandalia Union 1 Apr 1926.

LAWLER, Joseph, age 74 died at his home in Shafter Twp. following a short illness. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Survivors were his widow, son Ralph and dau Lottie both at home and brother Perry LAWLER who lived north of Vandalia. Vandalia Union 20 May 1926.

LITTLE, Dr. Robert M., a Ramsey native died at his home in E. St. Louis, IL 1 June. He had been involved in an auto accident several months ago. Vandalia Union 3 June 1926.

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LOCKE, Lula Elizabeth b 9 Nov 1887 Breese, IL d 11 May 1926 following surgery 5 days ago for acute appendicitis. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Edward GEIST. Her father died 15 years ago. Burial was in South Hill Cem. She m 7 Jan 1909 James LOCKE and after living both in Breese and St. Louis, had made Vandalia their home for the past 14 years. The couple were proprietors of the Dieckmann Hotel café and later the Hotel Evans café. In addition to her husband survivors were 6 sisters and 1 brother, Mrs. August SCHMIDT, Lutesville, MO, Mrs. Edward LAMMERS, Mrs. Frank H. SCHIRP, Mrs W. WILLOTT and Mrs. J.A. DOBBIN all of St. Louis, Mrs. Howard E. SMITH, Geneva, IL and Edwin A. GEIST of St. Louis, MO. Vandalia Union 13 May 1926.

MATNEY, William D., former two-term Bond Co. clerk (1894 to 1902) died at the Soldiers' home in Quincy Friday afternoon from a stroke. Funeral was held in Greenville. Vandalia Union 15 Apr 1926.

MAYBERRY, Margaret b 22 Sep 1837 OH d at home of grandson, A.R. HOLLAND in Ramsey, 5 June 1926. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery at McLeansboro, IL. Ramsey News Journal 11 June 1926.

McADAMS, Kathryn, age 2 months died Sunday at her home. Burial was in South Hill Cem. The dau of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McADAMS, she was bit by a rat some time ago and never fully recovered. Vandalia Union 24 June 1926.

McFARLAND, Sarah Elizabeth, age 66 died 8 June 1926 after an illness of several months. The dau of Samuel ALEXANDER she was born on a farm south of Fillmore, Montg. Co., IL. Survivors were sons, Wilbur, Coffeen, Gordon, Los Angeles, CA, Ralph, Granite City, IL, dau Mrs. William MORRISSEY of Pontiac, brother John ALEXANDER of Johnson City, sisters, Hannah HARRIS, Decatur, Mary RUSH of Fillmore, Dora McFARLAND of Peoria. Burial was in Hurricane Cem. Ramsey News Journal 18 June 1926.

McNEELEY, Louise, age 14, dau of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNEELEY died at the Greer Hosp. from a ruptured appendix. Her parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters survived. Burial was in the Old Cem., Vandalia. Vandalia Union 10 May 1926.

MILLER, Elizabeth b 4 Mar 1841 Metzendorf, Switzerland, died 3 Apr 1926 in Seminary Twp. She m 2 Jan 1862 Ferdinand MILLER and they were parents of 8 children, 3 deceased. Surviving were Charles of Bear Grove Twp., Hattie M. BROUSE, Claremore, OK, Albert of St. Louis, Mo, Julius and Francis MILLER of Seminary Twp. She was a member of Wescott Chapel. Burial was in McInturff Cem. Vandalia Union 15 Apr 1926.

MILLER, Jimmie died 31 Mar 1926 following a peculiar accident on the hard road north of Vandalia. He had gotten off a motorcycle which he and 3 others were riding, to pick up a cap which had flown off the head of one of his companions. Just as he bent down to retrieve it a car

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came around the corner and struck him. He was born 25 Aug 1900 in Herrick the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe MILLER. His parents, sister Nettie of Vandalia, Wilda INGLE of Edwardsville along with brothers, Clarence, Lawrence and Lonnie MILLER survive him. Burial not given. Vandalia Union 8 Apr 1926.

NAYLOR, George H., age 69 died at his home on Gallatin Street. Burial was in Old Loogootee Cem. He was born on Ohio in 1857 coming to Old Loogootee as a boy. He following the blacksmithing trade and owned shops in various parts of the county. He m 1893 Anna STARNES. Survivors were a sister, Mrs. James BENNYHOFF and a brother, Elmer NAYLOR. Vandalia Union 8 Apr 1926.

NIXON, Jesse L., died in a Chicago Hosp. 13 June. Cause of death was a paralytic stroke, he was age 60y 9m 12ds. He came to this county with his parents as a small child living a greater part of his life here. He m 12 Dec 1892 Ida BURCHAM and they were parents of 5 children, Maurice, Florence, Harold all of Chicago, Mabel who died in infancy and Fred of Los Angeles. Also surviving was a sister Mrs. W.M. CROUCH, Urbana, IL, half-bro J.F. NIXON of Bear Grove Twp., half-sisters Mrs. R.A. MITCHELL, Indianapolis, IN, Martha GORDON of Mays, IN. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 17 June 1926.

OLDFIELD, Joseph died at his residence on North Fourth Street, Monday, 23 May. He suffered a stroke 2 weeks ago. He was b 4 May 1852 Cass, DuPage Co., IL. He m Isadore CLARK. Survivors were 3 sons, Ralph, Guy both of Bear Grove Twp., and Clark of Congress Park, Chicago along with daughter Almira who made her home with him. Also surviving was brother Charles of Cass, IL, Elmer of Moorill, KS, sisters Mrs. A.L. JONES, Pullman, WA, Frances LITTLEFORD, Downers Grove, IL, Anna SHEPHERD, Lockport, IL, Mrs. T.C. ATWOOD and Ella CRAIGMILE both of Vandalia. His wife died 24 years ago. Vandalia Union 27 May 1926.

OWEN, Julia nee BURNS died 5 June, age 68y 2m 28days old. Burial was in Greenup, IL. She m W.M. OWEN, 4 Aug 1894 and they were parents of a daughter, Mrs. Frank CLAVERS of Toledo who survived. She was born in Vandalia 8 Mar 1858 and settled in Greenup Sept. 1871 and was agent for the American Express Co. for 26 years. Vandalia Union 17 June 1926.

PARK, John H. for many years a resident of Harristown died Tues. morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. C.E. GRIFFITH of Belleville. He was 89 years of age. His wife, not named, died in 1922. Survivor was son, Rev. Guy PARK of Oconee. Ramsey News Journal 11 June 1926.

PIKE, William, age 76 died 22 Apr at his home in Waldron, Arkansas. He was a photographer here 35 - 40 years ago and had recently retired from the business. Survivors included his sister, Mrs. L. EASTERDAY, age 80 of this city. Vandalia Union 29 Apr 1926.

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PUMMILL, Millie nee BRAY died 20 Mar 1926 at her home in Warm Springs, OK of TB. She was a former resident and had lived in Oregon since 1911. She was married in 1898. Survivors were her husband, 3 daughters and 1 son, not named. Vandalia Union 1 Apr 1926.

PYLE, Isaiah b 15 June 1853 d 30 May 1926 age 73y. He was the son of Nicholas and Mary PYLE and was born in Crawford Co., PA. At age 3 the family moved to Ohio and 20 years later came to Illinois, settling near the present village of Herrick. He m 1887 Alice SMART and they were parents of 9 children, 3 infants and dau Mrs. Ollie BURR preceding him in death. Surviving were Homer and Frank of Herrick, Everette, Vandalia, Eva BASS, Ramsey and Flora DAVLIN, Decatur. Also surviving was brother, John PYLE, Gallon, OH. Burial was in Burrus Cem. Ramsey News Journal 11 June 1926, Vandalia Union 24 June 1926.

RAY, J.D., b 15 Nov 1858 at Vera, IL the son of James and Margaret RAY, died last Friday at his home of pneumonia. He m 28 Oct 1884 Josephine HENNINGER BARKLEY and they were parents of a son, Julian David RAY of Billings, MT. The deceased was a well known mill man having worked at the Parks Mill for 28 years. He also farmed near Hagarstown where following his marriage he was a partner with his brother-in-law William BROWN. His nickname was Doll RAY and was known for opening his home to homeless children. Surviving with his wife and son were sisters, Mrs. Rayline YERRINGTON, Centralia, MO, Mahalia HELMICK, WA, brothers James RAY and half-bro Sherman RAY, both deceased. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 6 May 1926.

RICKEY, William, age 78 died at his home in East Shafter Twp. He was from Germany coming here in the 1880s. Surviving him was a son, Theodore and daughter Minnie RICKEY. Vandalia Union 3 June 1926.

ROGERS, Stephen A.D., age 64 died at the home of a niece Mrs. Frank TOMPKINS in Seminary on Monday from a paralytic stroke. He had lived with the TOMPKINS family since the death of his wife several years ago - there were no living children. He had been a resident of Seminary Twp. for the past 40 years. Burial was in the Seminary Cem. Vandalia Union 13 May 1926.

RUTHERFORD, Elizabeth d 3 Apr 1926. She was born 6 Feb 1830 near Russelville, Logan Co., KY the dau of Hezekiah and Delilah BROWN. She came to the county with her parents more than 80 years ago. She m 1) 15 May 1850 John LABOYTAUX and they were parents of a daughter, Mary Catherine. Her husband was fatally wounded at Shiloh during the Civil War. She m 2) 7 Sep 1870 Josephus RUTHERFORD, a pioneer Methodist preacher. He was personally acquainted with Peter CARTWRIGHT. Mr. RUTHERFORD died in 1905. The deceased lived with Mr. and Mrs. D.W. BUCK for the past 5 years having been bedridden the entire time. Vandalia Union 8 Apr 1926.

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SANDAGE, Laura died of TB at her home in Vandalia on Third and Edwards Streets. She with her mother, Mrs. Josepha SANDAGE lived in the home of Dr. L.L. MOREY for the past 9 years. The deceased was born 11 Oct 1891 in Otego Twp. Her father died 16 Sep 1904. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 29 Apr 1926.

SCHADE, Edward b 1841 in Seneca Co., OH d 5 Apr 1926 at his residence 6 miles east of Vandalia on the National Road. He m 11 Apr 1869 Catherine SIMPSON and she survives him. They were parents of 6 children, Andrew, a sailor, William of Auburn, CA, John of WA, Anna STINE and Peter SCHADE of Otego. Burial was in Griffith Cem. Vandalia Union 8 Apr 1926.

SEARS, Mrs. Will was buried at Liberty Wed. afternoon. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago. She had made her home with Mrs. Lissa HICKS. Ramsey News Journal 18 June 1926.

SMITH, Annabell nee PAUL b 2 Mar 1871 Macoupin Co., IL d at her home 24 Mar 1926. She m James Albert SMITH, 20 Aug 1890 and they were parents of a son, Archie who survives with the father. Also surviving were brothers, Clarence of Vandalia, Jake of Charleston, OK, Herbert of Geysers, MT and William of Morrisonville, IL and sisters, Mrs. O.R. VANGEISON of Farmersville and Gertrude PAUL of Vandalia. Burial was in South Hill Cem. She died the same day as her daughter-in-law, Viola SMITH. Vandalia Union 1 Apr 1926.

SMITH, Mrs. Ben died at her home in Greenville Sunday, 6 June. She m 1) Fred STUBBLEFIELD and they were parents of a son now 8 years old. Mr. STUBBLEFIELD died in 1918. Vandalia Union 10 June 1926.

SMITH, Holmes died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lula FLINN at Wood River, IL, 10 Apr 1926. He had been a resident of Greenville for 27 years. His wife died in 1867. Survivors were sons, Hill of Tacoma, WA, Sam W., of Vandalia, Albert, Lansing, MI, daughters, Rosa CRUTCHLEY of Gerard, IL, Lula FLINN, Wood River and Grace STOUT of Tower Hill, IL, sisters, Emily BIXBY of Quincy and Clara RITTER of Jennings, LA. Vandalia Union 22 Apr 1926.

SMITH, Infant dau of George SMITH. Burial was in McClanahan Cem. Ramsey News Journal 25 June 1926.

SMITH, Viola nee LEE was b 24 Feb 1894 Trenton, IL and died 24 Mar 1926, age 32y 1 month; cause of death was blood poisoning. Her family was ill with scarlet fever at the time of her death and their home quarantined. She m Archie SMITH, 24 Dec 1914 and he with children, Leota, age 11, Byrl age 9, Virginia age 2 and Merlin, 6-months old survived. She died the same day as her mother-in-law, Annabell SMITH. Also surviving were her parents, brothers and sisters, Elmer, Arnold, Orville and Ruby LEE, all at home and Mrs. J.R. SWISHER of Decatur. Vandalia Union 1 Apr 1926.

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STAMPER, Brother of Cowden, age 94 died recently at the home of his son Ernest. Carson township. Burial was in Burrus Cem. Ramsey News Journal 18 June 1926.

STOKES, Catherine b 22 Sep 1857, Ramsey, dau of John and Catherine BRENNAN FRANKLIN, died following injuries received 1 week ago when she fell and broke her hip. She m 15 Apr 1884 Henry STOKES, and they moved to Tremont, IL. In 1894 they moved to Taylorville where Mr. STOKES has been employed at the West School in Taylorville for 27 years. They were parents of 5 children: Beatrice Larkin who d 1920, Mabel, Howard, a druggist in Taylorville, Clifford who drowned in 1906 and Parnell STOKES a mine electrician in Taylorville. One of 10 children, she was survived by brothers/sisters Mary CALAHAN, Martin and William FRANKLIN, Elizabeth MILLS and James FRANKLIN all of Charleston, IL, M.B. of Ramsey, John, Mattoon, Mrs. D.B. SMITH, Terre Haute and Ella WALSH, Macon, IL. Burial was in Oak Hill Cem., Taylorville, IL. Ramsey News Journal 25 June 1926.

STOKES, John M. died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Joe ALEXANDER, age 83y 5m and 10days. He lived in Fillmore most of his life. Survivors along with the daughter were Mrs. Guy SEARS, Bingham, Rebeckah HICKS, sons, Wesley, Taylor Springs and Jasper of Nokomis, Nokomis, brother Bert of Ramsey. Burial was in Little Hickory Cem. Ramsey News Journal, 9 April 1926.

STOKES, Rebecca A. dau of James and Sarah PRATER b 26 June 1866 Harrison Co., MO. She m 7 May 1887 Charles A. STOKES and they were parents of 3 sons and 1 dau. The youngest son, Arthur died 18 Mar 1918. Surviving were Ray E., Kansas City, MO, Rufus and Mrs. Cal BOLT of Ramsey. Her husband died 18 May 1925. Arthur SPAULING from an orphanage lived with them for 6 years. Also surviving were brothers/sisters, Milligan PRATER of St. Louis, MO and Murton PRATER of Cleveland, OH, Mrs. Sid HILL of Fillmore and Mrs. Marley LUDWICH of Granite City, IL. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 11 June 1926.

TAYLOR, Frank was found dead in the field by his daughter. He was age 58 and death was due to apoplexy. He lived just across the line in Shelby Co. Vandalia Union 10 June 1926.

TINKER, Eugene, age 48 of Otego Twp. died at his home in Stonington, IL Monday, 25 April. He had suffered from asthma for 20 years which incapacitated him most of the time for work. His death was due to a recent spell of the flu. Burial was in the cemetery near Luster Chapel. He was raised from childhood by Elizabeth TINKER, his real name being Eugene CARR. He m Lizzie AKEMAN dau of Mr. and Mrs. Sol AKEMAN. She was a practical nurse and for the past few years had been the postmistress at Stonington. There were no children. Vandalia Union 29 Apr 1926

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TORBECK, Carl Frederick b 22 June 1845 New York State died at his home 22 Apr. He had been thrown from his wagon striking his head a few days before. He was confirmed at the Streckfuss congregation in Ft. Wayne, IN. He m 24 Jan 1869 Elizabeth ZIMMER and they were parents of 10 children. They came to Fayette Co. from Washington Co., IL in 1870. Survivors were John C., Solomon, Martin and Fred TORBECK all of St. Paul, Mrs. Fred HONKE, McLain, IL, Christina HONKE, Wood River and Mrs. Henry BERTRAM, Shobonier. 3 children preceded him in death. Vandalia Union 29 Apr 1926.

TREXLER, Mary Ann, 3-year old daughter of Everett and Rosanna TREXLER who lived 2 miles west of Vandalia died recently. Mary Ann was born 28 Apr 1923 and died 15 May 1926. The funeral was held at the Baptist Church in Hagarstown, burial was in McInturff Cem. Survivors were parents, sisters Maurine and Arlene and brother Maurice TREXLER and aged grandmother. Vandalia Union 20 May 1926.

VanWINKLE, John Lanman b 15 Jan 1852 Adyville, IN, died 13 Apr 1926. He was the oldest of 11 children. He m 4 Aug 1894 Abigail OVERBY at Sullivan, IL and they were parents of 3 children, Everett Lash and Virgil of Hagarstown and Anna who died in infancy. His wife died 26 Apr 1916. He had been in poor health for several years. Burial was in Browning Cem. Vandalia Union 22 Apr 1926.

WANBAUGH, Charles E. b 24 Oct 1874 Bever, Pike Co., OH d 20 June 1926 at his home in Ramsey. He was a well known employee on the Nickle Plate Railroad. He accidentally fell from a tree and never regained consciousness. He moved to Ohlman, IL at age 6 and came to Fayette when he reached manhood. He m 8 June 1864 Winifred BERGIN and they were parents of 5 children - 4 of whom survive. A daughter Barbara predeceased her father. Surviving were John W., Mildred M., Springfield, IL, Winifred J., Charles Jr. of Ramsey, his father, brothers John and Sam WANBAUGH both of Ramsey. His mother and 2 sisters preceded him in death. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 25 June 1926.

WEBER, Ernestine, age 79, died at her home in St. Paul 18 May. Burial in the the church cemetery there. Survivors were sons, Marvin of Chicago, Fred of St. Paul, dau Mrs. George VonBEHREN of St. Paul, Lizzie JAEGER of Chicago and brothers, Martin and Mike SASSE of St. Paul. Vandalia Union 20 May 1926.

WINKS, Eleanore, the only dau of Gilbert McDONALD died at her home in Williamsport, IN following a long illness resulting from the flu. In addition to her father and brother, both named Gilbert she was survived by her husband and 4 children, 2 daughters and 2 sons, one a 5 week old infant. Vandalia Union 15 Apr 1926.

WOOD, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lem of near Beecher City was buried at that place 25 May. Death was due to malnutrition. Vandalia Union 3 June 1926.

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WOOLARD, Emma died at the Little Sanitarium in Pana following surgery for appendicitis. Burial was in Price Cem. 3 miles southeast of Oconee. Ramsey News Journal 18 June 1926.

ZINN, Mrs. Thomas died at her home early Tuesday morning in Farina. She m Thomas ZINN, 9 May 1878 Marion Co and they were parents of 4 daughters who survive with the husband. Vandalia Union 24 June 1926.

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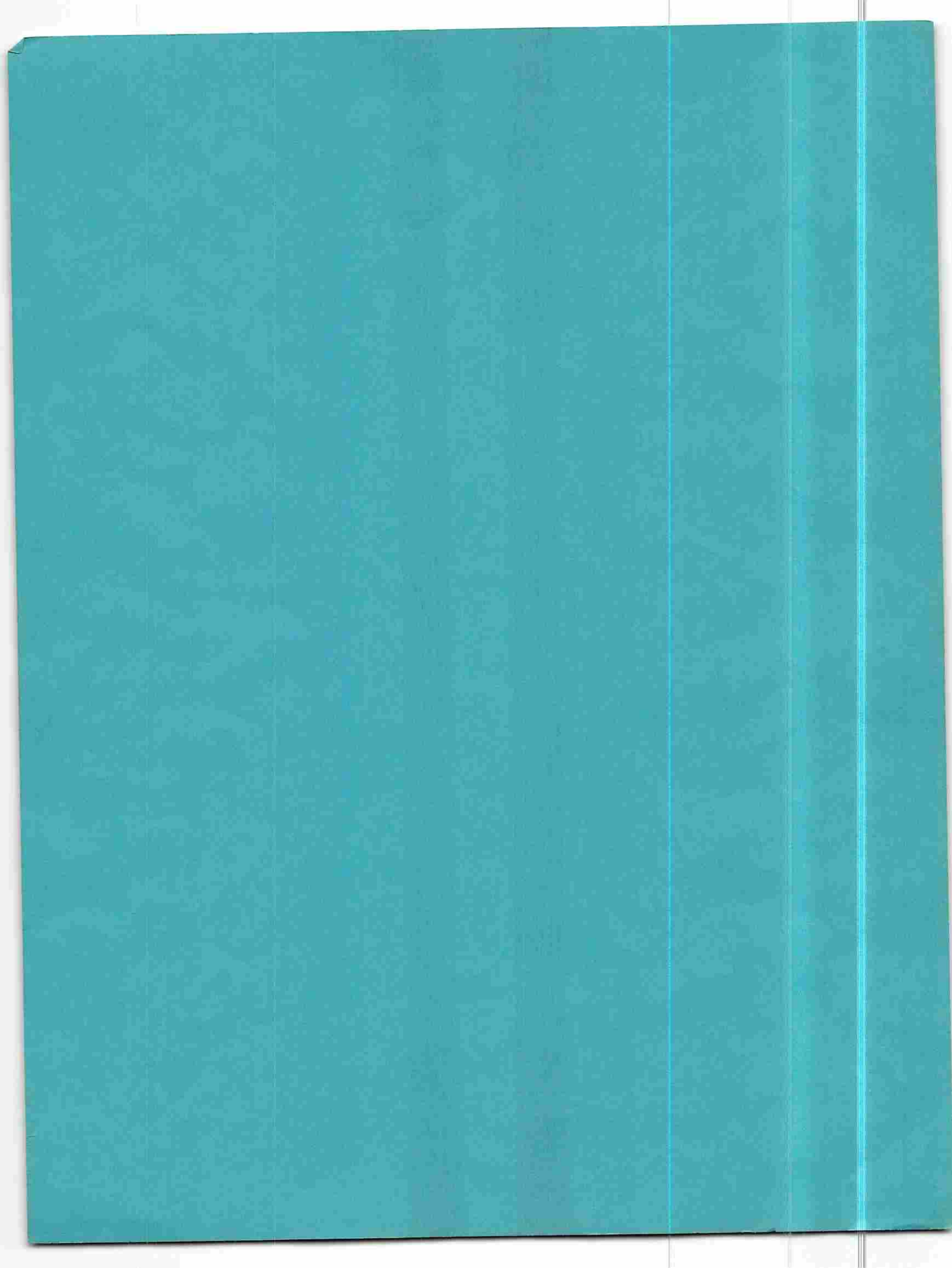
CHANDLER,
NICHOLS,
RADCLIFF

I am descended through William CHANDLER (son of Milo) and Adelia Louisa NICHOLS, who lived in Sefton Twp. They were parents of Viridia (Birdie) who was b 7 Aug 1878 Fayette Co. m John (Jack) William RADCLIFF. Their son Louis Chandler RADCLIFF was my grandfather.

Louis ran away from home after witnessing a murder which he described as being gangland style in front of a theatre in Vandalia. He was a paperboy and had gone to town at 4 A.M. He changed his name for fear that the murderers would hurt his family and relived the terror of it all in the his final years when he was battling Alzheimers.

I know little about the CHANDLER, NICHOLS and RADCLIFF families and would like to correspond with anyone who can help me.

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ASHCRAFT, Edwin M., died at his home in Chicago. He was a well known early attorney in the county, coming to Illinois with his parents from Virginia. He taught school and studied law in the offices of B.W. HENRY. He later moved to Chicago becoming a partner in the firm Cratty Bros. & Ashcraft. Survivors were wife, daughter and 3 sons all of whom were lawyers and in a firm with their father. Vandalia Union 8 Jul 1926.

ASKINS, John, age 17 son of Mr. and Mrs. John ASKINS of Holliday was decapitated by a B & O train while asleep on the tracks at Cowden, IL. He was the only child of the couple. Vandalia Union 3 Aug 1926, Ramsey News Journal 6 August 1926.

BAIL, Nellie d 16 Sep 1926 at the home of her father, 3 miles north of St. Elmo, age 29y 16ds. Her death was quite sudden and unexpected. She was a teacher at St. Elmo. Her mother died several years ago. Burial was in Maplewood Cem. Survivors with the father were bro/sister Lulu, Selby and Fred of St. Elmo, John, Loogootee, Percy, Sidney, IL, Mrs. Geneva GOTTLOB, Morrisonville, IL, Beatrice MAINSE, Greenville, Mrs. Roy ROCKWELL of St. Elmo. She had complained of a headache and finally went into convulsions. Vandalia Union 23 Sep 1926.

BAKER, David died 15 August 1926 at his home in St. Elmo. Funeral was held there. He leaves a wife and 5 children. He had moved from Ramsey to St. Elmo about a year ago. Ramsey News Journal 20 Aug 1926.

BAKER, T.W., age 64, dropped dead while on the Grand Jury at Vandalia 26 Aug. He lived 6 mi SW of Beecher City. Death was due to apoplexy. Funeral was held at the Dunkard Church in Loudon Twp. Survivors were Thomas, Jesse and Charles BAKER, daus Mary VULVER of Christian Co. and Della DILLY of Loudon Twp. Vandalia Union 2 Sep 1926.

BALES, Glen D., b 8 Dec 1903 Clarksburg, IL d 2 Jul 1926 from a long illness with a complication of diseases. He as a bookkeeper and unmarried. Survivors with the parents were sisters, Elma DAUGHERTY, of Clarksburg, IL, Verla DAUGHERTY, Lakewood and brother Preston of Pana. Burial was in West Mound Cemetery. Ramsey News Journal 23 Jul 1926.

BARTLEY, Ike Frank d 14 Sep 1926 at Anna of stomach cancer. He had been suffering for 19 months. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. He m 1) Nellie FINLEY and they were parents of 6 children m 2) Mrs. Edith MUMPER 21 May 1920 in Greenville and they were parents of 5 children; 2 deceased and 3 in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home at Normal. A sister, Louisa WOOD of Springfield survived as did a half-brother Bennie BARTLEY of St. Louis, MO. Vandalia Union 23 Sep 1926.



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BECK, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford BECK was brought to the Burrus Cem. for burial 2 August 1926 Ramsey News Journal 6 Aug 1926.

BERNS, Mary, age 68, died from a complication of diseases at her home 4 miles southeast of Oconee where she had lived the past 38 years. She was born 15 Mar 1858 in Holland, Germany the dau of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. SOMMERS and came with her parents to this country at age 6. She m 1881 to John BERNS who died 6 years ago. They were parents of 7 children, 2 deceased. Survivors were Nicholas of Nokomis, John BERNS, Mary EPPLY, Anna SHAY and Kate HOEHN all of Oconee. Also surviving were brothers and sisters Lena JOHNSON, Shelby Co., Maggie BOLLMER St. Louis, MO and Henry SOMMERS, Oconee. Funeral was held at Sacred Heart Church in Oconee with burial in the church cemetery 2 miles east of Oconee. Ramsey News Journal 20 Aug 1926.

BOAZ, Polly b 21 Oct 1856 d 28 Jun 1926 in St. Elmo. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob DIVELY and m 1) 1880 Nathan SIDWELL who preceded her in death. They were parents of 7 children, Louis, Alfred and Martha HOLDING who survive with Nellie, Eddie, Mattie and Josephine preceding her in death. She m 2) 5 Mar 1922, Albert BOAZ and he survives with brothers Will and Guliver DIVELY of this county, Anna DIAL of Brownstown, Ida PRUITT of Detroit, MI. Burial was in Old Liberty Cem. Vandalia Union 8 Jul 1926.

BUCHANAN, Nancy Susan nee JARRETT b 28 Feb 1856 VA d 1 Aug 1926 from a stroke. She came with her parents to IL before the Civil War and m 28 Dec 1878 Nathan S. BUCHANAN at Westfield, IL. Soon after they came to Vandalia and were parents of 2 sons, C.W. of Rockford, IL and F.G. of Long Beach, CA. She was a charter member of Memento Lodge of Rebekahs. Also surviving were 5 sisters, Mrs. George BARTLETT, Piedmont, MO, Mrs. W. BURNHAM, Savanna, MO, Mrs. Byrd PARSONS, KS, Mrs. N.L. LOGUE, Sioux City, IA and Mrs. George SCHENCKER, Portland, OR. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 9 Sep 1926.

BUCKMASTER, Benjamin F., age 20 died of TB at the home of his mother Jeanette BUCKMASTER 3 miles east of Vera 20 Aug. Burial was in the Sharon Cem. A brother Joe of Lohrville, IA and sister Rena SMOCK of Vera survived with the mother. Vandalia Union 26 Aug 1926 and Ramsey News Journal 27 Aug 1926.

BUSH, John a former Vandalia resident died of cancer at his home in St. Louis 25 July, age 60 years. Survivors were sister, Mrs. James NEAL of Vandalia, Sue FINKBONE, Centralia, daughters, Myrtle, Gladyce and Goldie, sons, Charles, Voiccy and Cecil BUSH. Burial was in the Old Cem. Vandalia Union 29 Jul 1926.

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CAPPS, Sarah C. b 17 Mar 1851 Vandalia dau of Judge Daniel and Julia Ann GREGORY early settlers, died at her home on S. 7th St. 28 Aug 1926 from cancer of the stomach. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Her father was appointed Receiver of the U.S. Land Office and moved here from Shelbyville in 1846. He served 4 years as county judge and was elected to the House of Representatives in 1856. She m 21 Oct 1880 Charles E. CAPPS and they were parents of a dau Genevieve CAPPS. Vandalia Union 2 Sep 1926.

CARTER, Fleta, age 18, drowned in the Okaw River 2 miles north of town Sunday afternoon. She with Lonnie CARSON, his wife and sister-in-law were wading in the river when the accident happened. His wife almost drowned too but he was able to get her to safety. The dau of Mr. and Mrs. Albert CARTER she had been employed at the shoe factory. Burial was in the Old Cem. Ramsey paper said she was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. M. CARTER of near Ramsey. Vandalia Union 22 Jul 1926, Ramsey News Journal 6 Aug 1926.

CATLETTE, Mrs. Isaac died 9 Aug 1926 at Searcy, Ark, age 71y 6m 8ds. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. William L. PILCHER of Otego Twp. Survivors were sister Mrs. J.M. ALBERT, children, Mrs. SMITH of San Antonio, TX, Cameron SHAFFER of Lawrence, KS by her first marriage and dau Mrs. Fred H. STONE of Searcy, AR by her 2nd marriage. Vandalia Union 19 Aug 1926.

CHANDLER, Julia nee McDONALD b 24 June 1872 d 9 Aug 1926 following an illness of several weeks. She m 7 Oct 1891 Quinton S. CHANDLER, he died 17 Nov 1913. They were parents of 5 children, 1 dying in infancy. Surviving were Roy and Jake of Herrick, James of Villa Grove, Maud COTHERN, Toledo, OH along with sisters, Mrs. Vern LANGDON, Dressor, Jennie BURRUS, Villa Grove, IL, Viola MAXFIELD, Montana and Dongal and Charles McDONALD of Ramsey. Burial was in Antioch Cem. Ramsey News Journal 20 Aug 1926..

CHESHER, John d 17 Aug 1926 at his home in Rock Falls of skin cancer on one of his ears. Burial was in South Hill Cem. He was born in TN and came with his parents to Wilberton Twp. as a boy. He m Sarah LEHMAN and they were parents of 10 children, 1 deceased. Surviving were Mrs. Lucian BUCK, Mrs. Robert HILL, Clare HAYWARD, Dillard CHESHER, Mrs. Charles COOK, Mrs. Pearl FREEMAN all of Rock Falls, Myron and Clyde CHESHER of Vandalia and Jess of Chicago, IL. All were in attendance at the funeral with the exception of Clare who is a patient at Mayo Bros. Clinic in Rochester, MN. Also surviving were brothers and sisters, James, Ben and George CHESHER, Mrs. Frankie MAHON of Vandalia and Mrs. M.H. BEAL of St. Louis, MO. The family lived in Vandalia until 10 years ago when they moved to Rock Falls. Vandalia Union 19 Aug 1926.

COLE, Hubert Rainey of Fillmore died 20 Aug 1926 at his parent's home. Burial was in Glendale Cem. 3 of his brothers were pallbearers: Albert W., William E. and Lewy C. COLE as were 3 of his brothers-in-law: William J. MOOS, Ed FELLIS, Jr. and James R. WALSH. Ramsey News Journal 27 Aug 1926.

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COX, George A., only child of Joseph T. and Mary COX was b 6 Sep 1880 at Cowden, died 25 Sep 1926 in St. Elmo. He m 1) 1907, Mabel BARNES of Avena and they were parents of Emma Pauline who with the mother predeceased him. He m 2) 5 Nov 1912 Nola R. MILLER. His father died when he was 7 years old; his mother when he was 14. Also surviving was a step-daughter Edith MILLER. Burial was in Maplewood Cem., St. Elmo Vandalia Union 30 Sep 1926.

CRAWFORD, Mrs. John, age 59, died 30 June 1926 from cancer of the liver. She underwent exploratory surgery last week but it was determined she would not live. Burial was in Pilcher Cem. The dau of Mr. and Mrs. Joe WILLIAMS she was survived by her parents and several brothers and sisters as well as the husband and children, Charlie and Joe of Otego, daughters Addie BAUGHERS, Vandalia, Ruby WISEMAN, Rock Rier, WY, Mary PETERS, St. Elmo, Ruth KISTLER and Nell of Otego. Vandalia Union 1 Jul 1926.

DENNISON, Nellie, age 22 adopted dau of Mr. and Mrs. Charles HOLMES died suddenly of heart failure at her home in Taylorville. She m several years ago William DENNISON and he survived. Vandalia Union 19 Aug 1926.

DEVERICK, James R. d at the home of his son, C.C. DEVERICK 3 miles west of Vandalia, 8 Sep. He was taken ill with flux 12 days ago. Burial was in Liberty Cem., Coles Co., IL. He had lived with his son for 23 years, his wife dying 25 years ago. Survivors were sons, C.C. and J.O. of Casey along with 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Vandalia Union 9 Sep 1926.

DIRKES, Mrs. Martin died 11 Jul 1926 at the home of her daughter Mrs. Walter WOODHEAD, at Rutland, IL. She was born in Essen, Germany 28 Feb 1849 and came to the United States in 1881, locating in Streator. She m Martin DIRKES and they were parents of 6 children, 3 deceased. Henry was killed on the Santa Fe in Streator a number of years ago. Surviving were daughters Josephine ECKARD of Chicago, Jennie MOSS, Chicago and Mrs. Walter WOODHEAD of Rutland. Burial was in St. Mary's Cem. in Minonk, IL. Ramsey News Journal 30 Jul 1926.

DOYLE, Russell Lee, infant twin, age 3 days. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis DOYLE. Burial was in Union Cem. Vandalia Union 1 Jul 1926.

ELAM, Cornelius, age 81, died at his home in Mulberry Grove. He had suffered a stroke 2 years ago. Burial was in Mulberry Grove Cem. He was born 15 Feb 1845 Fayette Co., son of James and Matilda ELAM. He m 29 Apr 1866 Mary Jane RILEY and they lived in this county until 16 years ago. They were parents of 8 children, 5 preceding the father in death. Survivors were Louisa PIERCE, Greenville, Charles F., Smithboro and Edwin ELAM of this county. He was the last of his family. Vandalia Union 15 Jul 1926.

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FIELD, George, age 47, d 26 Jul 1926 at the Soldiers and Sailors home in Erie Co., OH. Burial was in Sandusky, OH. The son of David and Annie E. FIELD, he was born 17 Aug 1879 Charleston, IL and enlisted in the 120th US Coast Guard artillery 22 June 1904 in St. Louis being honorably discharged 21 June 1907 at Ft. Moultrie, SC. Survivors were brother David E. of Westfield, Thomas H. of Charleston, IL, Mrs. N.D. CASSADAY, Olney, IL and Mrs. Herbert HOFFMAN of Ramsey. Ramsey News Journal 6 Aug 1926.

FREELAND, William C. died recently. He moved with his parents to Montgomery Co., IL in 1867 coming to Fayette Co. in 1878. He m 22 Apr 1890 Florence M. WEIDNER and they were parents of a son Ralph. His wife died 14 years ago. He was survived by the son and brothers, Major H.L. FREELAND of Richmond, VA, sister, Mrs. J.L. YARBROUGH and grandchildren, Lois, Loy, Kenneth and Harold FREELAND. Vandalia Union 29 Jul 1926.

FULTON, Mary Philena d 4 Jul 1926 from inward cancer. She was b 22 Jun 1856 West Twp. Effingham Co., IL dau of Nicholas T. and Rebecca WHARTON. She m 4 Jul 1875 Elihue FULTON and 5 children were born to this union; 1 dau died in infancy. Survivors were the husband and children: John and William both of Loogootee, Cleveland of St. James and George of Danville. Burial was in Lovett Cem. Vandalia Union 8 Jul 1926.

GASTON, Susan, age 82 died at her home near Luster Chapel 8 July. Survivor was daughter, Mrs. William BETHARD and sister, Nancy PAGE of Chicago. Burial was in Luster Chapel Cem. Vandalia Union 15 Jul 1926.

GEORGE, Vica Virginia b 6 Nov 1893 Cowden the dau of Logan and Emma NANCE GEORGE, d 19 Aug 1926 at the home of her sister, Mrs. FOGLE of Herrick. She m 17 Mar 1911 Clarence GEORGE and they were parents of 3 children, Cathryn, Edwin and Charles who died in infancy. Her husband and 2 children survived with brothers and sisters: Mrs. A.C. FOGLE, Herrick, Wennie LANTZ of Detroit, MI, Grace FRYE and brother Lewis NANCE both of St. Louis, MO. Burial was in Cowden Cem. Ramsey News Journal 27 Aug 1926.

GIBSON, Nevada born 6 Aug 1926 near Hanson, the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew GIBSON, died 4 days later. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Survivors with the parents were 4 siblings and grandparents. Ramsey News Journal 13 Aug 1926.

GRANDFIELD, Maria M. b 25 Sep 1844 Decatur Co., IN dau of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh SEFTON, died 23 Aug 1926. She came to this state with her parents when a small child. She m 1864 George W. GRANDFIELD and they were parents of 10 children, 2 dying infancy and Oscar dying at age 25 years. Survivors were T.G., A.C., Ella M. DIVELEY of Brownstown, Lucy E. NIELSON and Herman GRANDFIELD of Weldon, IL, Hugh of Decatur and Florence E. NIELSON of Patoka, sisters Martha RADCLIFF of Brownstown and Rachel JONES of St. Elmo. Funeral was held from Mt. Carmel church Vandalia Union 2 Sep 1926.

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HANES, Mildred YOST, age 35 died following an operation for a goiter. Her husband, Rev. F.M. HANES was former pastor of St. James Lutheran Church. Burial was in Edna Mills, IN. In addition to the husband and 4 children she was survived by a sister, Edna YOST who had taught in Vandalia schools for a time. Vandalia Union 15 Jul 1926.

HARRIS, Otha b 4 Nov 1903 Hurricane Twp., Fay. Co., IL d 19 Sep 1926 in the hospital at Litchfield after a brief illness. He m 20 Feb 1925 Edith CEARLOCK and they were parents of a dau Melba HARRIS. Also surviving were parents, sisters Mrs. Warner BENDA, Mildred, Wilda and Anna and brother Bernard HARRIS. He was their eldest son. Vandalia Union 30 Sep 1926.

HECKERT, Isabel b 27 Jul 1845 Wayne Co., OH d 16 Sep 1926. She was the dau of Thomas and Margaret HOWEY and m 20 Oct 1868 Levi H. HECKERT; he died 12 Sep 1899. Soon after the marriage they came to Fayette Co. They were parents of 3 children, Thomas F., Clement who died 23 Nov 1915 and Mattie B. HECKERT. Surviving with the children were sisters Sarah A. BARNES, Creston, OH, Rilla HOWEY, West Salem, OH, brothers John P., Lodi, OH and Riley of Wooster, OH. Burial was in Maplewood Cem., St. Elmo. Vandalia Union 23 Sep 1926.

HICKS, William Riley died very suddenly about 1 P.M. Monday night at his home north of Manford. He was born August, 1846 and was a pioneer resident of Hurricane Twp. He had been ill with the flu but his death was a great shock. Funeral services were held at Little Hickory and burial was in Hickory Cem. Ramsey News Journal 27 Aug 1926.

HOAG, Grace, died near Los Angeles, CA in an auto accident which also killed her mother, Mrs. Lem MEADORS. She m Rev. William K. HOAG and he survived her. Burial was in Vernon, IL. Vandalia Union 16 Sep 1926.

HOWARD, George St. Claire died 17 Jul 1926 in St. Peter, MN following a lingering illness. Burial was in Woodlawn Cem. there. Born 7 Apr 1878 Effingham Co., IL he m 26 Dec 1902 Enola DIVELEY of Vandalia. Survivors were the wife, 5 children, mother and sister, Mrs. Dennis NEARY of Danville, IL, brother Edward HOWARD of Minneapolis and C.R. and C.A. HOWARD both of St. Peter, MN. Vandalia Union 5 Aug 1926.

IREY, Charles Ross d 18 Aug 1926 at Effingham Hospital, age 26y 5m 26ds. He was the son of Marshall and Lillie IREY. His mother survived with siblings, Mary, Nelle and Ray IREY all of Chicago, half-sister Laura CUNNINGHAM of Assumption, half-bro Levi of Decatur and Frank of St. Elmo as well as his fiancé Ione FEEZEL. His father and sister Luella preceded him in death. Funeral was held at Centerville Church. Vandalia Union 26 Aug 1926.

JACKSON, Charles, age 11 died in a Champaign hospital of pericarditis. Burial was in Seminary Cem. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles JACKSON. Vandalia Union 8 Jul 1926.

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JETT, Edward died at Greenville. Mrs. James REED, a cousin attended the funeral. Vandalia Union 2 Sep 1926.

JOHNSON, Bobby died recently. His funeral was held at Cowden Sunday 1 August 1926. Ramsey News Journal 6 August 1926.

JONES, Cortez died 27 July 1926 at his home near Oconee, age 53y 11m. He was born 1872 near Herrick the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albern JONES. He m 1) Mollie SARVER and she died a few years later. They were parents of a son Floyd. He m 2) Ellen BURRUS and they were parents of a dau Winifred. Surviving in addition to his 2 children and wife were sisters Maggie MILLER, Cowden, Mattie WOOLLARD, Herrick, brothers Ewing of National, WA, Frank of Broadmore and Harvey JONES of South Pekin. Burial was in Antioch Cem., this county. Ramsey News Journal 30 Jul 1926 and 6 Aug 1926.

KESSINGER, Charles, age 54 died in Litchfield Hosp. of pneumonia following an operation. Surviving was his 78-year old mother, wife, sons Ross and Claude KESSINGER daughter Dorothy at home. Also surviving were brothers, W.F., George O., of Hillsboro, M.B. of Pana and Roy KESSINGER of Nokomis, Mrs. Ella NELSON of Fillmore and Mrs. J.M. BROWN of Ramsey. Burial was in Glendale Cem., Fillmore, IL. Ramsey News Journal 27 Aug 1926 and 3 Sep 1926.

KNIGHT, Rovilla died at her home in St. Louis from a stroke. She was b in Vandalia in 1856 dau of Raford and Lydia REEVES. She m 3 times 1) John ANDREWS and they were parents of Jennie CROWELL, Rogers, AR, Orris ANDREWS of OK, Chloe GRIFFITH of Brownstown, Mildred LYONS, Neodesha, KS, Clarence, and Florence deceased and Bruce ANDREWS at home; m 2) Logan PERKINS and they were parents of Clarissa, Goldie and Myra all of St. Louis, MO (Mrs. Henry ERK, Mrs. William MUEHLBERY and Mrs. J.M. HARTMAN) and Cecil, deceased; m 3) A. T. KNIGHT by whom she had a son Rayford KNIGHT who with his father survived her. Burial was in Evans Cem. Also surviving were sister Martha INMAN, Mrs. William HAMMOND of Vandalia and Mrs. Chester GRIFFITH of Brownstown. Vandalia Union 3 Aug 1926. Corrected info as to her name and children from 2nd marriage was published in the 12 Aug paper.

LLOYD, Eliza Jane d 25 Jul 1926 at her home. She had suffered a stroke Friday, July 16 and had been semi-conscious since that time. She as b 27 June 1851 near Aledo, Mercer Co., IL the eldest dau of Mr. and Mrs. Wooster WARREN. She m 1873 Albert C. LLOYD of Preemption, IL and they were parents of 9 children: twins, David of Western Nebraska and Leonard, Serepta, LA, Clarence, Shobonier, Anna May died at age 4 years, Cyrus of Denver, CO, Mabel RIGG (Mrs. G.L.) Of Murphysboro, IL, Gilbert, Serepta, LA, Fred of Haynesville, LA. Also surviving was a sister and 2 brothers not named. She had moved with her husband to Ramsey from Shubert, NE in 1890. Ramsey News Journal 30 Jul 1926.

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LLOYD, W.F., well known LaCleda businessman died at his home 6 Sep. He was an old time merchant. Vandalia Union 16 Sep 1926.

MAYS, Bessie age 26 died at the home of her parents, Edward BRITTON on S. 5th St. following a 6-month illness. Her husband, Raymond MAYS died about a year ago. Burial was in the Old Cem. Vandalia Union 16 Sep 1926.

McCAULEY, John W., age 92, the oldest prisoner at the State Farm and more than half his life a convict, died Sunday 22 Aug. Burial was in Mt. Gilead Cem., Decatur. He had served 3 terms at Joliet, 3 at Chester and many shorter terms. It was said that when he was out of prison he would commit some thievery so he could return. He told a story on himself that he had stolen the same horse 3 times. Vandalia Union 26 Aug 1926.

McINTURFF, Eliza Jane nee DANIELS b 17 Feb 1856 d at her home in Bear Grove Twp. 25 Aug 1926. She had been an invalid for over 20 years. She m Wylie McINTURFF 7 Nov 1878 and they were parents of 3 sons; Walter died in infancy. Survivors were the husband, sons, Warren W., Terre Haute, IN and Glen Leslie at home, brother James DANIELS, sisters Catherine SHOPTAW, Mary E. HOLT, Blue Mound, Belle BURCHAM, Vandalia, Winnie RYAN, Decatur, Martha KELLY, Shobonier. Burial was in McInturff Cem. Vandalia Union 26 Aug 1926 and 2 Sep 1926.

McMILLAN, Melissa d 6 Sep 1926 at the home of her dau, Mrs. N.C. BOWDEN, Fairbury, IL. She was b 13 Nov 1850 Monmouth, IL dau of James M. and Hesper E. JOHNSON and m 6 Sep 1886 John Perry McMILLAN. They were parents of 14 children; 8 preceding her in death along with her husband. Survivors were John H. and Claud A. of Mattoon, W.M., Vandalia, Harry F., Fairbury, Ida DOEHRING, Vandalia, Mrs. N.C. BOWDEN of Fairbury. Burial not given. Vandalia Union 16 Sep 1926.

McNUTT, Cyrus T. son of Nicholas and Mary McNUTT was born 16 Feb 1863 and d 21 Aug 1926. He m 18 Oct 1852 Ida WADKINS and they were parents of 5 children - 4 surviving: Charles, Mary MUNSON of Pontiac, Albert and Edward at home. Also surviving were 3 sisters and 2 brothers. Ramsey News Journal 3 Sep 1926.

MEADORS, Mrs. Lem died near Los Angeles, CA in an auto accident which also claimed the life of her dau, Mrs. Grace HOAG. Burial was in Vernon, IL. Vandalia Union 16 Sep 1926.

MEEK, Edward, age 13 died of lockjaw. He had been injured 9 days earlier in a motorcycle accident and received 9 stitches. He appeared to be doing very well until he complained of an ache in his jaw. He was administered a large dose of tetanus serum to no avail. The son of Mr. and Mrs. George MEEK he was survived by his parents, brothers and sisters Dr. Ted MEEK, a dentist of Granite City, John, Hubert, Lottie and Adeline and aunt, Sallie STILLMAN. Vandalia Union 5 Aug 1926.

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MESEKE, Herman d 14 Jul 1926 at his home near Augsburg of liver cancer. Burial was in Augsburg Cem. Survivors were the widow, Anna, 4 sons and 3 daughters, 3 brothers, 2 sisters and 10 grandchildren. Vandalia Union 22 Jul 1926.

MILLER, L.E., age 62 of St. Elmo died following an illness of several months. He was survived by his wife and 8 children. Burial was in Maplewood Cem. Vandalia Union 23 Sep 1926.

NOE, Daisy, age 32 of near Woburn hung herself in her father's barn. She had been despondent over domestic troubles. Daisey Pearl ETCHESON was b 10 Sep 1893 in Fayette Co. the dau of Charles and Nora L. ETCHESON. Vandalia Union 8 Jul 1926.

PRATER, Margaret was killed Saturday 12 August 1926 when a loaded sand wagon ran over her. The child's age was not given. Burial was in the Mound Cem. in Cowden. Ramsey News Journal 20 Aug 1926.

PROBST, Merle Raymond age 11 son of Fred and Gladys PROBST was instantly killed in an auto crash 4 miles west of Pana. His mother and grandmother were seriously injured and 3 other PROBST children were thrown from the car. The boy was pinned beneath the auto and his father lifted it and extricated him. He as b 22 Jul 1915 d 3 Aug 1926. Survivors were parents, brothers Lawrence and Marion, sister, Eileen and grandmother Louise PROBST. Burial was in Glendale Cem., Fillmore, Montg. Co., IL. Vandalia Union 5 Aug 1926, and 12 Aug 1926, Ramsey News Journal 6 August 1926.

REXWINKLE, Don d 23 Jul 1926 in the Jacksonville hospital. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin REXWINKLE he was age 19y 8m 23ds. Burial was in South Hill Cem.

REYNOLDS, Harold, Jr. age 16 mo. died in Rock Falls of cholera infantum, 20 Aug. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold REYNOLDS, Sr. he was survived by his parents, brother Edward, sisters Loretta and Delores, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. CEARLOCK, Vandalia and Mrs. Grant HOWELL of Taylor Springs, great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J.W. SANDERS of Nokomis. Vandalia Union 26 Aug 1926.

RIECHMANN, Louisa Minnie, b 13 Mar 1844 Blachfield, Ger. And d 12 Sep. 1926. She came to the US as a child. She m 1861 Henry RIECHMANN and they were parents of 8 children, 2 of whom, Henry Jr. and Mrs. Carl SASSE with the husband preceded her in death. Survivors were children, William, Alex, Ida WOLF, Emily BOHNSON of St. Louis, Victoria ALLMEYER, ST. Charles, MO and Bertha RIECHMANN at home. Burial was in Immanuel Augsburg Cem. Vandalia Union 16 Sep 1926.

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ROSENBERGER, Peter, missing since June 30, was found near the river bank of the Kaskaskia river south of Vandalia. He lived near Moweaqua. A coroner's inquest was held and the condition of "the head showed as though the man had met with foul play as his skull was fractured.". Ramsey News Journal 13 Aug 1926.

ROYER, Celia, nee CAMPBELL died from a gunshot wound 11 July 1926. She m Edward Anton ROYER, son of Ed P. ROYER and they were parents of several children, including a son Walter. Celia was accidentally shot while trying to stop her husband from shooting at a pack of dogs that were making a racket around the house. Her husband's father, Ed. P. ROYER had visited the couple just before the accident taking all of the children home with him, with the exception of Waiter who was in the house at the time. After seeing what had occurred, he then turned the gun on himself. Survivors were the children, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank CAMPBELL of near Hagarstown, sisters Jessie BEEBE, (Mrs. Guy) and Mrs. J.T. GOODBRAKE of Effingham, IL. Both were buried in the St. Joseph Catholic Cem., Vandalia. Vandalia Union 15 Jul 1926.

ROYER, Edward Anton died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound 11 July 1926. He m Celia CAMPBELL and she was accidentally shot while trying to take the .38 from him. It appeared that a pack of dogs had come around the house and were making a racket. He was going to shoot the gun to scare them off and when she tried to stop him, she was accidentally killed. After seeing what had occurred, he then turned the gun on himself. He was the son of Ed. P. ROYER. They were parents of several children including a son, Walter who was in the house at the time. Both were buried in the St. Joseph Catholic Cem., Vandalia. Survivors were his children, parents, brother, John of Vandalia, sisters, Mrs. Joe CONNER of Decatur and Mrs. George LEAR of Vandalia. Vandalia Union 15 Jul 1926.

SAGER, Eugene Lyle b 16 Oct 1906 Moultrie Co. IL d 6 Jul 1926 at his parents home in Sullivan, IL. He had been afflicted with a weak heart all his life. Survivors were parents, Edith and Alta at home, Ralph and Glenn of Sullivan, Claude of Highmore, Edd and Wade SAGER of Chicago. He was also survived by a grandmother, Mrs. SAGER of Ridgefarm, IL. Vandalia Union 22 Jul 1926.

ST. PIERRE, Joseph E. age 77 died from the effects of a stroke. He was b 1849 St. Louis, MO moving to Fayette Co. with his parents when a small boy. He m 1) Gertrude IRELAND 2) Matilda HAGE. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Survivors were Lena, Noble of Beecher City, N.J., Vandalia, Mrs. Homer RITTER, Casey, IL, Mrs. D.F. FRAKES, Peoria, 1 dau died infancy. Also surviving were siblings, Charles, Vandalia, George, St. Louis, MO, Mrs. Joseph E. KLINGHAMER, Vandalia, Philomene DORSEY of near Bayle City, Ada GRISSOM, Ramsey. A sister, Mary SMITH recently died in San Antonio, TX. Vandalia Union 5 Aug 1926.

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SEFTON, Cleta Pearl b 13 Jan 1904 d 12 Jun 1926 age 22y 4m 29ds of TB. Survivors were parents, brother Jesse of Detroit, MI, Robert and Evelyn at home. (An editor's note states there was a mix-up regarding publication of this obit and it was held.) Vandalia Union 26 Aug 1926.

SHELTON, J.L. b 19 May 1877 d 26 Jul 1926 at his home in Earlsboro, OK from a stroke. He began teaching school at age 19 and attended Austin College in Effingham, IL. He left IL in 1906 and m Blanch DAY in 1907 she the dau of Henry and Rovilla DAY of Vandalia. They were parents of 10 children, 1 deceased. Burial was in Earlsboro, OK. Survivors with the wife and children were aged father, brothers Henry and Dan of St. Elmo, sisters Winnie HOOVER, Hersey, MI, Anna BANCHEREL, Otego Twp. Vandalia Union 12 Aug 1926.

SICKLES, Lawrence, Jr, infant son of Lawrence SICKLES died of malnutrition. Burial in the Old Cem. Vandalia Union 15 Jul 1926.

SMITH, Helen Marguerite d 28 Aug 1926 at their home, age 5y 11m 21ds. Death was due to splenic anemia and she had been an invalid all her life. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Survivors were parents and 1 brother. Vandalia Union 2 Sep 1926.

SNERLY, Ethel a former resident died July 4 at a St. Louis hospital, age 45. She was the dau of David W. SNERLY who died near Vera in 1883. She was a mute and this being discovered shortly after her father's death, her mother moved to Jacksonville and placed her in the institution for the deaf and dumb. The mother died several years ago. She was survived by a brother Lloyd SNERLY of Decatur. Vandalia Union 8 Jul 1926.

STEIN, Adam, Jr. b 4 Apr 1847 died at his home 20 Aug 1926 age 79y 4m 16ds. He m 22 Dec 1870 Isabelle LEAR and they were parents of 11 children, 2 deceased, Clifford who died in infancy and William Harvey who died 2 Sep 1922. Surviving with the wife were Nancy A. CALVERY, Lucy A. MILES, Lottie M. BOSOMWORTH all of St. James and Clara B. SMITH of Decatur, Elzbad, Wilbur, Samuel, Clinton and Nelson STEIN all of St. James, 4 brothers, Andy, Loogootee, Charles of St. Elmo, William of St. Peter and Peter of El Reno, OK along with sister Amanda of Fall River, KS. He taught school in his younger days beginning Dec 1866 in Sefton Twp. He was director of Fayette County Bank at St. Elmo for a number of years. Funeral was held at Centralia Lutheran Church. Vandalia Union 26 Aug 1926.

STROBEL, Mabel BOLT, age 32, died 21 Sep 1926 in the hospital at Champaign, IL. She had gone to visit her sister Hazel VanVRANKEN when taken ill. She had a tumor removed from a breast and died following the surgery. She had married Otto STROBEL only 2 1/2 months ago. The dau of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. BOLT she was survived by her husband, sisters Mrs. VanVRANKEN and Mrs. Jennings WALKER of Chicago. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Vandalia Union 30 Sep 1926.

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SWICK, James Marvin b 4 Mar 1923 d 3 Jul 1926, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry SWICK. Survivors were parents, sister, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES SWICK, Grandparents ARNOLD of Missouri and Great-Grandfather Joseph SWICK. Vandalia Union 8 Jul 1926.

VANDERHOOF, Mrs. N.B. nee SCOVILL, died at her home in Lamanda Park, CA 19 Jul 1926 following a heart attack. She came to Vandalia from Newton in 1907 with her parents living here 5 years. She was born 21 Jan 1865 in Salem, Marion Co., IL and was raised in Kentucky. Burial was in Sierra Madre Cem. near Los Angeles. Survivors were husband, sons Fred E. and Ralph S., brother Dr. M.A. SCOVILL who was dean of the Univ. of Kentucky for many years. Vandalia Union 29 Jul 1926.

WALKER, William died at his home 3 miles north of Oconee near Green Valley. Funeral services were held from the home by Rev. Guy PARK of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Ramsey News Journal 2 Jul 1926.

WELLS, George W., age 75 died at his home in Mulberry Grove, July 2. He m Cynthia KOONCE in 1875. Survivors included a dau Mrs. George STOUT of Mulberry Grove. Vandalia Union 8 Jul 1926.

WHITEMAN, Eugene died in Spokane, WA of pneumonia, age 63. He m Ida SCHNEIDER and was in business here about 30 years ago in the firm WHITEMAN & SCHNEIDER. He left for the West 12 years ago. His mother, Olivia J. WHITEMAN survived with 1 brother, George. Vandalia Union 15 Jul 1926.

WILLS, Jerome G. (photo) b 24 Jan 1860 fourteen miles east of Vandalia son of Clifton R. and Sophia L. WILLS. He suffered a stroke 18 Aug. He m June, 1896 Minnie L. JERAULD who d 14 Mar 1926. He attended Normal Univ. and Chicago Law School and was admitted to the bar. He was Capt. of the first company of Illinois National Guard. In 1914 he was elected County Judge. A deep interest in science led him to Alaska and around Cape Horn, South America. Survivors were children Dr. Charles, Mrs. Cecil SOUTHWELL, Walter and Betty, brother Simon WILLS, sisters Mary WAGNER and Mrs. John W. SCHENKER. Vandalia Union 2 Sep 1926.

WOLLERMAN, Mrs. Herman died at their home on N. 6th St., 20 July, 1926. She had suffered a stroke 2 months ago. The dau of Mr. and Mrs. John N. HOFFMAN she was b 13 Nov 1870 in Sharon Twp. She m 19 Feb 1889 Herman WOLLERMAN and they were parents of 4 children, Edith FROMM, Edgar and Paul of Vandalia. 1 dau died in infancy. They moved to Vandalia in 1915. Also surviving were brother David HOFFMAN of Decatur, sister Mrs. Otto WOLLERMAN of Shafter Twp., half brothers and sisters, Lydia FROMM, Anna SINNING of Ramsey, Hilda ZIMMERMAN of Indianapolis, IN, Frank of Texas, Herbert, Ramsey, Sam of Freeport and Luke of Kansas. Burial was in Hoffman Cem. Vandalia Union 22 Jul 1926, Ramsey News Journal 2 Jul 1926.

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YARBROUGH, Bettie Adeline, age 2 mo. dau of Mr. and Mrs. William YARBROUGH died 28 Aug. This was the 3rd child this family had lost in a short time. Her twin brother died 9 Aug and sister, Naomi on 21 Aug. Vandalia Union 2 Sep 1926.

YARBROUGH, Infant twin son of Mr. and Mrs. William YARBROUGH died 9 August. His twin sister, Bettie Adeline died 28 Aug. Survivors were parents 4 sisters and 4 brothers. Vandalia Union 2 Sep 1926.

YARBROUGH, Naomi Charlene, age 18 mo. dau of Mr. and Mrs. William YARBROUGH of Bluff City died Sat. 21 Aug, her death caused by flux. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Survivors with the parents were 5 brothers, 4 sisters, 2 grandfathers and 1 grandmother, 2 sisters and 1 brother preceded her in death. Vandalia Union 26 Aug 1926.

YERKES, C.W., age 60 a Supt. at Mulberry Grove schools since 1923 died 5 Aug at Amherst Hosp., Vermillion, OH following an accident in which his wife and daughter were instantly killed. Witnesses said their vehicle had stopped at a double crossing to let a train pass and continued across when it was hit by an oncoming B & O locomotive. Survivors were children, Robert D., Milwaukee, WI, Warren A. and Harold K. of Mulberry Grove, Lucille GATES, Takamah, NE, Neena McKOWEN, Seattle and Alta ARMENTROUT of Witt, IL. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cem., Effingham Co., IL. Vandalia Union 12 Aug 1926.

YERKES, Lola, age 28, of Mulberry Grove was killed instantly when an auto in which she was riding with her parents was struck by a Lake Shore electric car 1.5 miles east of Vermillion, OH 4 August. Her mother was also instantly killed. The track was marked but was noted as a dangerous intersection. 5 other deaths had occurred there previously, marked by white crosses. The family had been on a touring vacation. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cem., Effingham Co. She was a Latin teacher in Danville, IL schools. Vandalia Union 12 Aug 1926.

YERKES, Mrs. C.W., age 58 a native of Sandusky, OH was killed instantly in an accident in which her husband and daughter, Lola died. Survivors were children, Robert D., Milwaukee, WI, Warren A. and Harold K. of Mulberry Grove, Lucille GATES, Takamah, NE, Neena McKOWEN, Seattle and Alta ARMENTROUT of Witt, IL. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cem., Effingham Co., IL. Vandalia Union 12 Aug 1926.

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BALLINGER, Mary R. died 12 August of cancer. She was 86 years of age. The deceased moved to Macon 14 years ago, 4 years after the death of her husband. She was the mother of 17 children, 9 deceased. Survivors were William F., Shobonier, Anna HENDERSON, Miama Station, MO, Frank V., Herbert M., Charles A. of Macon, IL, Fred E. of Vandalia, Seth S., Decatur and Merritt G. BALLINGER, California. Burial was in Pinhook Cem. A daughter, Mrs. Will COTHERN is buried in Ramsey Cem. Vandalia Union 20 Aug 1925, Ramsey News Journal 21 Aug 1925.

BERRY, Maria H. died at the home of her daughter in Peatluma, CA, 17 Aug 1925. Burial was under the auspices of the Eastern Star in Cypress Hill Memorial Park. Survivors included son, A.J. BERRY and daughter, not named. Ramsey News Journal 11 Sep 1925.

BLAYLOCK, Velva b 30 Apr 1896 d 26 June 1925 at the home of her parents in Bayle City. She was the dau of Henry H. and Harriet ALEXANDER and was born in Bingham. She m Oct. 1915 Oscar BLAYLOCK and they were parents of 5 children; 2 sons predeceased their mother. Survivors were the husband, daughter Adeline and sons Victor and Robert, parents, brother William of Bayle City, sisters Mrs. Leonard SARVER, Herrick and Anne of Bayle City. 3 brothers and 2 sisters also predeceased her. She became ill in February. Burial was in the Rush Cem. Vandalia Union 2 Jul 1925 and Ramsey News Journal, 3 Jul 1925.

BLYTHE, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra BLYTHE died at Huber Hospital in Pana from whooping cough and bowel trouble. He was born 15 Feb 1925. Burial was made in Mound Cem. near Cowden. Ramsey News Journal 21 Aug 1925.

BOAZ, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie BOAZ, only lived a few minutes. Burial was in Independence Cem. Ramsey News Journal, 17 Jul 1925.

BRADFORD, John S. president of the Bradford National Bank of Greenville died suddenly July 8 in his home of heart trouble. The deceased was a native of Greenville and was 56 years old. Vandalia Union 9 Jul 1925.

BROWN, Mathew age 61, died in Effingham Hospital following an operation for appendicitis. The deceased had been engaged in the poultry business and lived in Altamont. Local relatives were niece, Miss Lucile SCHUTZ and brother, Charles O. BROWN. Vandalia Union 30 Jul 1925.



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CANTRALL, Mrs. John died 1 Aug. 1925 at her home 1 mile south of Greenville, Bond County. She was a sister of Mrs. Will URBANI and Daisey HARRIS of Vandalia. She had been in failing health for several years and suffered a stroke 5 weeks ago. The funeral was held at Smith Grove Baptist Church with burial nearby. Vandalia Union 6 Aug 1925.

CAPPS, Benjamin Norwood died suddenly at Breese, IL. He and party of men were traveling to Scott Field and had stopped for dinner. He suffered a heart attack. The deceased was born in Vandalia 25 May 1872 the son of Benjamin and Lucy McGRAW CAPPS. Survivors were his mother, 5 sisters and 1 brother. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 17 Sep 1925.

CHADBOURNE, J.H. died 14 August, Overland, CA. He was a former resident of Sharon Twp. and a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. He and wife left here 10-12 years ago. Survivors were sisters Maggie and Lillian CHADBOURNE of Decatur, IL. Vandalia Union 27 Aug 1925.

CLINE, Archie (photo of him), son of George and Hattie CLINE was b 14 Aug 1903 Mason City, IA, died 3 Aug at Ramsey from injuries received in an auto accident on Hayes Hill. The driver of the car George MOORE of Vandalia who was driving at a high rate of speed and was intoxicated. The family had moved to Ramsey when the deceased was about 13 months of age. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 7 Aug 1925.

COLMAR, Frances died 15 Aug 1925 in the home of a niece Mrs. R.E. STOREY. She was 77 years of age and death was attributed to liver trouble. The body was shipped to Cape Girardeau, MO for burial. Burial was in St. Mary's Cem. there. A brother Simon COLMAR of this area was among the survivors. Vandalia Union 20 Aug 1925.

CRANDALL, Rebecca J. wife of William J. died suddenly at her home in Farina Monday, 12 July. Her husband returned to the home following chores and found her dead. The Coroner was to hold an inquest. Vandalia Union 9 Jul 1925.

CRAWFORD, Allene Mae b 5 May 1925 d 24 Aug 1925 at Noyes Hosp., St. Joseph, MO. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. CRAWFORD. Survivors along with the parents were brother Charles Edward, Jr., grandparents R.F. CRAWFORD of St. Joseph, MO and Mr. and Mrs. Dess DUDUIT of Dressor. Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cem., St. Joseph, MO. Ramsey News Journal 11 Sep 1925.

DAY, David died while visiting a son, Charles DAY in Springfield, 23 August, age 68. He had made his home with son W.E. DAY, a Vandalia jeweler, at the G.A.A. DIECKMANN home in Vandalia for the past 11 months. He was born and reared in the southern part of the state and at the time of his wife's death in 1922, they were living in Mill Shoals. Burial was in Springfield beside his wife. Vandalia Union 27 Aug 1925.

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DEBERNADI, Frank, age 21 of St. Louis, MO drowned in the Kaskaskia River a mile southeast of Carlyle. In company with 2 brothers and 3 friends he had enjoyed fishing and later he proposed a swim. His brothers John and Marion of Glenridge attempted to rescue him and were nearly pulled under. Vandalia Union 20 Aug 1925.

DOYLE, Marcella B. d 6 Jul 1925 at the home of Miss Rhoda ROADARMEL in Vandalia, following an illness of pernicious anemia. Burial was in the family lot at South Hill Cem. She was b 2 Jan 1846 Seminary Twp., this county and was the youngest of 14 children. Her father died when she was 3 years old. Six brothers served in the Civil War; Dennison, Sam, Sol, Cyrus, Frank and Austin TUTTLE of which only Austin survives her. Her sisters were Martha BENNINGTON, Sarah WILLIAMS, Lydia YARBROUGH, Elmira and 2 infants all of whom are dead. She m 10 Oct 1863 H.C. DOYLE and they were parents of 6 children. Cyrus DOYLE, the oldest died in 1884. Survivors were daughter Lydia YARBROUGH of Berkley, CA, John of Joplin, MO, Jim in St. Louis, MO, Mrs. Nellie LAKIN (Ira D.) and Fred DOYLE of Vandalia. Since the death of her husband in 1909 she has made her home with daughter Nellie LAKIN. Vandalia Union 9 Jul 1925.

DURBIN, John Crittenden b 24 Aug 1862 Loudon Twp., died 2 Aug 1925 Sefton Twp. He was the son of George R. and Ellen DURBIN. He m 11 May 1884 Roxanna E. OWEN and they were parents of 4 children, one of whom, Elden J. died 15 Nov 1913. Surviving are his wife, son Pearl of Altamont, Beryle, Brownstown, daughter Bertha BUZZARD of Beecher City, IL. Also surviving are 2 brothers, 2 sisters and 1 half-brother, not named. Burial was in Fairview Cem. Vandalia Union 13 Aug 1925.

ELAM, Mrs. Moses died at her home north of Smithboro 6 Sept following a long illness. Burial was in the Mulberry Grove Cem. Survivors were the husband, son and 3 daughters and sisters, Mrs. Inez ELAM of Mulberry Grove. Vandalia Union 17 Sep 1925.

EVANS, Mary Ann nee MITCHELL d 24 Jul 1925 in her home. Death was due to acute indigestion which developed into pneumonia. The deceased was born 28 Aug 1849 Fayette Co., the dau of Lytle and Jael MITCHELL and was orphaned at age 9. She was reared in the family of Robert and Minerva MITCHELL of near Belleville until 1867 at which time the family returned to Fayette Co. She m 13 Nov 1870 James S. EVANS and they were parents of 4 children, 2 dying in infancy. Survivors were sons Bert and Charles EVANS, sister Susan M. BENSON, Oakland, CA and brother Henry MITCHELL of this county. She and her husband also took into their family niece Lucy M. MIDDLECOFF at age 7, since deceased. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 30 Jul 1925.

EVEL, Mrs. Frank died in the Brownstown cyclone along with her son Charles KILLENBACK and 3-year old Jimmie KEMPER of Mattoon, IL. They were from Ashland, OH and had taken shelter in the McCormick Garage. Ramsey News Journal 11 Sep 1925.

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EYESTONE, William Monroe b 23 Mar 1860 Avena Twp., Fay. Co., IL d 21 June 1925 at his home southwest of St. Elmo. He was the son of John W. and Mary EYESTONE. He m 19 Oct 1882 Lillie A. McGRAW and they were parents of 7 children; 5 boys and 2 girls of whom 2 boys and 1 girl died in infancy. Surviving were the wife, sons, Charles F. of Huron, SD, Pearl A., Effingham, IL, Harold of St. Elmo, dau Mrs. Blanche BUZZARD of near Altamont, brothers George of Wood River and Fargo J. of St. Elmo, step-mother Ellen EYESTONE, half-sisters, Mrs. J.F. SMITH of St. Elmo and Mrs. John RAGEL of St. Elmo. Burial was in Maplewood Cem. Vandalia Union 2 Jul 1925

FOUCHT, Mary E. widow of Eli FOUCHT died in Docoto, CA, 13 Sept 1925 age 78 years. The body was brought to Vandalia for burial in South Hill Cem. She was b near Upper Sandusky, OH, 27 Nov 1847, maiden name DEPLER. She m 23 Jan 1867 Eli FOUCHT there, he died 17 Sep 1917. The deceased came with her husband to this county in 1870 and for many years lived on a farm near Shobonier. They were parents of 4 sons, Clement, L., James D., W. Austin and Carl D. of whom James and W. Austin survived. They left here in 1924 living in Rutland, IL until his death in 1917. She then moved to California. Vandalia Union 17 Sep and 24 Sep 1925.

FRAILEY, Rumsey died 19 July at the home of a niece, Mrs. Marie POTTS from TB. Survivors included brother Frank FRAILEY (familiarily known as Hog FRAILEY), Alvin of Vandalia, Tom, Bluff City, Herman of Wardell, MO, Douglas of Bement and sister Margaret BROWN of Herrick. One brother, John predeceased him. He was born 8 Sep 1873 near Herrick, IL. Burial was in Pleasant Union Cem., Herrick. Ramsey News Journal, 24 Jul 1925, 7 August 1925.

FRANKLIN, Margaret nee CAHILL b 10 Dec 1867 Tipperary, Ireland, died 19 Sept 1925 at the family home in Charleston, IL. She came to America at age 17, marrying Martin T. FRANKLIN 13 Jan 1887. They lived on a farm near Vandalia until 1905 when they moved to Charleston. Burial was in the Roselawn addition of Mound Cem. Survivors were the husband, children, John, Kittie NEGLEY (Mrs. Harry) and Dan FRANKLIN along with brother, Dan CAHILL, sister Nellie CAHILL, both of Tipperary, Ireland. Ramsey News Journal 25 Sep 1925.

FROST, Tom died in Verona, MO. He moved to Missouri from this area several years ago when his daughter Gertie took ill. He was divorced and she died 3 weeks ago in Decatur. A son of Verona, MO survived him. Ramsey News Journal 14 Aug 1925.

GOCHENOUR, Daniel age 72 died 12 Jul 1925 at the home of his daughter in Vandalia. Born in Corydon, IN, he came to this area with his half-brother John. The decd m Feb. 1878 Priscilla BECKHAM and they were parents of 3 children, John O., Claud C. and daughter, Mrs. Fred DOYLE all of whom survived him as did the widow. Also surviving were sisters Mrs. Scott WISEMAN and Mrs. Dale TOLER of Corydon, IN and half-brother Henry SEBURN, also of Corydon. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 30 Jul 1925.

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GUFFEY, Nathaniel d 6 Jul 1925 aged 83 years. He enlisted in the Union Army, August 1862 at the age of 19 and sustained an injury in battle that December. He was discharged 28 Jan 1863 and suffered most of his life from his injury. The deceased married 19 Nov 1863 Vina PRYOR and they were parents of 3 children, John T., Elizabeth and Jacob Allen GUFFEY. The wife died 2 Feb 1892 and he m 2) Lydia SIGLER, she died 10 Mar 1917 and he m 3) 30 Jul 1918 Jane C. KOONCE and she survived him. Also surviving were children Mrs. Nancy BARTH of Brazil, IN and son John of California. Funeral was from the Free Methodist Church, burial not given. Vandalia Union 9 Jul 1925.

HAMILTON, Mary Elvira dau of Mr. and Mrs. Fred HAMILTON died at the Little Sanitarium in Pana. She ran a splinter in one of her feet a week ago and developed tetanus. Burial was in Old Loogootee Cem. She was given tetanus serum to no avail. She was born in Loogootee 6 May 1913 and came to Vandalia 7 years ago. In addition to her parents she was survived by sisters, Helen, 17, Rochell, 15 and Frances 3 and by 5 brothers Darrel, 14, Myron, 11, Richard 8, Freddie, 5 and Charles HAMILTON, age 8 months. Vandalia Union 10 Sep 1925.

HANKINS, James died at a St. Louis county hospital 16 August. The deceased was for many years a painter in Vandalia and moved to St. Louis 12-15 years ago and engaged in running a rooming house there. Survivors included nephews Will and Harry HANKINS, niece Mrs. John LUSTER, sister-in-law Mrs. Ella HANKINS all of this area and niece Pearl HANKINS of Chicago. Vandalia Union 20 Aug 1925.

HARRISON, Henry b 27 Feb 1867 d 31 Aug 1925 in Pana, IL. He m 15 Aug 1889 Zella ISBELL and they were parents of a daughter who died when 3 weeks of age. In addition to the widow, he was survived by brothers Andrew and Milton HARRISON of Fillmore, sisters Mrs. John WILSON of Fillmore and Mrs. Casper SEATON of Schram City. Burial was in Glendale Cem., Fillmore, IL. Ramsey News Journal 11 Sep 1925.

HAWK, Hazel b 18 Apr 1899 d 15 Jul 1925 in the home of her parents in St. Louis, MO. She was the dau of Clem and Sada HAWK and had suffered for many months. Surviving are the parents and 2 sisters, Ruby and Marie. Burial not given. The family had resided in Vandalia until recently. Vandalia Union 23 Jul 1925.

HIGGINS, Jennie R. died 30 Jul 1925. Born 13 Apr 1843 VanBurensburg, IL, she was the dau of Mathias and Catherine FEHREN. Her father was born 9 Feb 1815 in Braunlingen, Baden, Germany. In 1832 he left Germany, traveling to France where he remained 1 year. He came to America, marrying 31 May 1842 Catherine WAHL in Terre Haute, IN. Mathias was engaged in the mercantile business in Vandalia, the family having moved here in 1850. The deceased m 31 Jan 1871 Dr. R.T. HIGGINS who died Oct. 1906. Burial was in South Hill Cem. in the family plot. A sister, Julia died when a young girl. The HIGGINS' had no children of their own, but raised Agnes AVATA. Vandalia Union 6 Aug 1925.

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HOBBS, Norman Everett, six-years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hinson HOBBS died in a Chicago Hospital following injuries he sustained when he was hit by a car. The body was brought to Vandalia for burial in South Hill Cem. Survivors were the parents, grandparents of Vandalia, T.S. HOBBS, 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Vandalia Union 10 Sep 1925.

HOFFMAN, James L., d 7 Aug 1925 at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, MO. He was born 18 Nov 1871 near Vandalia, the son of Elias S. and Hannah HOFFMAN. His mother died 2 years ago; his father died last year. Surviving were sisters, Melissa and Della HOFFMAN, Vandalia, Mrs. J.S. EVANS of Willshire, OH and Mrs. O.D. MITZEL of Greenville, Bond Co., and brothers, Will of Bear Grove Twp., and Casper of Shobonier. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 13 Aug 1925.

HUBBARD, W.H., Judge, former Bond Co. judge was found dead in bed by his son-in-law Frank E. WATSON. He lived with the WATSON's. Cause of death was Bright's Disease and he was 76 years of age. A native of New York he moved to Carbondale and became editor of the Jackson County *Free Press*. He moved to Bond Co. in 1903. Vandalia Union 10 Sep 1925.

HUMPLER, Fred died at his home in Vandalia 5 July of heart failure. He had been ill only 2 or 3 days. The deceased had been in the meat market business here for 10 years. He was born 14 Dec 1885 the son of Fred Sr. and Margaret HUMPLER; his mother being born in Boston, MA and his father a native of Germany. The deceased married 22 Jul 1911 Elizabeth BAILS YARBROUGH, and she survives. Survivors included his mother, 2 step-children, brother Gus of Highland, IL, uncles Ed, Peter and Frank STEINHAUER, aunt Kate LIPPLE and grandmother Philobena STEINHAUER. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 9 Jul 1925.

HUNT, Mae Blondel dau of Ira and Emma HUNT died at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George HUNT near Brownstown, 21 Sep 1925, age 7 years. Cause of death not given. Her mother was ill with scarlet fever and she was taken to her grandparents to stay. Survivors were parents, 2 sisters and grandparents. Burial was in Griffith Cem. Vandalia Union 24 Sep 1925.

JAMES, Dan of Nokomis died from carbon monoxide poison 18 July. He had been hired by Ed FINGLER to dig a well on the George WILSON farm. No blame was attached to anyone. His companion was unable to get him to the surface in time to save his life. Ramsey News Journal, 24 Jul 1925.

JENNESS, Eliza M. b 9 Apr 1855 Ramsey, IL d 14 June 1925 at her home in Rockdale, TX. Burial was in the I.O.O.F. Cem. there. She m 20 Apr 1873, R.L. JENNESS and they with their family moved to Texas, 10 Sep 1895. They were parents of 6 children, Jarvis, Tom and Wade of Rockdale, TX, Ed of Miles, TX, Charlie of Houston and Jess JENNESS of Louisiana along with an uncle, Jeff PRATER of Edinburg, IL. Ramsey News Journal 10 Jul 1925.

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JOHNSON, Anna M. nee ROSS d 18 Jul 1925 at her home in Vandalia. The decd was born 27 May 1846 Spring Point, Cumberland Co., IL coming to Vandalia with her parents first in 1851, returning in 1860. She m 25 Oct 1868 James H. JOHNSON and they were married for 56 years. They were parents of 6 children, all of whom survive, i.e. Carrie M., and Edward L. of Vandalia, John H. of Spokane, WA, Frank E. of Garden Grove, CA, Warren G., Mulberry Grove, and James H. of E. St. Louis, IL, brother James W. ROSS of Eustis, FL and 6 sisters, Sarah McFARLAND, Lacona, IA, Ada BRUNER, Eustis, FL, Emma WESTBROOK of Seattle, WA, Henrietta D. WOODS of Streator, IL, Ella MAY, Eureka, IL and Edna STEPHENS of Casper, WY. Vandalia Union 23 Jul 1925.

KEELER, George W., b 30 Jan 1864 Franklin Co., IN son of Bela and Sarah KEELER, died 11 Sept. 1925. Burial was in South Hill Cem. He m 12 Feb 1888 Catherine KELLY of near Newton, IL and she survives with children: Heber, Terre Haute, IN, Otis, Melvin, IL, Raymond, Smithboro, IL daughters Ruth and Hallie at home. Also surviving were brother, James and sister Mary CATTE, both of Newton, IL. Vandalia Union 17 Sep 1925.

KELLY, John R. died at the home of his sister, Judelia ROADARMEL of Vandalia. He had been taking treatment for diabetes. He m Alice HARVEY, she died Nov., 1892, they were parents of 4 children, 3 decd, he m 2) Geneva COFFER, 21 Oct 1898, they were parents of 5 children. The deceased had been a resident of this county for many years. Survivors were the second wife and son from the first marriage, Thomas J. of Rosamond, IL; from the 2nd marriage, Joseph, Chicago, IL, John, Decatur, Dorothy, Minnie and Kenneth KELLY of Vandalia. 3 children from his first marriage preceded him in death, namely, Florence who d May, 1910; Mary d June, 1919 and Walter died December, 1913. In addition to sister, Judelia ROADARMEL, he was survived by Mrs. Andy BUCHANAN of Mulberry Grove, IL. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 17 Sep 1925.

KEMPER, Jimmie, 3 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter KEMPER of Mattoon, IL died from injuries sustained in the Brownstown cyclone. He with parents had sought shelter in the McCormick Garage. All who were in the building either suffered injuries or were killed. Those dead in addition to this child were Mrs. Frank EVEL and son Charles KILLENBACK, age 7. Ramsey News Journal 11 Sep 1925.

KILLENBACK, Charles, age 7 of Ashland, OH died with his mother Mrs. Frank EVEL from injuries sustained during the cyclone in Brownstown. They had taken shelter in the McCormick Garage. Ramsey News Journal 11 Sep 1925.

LAWLER, John Alexander b 3 Oct 1851 d 15 Aug 1925 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles BRYAN. He was the son of John and Jane LAWLER and was born in Sharon Twp. He m 1875 Mary LITTLE and she died 7 Nov 1912. They were parents of 8 children, 7 of whom survived him, namely, Tona of Beason, IL, Charles, Lincoln, IL, Cort of Cornland, IL and Floyd of Vera, Mrs. Lulu TROYER of Patoka, Lottie COX, Vandalia and Wilma BRYAN of Vera. He was a member of Modern Woodman Union Camp No. 1535. Burial was in South Hill Cem. All of his children were at his bedside when he died. He suffered from leakage of the heart. Vandalia Union 20 Aug 1925, Ramsey News Journal 21 Aug 1925.

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LAWSON, John W., d 24 Jul 1925 at his home in Sefton Twp. He was b 20 Mar 1850 the son of Hiram and Margaret LAWSON. He m 28 Aug 1870 Sienna PARSONS and they were parents of sons, William Jasper and Robert who died at age 5 years. About this time the wife also died and he m 2) 1870 Martha FRANK FLOWERS. They were parents of a son, Thomas LAWSON who died Feb. 1922. Following the death of Martha ca 1883, he m 3) 26 Jan 1888 Edith DAYHOFF. They were parents of Mayme Ethel BARKER (Mrs. William) of Lake City, IL, Sarah Margaret UMMEL of Bloomington and Michael Putnam LAWSON at home. Also surviving were the wife, brother Lewis of Sefton, sisters, Elizabeth BURRIS, Beecher City, IL, Manda LAWSON, Effingham Co., IL and Phoebe BREEZE of Sefton Twp. Burial was in Yolton Cem. Vandalia Union 30 Jul 1925.

LEWIS, Levi, age 86, a Civil War veteran died at his home southwest of Shobonier, Monday, 14 Sept. He was born in Covington, Ohio 6 Aug 1839 and in his younger days moved to Illinois. He lived for many years in Seminary Twp. and burial was there in the Taylor Cem. He was a veteran of Co. F., 135th IL Inf and also served as postmaster of Pittsburg for several years. He m Sarah EAKIN and they were parents of 7 children; 4 of whom preceded him in death. His wife died 52 years ago. Several years ago he purchased the William H. LEE residence and lived there with his son, Simon LEWIS. Vandalia Union 17 and 24 Sep 1925.

LOCKWOOD, Melinda Jane b 17 Feb 1845 Fayette Co. d 1 Aug 1925. She m 17 Aug 1864 Jared LOCKWOOD and they were parents of 13 children, 5 dying in infancy. Burial was at the South Cem with the funeral conducted from the Herrick Baptist Church. Survivors were Dollie LEIGH, Doloros, CO, F.D., Sandsprings, OK, Mrs. Dell GROUNDS, Charley of St. Louis, Etta WILKINSON, Susie O'BRYAN and William LOCKWOOD of Decatur, IL, Isbell CUMMINGS of Herrick along with a brother A.J. NOWLIN. Ramsey News Journal 7 Aug 1925.

LOWRY, Nancy A. b 30 Jul 1862 Fayette Co., dau of Caleb and Caroline McENDOLLAR, died 16 Aug 1926, Westfield, IL. She m 8 Mar 1883 Alexander E. LOWRY and they were parents of 6 children, Emma RAGEL, St. James, Lucy GREIDER, Brownstown, Carrie BATCHELDER, Indianapolis, In, Jennie HULIN, Burden, KS, Fern STRADER, Westfield, Glen LOWRY of Ashmore, IL. Also surviving were brothers Henry and George McENDOLLAR of St. James and sister Kate STAPP of Blocksburg, CA. Burial was in Maple Hill Cem., Westfield, IL. The deceased had moved to Westfield 14 years ago. Vandalia Union 27 Aug 1925.

LUTZ, Charles Frederick, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. LUTZ died 1 Jul 1925 age 15y 11m 9ds in Effingham Hospital. Three years ago when on a camping trip with the family on the Kaskaskia River he saved his father's life. He dived in water 15 feet deep and succeeded in dragging his father from the river and with the assistance of others restored his life. For this act of heroism he received a medal from Ralston Purina Hero Commission. The deceased was born 23 Jul 1909 Mulberry Grove. Survivors were parents, brothers Forest, age 14, Donald age 12. His mother was the daughter of Mrs. Thomas STALEY, formerly Mrs. Fred RICHARDSON of Vandalia. Vandalia Union 16 Jul 1925.

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MARSHALL, Mary E., former Seminary twonship resident, died at the home of a daughter in Ohio. The body was brought back for burial in Noffsinger Cem. Born Mary BOURNER, 3 Dec 1839 she was the dau of James and Julia BOURNER. She m 1858 D.B. MARSHALL and they were parents of 2 daughters, Mrs. A.C. THOMAS and Julia E. JONES, the latter dying 22 Jul 1907. Also surviving was sister, Mariah FOX of Springfield, IL and brother E.D. BOURNER of Pleasant Mound, Bond Co. Most of her life was spent in the Pleasant Mound community until the death of her husband and daughter when she moved to Ohio. Vandalia Union 10 Sep 1925.

MAY, James Martin died suddently at his home in Decatur 2 August, 1925. He had complained of a pain in his side for a week and had been under a physician's care. He was born 5 May 1868 Mulberry Grove being a farmer all of his life. He retired 22 Sep 1921 and moved to Decatur, IL. He m Laura GLENN and she survives with children, Georgia DIVELY, Brownstown, Mary DIVELY, Wood River, Minnie SEATS, Clinton, IL, Dollie DANIELS, Decatur, Trissa WILLIAMS of Clinton, Robert and Claude MAY, both of Decatur. Also surviving was brother William MAY, Bingham and sisters Mary WILLIAMS of Avena and Lizzie CARLOCK. Burial was in Clinton, IL. Ramsey News Journal 7 Aug 1925.

McDERMOTT, Philip A. died suddenly in his St. Louis office last Friday 7 Aug. He was 55 years old and death was due to heart disease. He m Gertrude LAVERY dau of Mr. and Mrs. Richard LAVERY, former Vandalia residents. Surviving were the wife, daughters Louise and Virginia and son Philip, Jr. Vandalia Union 13 Aug 1925.

MELTON, Mrs. Dave, died at her home 2 Sept. in the northeast part of town from a paralytic stroke. Burial was in the Old Cemetery. Her husband survived her as did a brother, William WATKINS of Shobonier. There were no children. Vandalia Union 10 Sep 1925.

MERRIMAN, Mary J. nee DAUGHERTY was b 7 Nov 1861 Cleveland Co., N.C., died at her home 29 Aug 1925. She came to Illinois with her parents in 1868 and m 29 Jan 1882. William R. MERRIMAN. They were parents of 5 children. The following survive: Mrs. James STEWART, Mulberry Grove, IL, Mrs. Griff THACKER, Mrs. Virgil NIXON, Hagarstown and Dorothy at home. Son, Alva was decd. She united with Liberty Baptist Church 15 Dec 1877 moving her membership to Bethlehem Baptist Church in 1896. In addition to the husband and children, survivors included 11 grandchildren, 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Vandalia Union 3 Sep 1925.

MEYER, Joseph C. died at Huber Memorial Hospital, Pana 22 August following an operation for appendicitis. He was born 3 June 1897 Sharon Twp., son of Albert and Elizabeth MEYER. He m 6 Sep 1922 Julia CUNNINGHAM, dau of Mr. and Mrs. Peter CUNNINGHAM of Ramsey. Survivors were parents, wife, brothers Fred A., a Vandalia attorney, Henry A. a doctor in Davenport, IA and Charles A., his business partner in Vandalia, sisters Alvena and Frances at home. He had been employed in a bettery station for several years in Vandalia. Burial was in the Catholic Cem. Vandalia Union 27 Aug 1925, Ramsey News Journal 28 Aug 1925.

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MOREY, O.M. brother of Hon. T.P. MOREY of Greenville, died at his home in Los Angeles, CA, 9 Jul following a long illness. The body was to be shipped to Mulberry Grove and the funeral was to be held in the home of his sister, Mrs. W.A. DAVIS. The deceased was 54 years of age and owned and operated drug stores in Mulberry Grove, Altamont and St. Anne various times. He had been living in California for 7 years and was survived by his wife, 1 brother and 5 sisters. Vandalia Union 16 Jul 1925.

NAY, Margaret, nee HAUGHN, died at her home in Smithboro 11 Sep 1925, aged 84y 3m 10ds. She was born 30 May 1841 near Columbus, OH spending her early life there. She m 16 June 1859 G.S. NAY and they were parents of 12 children, 3 dying in infancy. Survivors were daughters, Mary HUDSON, Vandalia, Ida DAVIS, Greenville, Rose ENLOE, Denver, CO., Daisy CROSS, Springfield, Lena CAUSEY, St. Louis and sons, Frank, New York City, C.S. NAY, Collinsville, Porter of New Glarus, WI and Clifford D. NAY of Smithboro. Funeral was at the Smithboro church, burial not given. Vandalia Union 17 Sep 1925.

O'CONNOR, John J., died 23 Aug in Chicago following an illness of 2 months. Burial was in the Isbell Cem., south of Bingham. The deceased came to this country 20 years ago and m Ella SINNING 1916. She was the dau of Henry SINNING of this area. They had no children and survivors included a brother, not named. He had been confined to the hospital for 10 days. Ramsey News Journal 28 Aug 1925.

PERRY, Howard b 10 Feb 1887 d 12 Jul 1925 at his home in Springfield. He had been in failing health for about a year, suffering from diabetes. He was the eldest son of Sherman and Laura PERRY of Vera. He m Anna WEIMER and she survives with sister Mrs. Ross STEPHENS of Seleha, WA, brothers, George, Joe and Roy of Maroa, half-sister, Emma PERRY and 4 half-brothers, Fred, Gordon Logan and Edgar all of Vera, step-mother Hattie PERRY and grandmother, Mrs. Joe NICHOLS. 3 half-brothers and his parents predeceased him. He was a member of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 465 and Prairie Encampment No. 16 of Springfield. Burial was in a Springfield Cem. Vandalia Union 23 Jul 1925.

PRENTISS, Mamie nee BECK died at her home in Sac City, IA. She m Frank PRENTISS and they were parents of 2 daughters who survive with the husband. Her mother Mrs. Anna BECK and sister Mrs. Huntley BOLT of Hillsboro traveled to her beside but she died before their arrival. Ramsey News Journal 7 Aug 1925.

PRICE, Angie nee DEATON b 19 Jan 1853 McNairy Co., TN, died 9 Jul 1925 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Andy V. HILL. She m 22 Apr 1875 Samuel A. PRICE. He died 40 years ago. They were parents of 2 children, Samuel B. of Whiting, IN and Sarah HILL, both of whom survive along with 2 sisters, Cordelia DAVIDSON, Salem, IL and Catherine COX of Taylorville, IL. Burial was in Price Cem., 4 1/2 miles southeast of Oconee. The deceased came with her family to Oconee around 1863. Ramsey News Journal 17 Jul 1925.

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PRUETT, Galen Lincoln son of Oatha and Bonnie PRUETT was born 25 Nov 1917 and died 31 Jul 1925. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cem. He had been ill for 2 1/2 months. Surviving were his parents, 2 sisters, brothers, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. GRAY and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar PRUETT of St. Peter and great-grandfather Samuel EBERHART. Vandalia Union 6 Aug 1925.

RAFFEL, Caroline b 24 Jan 1857 Peterswald, Prussia nee KERSKI, died 7 Sep 1925 at her home near Ramsey aged 68y 7m 13ds. She came to this country in 1872 and in 1873 m John RAFFEL in Macon Co., IL. They lived for a short time in Dallas, TX and in Decatur, IL. She was the mother of 6 children, Lillie DERLITZER, Decatur, Mollie SANFORD, Chicago, IL, John H., Lenox, IA, Ed. F. and Paul E. at home with the husband. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Ramsey News Journal 11 Sep 1925.

RAHN, Carl, for many years a shoemaker in Vandalia died at the home of his niece in Effingham 19 July, age 67. Burial was in South Hill Cem. The decd was born in New York State. He m Mary KERNS, 1890; she died Nov., 1922. They had no children but took into their home a niece Elizabeth KERNS GIFFORD and later adopted a daughter, Mabel ROBERTS of Texas. Mr. RAHN was the last of a family of 3. Vandalia Union 23 Jul 1925.

SACHAN, Erving son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry SACHAN drowned in the Kaskaskia River at Walton's Bend just east of the Country Club. He was with a party of 5 other young men with whom he had been threshing. The water was not deep at that point, but SACHAN who could not swim stepped into a hole. Burial was in Immanuel Cem., Augsburg. The deceased was born 30 Nov 1904 in Wilberton Twp and was survived by his parents, brother, Raymond and 3 sisters, Hilda of Water Hill, R.I., Florence and Leona at home. His mother was a sister to Louie, Fred, Christ, Henry, William and Annie VonBEHREN. Vandalia Union 16 Jul 1925.

SARVER, Clay Rhodell b 18 May 1919 d 16 Aug 1925 at Lincoln, IL. Survivors were mother, brothers, Verne and Luther of Herrick, Cecil, Detroit, MI, Frank and Dallas at home, sisters Pearl CHANDLER and Murl BURRUS of Herrick. His father and 1 sister preceded him in death. He was an invalid. He was taken to Lincoln School 13 May 1925 and 2 weeks ago word was received that he wasn't feeling well. He rallied and his death was a shock. Burial was in Buchanan Cem. Ramsey News Journal 21 August and 28 Aug 1925.

SCHWARM, Carilla, dau of Peter SCHWARM died at the institution for feeble minded at Peoria 30 Aug. The body was brought here for burial in German Reformed Cem. Survivors were sister, Mrs. Israel KISTLER and brothers Jerry and Wilson SCHWARM, all of Wheatland Twp. Vandalia Union 3 Sep 1925.

SCHWARM, Tassie Edna b 18 Nov 1893 d 17 Sep 1925 at the Baptist Sanitarium in St. Louis, MO. She was operated on for a goiter. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther ALBRIGHT, she was born in Loogootee. She m 2 May 1915 B.O. SCHWARM and he with 3 children, Geneva, Leroy and Irene survive. Burial was in the Loogootee Cem. Vandalia Union 24 Sep 1925.

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SKEEN, Martha M. b 19 Feb 1883 d 26 June 1925. She was the 2nd dau of Eben and Rebecca ROBINSON, one of 12 children. She m William SKEEN who preceded her in death. They were parents of 6 daughters, four deceased, Vivia, Emiline, Lenora and Stella. She was survived by Leona MATHEWS of Iowa and Elizabeth LINDHORST, Ramsey. Also surviving were sisters, Eliza LINDHORST, Ramsey, Rebecca HILL, Fillmore and brothers Isaac of Cowden, William, Quincy, IL and Oreal ROBINSON of Coffeen. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 3 Jul 1925.

STINE, Fredericka nee BAUER, age 77 died at her home in Brownstown 4 July of brain trouble. She m 1) 24 Jan 1866 Chris GURTNER. He died 6 Jan 1916 St. Cloud, FL and she m 2) 20 Mar 1917 Conrad STINE, who survives. Burial was in Zion Cem. The deceased came to this county from Ohio 16 Apr 1858 with her parents, 2 sisters, 4 brothers and 2 half-brothers. Survivors included the husband, brothers Daniel and Samuel BAUER. Vandalia Union 9 Jul and 16 Jul 1925.

STINEBRING, Caroline b 4 May 1843 Loudon Twp., dau of William and Sarah FLOWERS, died 24 Aug 1925. She m 16 Feb 1867 Peter STINEBRING and they were parents of 7 children, 4 of whom are deceased, namely, Sadie OWEN, Mary LIPEY and 2 sons who died in infancy. Surviving are William of Buckley, IL, Iva YAKEL, Avena and Edward STINEBRING of Brownstown. Also surviving were brother Samuel FLOWERS of Brownstown and sister Emma SWARM of St. Elmo. Burial was in Old Liberty Cem. Vandalia Union 3 Sep 1925.

STRICKLAND, Mrs. J.M., a former resident of Ramsey Twp., died at her home in Assumption 19 Sep following a lingering illness of 3 months with a tumor. Burial was in Assumption Cem. Survivors were the husband, 2 sons, 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren. Vandalia Union 24 Sep 1925, Ramsey News Journal 25 Sep 1925.

SUMMERLOTT, infant dau of Mr. and Mrs. John SUMMERLOTT died Monday morning. A twin, the child was of immature birth and had not gained weight. The mother had fed the child at 3 A.M. and at 5:00 A.M. noticed the baby still had the bottle in its mouth. At 8:30 A.M. she checked the baby again and found it was dead. Burial was in Griffith Cem. Surviving with the pparents were 5 sisters, including its twin and 4 brothers. Vandalia Union 23 Jul 1925.

SUMMERLOTT, Louise Laverne, second twin of John and Myra SUMMERLOTT died 20 Jul 1925 a few hours after the first one was found dead. The funeral was held from the residence and both 6-week old daughters were buried in the same casket. Vandalia Union 30 Jul 1925.

SWEEZEY, Eliza A. b 17 Apr 1877 Hart Co., KY d 30 June 1925. She m 1877 Walter SWEEZEY and they were parents of 2 children, Mrs. Charlie FOX of Rock Falls and Charles SWEEZEY all of whom survive. Also surviving were 2 sisters and 1 brother in Kansas and 1 brother in Oklahoma. Burial was in a cemetery near Vernon. Vandalia Union 9 Jul 1925.

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TAYLOR, Columbus Jackson, died at his home 3 miles south of Mulberry Grove 21 Aug. Burial was in Taylor Cem. He was born 20 Aug 1868 Seminary Twp., son of Jasper and Mary Anne TAYLOR. He m 1902 Lillie PURDUE of Vandalia and she with 9 children survived him. They are: Opal BALDWIN, Leola, Clara, Edith, Maude, Georgia, Lillian, Clarence and John TAYLOR all at home, brother G.C. TAYLOR of Mulberry Grove, IL, sisters Amenta DAVIS of near Vandalia and Laura HAGY of Sullivan, IN. Vandalia Union 27 Aug 1925.

TINKER, Elizabeth died 8 Jul 1925 in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J.L. STAPP of Otego Twp. The deceased was born in Knox Co., OH 22 Nov 1829 coming to Fayette County with her parents in 1839. She m 23 Apr 1846 John J. TINKER and they were parents of 14 children, 8 of whom with the husband preceded her in death. The deceased was 10 years of age when the family came overland from Ohio, her mother dying a few years later. Survivors were brothers James TUCKER of Vandalia and Ben TUCKER of Winfield, KS, sons Jacob Melvin, William Maxey and Ferdinand Gordes TINKER of near Vandalia, daughters Carrie M. GREEN, Coweta, OK, Mrs. D.A. NEWMAN, Howe, IN, Mrs. J.L. STAPP of near Vandalia and one foster son, Eugene C. TINKER of Stonington, IL. A son, B.W. TINKER died 6 Mar 1925. Her husband died 45 years ago. She was stricken helpless 14 years ago and has since lived with her youngest daughter Mrs. STAPP. The funeral was held at Haley Chapel with burial nearby. Vandalia Union 16 Jul 1925.

TREXLER, Rhoda nee TAYLOR was born 12 Mar 1842 died 2 Aug 1925. She was born in Ohio and married Clinton TREXLER in 1861. They were parents of 11 children; 4 sons and 7 daughters. The deceased with her husband moved to Bear Grove Twp., this county in the fall of 1867. Her husband died 8 Jul 1890. Survivors were children: William, Sarah GOODMAN, Albert, Annie SCHUTZ, Lizzie ROE, Charles, Mary ROE, Irene PIGG all of the county, Louis TREXLER of Sapulpa, OK. Daughters Maggie BLANKENSHIP and Lulu ELAM preceded her in death. Burial was in Bethlehem Cem. Vandalia Union 6 Aug 1925.

WEABER, Alice, age 71 died at her home in Loudon Twp. following heart trouble and complications. She had gone into the barnyard to do the milking when she was stricken. A neighbor, Tom WRIGHT discovered the body. The Coroner held an inquest. The funeral was held from Spring Hill church with burial in Maplewood Cem. Survivors were daughter, Mrs. Charles HEDGES and sons Gerald of Loudon and Louie of Decatur. Her husband died 4 years ago. Vandalia Union 2 Jul 1925.

WILSON, Catherine S. nee HALL b 31 Dec 1848 Monroe, Hart Co., KY d 4 Jul 1925 Medora, IL. She m 11 Dec 1877 Edmund BARNES, he died 3 Oct 1916 at Chautauqua, IL. They were parents of 5 children, Margaret MILLER, DesMoines, IA, James E., Washington D.C., Richard BARNES of St. Louis, MO, Mrs. Charles McCRELLIS, Wood River, IL and Mrs. Jess ROGERS, Ramsey. She m 2) 14 Aug 1922 Shelby WILSON and he survives. Ramsey News Journal 17 Jul 1925.

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WRIGHT, Agnes died at her home in Davenport, IA 5 Sept. She was a resident of Vandalia 40 years ago. Her sister, Jennie WRIGHT died 24 Aug 1924. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 10 Sep 1925.

WRIGHT, Cora died 26 Aug, 1925. She was born 4 Aug 1869 near Fillmore the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson WRIGHT. Burial was in Rush Cem. She had never married and was survived by 2 brothers. Ramsey News Journal 4 Sep 1925.

YOUNKER, John age 76 died at the home of his son Fred near Herrick. The body was taken to Moccasin for burial beside his wife who died last year. The funeral was conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church. Burial was in the cemetery nearby. Vandalia Union 13 Aug 1925, Ramsey News Journal 7 Aug 1925.

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POPE
HARRISON
SEATON

My gg-grandmother Rachel _____ (widow of John POPE and mother of Henry Walker POPE, my gr-grandfather) m 2) Ludwick HARRISON 6 Sep 1860 Fay. Co., IL by whom she had 3 more children: Jasper, Benetta and Rosetta HARRISON. One of the daughters m Burnett SEATON. Does anyone know Rachel's maiden name?

NETTLEBECK
BROWNING
ROBERTS

My gr-grandfather Hermann NETTLEBECK m 5 Oct 1894 Fay. Co., IL Elizabeth BROWNING she b ca 1834 IL dau of Joseph and Mary S. ROBERTS BROWNING. When and where did Elizabeth die? Where is she buried? Will be happy to share data and reimburse cost for postage.

FAYETTE COUNTY INTERNET QUERIES

The Editor, Linda Hanabarger, is one of the Look-Up volunteers for Fayette County on the USGENWEB.com website. We will publish a sampling of those received each month as room is available.

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My 4th gr-grandmother Margaret FLETCHER b 1827 OH d 24 Dec 1923 FC m James DAUGHERTY he b ca 1825 d 1873. She m 2) Joseph WILLET. At the time of her death she was living at the County Farm. Where is she buried?



COUNTY COMMISSIONER RECORDS
1831

(Continued from Fayette Facts, Vol. 28 No. 2)

Page 304. Monday March, 7, 1831. Session held at the State House, Vandalia. Commissioners: Samuel HOUSTON, John WATWOOD and John HALEY. William HANKINS paid \$7 into the treasury for fines collected. Thomas C. KIRKMAN, Esq., Justice of the Peace turned in a list of fines assessed by him; Constable STARNES charged with collecting the money. William NICHOLS, Esq., J.P. also turned in a list of fines assessed since last term amounting to \$23; Constable DOYLE charged with collecting the money.

Ordered that James GALLOWAY, Lenhart O. SHRADER and John LINN be paid \$1 each for guarding jail while MEANS and PARKS were confined therein. Coroner Enoch SANFORD was paid \$3 for the balance of burial expenses for burial of John ASHCROFT who came to his death by freezing; also \$13.25 coroner fees and burial expenses of a man of color found froze to death.

Ordered that BLACKWELL and STAPP be licensed to vend goods, wares and merchandise in the county for one year ending March, 1832. They paid \$25 into the county treasury. William McCONNELL, Charles PRENTICE and John GORIN each obtained a license to vend goods, wares, etc. for one year; paying \$20 into the treasury.

Grand Jurors were named: William HOWELL, Barton DANIEL, Sr., Irwin KIRLEE, Wm. MILES, Stephen T. BEEMAN, John EVANS, Henry GINGER, Jr., Edward HALEY, Philip LESTER (LUSTER), Winslow PILCHER, John F. POSEY, Wm. HOWARD, Wm. J. HOCKETT, Wm. McCONNELL, John HALL, Joseph CHAFFIN, William GINGER, Henry LORTON, MOSES POLIN (POLAND), William BUNDAY, Thomas HICKS, William SIDWELL and Humphrey HANLEY. Petit Jurors were: Ezekiel WILLIAMS, Samuel SMITH, Ethelred YARBROUGH, Loyd LEE, Nathaniel JACKSON, Jacob TINKER, James NOBLE, Harrison THOMPSON, Edward DAVIS, B.L. MERITT, William STEWARD, John COOK, John CONDRAV, William MILTON, John SPRINGER, Thos. NICHOLS (Squires son), Richd HICKS, Isaac ANDERSON, Joseph GOODWIN, Abm BUNKER, John HARRIS, William HALEY, S.R. POWELL and Frances BROWN.

Page 307. March 8, 1831. Commissioners: Saml. HOUSTON, John HALEY and John WATWOOD. Upon petition of sundry inhabitants, it was proposed that viewers be appointed to review and relocate that part of the Public road leading from Vandalia to Shelbyville, between Chaffin's land five miles north of Vandalia to the county line of Shelby Co. Ordered that Nathaniel NOWLIN, Joseph CHAFFIN and Guy BECK be appointed viewers.



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County treasurer, Zela WATWOOD made his report of monies received by him to December, 1829 totaling \$561.15. (A 2 page listing of people he paid follows this entry). After the disbursements there was \$13.00 in specie remaining in the Treasury. James WHITLOCK was paid \$2.12 1/2 for recording Deeds and Patents.

James Black applied for license to vend goods and merchandize (sic) for one year from March 1831. He paid \$20.00 fee. Zela F. WATWOOD was appointed Treasurer of Fayette County until March 1832. William HANKINS and John ENOCHS were his securities.

Ordered that the county be divided into the following Road Districts: Southern line of DEPEW's line where WREN and NICHOLS land comes with DEPEW's, running west four miles with a due east/west line from the said south side of DEPEW's land, then due north to the Northern Boundary of Fayette County then east with said Northern Boundary to the Eastern Boundary of the county then south with Eastern Boundary to a due east/west line back to the place of beginning. Paul BECK, Jr. and appointed Supervisor of all the roads within this district.

2nd District to commence at the Southern line of Depew's land where Wren's and Nichols land comes with DEPEW then continuing west 4 miles with a due east/west line from the south then due South of Boaz's Creek to the Kaskaskia River then north running with the river until it intersects with the east/west line from the south side of DEPEW. Anderson CHANDLER was appointed Supervisor of roads.

3rd District to commence at the middle of Boaz's Creek where the Shelbyville Road crosses, then west 4 miles to the boundary of the 2nd District then due north to the northern boundary of Fayette County then west to the middle of the Prairie lying between Huffman's and Hurricane Creek, then south until it reaches a due east/west line from the crossing of Huffman's Creek where the Shelbyville Road crosses the same then east to the Kaskaskia River - back north with the river to the mouth of Boaz's Creek then west with said creek so as to include Edmond BOAZ's family with Edmond BOAZ being appointed commissioner.

[At this point in the book there is a mix-up in the pages. The description of the 3rd District of roads in the county is entered on Page 312. The page following this description and naming of commissioner was evidently placed in the County Commissioner Records by mistake. The three entries on the page were struck through but happily the Editor was able to read its content. No explanation as to why the entry appears with business of 1831.]

Executed March 13, 1823
Executed April 19, 1823

Return to W.H. 1823
Same

This day came into Court Henry WALKER and made a declaration under the Act of Congress of June 7, 1832 which declaration is ordered to be filed and made a part of the records of the court. It is ordered by the Court that it be certified to the Secretary of War that it is the
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opinion of this court after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he stated. And the court further certifies that it appears to them that Charles RADCLIFF who has signed the preceding certificate is a preacher of the Gospel, resident in the county of Fayette and that Robert R. McLAUGHLIN who has also signed the same, is a resident of the said county of Fayette and that they are credible persons and their statement is entitled to credit.

Frederick REMANN made application to keep a tippling house in Vandalia - George LEIDIG and Ben W. THOMPSON were his securities. Jeremiah EVANS was allowed \$30 for services rendered, didn't say what.

This page out of place - dated Thursday March 8, 1832 - page torn, no number.

C.B. BERRY, Sheriff made his report indicating he had collected \$461.08 of which he was paid 7 1/2% for collection. He also collected \$40.81 for sale of estrays during the year 1831.

...Road from Greenville to Shelbyville part of said road passing through Fayette County. Rufus BEACH was paid \$4.50 for surveying road; William STOKES and Henry SHORT were paid for acting as chain carriers, Samuel ANDREWS for his services as staker and blazer; James DURLEY for supplying the team used and Titus GRAGG for his services as pilot.

Ordered for the purposes of raising revenue to defray expenses for the year 1832 a tax of one-half percent was levied on the following personal property: Slaves and indentured or registered negroes or mulatto servants, on distilleries, horses, mares, mules, asses and neat cattle of every description and on watches and appendages. Ordered that Henry SMITH be licensed to vend goods and merchandize in the town of Vandalia for 1 year.

Page 313. 4th District to commence at the forks of the Sangamon and Shelbyville Roads and run north with said Shelbyville Road as to include Nathaniel SANBURN to Higgin's creek then westwardly with said Higgins Creek to the Third Principal Meridian then north with said meridian to a due east/west line from where the Shelbyville Road crosses Huffman's Creek, then east to the said east/west line from said crossing of the Kaskaskia River then south with the river until it strikes a due east/west line from the forks of the Sangamon and Shelbyville Roads, then west with this line to the place of beginning. John DENTON was appointed supervisor.

5th District to commence at the forks of the Sangamon and Shelbyville Roads and run north with the west side of the Sangamon Road to Higgins Creek then west with said creek to the Third principal meridian then north with the meridian two miles, including LAMER and WALKER then west until it strikes a due north and south line passing the lone tree standing on the Sangamon Road about 1 mile west of Harvey CUNNINGHAM's then south to said north/south line from the lone tree on the prairie until it strikes a due east/west line running out of

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Gallatin Street in the town of Vandalia then east to the west side of the Public Square in the town of Vandalia. Then north to the forks of the Sangamon and Shelbyville Roads. William HOCKETT was appointed Supervisor of the roads in this district.

6th District to commence at the western boundary of Fayette county where the due east/west line running with Gallatin Street in Vandalia, north boundary of said county then southeast where it strikes a due north/south line from the lone tree in the Prairie near the Sangamon road then south with said road to Gallatin Street in Vandalia. Harman BROWNING was appointed supervisor.

7th District to commence at the corner of Gallatin and Fourth Streets in Vandalia running south with Fourth Street to Johnson Street then west to Fifth Street then south until it strikes Carlyle Road (running near Ben W. THOMPSON's) then southwardly with said road to the northern line of College Twp., then west with this line to the western boundary of Fayette County to the east/west line running with Gallatin Street in Vandalia. William DANIEL was appointed supervisor.

8th District comence at the corner of Gallatin and Fourth Streets in Vandalia running east with Gallatin to the Kaskaskia River then south with said river to the mouth of Buck Creek then west with Buck Creek (so as to include the YARBROUGHS and Joel THOMAS) to the western boundary of Fayette County then north to the northern line of College Township, then east with this line until it strikes the Carlyle Road by Ben THOMPSON's then North with said road (so as to include the family living on HICKERSON's old place) until it intersects with Fifth Street. Stephen KELLY was appointed supervisor.

9th District to commence at the mouth of Buck creek and run west with the creek to the western boundary line of Fayette County then south with this line to the southern boundary of the county, then east with this boundary to the Kaskaskia River then north with the river to the mouth of Buck Creek. Henry LEDBETTER was appointed supervisor.

10th District to commence at the west side of the Public Square in Vandalia so as to include all the town east of the west side of the Public Square and north of Gallatin Street and run east to the east end of the causeway in the Kaskaskia river bottom on the Vincennes Road. William H. BROWN was appointed supervisor.

Page 317. 11th District to commence at the east end of the causeway in the Kaskaskia River bottom on the Vincennes Road and run east to the county line and north to the south fork of Bluff Creek William D. BROWN was appointed supervisor.

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12th District to contain all that part of Fayette County lying east of the Kaskaskia River and south of the south fork of Bluff Creek and the hands in said bounds are required to work the Shawneetown Road to its junction with the Vincennes Road. Frances BROWN was appointed Supervisor.

C.B. BERRY, Sheriff of Fayette County made his report for 1830 - he collected \$470.13 of which he kept 7 1/2 percent for collection. A 4-page listing of monies paid appears next. Some who were paid were: Zophar CASE, James BERRY, Paul and Guy BECK, John ENOCHS, Peyton BANKSON, Stephen AUSTIN, Samuel HOUSTON, A.P.H. DOYLE, Alfred WARREN, John TRAPP, Bolin JONES, Robert BLACKWELL, Jonathan PARKHURST, Wm. TURNER, James GALLOWAY, John HALEY, James BRAZLE, Thomas C. KIRKMAN, Henry LEDBETTER, John POSEY, John HALL, Josiah STEWART, Lenhart O. SHRADER, John and William RILEY, Lambert BEARDIN, Moses STORY, Charles PRENTICE, Jacob T. SWAFFORD, William KING, Joseph OLIVER, William NICHOLS.

Page 321. Ordered that a new district for election of justices of the peace and constables be laid off to be called Cumberland District - the boundaries as follows: beginning at the mouth of Hickory Creek then up the Kaskaskia River to the northern boundary of the Middle District then east to the centre of the Grand Prairie then south to the south fork of Hickory Creek, then down said creek to its mouth or place of beginning. Elections shall be held at the home of John HALEY and that Winslow PILCHER, Ezra GRIFFITH and James HALEY be appointed judges of elections held here.

Page 323. March 9, 1831. The first order of business was levy of tax, same as on Page 7. March 9, 1831. Joseph ENOS applied for a license to keep a tippling shop in Vandalia for 1 year beginning March, 1831. James WHITLOCK, Esq. Returned to court all fines assessed by him amounting to \$3.00. R.K. McLAUGHLIN was granted a license to keep a tavern in Vandalia and to vend spirituous liquors for 1 year commencing 9 Mar 1831. Fee \$12. John HALEY was on his bond. McLAUGHLIN was also granted a license to vend goods, wares and merchandise after paying \$20 into the county treasury.

James W. BERRY was paid \$6 for blanks purchased for Clerk's offices and \$15 for stationery for the Fayette County Court House. He was also allowed \$.50 for clerking for this session. Zela WATWOOD was allowed \$20.61 the two percent allowed him by law for paying over \$1030.58. C.B. BERRY was allowed \$2 for services as Sheriff at September term 1830, Fayette County Court House, two days; \$3 for present term.

Page 325. Paul BECK, Sr., Peyton BANKSON and William NICHOLS were appointed trustees of School Lands in Township 8 North 2 East. Elijah C. BERRY, Enoch SANFORD and William J. HOCKETT were appointed trustees of School Lands in Township 6 North 1 East; George SMITH, Absalom MICHAEL and John OVERTON trustees of Township 4 North 1

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West; Demsey YARBROUGH, John LINDLEY and John CONDRA township 6 North 1 West. Nathaniel SANBURN was appointed Commissioner and agent for the county for all school lands in the county.

Page 327. June 6, 1831. Commissioners, Saml. HOUSTON, John WATWOOD and John HALEY. Thomas C. KIRKMAN, an acting justice reported he had collected no fines - William NICHOLS Esq., J.P. returned his list of fines amounting to \$3.

Ordered that Jesse JAMES, John DEPEW and William SIDWELL be appointed Judges of the election for Northern Dist. Election to be held in home of John WATWOOD. Elijah C. BERRY, John D. GORIN and John DELAPLAIN were appointed election judges. Election to be held at the State house in Vandalia. Winslow PILCHER, John HANKINS and John W. NICHOLS were appointed judges of Cumberland Dist. Election held in home of John HALEY. George D. NEVIL, Thomas J. BROCKETT and Jonathan PARKHURST appointed judges of the Eastern Dist., election held at home of Thomas BROCKETT.

A new district was laid out for the purpose of holding elections, to be called Bear Creek Dist. John LAWLER and Henry ECCLES were appointed judges of the election to be held in the home of John DENTON.

James GALLOWAY, Esq. county surveyor, filed his resignation. Thomas C. KIRKMAN (sic) was appointed to that position. Thomas WHITLOCK, Esq., J.P. returned a list of fines assessed - \$39.56.

Upon application of sundry citizens it is ordered that Phlegmming BECK, Henry LORTON and Joseph CARTER be appointed viewers of the nearest and most convenient route for a road from home of Binns WREN to the Lorton Settlement. Abraham HOWARD, William FORRESTER and Thomas JONES were appointed viewers to lay off a route for a road commencing at the Cumberland Road at the head of South Fork of Big Creek to intersect the Shelbyville Road near John HINDS.

Page 332. Irvin KIRLEE, Frances BROWN and Absalom YARBROUGH were appointed judges of the election in the Southern Dist. Election held in home of James FERRIL. Alexander P.H. DOYLE executed a new bond as Constable in the northern dist. of the county as did John B. WILLIAMS constable of the southern dist.

Grand Jurors elected for October Term, 1831 were: John HINDS, Peyton R. BANKSTON, Nathaniel NOWLAND, George GUTHRY, Phlegmmon BECK, Abraham HOWARD, Jesse JAMES, William VIRDIN, Jacob LANDERS, James FREEMAN, William PADON, Jeremiah ABBOT, Thomas B. HICKMAN, John JORDAN, Robt. K. McLAUGHLIN, Thomas R. GATEWOOD, Samuel RUSSELL, Benjamin WILLIAMS, Jonathan BRITTON,

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Lewis GINGER, John A. WAKEFIELD, Absalom MICHAEL, James FERRIL.

Petit Jurors: John DICKERSON, Abisha GOODMAN, James M.J. SCANTLAND, Gholson STAPP, George F. STOOKE, Peter SMITH, John TAYLOR, Amos SWEET, James HOWELL, John BROWN, Peter SHAFFER, Barton DANIEL, Jr., Thomas CREEKMAN, William CREEKMAN, Buck LEDBETTER, Van H. LEDBETTER, John A. WRIGHT, George ROE, William HARRIS, Henry MILLER, Clement FERRIL, Ezekiel WOOD, Gollihu GRIGSBY, and Andrew ASH.

PAGE 335. September 5, 1831. Thomas KIRKMAN returned into Court a list of all the fines assessed by him since the last regular term amounting to \$21.00. He was allowed \$2.75 in costs in the cases of James ALLEN, Thomas GILHAM and John ENOCHS. James W. BLACK was allowed \$2.26 for padlocks furnished for the jail and Seymour R. POWELL was paid for repairs to the jail.

Ordered that the 5th Road District be altered to exclude all hands within the corporation of Vandalia by stopping the southern boundary of the district to within one mile of the Public Square in Vandalia.

C.B. BERRY was paid \$30.00 for ex-officio services as Sheriff for one year to 1 August.

Abraham HOWARD, Thomas JONES and William FORRESTER made their report after viewing a road to intersect with the Cumberland Road. They determined that such a road was necessary and useful. The road was therefore declared a public highway.

Page 337. Frederick REMANN made application for a license to keep a grocery in Vandalia. He paid \$12 into the county treasury.

John DEPEW, William SIDWELL, Isaac SIDWELL, Joseph H. GILLISPIE, Edward H. DEPEW, John D. GORIN, James T. B. STAPP and John F. POSEY, Benjamin F. BERRY, D.L.W. JONES, Irvin CURLEE, William MILES and Jno. YARBROUGH, James BOWLES, Archibald ARNY, Samuel THOMASON, Jonathan PARKHURST, George D. NEVILL, Josiah STEWART, John HALEY, John MILLER, Joseph RANEY, James PILCHER, Thomas R. GATEWOOD, John LAWLER, Henry ECCLES, Ben BUCKMASTER, William LAWLER, Eusley WILEY were paid for acting as judges and clerks during the past election.

Ordered that a seal with the United States eagle surrounded by the words "County Commissioners Court Fayette County" was declared the public seal of the county commissioners and a seal with a pair of scales or balances surrounded by the words "Fayette Circuit Court Illinois" was declared the seal for the Circuit Court for Fayette County.

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A new district was laid out to commence at the mouth of Hickory Creek then east with the south fork of the creek to the astern boundary line of Fayette County then south along this line to the southern boundary of the county then west to the Kaskaskia River then north again to the place of beginning. Philip LESTER (LUSTER), Henry GINGER and James MARTIN were appointed Judges of the elections of the district to the called Kaskaskia District. Elections to be held in the home of Joseph OGLESBY.

Flemming BECK, Henry LORTON and Joseph CARTER made their report as viewers of a road to the Lorton Settlement. They staked out the road as follows: beginning at Binns WREN and passing by William NICHOLS, Esq. then to John WATWOODS, then by Paul BECKs then by Charles LEE and then by Thomas RAYBOURNS, then by Fleming BECK then to Lorton's Settlement.

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OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES
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April to June, 1925

ALEXANDER, Cora Mabel dau of Henry H. and Harriet ALEXANDER was b 27 Apr 1908 and died after a short illness at the home of her parents in Bayle City, 7 Apr 1925. The youngest of 9 children; 4 predeceased her. Survivors were parents, sisters, Mrs. Leonard SARVER, Herrick, Mrs. Oscar BLAYLOCK and Anne at home, brother, William H., aged grandmother Nancy MERRIMAN of Fillmore. Burial was in Harris Cem. near Bingham. Ramsey News Journal 17 Apr 1925, Vandalia Union 9 Apr and 16 Apr 1925.

ARNOLD, Sarah, nee WORKMAN dau of Isaac and Mary WORKMAN was born 4 Oct 1830 Knox Co., OH and died at her home near Brownstown, 13 May 1925 aged 94 years and 9 months. At an early age she with her parents settled in what is now Sefton township. She m 27 Apr 1851 Joshua ARNOLD who died 7 Dec 1914. They were parents of 12 children, 6 sons and 6 daughters; 4 preceded her in death. The survivors were: Henrietta BOWMAN, Salena FLOWERS, H.E. ARNOLD all of Brownstown, Joseph D., Republic, MO, J.W., North Dakota, Martha COX, San Diego, CA, Minnie F. MILLER, St. Elmo and Dr. B.F. ARNOLD, Greenville, TX. She was the last WORKMAN descendant being the last of the 12 children. She was a pioneer members of Old Liberty Church. Burial was in Liberty Cem. beside her husband. Vandalia Union 14 May and 21 May 1925.

BEACH, Harold C. died very suddenly in Los Angeles, CA Saturday afternoon. He was born 17 Sep 1885 the son of Dr. R. E. BEACH, a prominent Vandalia physician and surgeon. The deceased attended University of Illinois where he graduated in law. He moved to St. Mary's Idaho where he was associated in law with C. R. SCHULTE. He then moved to Spokane, WA and from there to Los Angeles where he was a partner with Janeway & Pratt. His mother Mrs. W.M. ALLISON was in Bloomington, IL where she had been called upon the death of her sister, Miss Nellie KIDD. His widow was to accompany the body to St. Louis for cremation and then to Vandalia for burial of the cremains in South Hill Cemetery, Vandalia. A sister, Dolly PAULLIS (Mrs. George) was recovering from appendicitis in Detroit and was not expected to attend the services. Vandalia Union 18 May 1925.

BECK, Nora died suddenly while watching her son Clifford check his hooks in Beck Creek. The son said he had left his mother sitting on a sandbar while he checked his hooks and when he came back she had fallen forward with her head in the water. He pulled her out of the water and summoned help. It was determined at the inquest that she was epileptic. Survivors were the husband Fred BECK and son Clifford and aged parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McELFRESH. Also surviving were sister Mrs. Will BREWER, brother Earl McELFRESH of Casey along with 2 grandsons. Burial was in Meyers Cem., Herrick. Ramsey News Journal 1 May 1925, Vandalia Union 30 Apr 1925.



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BENNYHOFF, Bessie Beryl dau of J.E. and Eva BENNYHOFF died at her father's home on North 7th Street, 15 May 1925 from TB. She had made her own funeral plans. Burial was in South Hill Cem. beside her mother who died 28 Jan 1919. She was born 24 Dec 1902 Vandalia. Survivors were father, brother Roy, step-mother, grandmother Mrs. J.B. BENNYHOFF. Vandalia Union 21 May 1925.

BERRY, Beeler a State Farm prisoner was found dead on a snag in the river Tuesday north east of the farm buildings. He was reported missing May 3. He had evidently attempted to swim across the river. A native of Alexander County, he was sent here for assault with a deadly weapon. Vandalia Union 21 May 1925.

BONZON, Gustave Louis died at his home near Hagarstown 12 May 1925, his death following four weeks of illness from high blood pressure and a weak heart. He was aged 48y 8 m and 22ds. Burial was in Highland at the city cemetery. The deceased was born in Switzerland 20 Aug 1866 emigrating to America in 1888, coming to Highland. He m 1896 Anna PRADER and they were parents of 4 children, Erwin, Louis, Alfred and Louis BONZON all at home. Vandalia Union 14 May and 21 May 1925.

BOST, Matilda widow of George W. BOST of Fillmore died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Gordon WHITE in New Orleans. Her death was due to Bright's Disease. She had made her home with her son Dr. E.J. BOST since her husband died 17 years ago before moving to New Orleans last fall. Burial was in Fillmore. Following her marriage to George BOST they lived for a time in Greenville where 3 children were born. One son died in 1918. Vandalia Union 9 Apr 1925.

BRITTON, Mary Lavon infant of Mr. and Mrs. Shirell BRITTON was b 21 Apr 1924 and died 29 May 1926. Survivors were parents, 4 sisters, 1 brothers, 2 grandmothers and 1 grandfather. Vandalia Union 4 June 1925.

BROWNING, Janie wife of Ezra B. BROWNING of Shafter Twp. died Sunday evening, 19 Apr 1925 of TB. She was 29 years of age and was born in Bond Co, IL 14 May 1895. She married 17 Mar 1917 W.E. BROWNING and they were parents of 2 children, Floyd D., age 7 and Margie A., age 5. A grandmother, Mrs. Louisa BLANKENSHIP also survived as did a grandfather W.H. BROWNING. Her parents, 2 brothers and 1 sister predeceased her. Funeral was held from Hurricane Church with burial in McIntyre Cem. Ramsey News Journal 24 Apr 1925, Vandalia Union 23 Apr 1925.

BUNYARD, Richard L., who was born and reared in Vandalia died at his home 7 miles southeast of Fall River, Kansas, 13 Apr 1925, age 68y 3m 6ds. He moved to Kansas in 1885 and married there 3 years later. He was survived by his wife, 3 children and a sister Mrs. Jane NIXON of Vandalia. Vandalia Union 23 Apr 1925.

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BUSENHART, Emma C., nee STREHLER age 67 died suddenly at her home in Kaskaskia Twp., 10 June. Coroner's inquest was held whose verdict was that she died of diseased kidneys, high blood pressure and heart trouble. She had suffered from spells for a long time. She was born 9 May 1858 Zurich, Switzerland and married John BUSENHART 21 Sep 1878 in Switzerland; he died 27 June 1922. They came to America in 1880. Survivors were John, Scott City, KS, Mrs. Emma GEORGE, St. Louis, MO, Will, Freeburg, IL, Fred, Shobonier, Chris of Chicago, Mrs. Minnie BOWLES, St. Louis and Flossie at home. Her daughters Flossie and Mrs. GEORGE were with her at the time of her death. Vandalia Union 18 June 1925.

CARTER, Cora L. nee BUCK was born 12 Feb 1869 George Co., OH and came to Illinois with her parents. She died 26 Mar 1925 following an operation for gallstones at Grace Hospital in Detroit, MI. She m 4 Jan 1889 George A. CARTER and they were parents of 7 children, 1 dying in infancy. Survivors were Pearl MEIER and Bessie BAILEY of Detroit, MI, Mabel MINOR, Long Beach, CA, sons Roy, Streator, IL, Milo and Russel of Detroit, sisters, Abbie STEELE, Ainsworth, NE, Ella OGLESBY, Vandalia and brothers Benjamin BUCK of Decatur, Will and Norman BUCK of Ramsey. The family had lived in Vandalia until 2 years ago when they moved to Detroit, MI. Vandalia Union 2 Apr 1925.

CHANDLER, Lucian died at his home on North Sixth Street, Vandalia, 20 Apr 1925 following a nearly 30 years illness. He was age 66y 5m 29ds and had been paralyzed for the past 7 years. Burial was in South Hill Cem. He was born near Hagarstown, 21 Oct 1858 and m Ella J. STEWART, 4 Nov 1891. They lived on a farm in Sharon Twp. until 10 years ago when they moved to Vandalia. The wife died 3 1/2 years ago and he then made his home with son and daughter Kenneth CHANDLER and Maurine SHELLABARGER. Vandalia Union 23 Apr 1925.

CLARK, Rebecca D. widow of Daniel M. CLARK died at her home 9 May 1925 following an illness of 4 days from heart trouble and pneumonia. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Rebecca DAVIS CLARK was born in Higganum, Connecticut, 24 Jan 1845. She taught school for several years before her marriage on 19 Sep 1869 to Daniel M. CLARK of Haddam, CT. Following their marriage they moved to Vandalia. They were parents of 8 children. Warren Lyman, Harrison Monroe both died in infancy, Mrs. Edith BURR, Mrs. Ruth LYNN, Nellie and Victor CLARK of Vandalia, Lt. Col. Charles CLARK of the United States Army. Also surviving were sisters, Harrie PECK, Plantsville, CT and Miss Mary T. CLARK of Los Angeles, CA, and 10 grandchildren. Vandalia Union 14 May 1925.

COX, Willie, of Harrisburg, who escaped from the State Farm here over a year ago was shot and killed by a policeman in Eldorado. Local authorities had long thought that he had drowned on his escape. He was divorced and his ex-wife was living with her brother Lee GIBBS. When COX started to abuse the wife, the brother intervened and COX fired 2 shots at him. The authorities were called and they returned his fire. He was shot once in the heart. Vandalia Union 30 Apr 1925.

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CRAIG, Louis Bradsaw b 24 Jan 1849 Clark Co., IL d 24 May 1925 at his home near St. James aged 76 years and 4 months. He m 16 Mar 1873 Lydia STINE and they were parents of 4 children, Mrs. Delia HARRIS, Mrs. Mary HARRIS, Mrs. Emma ALBRIGHT and Fred CRAIG all living near St. James, Also surviving were brothers Thomas and William CRAIG both of Marshall, IL. His wife died 4 Nov 1908. He m 2) 8 Oct 1915 to Mrs. Marie SAPP. Burial place not given. Vandalia Union 4 June 1925.

CRAIG, Robert Madison b 11 Oct 1844 Aviston, IL died at his home in Vandalia, 31 Mar 1925. His wife died two hours earlier on the same day, also of pneumonia. He m 15 Aug 1866 Sarah Frances WESTLAKE and they moved to Vandalia in 1871. The deceased was educated at Shurtleff and Lebanon colleges. Following his marriage, he worked at the chair factory for 1 year and then was employed as car inspector for the Vandalia Line. He served the railroad 48 years in various capacities. He had been an elder of the Presbyterian church for 10 years. He was also remembered as a naturalist and kept a greenhouse. He liked the outdoors and had a fine collection of Indian relics. The couple were parents of 9 children, 4 who died in infancy. Son, Robert died in 1898, daughters Minnie STITES died in 1905 and Daisy CRAIG in 1911. Surviving were Jessie CRAIG who teaches in Vandalia schools and son, Fred of St. Louis. Vandalia Union 2 Apr 1925.

CRAIG, Sarah Frances nee WESTLAKE b 27 Mar 1846 Brooklyn (state not given.) Died 2 hours after her husband, 31 Mar 1925. She attended college in Lebanon, IL and this is where she met her husband, Robert Madison CRAIG. They married 15 Aug 1866 and came to Vandalia in 1871. They were parents of 9 children. See obituary of Robert Madison CRAIG (above) for more information. Vandalia Union 2 Apr 1925.

CUNNINGHAM, William H. died at Anna Hospital recently. The son of John and Nancy CUNNINGHAM, he was born 19 Mar 1859 Fayette Co. and died 25 Mar 1925, aged 66y 4ds. He m 18 Mar 1890 Etta CRAIN and she died 3 Jan 1900. They were parents of 4 children, Sadie STOVER and Pearl RYAN of Centralia, Hazel HICKS, Hagarstown and John E. of Vandalia. He m 2) 1910 to Lyda B. CARTER. In addition to his children he was survived by sisters and brothers, Elvira KELLOGG and Caroline WILSON of Nokomis, George CUNNINGHAM of Drumond, OK, Celeste DONALDSON, Taylor Springs, IL, Ruth KING, Vernetie E. BRASHEAR and Charles M. all living near home. Vandalia Union 2 Apr 1925.

CURTIS, Walter S., only son of B.G. and Martha CURTIS was b 7 Apr 1881 Fayette Co. and died at the Sanitarium in Springfield, 20 May 1925 age 44y 1m 13ds. Survivors were children from his first marriage, Velma, Elfreida and Florence of Decatur and four small children and companion of Rosswell, New Mexico, aged father and 2 sisters, Mrs. Charles POSTEN of Assumption and Edythe T. CURTIS. The mother and 4 sisters preceded him in death. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 29 May 1925.

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DAVISON, Denzel Lee, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert DAVISON died at their home in Seminary Twp., age 4 months 27 days. Survivors were parents, brother Junior and sister Sarah Luella along with 2 grandmothers and 1 grandfather Vandalia Union 23 Apr 1925.

DIAMOND, Cecelia E. nee LARIMER born 20 June 1891 Hagarstown, IL died 2 Apr 1925 at the Decatur-Macon County Sanitarium. Burial was in McInturff Cem. She m 20 Dec 1910 Edgar M. DIAMOND and they were parents of 3 children, Vivian E. and Esther Delorus and an infant who preceded the mother in death. She had been bedfast for the past 18 months. Survivors were the husband, daughters, mother, step-father, brother George W., sisters, Mrs. Henry HURST, Greenville and Edna L. LAWS of Decatur. Her father, 1 brother and 2 sisters preceded her in death. Vandalia Union 9 Apr 1925.

DINGES, Charles L., died at his home in Little Rock, AR, 22 June 1925. Death was due to high blood pressure and heart trouble. The son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. DINGES he was born in Vandalia and worked with the real estate firm of Gochenour & Lessing. When it dissolved he continued the firm under the name of Gocheour & Dieckmann and later worked for Fed Emmel. He moved to Little Rock 15 years ago and was employed with the Beach Abstract Company at the time of his death. He m Maggie MYERS and they were parents of 5 daughters, the firstborn dying in infancy. Survivors with the widow were daughters Blanch BROWN (Mrs. T.I.), Mabel LUMPKIN (Mrs. J.W.), Esther SIMPSON (Mrs. H.N.) and Eleanor LITTLE, (Mrs. M.R.). The funeral was held from the home of his sister, Mrs. Thomas CAPPS. Vandalia Union 25 June 1925.

DUNAWAY, Charles, age 54, was instantly killed when an eastbound Nickel Plate passenger train struck the enclosed buggy in which he was riding at a crossing 3/4 miles east of Cowden. The team cleared the tracks safely with the train striking the buggy. Survivors were wife Martha and 4 children, Calvin, Glenn of Shelby Co., Sadie LEWIS, Decatur, Frank and Violet at home. Ramsey News Journal 4 Apr 1925.

DURBIN, John B. b 12 May 1847 Avena Twp., Fay. Co., IL died 10 Apr 1925 from a heart attack at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gilbert FORBIS. Burial was in Maple View Cem. The deceased m 1871 Beatrice WEIDNER and they were parents of 13 children, the mother and 8 children preceding him in death. He m 2) Elzina LOGUE and they were parents of 2 children. She is since deceased. Surviving children are: Lizzie, SIMS, Ella SAILSBERY, Mae SAILSBERY of Stonington, IL, Katie BOLINGER and Thomas DURBIN of southern Illinois, Earl DURBIN of Rutland, IL and Mrs. Gilbert FORBIS of Sefton Twp. Also surviving were brother George DURBIN, sister Mrs. Calvin WATSON of near St. Elmo. A brother Paul of Iowa died 2 days prior to Mr. DURBIN's decease. Three half brothers, 1 half sister also survived. Vandalia Union 16 Apr 1925.

DURBIN, Paul, died 8 Apr 1925 in Iowa. His brother John B. DURBIN died two days later. (See above.) Vandalia Union 16 Apr 1925.

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EDWARDS, G.W. died 27 Mar 1925 at his home southeast of Vandalia. He was nearly 81 years of age. He was born in this county and spent his entire life here. Survivors were a half-brother James EDWARDS of Shobonier and half-sister Kate BETHARD of Morrisonville. Vandalia Union 9 Apr 1925.

EMMEL, Charles Fred died Wednesday at his home in Vandalia on East Randolph St., age 55. He been ill several weeks and suffered a nervous breakdown. The deceased had long been interested in music and formed the Emmel Cornet Band which became known as the Vandalia Concert Band. He had been a former band leader in Ramsey. He was born 18 Dec 1869, Vandalia and was associated in the furniture and undertaking business with his father before they sold out to J.W. SCHENKER. He graduated from high school in 1887 being the youngest member of the class of 11. Survivors were his widow, the former Belle LYNCH and children, Fred Jr. and Winifred. Ramsey News Journal 1 May 1925, Vandalia Union 30 Apr 1925.

EVELAND, Wayne Harold, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol EVELAND, died 20 June 1925 aged 9 months and 20 days. Survivors were parents, sisters, Hazel, Reba and Lelia and brothers Leo and Jesse EVELAND. Burial was in the Evans Cem. Vandalia Union 25 June 1925.

EWERS, Jennie died at her home in Charleston, IL, 27 Mar 1925 at the age of 75 years and 1 month. She was the widow of Rev. EWERS who died while serving the M.E. church in Ramsey. She leaves children, Mrs. Leroy SAWYER of Central America, Mrs. Ernest LYONS who is a missionary in the Philippines, Mrs. Irene SMITH of Charleston and son Rev. J.D. EWERS who is the chaplain at the Soldiers Home in Danville along with a sister Mrs. Martha SIDERS of Bement, IL. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. beside her husband. Ramsey News Journal 2 Apr 1925.

FARMER, Illinois Virginia nee HENNINGER b 22 May 1854 died 1 June 1925 at her home. Burial was in South Hill Cem. She was the wife of Supreme Court Justice William FARMER who had been at her bedside almost continuously during her last illness. He had to leave to preside over the opening of a Supreme Court Session and was not there when she died. They were married 23 Dec 1875 and were parents of Homer, Maurice, Mabel, Virginia and Gwendolyn. Homer and Maurice died in childhood and Mabel married Col. Owen SEAMAN and died a few years after her marriage. Virginia married Charles SCHULTE and lives in Vandalia while Gwendolyn married Ben YOUNG and lives in New York. Her parents were pioneers of Fayette County. Brothers and sisters were: Martha DAVIDSON (Mrs. John), Margaret BROWN (Mrs. John J.), Sallie RICE (Mrs. Dr. S.S.) And Josephine RAY (Mrs. J.D.) of Hagarstown. Vandalia Union 4 June 1925.

FISHER, Ernest an aged and well known resident of Bingham, formerly of LaCledde, this county, died Tuesday night at the home of his son-in-law James HALFORD, aged 88y 4m 6days. He was born 10 Feb 1837 Holmes Co., OH moving to Marion Co., OH at age 13 and then to Illinois 6 years later. He m 27 Dec 1859 Eliza J. HARRISON who died 5 Feb 1882. They were parents of 9 children, four of whom Effie George W., Johnny and Elmer preceded him in death. FAYETTE FACTS, Vol. 29 No. 2

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Survivors of this union were Lyda Ellen SHAW, Eureka, KS, Frank, Bradford, AR, Fred, Pangburn, AR, William, Renwick, IA and Asa of Salem, IL. He m 2) 13 Jan 1884 Mary Jane SIDNER who died 26 Nov 1888 - they were parents of 5 children: Charles A., Farmer City, IL, Ollie HALFORD, Bingham, Clifford, Hardy, IA, Clinton B., Eureka, KS, Thomas E. of Decatur. He m 3) 18 June 1890 Salena J. MOODY who died 12 Mar 1901. Burial was Gilmore Cem. with the funeral held at LaCleda, IL. Other survivors included 2 sisters, not named. Ramsey News Journal 19 June 1925, Vandalia Union 25 June 1925.

FRIER, Albert, age 83 died at his home on South Fourth St., Vandalia 20 Apr 1925. He had suffered a stroke of apoplexy 14 hours earlier. Burial was in South Hill Cem. The deceased was born in Prussia and came to this country at age 18. His father died in New York and was buried there. He learned the barber trade in New York and came to Vandalia around 1868. He m 19 Feb 1869 Caroline SCHERT. He operated his barber business in one location from 1869 until his death. A new building was erected last summer. Survivors were the widow, children, Lizzie HASKINS, Fred and Blanch of Vandalia, Charles of St. Louis, MO along with 2 grandchildren - Fred, Jr. and Fayola HASKINS. One son died a good many years ago and another died in infancy. The obituary noted that his mother is buried in Vandalia. Vandalia Union 23 Apr 1925.

GRIFFITH, William Oscar died at his home in Brownstown 3 May 1925. He was a prominent businessman, son of Orlando and Nancy M. GRIFFITH. He was born in North Otego Twp. on the 'home farm' 25 Jul 1855. He m Isabella BROWN 22 Oct 1884 and they were parents of 2 daughters, Bessie and Mrs. Edna REECE who with the mother survive. The deceased embarked in the mercantile business with his brother Marvin J. and continued until his death. Other survivors included a sister, Mrs. George A. BROWN and 2 grandchildren, Gerald and Phyllis REECE. Ramsey News Journal 8 May 1925, Vandalia Union 7 May 1925.

GUFFY, Infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy GUFFY of Otego Twp. was buried in Nichols Cem. last Thursday. Vandalia Union 9 Apr 1925.

HARRIS, Angeline Wate Edgeley, b 25 Dec 1827 Northwood, New Hampshire died 23 May 1925 age 97y 4m 23ds at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Charles E. LAWLOR or Ramsey. She had graduated from Tilton Seminary in 1847 coming west later. She married 1860 in Tipton, IN, James HARRIS and they were parents of 3 children, Laura, Walter and James, all deceased. Survivors were grandchildren, Mrs. LAWLOR, Walter H. PIERSON of Lafayette, IN and Charles E. PIERSON, Bloomington, IN. Burial was in Clinton, IL her former home. Ramsey News Journal 29 May 1925.

HOFFMAN, Joseph M. b 6 Feb 1870 on Hoffman Prairie d 4 Apr 1925 at Vera, IL, age 59 years 1 month and 29 days. Burial was in the Mausoleum at Vandalia. He moved to Vera at age 16 living with his brother, P.F. HOFFMAN where he learned the blacksmith trade. They later formed a partnership. He m 6 Feb 1905 Emma J. MATTES. Surviving in addition to the wife were brothers, Herman of Pound, WI, Peter F. of Vera, Henry C. of Fillmore, and Rhinold of Shafter. His parents and 5 brothers preceded him in death. Vandalia Union 9 Apr 1925.

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HOPKINS, William of Carson Twp. died at the farm home of Fred TAYLOR where he had been working. Burial was in Vernon. About a year ago a son died here and was also buried in Vernon. Ramsey News Journal 8 May 1925.

JACKSON, Ada BOLT HAWTHORNE died at her home early Tuesday morning following a short illness of flu and pneumonia. Survivors were 2 daughters, one a teacher in this county and another in high school at Vernon, IL. Ramsey News Journal 9 Apr 1925.

JACKSON, William Francis b 20 Sept 1864 near Ramsey did 3 June 1925 at the home of his daughter Mrs. Willie SPIRES near Nokomis. He m 1) Mary Newty GATE and they were parents of a daughter Julia JAYNE of Springfield. He m 2) Nettie ECKARD of Highland and they were parents of Glen JACKSON of Vandalia and Mrs. SPIRES. He also leaves 2 step-daughters Mrs. Gale MORGAN of Ramsey and Mrs. F.A. DURBIN of Albuquerque NM, 1 brother and 4 half-brothers. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Ramsey News Journal 19 June 1925.

KIDD, Nellie, age 64, died in Bloomington, IL. Death was due to heart trouble. She was buried in Pana in the family lot. The daughter of Rev. John KIDD, she was survived by sisters, Mrs. Hattie BEACH ALLISON and Jennie KIDD, former residents. Their father had been the pastor of the Presbyterian church in Pana for many years Vandalia Union 30 Apr 1925.

KLINGHAMMER, Mary Elizabeth was found dead in her bed Wednesday morning 29 April. She m 54 years ago, Andrew KLINGHAMMER and they were parents of 14 children of whom 4 sons and daughters survived, namely, William, Fred, John, Edward and Dorah CARTER (Mrs. Ezra) along with a brother William LAWSON and 3 others not named. The deceased was born 16 May 1851. Burial was in Pope Cem. Ramsey News Journal 1 May 1925, Vandalia Union 30 Apr and 7 May 1925.

KOONCE, James Ralph, age 68 died in Effingham following a heart attack. He had lived in Bear Grove Twp., Fayette County until 1916. He was born 30 Oct 1856 Bond Co., the son of John H. and Martha Anna KOONCE. The family moved to Fayette County when the deceased was a boy. He m 3 Aug 1883 Etta PIGG and she with 4 sons and 4 daughters survived, namely, Bennie and Howard, Mulberry Grove, Clarence of Niantic, James, Jr. at home, Alta TAYLOR, Dessie KOONCE, Decatur, IL, Josie HATFIELD, Mulberry Grove and Roxie J. and Anita at home. A son, Alfred died in an auto accident September, 1922. Also surviving were brothers, Jeff, Henry and George KOONCE of Mulberry Grove and sisters, Mrs. William DONALDSON, Mrs. Jacob SMITH, Mrs. John BLANKENSHIP and Mrs. George WELLS all of Mulberry Grove. Vandalia Union 30 Apr 1925.

KRUSE, Mrs. Art nee SCHWARM a former resident of Wheatland Twp., died in a St. Louis hospital Tuesday night. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank SCHWARM of St. Louis and was survived by her parents, husband and one child, 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Burial was in Old Loogootee Cem. Vandalia Union 23 Apr 1925.

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LANE, Guy C., 50 year old attorney for Illinois Light and Power died at St. Luke's hospital in St. Louis. He was a former resident of Hillsboro, Montgomery Co. where he was born. Death was caused by Bright's Disease. He was Vice President of Hillsboro National Bank and director of Liberty Trust. Survivors were his mother, Mrs. Edward LANE, sister Mrs. Howard BOOGHER of St. Louis. Burial was in Hillsboro, IL. Vandalia Union 30 Apr 1925.

LATTIG, Dorothy Mae, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. LATTIG died Thursday 25 Mar 1925 following an illness of several days with measles followed by pneumonia. She was born 7 Sep 1924. Rev. LINDSEY of Bluff City officiated at the funeral with interment in Sharon Cem. Survivors were parents, brothers and sisters, George, James, Ralph, Melvin, Albert, Mrs. Robert WILLIAMS of Vera and Irene LATTIG. Ramsey News Journal 2 Apr 1925 and 9 Apr 1925.

LUNCACH, Sarah Catherine nee DONALDSON b near Ramsey, 8 June 1857 died 3 May 1925 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Homer CARTER of near Bingham. She m 1) John HOLMAN in 1877 he died ten years later (sic.) They were parents of a son, Edward HOLMAN. She m 2) 17 Aug 1882 Philip LUNCACH who died 6 years ago. They were parents of 7 children: Mrs. Joe HUDDLESTON, Mrs. Herman RHODES, of Taylorville, Mrs. CARTER of Bingham, Mrs. Grover KEISER of Dana, Mrs. Bruce SNODGRASS, Edinburg, Mrs. CLYDE FRAILEY, Herrick. One son Tony LUNCACH died Christmas Day, 1913. She also leaves 3 sisters, 2 brothers, 17 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. Burial was in the Clark Cem. west of Herrick. Ramsey News Journal 8 May 1925.

MORGAN, Mary L. nee JOHNSON widow of the late X.A. MORGAN died at the home of her daughter Mrs. George CROTSER in Vera, Friday, 22 May 1925 age 73 years. She had been ill for 8 months. Burial was in South Hill Cem. The deceased was born 7 Jan 1852 in Waynesville, IN and m 20 Feb 1873 X.A. MORGAN. He died 2 Mar 1921. They were parents of 8 children, 4 dying in infancy. Survivors were Maud ARNOLD, Gallatin, MO, Mrs. Anna CARTER, Greenville, IL, Harry, Harristown, IL, Mrs. George CROTSER, Vera along with 4 sisters, 4 brothers and 18 grandchildren. Vandalia Union 26 May 1925.

MOSBY, Andy age about 65 died at this home in Shafter Twp. following a short illness. He had lived in that community for several years and was well thought of. He leaves a number of grown children. Ramsey News Journal 1 May 1925.

MUEHLBAUER, Joseph, age 75 died at the home of his daughter, Maggie DURBIN two miles east of Ramsey. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Ramsey. Survivors were children: Mary LANG, Fannie BURKHART of Chicago, Josephine KILGORE, Decatur, Maggie DURBIN and Grace MARTY of Ramsey, Katie POTILLO, Granite City and Theresa McCONNILLE of Denver, CO along with 30 grandchildren. Ramsey News Journal 15 May 1925.

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NEISLER, Mrs. Edgar, age 31, swallowed carbolic acid, causing her death, 6 May. It was said she feared the outcome of a surgical procedure. She lived with her husband in Fillmore. Burial was in Shelby Co. Ramsey News Journal 15 May 1925.

OSWALD, F., the architect of the County Farm building, died at his home in Alhambra Wednesday of last week. He was survived by his widow and 8 children. He was born in Switzerland and educated in Munich, Germany. He came to this county in 1865 and was quite prominent as an architect and politician in Southern Illinois. Vandalia Union 18 June 1925.

PAUL, Marion Willis, infant of Clarence and Mildred PAUL died at their home in Shafter Twp. 18 Apr 1925 age 5 months 5 days. The funeral was held from the home and conducted by Elder G.B. HAMILTON of Pana. Place of burial not given. Survivors were the parents, 1 brother and 4 grandparents. Vandalia Union 23 Apr 1925.

PHILLIPS, Mother passed away at the old folks home where she had resided recently. She was buried there without any information being given to her relatives and friends of this locality where she had lived for half a century. She leaves 2 sons and several grandchildren. Ramsey News Journal 29 May 1925.

PINKERTON, J. was found dead by his wife and grandchildren when they returned home to Peoria after visiting her mother in Wilberton township, this county. Mrs. PINKERTON is the daughter of Mrs. Sarah BROWN. The deceased was 53 years old and it was thought death was due to heart trouble or apoplexy. They are former residents of this county. Vandalia Union 7 May 1925.

QUINCES, John b near Cologne, Germany, 3 Apr 1842 died at his home in Bluff City, 11 May 1925 aged 83 years 1 month and 8 days. His death was due to diabetes and complications of old age. He came to this country with his parents at age 4 living in Milwaukee, WI. As a young man he came to Illinois and has lived near Ramsey and Vandalia since. He married 4 times and was the father of 9 children, four of whom died in young childhood and a daughter Emma who died at age 18 years. Survivors were his widow, daughters, Mrs. Lillian WASHBURN, Mrs. Gertrude FRAKES, Mrs. Mary CAUSEY and Mrs. Maude OLDFIELD all of near Vandalia. Burial was in McInturff Cem. Vandalia Union 21 May 1925.

RADER, Betty Jean, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer RADER was born 23 Mar 1925 and died 6 Apr 1925 at their home south of Brownstown. Survivors were parents, sisters, Nellie and Helen. A brother Wayne, precedeased her. Burial was in Sidener Cemetery. Vandalia Union 9 Apr 1925.

RHODES, Jon died at his home Sunday evening. Burial was in Maplewood Cem. A son John RHODES and family of Chicago were called home Saturday due to his father's illness. Vandalia Union 9 Apr 1925.

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SACHAU, Joseph died at his home 30 Mar 1925 in St. Paul. He was aged 84 years. Death was due to Bright's Disease and dropsy. The deceased was born in Germany 9 Oct 1840 and came to this country in 1874. He m in 1870 Anna SAGGAU and they were parents of 7 children, all of whom survive. Harry, Colfax, IL, Henry, Verndale, MN, Edward, Centralia, Gustav, St. Paul, Dettlef, Farina, Mrs. H. GERSONDE, Milwaukee and Emma SACHAU of St. Louis, MO. (Editor's note: Some of this family changed the spelling to SACHAN or SAGGAN). Vandalia Union 9 Apr 1925.

SEARS, Marion age 18, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. He was the son of Miles SEARS. His mother died last November and it was thought this is what caused his brooding and depression. Survivors included the father and 4 brothers, including Earl SEARS. Funeral was held at Little Hickory church with burial in the cemetery nearby. Ramsey News Journal 15 May 1925, Vandalia Union 7 May 1925.

SCHILLING, Mary, widow of George SCHILLING died at her home in Altamont Wednesday of last week. She was past 81 years of age. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. M.B. CRANDALL of this city. Vandalia Union 7 May 1925.

SHEPLEY, Harry died 19 Apr 1925 in Denver, OH. Information from a sister, Odelia MURDOCK with whom he made his home said death was due to leakage of the heart. He had been ill for 4 weeks. Deceased was born 11 Nov 1898 in Vandalia, the son of Charles (Ake) and Emma SHEPLEY and moved to Denver in 1918. He had been a motorman on the tramway. Survivors were parents, sisters. Mrs. Dale BOOHER, Odelia MURDOCK and May CASE of Stillwater, OK and by a brother Floyd of New Mexico. Burial was in Fairmont Cemetery, Denver. Vandalia Union 30 Apr 1925.

STEWART, Sarah was born 6 Sep 1839 Richland Co., OH the dau of Alexander and Jane STEWART. She was one of a family of 7 children, 2 brothers and 4 sisters, all whom have long predeceased her. She came with her parents to Vandalia when only a few years old and settled on a farm in Sharon Twp. Following her mother's death she made her home with sisters in Decatur before moving to the Pacific coast. She returned to this area 10 years ago making her home with her niece Mrs. Charles DAILY. Survivors were nieces and nephews, Mrs. DAILY, C.D., H.C. and F.A. STEWART, H.A. of Stanley, IA, Mrs. J.H. PRATHER, Advance, MO. Vandalia Union 21 May 1925.

STOKES, Mrs. Bird died recently. The funeral was held Monday afternoon with burial in Old Liberty Cem. west of Ramsey. Vandalia Union 9 Apr 1925.

STOKES, Charles Arthur son of Elgan and Elendar STOKES was born in Ramsey 27 Jan 1866. He m Rebecca PRATER, 7 May 1887 and they were parents of 4 children. The youngest son, Arthur Charles died 17 Mar 1919 at age 12. Survivors are Ray of Kansas City, MO, Mrs. Cal BOLT of Ramsey and Rufus STOKES. Following Arthur's death, the father traveled to the Orphanage at Normal, IL and brought home with him Arthur SPAULDING. Survivors include FAYETTE FACTS, Vol. 29 No. 2

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brother, Henry STOKES of Taylorville, sisters, Angie SELIERS of Macon and Mrs. John PRYOR of Iola, IL. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. beside his son, Arthur. Ramsey News Journal 22 May 1925.

WEBERG, H.G., Mrs. died 16 June 1925 in the home of her father John WISS and was buried in the Mausoleum in South Hill Cem. She was age 24 and her death followed closely that of her mother which occurred 28 Apr 1925. The deceased married 6 May 1925 H.C. WEBERG and they lived with her father. In addition to the husband and father survivors were sisters, Mrs. Adolph MESEKE and Mrs. Byron SKINNER of Wolsey, S. Dakota. Vandalia Union 18 and 25 June 1925.

WELCH, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse WELCH lived only a few hours. Ramsey News Journal 1 May 1925.

WEST, Nellie died 30 March 1925 at her home in Los Angeles, CA. She had been ill several weeks. She was the youngest daughter of William LITTLE and lived in this area until the past several years when she lived out west. Survivors were her husband, mother, and 3 sisters, Olive LITTLE, Los Angeles, Anna ELDREDGE, Webb City, MO and Lillian WEST of Oklahoma City, OK. Vandalia Union 16 Apr 1925.

WISS, Mrs. John, died at her home just west of Vandalia 28 Apr 1925. She had been a sufferer of TB for a long time. Deceased was born in Switzerland, 22 Jan 1866 and came to America when she was 3 years. They lived first in Iowa before coming to Vandalia. She m 2 June 1892 John WISS and they were parents of 3 children, Mrs. Henry WEBERG, Mrs. Adolph MESEKE and Mrs. Byron SKINNER of Wolsey, S.D. Other survivors were brothers Joe HOSSMAN, Nenuba, CA, Fred of Wessington, S.D., Sam and Christ HOSSMAN both of Eagle Grove, IA. Burial was in the Mausoleum in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 30 Apr 1925.

WORKMAN, Charles Frazier (photo) died at St. Anthony Hospital in St. Louis, 26 Mar 1925. Burial was in South Hill Cem., Vandalia. He was Fayette County Clerk and died in office. He had been ill for the past 5 months suffering from a severe disorder of his stomach. He was born on the old Workman homeplace in Sefton Twp. 6 Jan 1873 the son of Martin VanBuren and Louise WORKMAN. He received public school education in Fayette Co. and Valparaiso, IN and later graduated from Commercial College in Terre Haute. He taught school in Fayette Co. for several years. He m Mary Rosemond RODE in April 1900 and they were parents of 3 children, Paul, Margaret and Herbert who died in infancy. His wife died in 1920. He was one of 8 children among them still living were Frank WORKMAN, sisters Loa STANFORD, Emma SEFTON of Kokomo, IN, Daisy LOCKE of Fluiton, IN. Vandalia Union 2 Apr 1925.

WORKMAN, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Elva WORKMAN died Wednesday in Brownstown. He was a twin and nephew of Orville and Grover WORKMAN of the Ramsey community. Survivors were an infant daughter and the parents. Ramsey News Journal 1 May 1925.

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**ABSTRACTS OF BOND AND FAYETTE COUNTY MARRIAGES
FOUND IN MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

The following list of marriages was among the papers of the former Editor, Alenia McCord, turned over to the Society upon her death. The records were copied by Lloyd Bockstruck, a former Fayette County resident, from materials in the John Nowland papers in the Greenville Public Library and have not been compared against the original. These records have never been published through the pages of *Fayette Facts*. The records begin 1813.

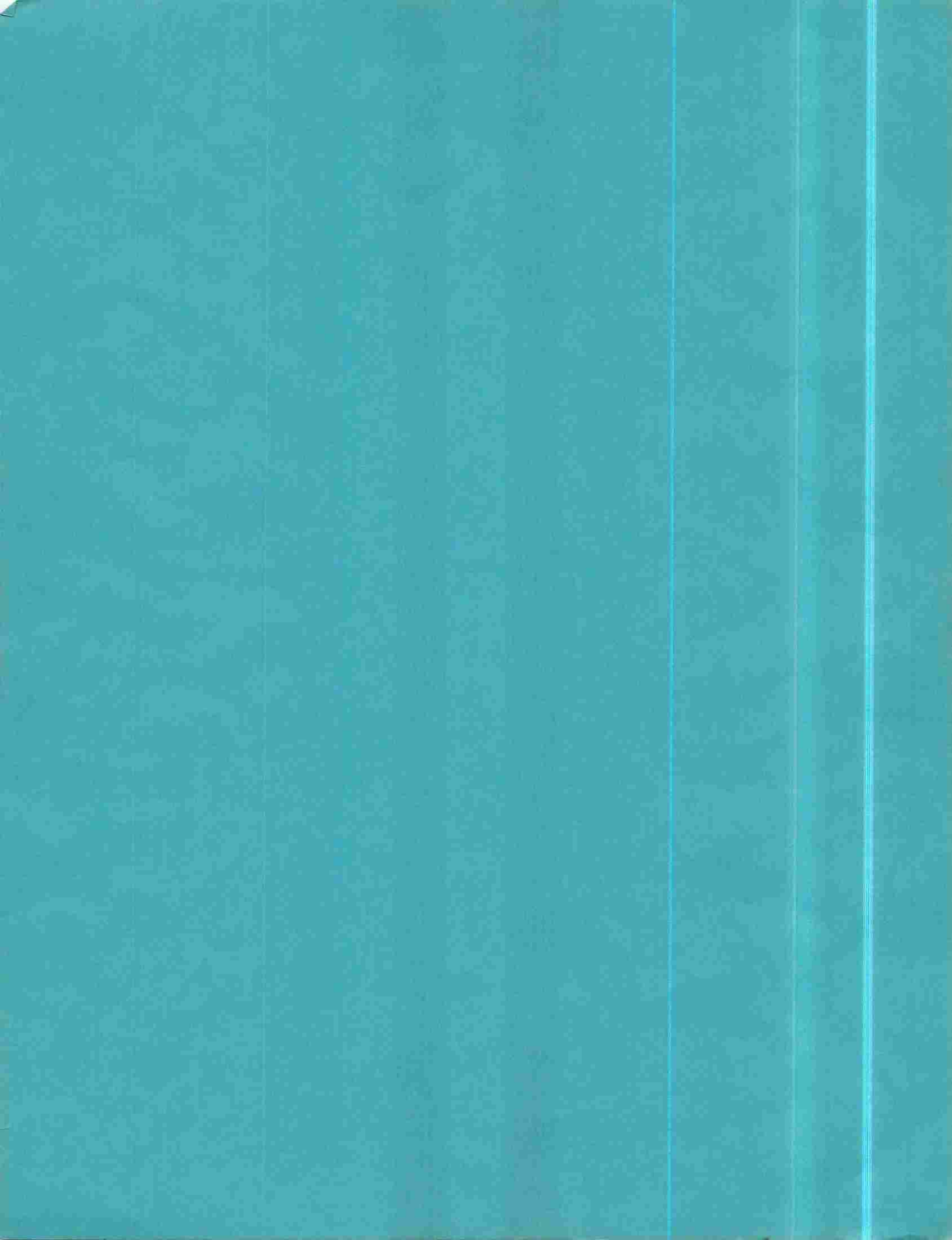
Quoting from Mr. Bockstruck, "Originally marriage licenses and certificates in Bond County were entered in a volume labeled 'County Records', covering the period June, 1817 to March, 1823. In a typed copy of this record in the county courthouse occur two lists: one for marriage licenses granted between March 1817 and January 1821 and another for marriages solemnized from September 1817 through November 1820. Thereafter the entries were made in a separate register. Because the records have been copied at least three times, the chance for errors has been increased proportionately".

Fayette County was not formed until 1821, so many marriages of people living within the current environs of our county would have their marriages filed in Bond or Madison counties.

Information in parenthesis has been added by Mr. Bockstruck and/or Miss McCord.

MARRIAGE LICENSES GRANTED IN MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, 1814-1817

Samuel STATENS and Elizabeth H. _____, 14 June 1814
Samuel LOCKHARD and Winney WALKER, 5 Sep 1814
James KIRKPATRICK and Electa MEACHAN, 22 Sep 1814
Benjamin STEDMAN and Margarete GILLHAM, 13 Oct 1814
Wyatt STUBBLEFIELD and Sarah BLACK, 13 Oct 1814
Bennet NOWLAND and Nancy ROBESON, 12 Dec 1814
George MOOR and Peggy McFARLIN, 27 Dec 1814
William JOHNSON and Lydia HATTON, 17 Mar 1815
Orman BEEMAN and Talisha WHITE, 23 Jun 1815
Abraham PRICKETT and Sally KIRKPATRICK, 6 June 1815
James HEART and Fanny PURSLEY, 31 Jul 1815
Daniel LANISON and Amans GREENWOOD, 12 Aug 1815
Walter McFARLIN and Sally HUTTON, 20 Dec 1815
John DRUM and GILLEY WOOD, ___ Jan 1816
Abraham CASTEEL and Polly NOWLAND, 20 Feb 1816
Jonah CATON and Ava CLARK, 12 Feb 1816
Samuel JARAWAY and Jenny WHITEHEAD, 21 May 1816
Thomas MOORE and Rebecca HOLCOMB, 5 Aug 1816



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FOUR MILE PRAIRIE CHURCH RECORDS

Late last year, the Editor was contacted by Robert A. Klaus via the Internet telling her that he had the 'Four Mile Prairie Ledger' and had scanned the images, placing them on a CD. Our thanks to Penny Lewis who took the scanned images and has begun to upload them to (www11.brinkster.com/fcghs/fchs/index.html) so that anyone who is interested can view these historic documents.

There are over 125 pages of church records in the ledger book. A transcription of the first several pages follow.

Fayette County, January 7th 1832

Pursuant to apointment the Bretheren Who appear to the following churches for their official aid viz Crooked Creek and Liberty Churchs met on this 7 day of January 1832 at Brother James Pilchers in fayet cty. Four mile prarie and after Divine Worship proceded with the helps of Elder Jacob Hobs, Thomas Whitley and H. H. Howel.

1st Said bretheren producing legal letters of their dismision and after Due Examinations finding Said Brethering to be otherwise authorsd of and orderlys Said Elder Whiteley Do Proposed Wth those brethern to constitute them a regular Gospel Baptist Church of Jesus Christ hereafter to possess and exercise all the privileges and power necessary for A Church of Christ to be called and distinguished by the name of four mil prairie church.

Hen. H. Howell
Thomas Whitely
Jacob Hobbs

1st not to forsake the assembling of our Selves together but constantly to attend our appointed meeting as fare the Lord Shall Enable us not to neglect any of them but on case of necessity

2 to bear Each one his part as the Lord Shall prosper him in Defraying Such Expenses as are nessesary for the maintianing the worship of God in decency an order

3d not to remove our residence to any Distant part without appling to the church for Dismision.

4 not willing to live in the neglect of any known Duty to God and to one another but to Endever to walk in all the ordinances and commandments of the Lord Blameless -

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- 5th to bear reproof and to reprove each other in case of visible fault in Christian charity and Brotherly love as ordered by Christ in the Gospel.
- 6th Agree that Saturday preceding the Second Lord's Day in each month be church meeting for buisness.
- 7th Agree that the moderator give the right hand of fellowship to Each member joining of us and may if they choose.
- 8th Agree to apoint a committee to attend Disputed cassesses of a temperal kind when requested.
- 9th Agree that if any preacher reflects of the Doctrine or our constitution they Shall be Denied the liberty of the pulpit untell they give satisfaction.
- 10th Agree that the Church be ruled by a majority in all casses except receiveing and Dismissing members and they must be by unanimity of voice.
- 11th Agree that all private trespasses be Dealt with agreable to the 18 chapter of Mathew also any member trusspassing publicly Shall be Death with privately in order to bring him or her to a Sense of their wrong and if the offened is gained or not.
- It is not to Stop here but the person laboring with such person or persons Shall have Power to Sight them to the church for satisfaction.
- 12th Agree that the church raise her Internal Expenses by equality and keep a fund.
- 13th Any member has the right to invite a traveling preacher among us that is in good standing in his own church but the church has the right at any time to forbid her members inviting any minister preaching among us that She does not approve of.
- 14th If any member fail to attend church meeting without any reasonable cause known to the church or some of her members present it Shall be the Duty of the church to Send for such member or members to Shew cause why they have not attend.
- 15th Agree that the Church Deem it improper for her members to commune with other Societies who are not of our faith and order.

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Names Of Members

Rutherford Shelton	1	Dead
James Cheshure	2	Ded
Winslow Pilcher	3	
David Washburn	4	Ded
Stephen Mellott	5	Ded
James Rockwell	6	Ded
Calven Davice	7	Ded
Samson Conner	8	Letter
Henrey L. Davice	9	Ded
William D. Brown	10	Dead
William Davice	11	Excluded
Thomas R. Gatewood	12	
James Brazel	13	
Benjamin Mahon	14	
Zebadee Buckley	15	Letter
Saford May	16	Dead
James Burnet	17	Excluded
J.W. Nelson	18	
J.R. Pryor	19	Excluded
David Crowder	20	
Thomas H. Davis	21	Restored
Hancel Blurton	22	
Elkanah S. Miller	23	
J. M.Lansford	24	Excluded
Daniel Davis	25	
William Gatewood	26	Excluded
Josiah Pilcher	27	Letter
B.F. Kelly	28	Dead
Charles B. Pilcher	29	--
Richard P. Springer	30	Excluded
George A. Pryor	31	Excluded
Berriman Bennett	32	ded
Obed Wimpey	33	ded
Moses Garrett	34	

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William C. Pruett	34 (sic)	
Elijah Bale	35	Oct. 1877
R.F. Manion	36	Dec. 1877 - letered 1887; Restored
Thomas H. Davis	37	Died
Samuel Chandler	38	Dead
Enos Kelley	39	Jul 1892 - Dead
Henery Haughant	40	Jul 1892 - ded
Elice Harpster	41	Aug 1893 - Letered
David Harpster	42	Joined May, 1912 - Dead
B.O. Harpster	43	
Wesley Lovelace	44	

Female

Avereller Pilcher	1	Dead
Easter Washburn	2	
Elizabeth Shelton	3	Excluded
Susan Pilcher	4	Lettered
Jane Mitchel	5	Ded
Jane Mellott	6	Dead
Mana Rockwell	7	
Marthy Sanders	8	
Sarah Conner	9	letter
Elizabeth McVicker	10	By Letter
Mary Brown	11	Dead
Synthy Davice	12	Dead
Philia Davice	13	Dead
Francis Mitchel	14	
Elizabeth Crowder	15	
Ether Malinda Beckley	16	

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ALFREY, Nellie May b 2 Jan 1906 near Ramsey d 31 Jul 1928 from an attack of appendicitis. She survived the surgery at Macon Hosp. and was doing fine until 3 o'clock when "she asked her mother to pray for her, for by the grace of God she was going through". She m 7 Jan 1928 R.G. ALFREY of Shawnee, OK and he survived her. They had come back to visit her parents along with half-bro Paul M. BECK of Shawnee, OK. Surviving were her husband, parents, brother Roy, sister Ruth and Violet, at home, half-brother Paul of Tecumseh, OK. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. Ramsey News Journal 9 Aug 1928.

ANGUS, William T., (Dr.) former pastor of the Presbyterian church died in a Detroit Hosp. He was called here in the summer of 1906 to pastor the church, serving until Dec. 1910. Vandalia Union 26 July 1928.

ATKINSON, Ida Elizabeth HOHMAN and she was b in Vandalia 29 Apr 187_ the dau of Henry and Caroline HOHMAN and died at her home on North 3rd St. 31 Jul 1928.. She m 19 Feb 1901 T. P. ATKINSON - two weeks after he had opened his store in Vandalia. They had worked together in the store of T.F. BRINK in Nashville. They were parents of children, Helen, Betsy, Marybel and a son who died at age 2. She had been ill 15 years and an invalid for 7. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 2 Aug and 9 Aug 1928.

BAILEY, John b 5 Feb 1858 Scioto Co., OH d 21 Jul 1928 at his home near Herrick. His parents and 3 sisters preceded him in death. Surviving were Eliza MOREFIELD, Herrick, Elizabeth HALLOCK and brother Samuel BAILEY. Burial was in Price Cem. Ramsey News Journal 9 Aug 1928.

BAUMGARTNER, Mrs. John, age 65 died at her home in Fillmore. She had been ill 6 months. Surviving were her husband and 5 children. A brother, Ora STOKES of Vandalia also survived. Vandalia Union 12 Jul 1928.

BORCHELT, Anna nee MICHEL was b 15 Nov 1862 Germany and came to America in 1865 with her parents locating in Washington Co., IL. In 1872 they moved to Fayette Co and 20 May 1886 she m William BORCHELT. In 1906 they moved to Wichita Co., Northern Texas and to Mercedes, TX in 1917. She died at her home in Mercedes, July 16, 1928. Surviving were husband, daughters Ella, Mrs. Harry LANGE of St. Elmo, sons, George, Corney, Martin and Eric BORCHELT all of Mercedes, 5 sisters, 3 who live in Illinois; one in St. Louis and one in Fairland, OK along with a brother in Kenney, IL. Vandalia Union 26 July 1928.

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BRAKE, Ruth died 12 Aug 1928 Springfield, MO Hospital from injuries she received in an auto accident last January while on her way to Brownstown to attend the funeral of a relative A. KETCHAM. Vandalia Union 23 Aug 1928.

BURRUS, Mary, age 28 of St. Louis, MO died in a car accident that also killed a 10-year old girl, Martha ROBERTS. A car driven by H.R. DODSON, Belvidere, IL was headed east on Route 24 toward Taylorville and those in the McKNIGHT car driven by Miss BURRUS were westbound toward Springfield. Oil from the Kincaid road had been tracked onto the slab which make it slippery and the DODSON car hit this stretch and hit the BURRUS car. See the obituary for Martha ROBERTS for more information on the accident. Burial was in Ramsey Cem. She was survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dick BURRUS, sisters, Mrs. McKNIGHT who was in the accident, Mrs. Paul DEMING, Terre Haute, IN and Leonard BURRUS of Vandalia. One brother preceded her in death several years ago. Ramsey News Journal and Vandalia Union, 30 Aug 1928.

BURTSCHI, _ . O. died Thursday night at the home of his daughter in Decatur, age 60 years. A native of Switzerland he had lived in Fayette and Macon Counties most of his life. His wife and 2 children survived with 5 brothers, including Joseph, President of the Peoples State Bank in Ramsey. Ramsey News Journal 2 Aug 1928.

CARLOCK, Mary F. JORDAN b near Bingham, died 15 Aug 1928, age 77y 7m and 21ds. She m Pleasant CARLOCK and he survived with children Mrs. Jesse MATHEW, Charles, Hillsboro, Ora of AZ, Edward CARLOCK, Coffeen and Mary Ellen COOK of VanBurensburg. Surviving brothers were John JORDAN, Sorento, Alexander, Bingham and Martin JORDAN of IA and sisters, Mrs. Sinel HARPER, Edwardsville, IL and Frances STRICKLAND of Ramsey, Burial was in Mt. Moriah Cem. Ramsey News Journal 23 Aug 1928.

CLARK, Ira P. d in Jacksonville Hosp. 2 Aug. Burial was in South Hill Cem.. He was b 12 Jan 1850 Brighton, Ontario, Canada son of Robert C. and Jane S. CLARK. He went west when young and married Rettie HOWE in San Francisco, CA and they were parents of 2 children, Raymond and Ethel. She died soon after the birth of their daughter and he m 2) 1892, not named and they were parents of sons Roy and Howard. This wife was killed in the San Francisco earthquake in 1908. He m 3) Jennie HENNINGER of Hagarstown and they moved to Decatur - she died 15 months ago. Surviving with the children were brothers, R.C. of Greenville, W.C. of Shelbina, MO and John J. CLARK, Lodi, CA. Vandalia Union 9 Aug 1928.

COOK, Seymour b 19 Dec 1859 Shelby CO., IL d 17 June 1928. He m Laura BELBOCK, she preceding him in death m 2) Ida ENGLAND, 21 years ago. They were parents of 2 children who died in infancy. He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 sister and 1 brother and survived by his wife and 1 brother, Joe COOK. Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cem. Ramsey News Journal 5 July 1928.

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CROUCH, William Marion, former Fayette Co. resident died at his home in Urbana of a bilious attack. Born Bond Co., IL 20 Apr 1856 he was the son of J.W. and Sarah MAXEY CROUCH. Following the death of the mother, his father moved to a farm west of Vandalia and married 2) Margaret CREEL, 22 Feb 1862. William qualified to teach school at age 18 and taught several years and became postal clerk on the Illinois Central Railroad. He was proprietor of the Vandalia Leader of a time. He m 22 Aug 1889 Alma NIXON and they were parents of a daughter Marie, now Mrs. Robert MILLS of Manitowoc, WI. Surviving with his wife and daughter are half-bro J.W. CROUCH, Pasadena, CA, half sisters, Mrs. L.D. BREAK, Mrs. A.A. ULRICH, Vandalia and Mrs. W.R. LAWS, Norton, KS. His sister, Mrs. Lyman PRATER died in Decatur in 1908. A half sister Miss Hettie A. CROUCH died in Vandalia in 1897 and a half-sister Ella CHAMBERS died in Los Angeles in 1906. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Vandalia Union 13 Sep 1928.

CURRY, Adam Samsbury, age 75, died at his home at 652 Grand Ave., Decatur 13 July, 1928. Burial was in Fairlawn Cem., Decatur. He was the last of 4 brothers, Sam, Jim, Tom and Anderson CURRY who all lived most of their lives in Fayette Co. He worked as a janitor at city hall before moving to Decatur where he was employed at the Wabash locomotive shops. He had been ill with cancer for some time. Born 9 Jul 1853 in Clay Co., he m Sarah BROWN in Fayette Co. 6 May 1875 and she survived with children: Mrs. D.W. BUCK, Vandalia, Mrs. Ira MARQUIS, Mrs. W.H. HUGHES, Claud H. and Floyd R. CURRY all of Decatur. Vandalia Union 19 Jul 1928.

DAVIS, Margaret, age 29, died of heart trouble in Mark Greer Hosp. Burial was in Zion Cem. She was b 20 Nov 1889 Woburn, IL and m Ora DAVIS who survives with 2 daughters and 1 son. Her father, Samuel DIAMOND, Woburn survived with siblings, Mrs. J.H. MILLS, Woburn, Mrs. Earl GRIGG, WY, Cora KLEINH, Oldham, W.E., Mulberry Grove and W.A. DIAMOND, E. St. Louis, IL. Vandalia Union 6 Sep 1928.

DICKENS, Cecil, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver DICKENS shot himself accidentally with a .25 caliber automatic. He was visiting in the home of friends, August and William WELLS at their home on 21st Street, Decatur and was told that the gun was loaded but the safety catch was on - he took the magazine out and not thinking there might be a shell in the barrel pointed the gun at his chest and pulled the trigger. Cecil was born 14 Feb 1914 in Brownstown. Burial was in Fairlawn Cem., Vandalia. Vandalia Union 2 Aug 1928.

DOOLEY, Edward, died near Salem, MO. He had borrowed a truck from William HENNAGER, proprietor of the concrete block factory near the depot to take his family on a vacation in St. Louis. When he did not return, HENNAGER contacted the family in Salem, MO and found that he was dead and buried. HENNAGER went there and found that DOOLEY had sold the truck and was later found dead 20 miles south of Salem, MO. It was thought at first that it was a suicide but later the body was to be exhumed to be checked for poison. Vandalia Union 30 Aug 1928.

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ERVIN, William S., merchant of Loogootee died at the home of his dau there Saturday. He had fallen from a ladder 2 years ago and injured the base of his skull which caused an 'affection of the nervous system'. Burial was in New Loogootee Cem. He was born 12 Feb 1868 Loogootee the son of Capt. James and Sarah SMAIL ERVIN and was an early school teacher. He attended Valparaiso, IN Univ. Later he engaged in the hay and grain business with Lewis SPADE from which he retired and formed a partnership in general merchandise with Fred MILLER. He was also in banking. He m Jennie CATES March 31, 1889 and she died 4 years ago next November. They were parents of 3 children: James M., Mrs. Arl. E. SCHWARM, Loogootee and Mrs. Charles F. SMITH, Decatur. A brother, Fred ERVIN lived on North 5th St., Vandalia. Vandalia Union 12 Jul 1928.

FALLIN, Mrs. B.F., died recently. Her husband was a well known doctor in Wilberton twp. Vandalia and Shobonier before moving to Oregon 40 years ago. Services were held in Myrtle Creek, Oregon with burial in the Odd Fellows Cem. Surviving were her sister Rhoda STEPHENS, Loogootee. Another sister, Mrs. Josiah BULLINGTON died many years ago. Her father was William DEVORE of Hickory Creek, long since dead. She was born 22 June 1844 in Vandalia and married Dr. FALLIN in Sept. 1860, Vandalia. She was the mother of 11 children, 2 survived - Susan DAILY, Myrtle Creek, OR and J.J. FALLIN, Salem, OR. Vandalia Union 13 Sep 1928.

FILE, Bert, age 42, was killed by his son-in-law, Harold BROWN, age 27 in a fight on the public road outside Greenville. There were no witnesses. It was claimed that it was a fight with fists only but the deceased had a hole in the center of his forehead and his face was badly mashed in having the appearance of having been kicked or stamped in. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. FILE and they survived with his wife and 2 children by a former marriage, Roy FILE and Myrtle BROWN. Harold BROWN and Myrtle were married June 15, 1927 but on August 3 she had filed suit for divorce alleging cruelty. Vandalia Union 6 Sep 1928.

FORD, Frank W., Jr. nephew of D.D. and J.F. SCOTT of Otego died somewhere in Italy. He was the son of Frank and Molly SCOTT FORD who died several years ago in Vienna, Austria while her son was studying music. As a youth he studied under the best teachers to be had and was taken abroad at age 16. The father lived in the Ritter Settlement this county before moving to Dwight, Illinois where he died many years ago. His father was Joseph FORD, one of the pioneers of that settlement. Vandalia Union 19 Jul 1928.

FORRESTER, James Henry, Senator, died suddenly in the Eureka drug store, Owaneco from heart failure. He had gone there to see Dr. M.H. MILHON, the proprietor of the store from whom he had received treatment. He had served 2 consecutive terms in the state legislature. Born 24 Nov 1870 Christian Co., IL he graduated from Illinois State Normal College in 1893, going on to Wharton College. He never married. Vandalia Union 19 Jul 1928.

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FRAM, Robert S., pioneer paper maker died at his home on South 8th street 22 Sep. Burial was in South Hill Cem. He was born 17 Dec 1842 Kirkhill, Scotland and came here with his parents to Fitchburg, MA about age 50. He served an apprenticeship in a paper mill when young and in 1888 came to Vandalia where he became Supt. of the paper mill. He married 14 Oct 1863 Mary BELL in Greenville, Connecticut. While in Vandalia he introduced the manufacture of paper from straw. After leaving here he erected mills in Carlyle and St. Elmo but abandoned the latter due to lack of water. His wife died 8 Jul 1921 in Vandalia. Surviving were sons, James H., Vandalia and Robert S. FRAM, Joplin, MO. A dau Mary Bell McKENZIE wife of E. Y. McKENZIE died 9 Jan 1896. Also surviving was a sister, Jennie SMITH of Worcester, MA - 2 brothers and 3 sisters were deceased. Vandalia Union 27 Sep 1928.

FURBER, Margaret McDonald EDSON b 22 Feb 1839 Enterprise, OH and came to Illinois with her parents in the spring of 1853 settling near Olney. She m 1869 Washington, IA, George FURBER - he died 10 years later. She lived in Vandalia 1881-1882, then moved to Blue Mound living there until May, 1927 when she returned to Vandalia to make her home with a niece Mrs. J.H. WEBB. Her death occurred 17 Aug 1928 and burial was in South Hill Cem. Surviving were a sister, Mrs. A.P. MORRISON, age 84 Los Angeles, CA, a sister Nannie MASON died at Lodi, CA last spring at age 82. Vandalia Union 23 Aug 1928.

GARLAND, William, known throughout this part of the country as the cancer doctor, died at his home in Bingham Sunday morning, about 78 years of age. He had been ill for several weeks and it was thought he had cancer. He was said to have cured several local people. He lived with his son Robert in Bingham, his wife dying several years ago. Also surviving was a son William and 2 daughters. Burial was in Hurricane Cem, south of Fillmore. Ramsey News Journal 13 Sep 1928.

GARRETT, Agnes Sarah b 6 Aug 1849 Louisville, KY d 25 June 1928. She was the dau of Captain Samuel and Mary SHERMAN and one of 8 children. She lived in Logan Co., IL in 1884 and m 27 Mar 1878 W.H. GARRETT, Waynesville, IL. There were parents of a dau Catherine WELLER of Ramsey. Burial was in Waynesville, IL. Ramsey News Journal 5 July 1928.

GUTHRIE, Sam, of Clinton died at the home of his dau Mrs. Fred POLAND and was brought to Carson Twp. for burial in Welch Cem. beside his wife who died a number of years ago. Ramsey News Journal 13 Sep 1928.

HAMMOND, Ira M. (Mike) b 19 Sep 1871 Seminary Twp. son of William H. and Harietta HAMMOND d 30 Jul 1928. He left here at age 20 and went to Decatur to learn the trade of carpenter, returning here in 1896 when he married 27 Sep Ella C. CARROLL dau of A.J. and Etta CARROLL of Seminary. They were parents of 2 children Audrey ANDERSON, Okmulgee, OK and Kenneth C. HAMMOND of St. Louis. He moved to Okmulgee, OK in 1919

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until 1926 when he was called back to Vandalia by the illness of his parents. He was preceded in death by a brother George who d 1911 and his parents who both died in 1927. Surviving were his wife, 2 children, brothers, Harry, Danville, Robert and Ralph of Vandalia. Vandalia Union 9 Aug 1928.

HART, John of Lakewood, brother-in-law of Charles BUTLER, Herrick, died at his home age 79y 9m 15ds. Burial was to be in Milliken Cem. Ramsey News Journal 16 Aug 1928.

HAVICE, Elsie Louise, age 21 months, dau of Mr. and Mrs. Millard HAVICE died one hour after taking pills containing strychnine found in the home of her aunt, Allie BURRUS, St. Elmo. One of Mrs. BURRUS' children had been ill and she had left the medicine bottle on a table. The little girl climbed up on the table and removed the cork. As soon as she realized what had happened she called a doctor who administered an antitoxin. The mother was an invalid in Decatur and Mrs. BURRUS had been caring for her 2 children. Vandalia Union 1 Aug 1928.

HEFTON, Nettie, formerly the asst. postmaster at Farina, died in Hanford, CA 29 Jul. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. James D. HEFTON left Farina for California a few years ago. Vandalia Union 9 Aug 1928.

HICKEY, Pearl, age 41, was killed Thursday at a farm sale held by Harry BINGHAM on the GASKINS farm 3 miles north of Mulberry Grove. It was claimed the HICKEY had a knife and was drunk. The Coroner's Jury absolved the accused, Robert AHLERS of Smithboro from blame. There is a large article about the affair. The deceased was married and had 2 children. A brother-in-law, Bryan HURST testified that HICKEY had been drinking. The family came to the area from Marion Co. about 6 years ago. Also surviving were his mother Sarah HICKEY, sister Lenna HURST and 3 brothers, Herman of near Mulberry Grove, Fred of Jefferson Co. and Jesse HICKEY of Marion Co. Vandalia Union 6 Sep 1928.

HILDEBRAND, Elmer E., age 64 of LaCledde was killed instantly when the car in which he was riding was struck by the Seminole Limited on the Illinois Central Railroad. His son, George was driving the car and escaped injury by jumping from the machine. The older man saw the train first and shouted for his son to jump. Vandalia Union 20 Sep 1928.

HILLIARD, Edward N., age 71, Greenville died at his home Wednesday of last week. He had lived in Bond County all of his life and had been street supt. of Greenville for many years. His sister, Mrs. W.K. URBANI of Vandalia survived. Vandalia Union 5 Jul 1928.

HOPKINS, William Erasmus age 67 well known farmer in Pope Twp. died suddenly of heart disease and dropsy at his home 24 Jul. He leaves a wife and 8 children, all of whom are married, brothers Monroe HOPKINS, Patoka and A.J. of Haldane survive with a half-bro T.T. COX, chairman of County Board of Supervisors. Vandalia Union 26 July 1928.

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KASTNER, August William died at his home near St. Peter 6 July from a stroke - he had been sick about 2 years. He was b in Maple WI, 18 Feb 1855 was survived by his wife, son Lewis, daughters Mrs. Julius SASSE, Augsburg, Mrs. Harry BEATS, St. Louis and Mrs. William REMMERT of Wilberton Twp. Burial was in St. Paul Cem. Vandalia Union 12 Jul 1928.

KENNEDY, Lawrence D., age 75 well known St. Elmo merchant died at his home there Wednesday morning. He had been in the furniture business for 40 years before retiring a few years ago. Surviving were his widow, sons Charles of Blue Island, Lt. William KENNEDY, U.S. Army in Texas, daughter Mrs. CHESBROUGH of Tulsa, OK. He was a half-brother to the late Rodey KELLEY. Burial was in Maplewood Cem. Vandalia Union 5 Jul 1928.

LUSTER, Melvin Earl died 27 June in a Colorado hospital after an accident at Oak Creek, CO. He had been working at the D. & S.L. Railroad there and while at work in a cinder pit, a falling rock struck him on the head - he died a few days after the accident. The remains arrived in Ramsey Sunday morning and were taken to the home of his grandmother, Harriet BROWN, near Hanson. Burial was in Price Cem. He was born 18 Jan 1908 Herrick, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cless LUSTER of Decatur, former residents. He left home in Decatur a year ago with a desire to see the world and traveled in several western countries of Europe. He wrote to his family from Germany, Holland and France. Ramsey News Journal 5 July and 12 July 1928, Vandalia Union 12 Jul 1928.

MAHER, Lottie, St. Louis, MO died several days after an auto accident here. The driver of the other auto, Harry FORBES had given a hand signal to show he was turning when the second car started to pass him. The deceased suffered a bump on the head and a bruised arm, was examined at the Greer Hosp. and released. She died later. Vandalia Union 9 Aug 1928.

MARTY, Charles J., former Vandalia Druggist died in Pana Hosp. He worked for the Humphrey Drug store for 20 years before moving to Pana and going into partnership in the Wittmann & Marty drug store. Death was due to pneumonia. A native of Switzerland, the deceased was born 7 Feb 1870. He m 3 Oct 1905 Mary WISS of Vandalia and left Vandalia 19 years ago. Surviving were children, Father D. MARTY, Rensaer, NY, Sister Karl of the Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield and Cecelia, Agnes, Bernard, Gertrude, John and Mildred of Pana. Also surviving were brothers Bernard and John, Elizabeth MARTY and Mrs. M. BARTOW of Decatur. Vandalia Union 27 Sep 1928.

MATHENY, Nancy, age 81, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. William HUFF last Thursday. Burial was in Taylor Cem. She m 1) Barton DANIELS in 1866 and after he died she m 2) Wesley MATHENY in 1877. He died 25 years ago. Children from the first marriage were W.H. DANIELS, Seminary and Mrs. Simon LEWIS, Shobonier; from the 2nd marriage Mrs. William HUFF and illegible (there is a line across the paper here). Also surviving were half-sisters Mrs. Cynthia ELLER and Mrs Malinda REECE both of Seminary. Vandalia Union 5 Jul 1928.

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MATTES, George Clemmens b 8 Jul 1865, son of George and Mary MATTES, pioneer settlers of Sharon Twp. d 30 June 1928 of diabetes. He m Mary PARADEE, 29 Mar 1892, living 6 miles northwest of Vandalia where they farmed until 1919. They were parents of a daughter Mrs. Herman LEMKE, son bal of Decatur. Son, Clifford died in Camp Mills, NC 1918 and son Kenneth died at home in 1926. Surviving was sister Emma HOFFMAN, Vera, brothers Richard, Edwin and William of near Vandalia, James of Decatur, Berthold, Ramsey and Charles of St. Louis. His mother-in-law Margaret PARADEE, age 85 of Decatur, also survived him. Burial was in South Hill Cem. Ramsey News Journal 12 July 1928.

McCASLAND, Mary Lou b 28 Nov 1890 Vermillion, IL dau of W. J. and Elizabeth Ann HARLEY and d at her home south of Greenville, IL 2 Aug 1928. She m George McCASLAND at Bloomington, IL and they were parents of 4 children, Freda, Nelda, Martha June and Wilma who died in infancy. Surviving with the daughters and husband were her father of Puxico, MO, brothers Vinton, Robert, Carl, Lawrence and sisters Margaret and Velma. Her mother, 4 brothers and 2 sisters preceded her in death. Burial was in Montrose Cem., Greenville, IL. Ramsey News Journal 23 Aug 1928.

MELTON, David, age 84, died at the ome of his niece Mrs. MAYS on 7th St. after a long illness. Burial was in the old cem. His wife died 3 years ago. One sister Mrs. George THOMAN survived. Vandalia Union 12 Jul 1928.

METZGER, Jacob b 9 Jul 1847 Altorf, Switzerland died 19 August at his home in Augsburg of acute nephritis. Burial was in Immanuel Cem., Augsburg. The son of John and Mary Magdalene METZGER he was 16 years old when they came to America. He m 1880 Mary BUEHRER and she survived him with 8 children: Walter, St. Louis, Jacob, Mrs. Fred PETERSON, Mrs. William WASMUTH, Mrs. Fred RUBIN, Mrs. Charles GABLE, all of near Augsburg, Emma at home and Lena a teacher in Decatur schools. Also surviving were 3 brothers - John U., Vandalia, John H., Shobonier and Godfrey, Augsburg, sisters, Margaret TELGER, St. Paul and Mary EHRAT, Shobonier. 2 sisters, Mrs. Charles TELGER and Mrs. Fred SCHAAL died in Effingham several years ago. Vandalia Union 23 Aug 1928.

NATHANS, Jessie Pearl, age 34 of Libertyville, MO died in Mark Greer Hosp. from injuries she received in a car accident which occurred between Hagarstown and Mulberry Grove. Her husband Rev. Phillip NATHANS and son, Phillip, Jr. were in the car but uninjured. The body was to be shipped to York, PA to the home of her parents. Her husband had just resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in Libertyville to enter the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. There had been a heavy rain and the car skidded. Vandalia Union 13 Sep 1928.

ORR, Henry aka Harry TOMLINSON, Elgin, drowned in the Kaskaskia River following an escape attempt from the Prison. The river was dragged but no body was recovered. The deceased was sent here on a charge of larceny. He claimed to be an actor and is said to have a wife in Milwaukee, WI. He was 21 years old. Vandalia Union 5 Jul 1928.

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OWENS, Fred, age 82, died at his home in Altamont, 20 Jul. Burial was in Union Cem. He m 1869 Sarah ADAMS of Fayette Co. and she survives with children, John F., Montana, Marshall, Mattoon, IL, Loma OWENS, Altamont, Josephine GRANT. He had been a farmer for most of his life, moving to Altamont 7 years ago. Vandalia Union 26 July 1928.

POLAND, Charles age 67, a banker and farmer of Fillmore, Montg. Co., IL, died 6 Sep 1928. He had been director of the Will National and Fillmore Banks. He was also head of the Poland Oil Co. He leaves a widow and son Carrol and dau Mrs. C.L. WALKER of Decatur. Ramsey News Journal 13 Sep 1928.

POLAND, Mary dau of William and Catherine FORRESTER was b 4 Sep 1840 and d at the home of her dau Emma E. MILLER (Mrs. Wesley) in Ramsey, 29 Aug 1928. She m 1) Lemuel JACKSON but was widowed by his death before the birth of their only child Emma Elizabeth. She m 2) 1879 John POLAND who died in 1920. They were parents of a daughter who died in infancy. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Ramsey News Journal 13 Sep and 20 Sep 1928.

POLLOCK, Ernest Osmond, age 65 died of apoplexy at Mark Greer Hosp. He never married and lived for over 30 years in Shoboner getting his support by draying and odd jobs. He was the son of Dr. Ostrander C. POLLOCK. His father died about 15 years ago. Burial was in Old Cemetery, Vandalia. He was born in Germantown, KY and moved here about 40 years ago. Survivors were his step-mother, Mrs. Alzora LEE POLLOCK and 3 half-brothers Earl, Ortis and Harry and 2 half-sisters, Mrs. Frances BROWN, Shields, NK and Belle EHLERS, Shobonier. Vandalia Union 13 Sep 1928.

PORTER, Christina dau of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. PORTER of Audubon Twp., Montg. Co. died 17 Sep 1928 age 7 days. Burial was in Zion Cem. Ramsey News Journal 20 Sep 1928.

PUMMILL, Melvin, a young man of the Vera neighborhood died recently. Vandalia Union 12 Jul 1928.

RADCLIFFE, Susan Nancy DIVELEY b 29 Nov 1889 dau of Jacob and Katie DIVELEY d at Greer Hosp. Burial was in South Hill Cem. She m 28 Nov 1908 Frank E. RADCLIFFE of Sefton Twp. and they were parents of 4 children, Floyd William, 17, Clara Edna, 15, Virginia Lee, 12 and Forrest Finley, age 7. Her mother died when she was quite young leaving her to be cared for by her grandparents, Adam and Martha RADCLIFFE. Her father died 2 years ago. Also surviving were brothers, Sam of ND, Obie of Decatur, sister Mrs. Walter GERMAN of Decatur. Vandalia Union 19 July 1928.

REED, Jesse Edward, died at Gold Bar, WA where he was working as a telegraph operator. He had lived there 19 years. Born 9 Apr 1858 Boonesboro, IA he was an operator on the IC railroad for 28 years, moving to Washington in 1905. Surviving were brothers, Fred A.,
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Paris, IL and Thomas of Seattle, his wife Lou REED and children, Samuel, Leavenworth, WA, Jesse, Oakland, CA, Donald of Yakima and Frank A., Oakland with daughter Mrs. Reggie A. HAUN, Gold Bar, WA. Burial in Sultan Cem. Ramsey News Journal 9 Aug and 16 Aug 1928.

RICHARDSON, George, Mrs. nee MILLER died 6 Aug in Pinckneyville, IL following childbirth. The dau of Mr. and Mrs. Ed MILLER of near Loogootee she was born 30 Jul 1903 and was raised in Fayette Co. Burial was in Farina Cem. Survivors were the husband, infant, parents and sister, Helen. Vandalia Union 9 Aug 1928.

RIEDLE, John Montgomery, was b 13 Dec 1866 Fayette Co. died at his home 5 July. Burial was in McConnell Cem. He m Nellie ADERHOLT and she survives with 11 children: Clarence, Merl, John of Mt. Pulaski, Mrs. Melvin PAYNE, Illiopolis, Mrs. Tracy EAGLIN, Odin, Mrs. Frank DENNING, Vandalia, Mrs. Ernest TORBECK, and Mrs. Fred MEYER, Shobonier, Forrest, Delmar and Roy at home. A brother, E.R. RIEDLE also survived. One dau Ruth and son Alvin who die din1917 preceded him in death. Vandalia Union 12 Jul 1928.

ROBERTS, Martha, age 10, was killed in a car accident near Kincaid, IL and 5 others were injured including some Ramsey residents. She was the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Charles ROBERTS of Edwardsville. Named in the papers were: Mrs. Matt McKNIGHT and daughter Marianna, Ramsey, Mrs. Dick BURRUS, Vandalia, mother of Mrs. McKNIGHT, Mary BURRUS of St. Louis who later died and H.R. DODSON, Belvidere, IL. Dodson, an insurance agent, was driving east of Route 24 toward Taylorville and those in the McKNIGHT car driven by Miss BURRUS were westbound toward Springfield. Oil from the Kincaid road had been tracked onto the slab which make it slippery and the DODSON car hit this stretch. DODSON testified that he attempted to steer his car toward to ditch to avoid the BURRUS car, but Miss BURRUS, the driver, also headed toward the ditch to avoid hitting him and they collided. The deceased was riding in the rumble seat and took most of the impact. She had been visiting friends in Ramsey and they were on their way to the state fair in Springfield. Burial was in Ramsey. She was survived by her parents sister, Lunetta of Wood River and brother, Gerald of Boise, ID. Ramsey News Journal and Vandalia Union 30 Aug 1928.

ROSS, Robert W. (Col.) son of Joshua and Martha W. ROSS was born near Bear Creek, Sharon Twp., this county 31 Dec 1843. His father was a native of KY and came to Fayette Co. in 1829 where he met and married his wife. The obit goes into detail of the various employment of the deceased, who was very prominent in Vandalia. He was county Coroner, was appointed by Pres. Cleveland to the office of Recorder of the General Land Office in Washington, DC "a rather responsible position particularly as the new west was being opened up". In 1899 he was elected to the House of Representatives. In 1904 he and L.S. MATHERLY published a pictorial history of Vandalia and in 1910 he joined with J.J. BULLINGTON as editors of the History of Fayette County which was incorporated in a historical encyclopedia of Illinois. He was a 100-day volunteer during the Civil War. Vandalia Union 16 Aug 1928.

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SCHENKER, Elizabeth nee FEUERSTEIN, age 89 died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H.C. HOFFMAN in Fillmore 17 July where she had been seriously ill for several days. Surviving were son John W. and Pauline MATTES of Vandalia, Anna KLINGHAMMER of Elgin, OR, Charles J., Rockwell, MO, Lizzie HERMAN, Tri City, MO, Mrs. H.C. HOFFMAN and Caroline HOFFMAN of Hannerford.. She was born 10 Jan 1839 Stangeurodt, Hessen, Germany and came to America with her parents in 1856 settling in Chicago. She m Carl SCHENKER 9 Jan 1858 there and they moved to Dyer, IN. Her husband preceded her in death in 1876. Services were held at the German Lutheran Church southwest of Ramsey and burial was in South Hill Cem. Ramsey News Journal 19 July and 26 July 1928, Vandalia Union 19 Jul 1928.

SHONK, W.W. was b 27 Aug 1850 Lancaster Co., PA and died at the home of his niece Mrs. Herbert MOREY, Muncie, IN 22 Aug. Burial was in South Hill Cem., Vandalia. When he was 21 he left Henry Co., on his way to California stopping in Vandalia to visit with his brother Abraham SHONK. Here he met Rosetta STEINHAUER and they married in Sept. 1874. He first engaged in carriage making and later butcher blocks. He later took John HUTCHINSON as a partner in the butcher clock chop and they opened a shop in Mounds, IL. He had a factory north of the Vandalia Railroad on Main St. This business grew until blocks were shipped from the factory to almost every city in the U.S. and even into foreign counties. They had no children but adopted a niece who married Herbert MOREY. A brother Abraham and 4 sisters preceded him in death - Elizabeth MOORE, Ellen SWIGERT of Newcastle, IN, Susan JOHNSON, Winfield, KS and Harriet BROWN of Marion, IN. Vandalia Union 30 Aug 1928.

SICKLES, Frank Marion b 11 Apr 1856, Shelby Co., IL son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah SICKLES d 19 Jul 1928 following a short illness; he was age 72. He m 1872 Charlotte A. STEELE and they were parents of 8 children - the 2 oldest, Roy and Nellie died infancy and Mary E. about 4 years ago. Surviving were Thomas of Orting, WA; Clyde C., State Hosp., Anna, IL; Walter and Marjorie at home and Ina SWEAZY, Beecher City. Also surviving were 3 step-brothers, Dr. J.H. MILLER, Pana, Dr. Andy MILLER, Sullivan and Dr. J.T. MILLER, Palmer, and aunt Mrs. WHITESIDE, Cowden. Burial was in Beecher City Cem. His father died when he was small leaving his mother with 4 children. Ramsey News Journal 26 July and 2 Aug 1928.

SLOAT, Burnell, age 17 died from sleeping sickness at the home of his parents. Burial was in Oak Grove Cem. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest SLOAT formerly of Taylor Springs, IL. He had been ill for several months. Ramsey News Journal 26 July 1928.

SMITH, James H., aged Baptist minister died at the home of his son, W.R. SMITH near the Bond-Fayette Co. Line Sept. 13. The funeral was held in Pleasant Mound. Also surviving was son Judsen SMITH of E. St. Louis. His wife Fannie preceded him in death. Vandalia Union 20 Sep 1928.

75 YEARS AGO - OBITUARIES and DEATH NOTICES

SMITH, Myrtle Frances died at the home of her son, Earl in Brownstown, 30 June. Burial was in Yolton Cem. She was b 24 Apr 1863 the dau of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. LINDER and married 19 Oct 1881 Oliver C. SMITH. They were parents of 9 children, 2 deceased. Surviving were: Bessie BREWER, Rockford; Edward, Vandalia; Cleat, Monce; Charles, Avena; Adie, Pekin; William of Lansing, MI and illegible. Also surviving were brothers, James LINDER of Watson, John of Effingham and William of Moline, IL. Vandalia Union 12 Jul 1928.

SMITH, Roy M. of Otego was struck and instantly killed last Thursday by an Illinois Central train at a grade crossing south of Pana. Burial was in South Hill. He was trying to beat the train to the crossing according to testimony. Son of John R. and Etta SMITH he was born 3 June 1885. He married 1911 Ethel COOPER and they were parents of 4 children, Helen, John, Hazel and Pauline. Also surviving were brother W.L. SMITH of Taylorville and sister Mrs. C.L. HUBBERT, Decatur, step-father William DAY and 2 step-brothers, W.R. and C.E. DAY of Oklahoma City, OK. His mother and a sister preceded him in death only a few months ago. Since parting with his wife, now Mrs. Jake ROYER, he has made his home with his step-father. Vandalia Union 6 Sep 1928.

SOWERS, Infant son of Rev. and Mrs. T.B. SOWERS died after being scalded. The child pulled a bucket of hot water over onto itself. He had been scheduled to appear at Reed's Chapel Rally Week program on Tuesday. Ramsey News Journal 13 Sep 1928.

TACKETT, William, age 63, was a victim of a hit and run accident on the hard road south of Pana. He was identified by his nephew Phillip TACKETT of Arcola, IL. He leaves a widow, Lelah TACKETT, sons Clarence and Frank, dau Mrs. James STOKES and brother, Lawson TACKETT of Arcola. According to his wife, he had gone to Arcola to look for work in the broomcorn district. A broomcorn knife was found on his body. It was believed that he did not find work and was on the way home when struck. The family lived near the Rigdon schoolhouse where they moved 5 years ago. They had sold out and moved to Arkansas but not liking it there returned to Fayette Co. Ramsey News Journal and Vandalia Union 20 Sep 1928.

THOMPSON, Herbert LeRoy, 6 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry THOMPSON living just east of the river, was struck by an auto on Route 11. He with his brother Howard and Harvey and Lucile CLEARY were going to see the big crane work where the Foley Const. Co. was building a new bridge for the Pennsylvania railroad. He started across the road not seeing the auto driven by Robert MOW a Sikeston, MO businessman. MOW swerved to avoid hitting the child but the bumper caught him. He rushed the boy to the hospital but he died soon after reaching it. Burial was in the Old Cem. Vandalia Union 30 Aug 1928.

TINKER, William M. died at his home in Otego twp. Friday afternoon. Burial in Haley Chapel. He was the son of John J. TINKER who came from TN and was one of the county's early settlers. His mother lived to the age of 97 years. The deceased was b 7 Oct 1857 Otego Twp. and m 1889 Lula F. CHAPEN, in Steuben Co., IN. She died May, 18797. They were

