

Montgomery County, Missouri
Miscellaneous Articles

County Officers 1894-95 and 1895-96
from Official Manual of the State of Missouri 1895-96

Judge of the circuit court ELLIOTT M. HUGHES, eleventh circuit, Danville (Democrat).- Born in Troy, Mo. November 7, 1844; educated in common schools; admitted to the bar in April, 1867; superintendent of schools in Montgomery County, 1871-2; prosecuting attorney of same, 1873-8; elected judge third judicial circuit in 1886, and reelected in 1892. Married.

Representative SAMUEL MILLER (Republican), of Bluffton, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., October 4, 1820; educated in the common schools of his native state; was justice of the peace five years in his native state and judge of the county court of Montgomery County, Mo., one term; removed to this state in 1867, locating at Bluffton, where he has ever since lived, with the exception of two years spent in Sedalia. Horticulturist; widower, his wife having died in 1893 after forty-six years of wedded life.

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Justices of the Peace in Montgomery County

R. W. Page

Mineola J. M. Moore

Gamma William Penn

Danville J. T. McDaniel

New Florence Silas Rombaugh

Montgomery City A. C. Kribben

Jonesburg J. T. Jones

Middletown J. R. Knight

Price's Branch Henry Bremer

Rhineland Oscar Johnson

Jonesburg John H. Elsenraat

Rhineland E. B. Gentry

Montgomery City B. S. Baker

Americus H. H. Atterberry

Bethlehem Henry Elton

Wellsville L. A. Thompson

Montgomery City W. E. Lichte

Big Spring Walter McQuie

Office

Judge circuit court

Presiding judge county court

Judge county court, first district

Judge county court, second district

Judge of probate

Clerk circuit court

Recorder of deeds

Clerk county court

Prosecuting attorney

Sheriff

Collector

Assessor

Treasurer

Coroner

Public administrator

Surveyor

School commissioner

Name of Officer

E. M. Hughes

Montgomery City

Silas A. Elkin

Thomas J. Porter

Fred Lichte

James D. Barnett

George L. Bellamy

Richard H. Williams

Warren A. Crockett

Robert Shackelford

John W. Sturgeon

Robert A. Baker

William C. Nelson

Everett Barton

George E. Muns

Thomas J. Powell

T. L. Cardwell

E. A. Wise

Wellsville

Politics

Democrat

Republican

Republican

Republican

Democrat

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Democrat

Wellsville

Ninth District Congressional Committees
Montgomery County
Democratic

M. E. Vermillion
Middletown
F. H. Kallmeyer
New Florence Republican
R. Shackelford
Wellsville People's Party
C. J. Cox
Wellsville Prohibition Party
State Committee Representative Cortes Stuart
Prohibition

Montgomery County Political Committees
Chairman Party Secretary Dr. F. P. Wyatt
Price's Branch Democrat
J. D. Barnett
Montgomery City Conrad Menz
Wellsville Republican
A. G. Williams
Montgomery City C. J. Cox
Wellsville People's
Jos. Moore
Wellsville



Economic Information and Statistics 1895-96

from Official Manual of the State of Missouri 1895-96

Incorporated State Banks in Montgomery County

Bank	President	Cashier
Jonesburg Bank Jonesburg	T. Purl	Wm. Dyer
Montgomery County Bank	B. R. Hensley	Samuel Sharp
Montgomery City New Florence Bank	B. E. Wilson	A. H. Kallmeyer
New Florence Bank of Rhineland Rhineland	Hugo Monnig	J. J. Merritt

From June 30, 1893, to June 30, 1894, Montgomery County had coal mines operating which employed 40 miners in the summer months and 9 other employees in the summer. No employees were reported for the winter months. 12,175 tons of coal were mined at a value of \$1.35 per ton.

Missouri furnished 109,000 soldiers to the Union army and 108,000 to the Confederate army. These figures are unofficial, but are thought to be very near actual numbers.

Population of Missouri by Civil Divisions - 1890

MONTGOMERY COUNTY	1880	1890
Bear Creek twp, including Jonesburg village	2811	2643
Jonesburg village	(445)	(437)
Danville twp, including Danville and New Florence villages	2655	2682
Danville village	(239)	(380)
New Florence village	(373)	(465)
Lower Loutre township (Formerly Loutre)	2775	2685
Montgomery twp, including Montgomery City town	2778	3607
Montgomery City town	(1165)	(2199)
Prairie twp, including Middletown village	2774	2644
Middletown village	(391)	(389)
Upper Loutre twp, including Wellsville village	2456	2589
Wellsville village	(867)	(1138)
TOTALS	16249	16850

The 1890 total may be broken down as follows:

white males	8484	white females	8366
native born	15896	foreign born	954
native parents	11941	foreign parents	2288
foreign white	954	total colored	1667

Audrain County Oracle, published at Martinsburg, Mo., Feb. 9, 1911

Montgomery is one of the close counties in the state politically and frequently elect a mixed ticket. If the report given by a citizen of that county is true it is not the fact of a growing independence among voters that makes it so, as much as it is that dollars count in an election in that county. **E. Brown** of Mineola told a newspaper man that boodlers hold the balance of power in that county. That it is said that there are fifty votes in Montgomery City and some in every precinct in the county that are for sale. The price of votes went up to \$20 at Mineola and it is said that \$25 was made at Montgomery, according to Mr. Brown, at the last election.



[This article is from the *Martinburg Monitor*, Martinsburg, Missouri, Jan 14, 1926. The subject is George Knox Canterbury. His farm lay just over the line in Montgomery County southeast of Martinsburg. He is buried in Turk Cemetery. Note the variations in the spelling of the surname in the article, a reminder to everyone do not rely on one spelling of the surname you are researching.]

Civil War Veteran Celebrates 80th Birthday
George Canterbury, born and reared on Martinsburg Farm
One of Few Survivors Living in This Community

On January 8th George Canterbury, one of Martinsburg's few surviving Civil War veterans celebrated his 80th birthday at his home southeast of Martinsburg. Mr. Canterbury's birthplace was on the same farm where he has always lived. He was married after the Civil War to Miss Eliza Owens of St. Charles. They have lived happily together for nearly 58 years. Nine children were born to them as follows: Samuel, Andrew, Almina, Isaac, and Thomas (twins), Zachary, Caleb, Joseph, and Joshua. Samuel, Almina and Isaac are dead. The Canterburys have 11 grandchildren. You will observe all the children have Bible names. Both of these good people spend much time in reading the bible and their lives have been lived in accordance with the "good book."

"It is Divine Providence alone" they will tell you, "that cared for Mr. Canterbury during the war and allowed him to live to this ripe old age, when he was wounded four times." His experiences are most interesting. To begin with he was a Southern sympathizer, his parents having come from the South, and as a lad of seventeen he was run down by a Company of Militia from Wellsville and shot through the right shoulder. The shooting occurred on what is now the Jim Peery farm south of town and despite his serious injury the young man escaped and hid in the old Peery burying ground. For three days he evaded the Militia until pain from his wound and lack of food forced him to surrender. He was taken directly to St. Louis where he was confined in a Federal prison for three months. He was then exchanged for a Northern prisoner of War and was taken to Dixie Land to fight with the Confederate Army. From the time of his arrival at Vicksburg he was never out of the sound of the cannon's roar.

In 13 major battles he was right on the firing line. City Point was first, then Altoona Mts., Georgia. It was here that he was wounded for the second time. The Confederate soldiers were fighting the Union men from the top of a ravine and a sabre was run through his right hand, crippling it so that it has always been lame. The third time he was wounded was at Franklin, Tennessee. He got up on a cannon to see if he could sight the enemy. His captain said, "Red, you'd better get down, you're quite a target." He started to get down but was struck in the left leg by a cannon ball. The Captain helped to bandage the wound with strips torn from his own shirt. The injury was not very serious and he moved right along with his Company. On another occasion he had the collar of his coat cut off by a cannon ball that grazed the back of his neck and left a long scar.

At Fort Blakely the soldiers were shut up in the Fort for 48 days. From the time of his enlistment until he was discharged in 1865 he was never inside of a building, or slept in a bed. The soldiers slept on the ground wherever they happened to be, wrapped in their army blankets. On several occasions they awakened in the morning to find themselves with a six inch blanket of snow. He was in battles at Champion Hills, Miss., Big Black River, Miss., Vicksburg, Miss., Kenesaw Mts., Tenn., Franklin, Tenn., Corinth, Miss., Iuka, Miss., and last at Fort Blakely when they disbanded.

Mr. Canterbury was 22 years old when the war was over and he came back to his old home here. His parents were not expecting him and were overjoyed when he surprised them by walking in. He went to work and in 1868 was married.

The *Monitor* extends hearty good wishes to this splendid old man. We hope he and his good wife, who is also 80 will live to celebrate their 90th birthdays and their diamond wedding anniversary.

(Editor's note-- Mr. Canterbury lost a step-brother during the war, William O'Donnell, also a Confederate soldier.)

[From Montgomery Standard, Montgomery City, Mo., Friday February 21, 1902. Transcribed and contributed by COberh3034@aol.com.]

List of the Rebel Sympathisers of Montgomery County.

Enrolled by Col. Lovelace, 1862

Among the effects of the late T. J. Powell was found a printed list of confederate sympathizers in Montgomery county, and as there are many old familiar names to be found in the list which will interest most of our readers, we publish it as follows:



[From the *Montgomery County Leader*, New Florence, MO, starts Dec. 23, 1892, courtesy of Nancy Lee nlee@ktis.net.]

Pioneer Montgomery

Early History of Our County
As Seen by a "*Globe Democrat*" Reporter.

The following is taken from last Sunday's *Globe-Democrat*, which was written from Minneola under the date of Dec. 15.

This little village, nestling in a pretty basin among the Loutre Creek hills, in the western part of Montgomery county, is historic ground. The mineral spring, famed for its medical virtue, is the old "Loutre Lick" of pioneer notoriety. Here Daniel Boone resorted for the use of the healing waters, which he declared cured him of ailments. It was a favorite locality with Thomas H. Benton and in Congress, as early as in 1824, it was adverted to sarcastically by Henry Clay as "The Bethesda mentioned by the honorable Senator from Missouri." The site of the village and a considerable tract adjoining 160 was originally granted by the Spanish authorities in 1799 to Col. Nathan Boone, son of Daniel Boone. In 1815 Col. Boone sold the land to Maj. Isaac Van Bibber whose father was killed at the battle of Point Pleasant, Va., in 1774, and who was raised to manhood in the family of Daniel Boone. In 1821, Maj. Van Bibber made repeated attempts to manufacture salt from the slightly saline water.

Montgomery is one of the oldest settled counties in Missouri. The early French explorers were here certainly as early as 1722. They named the beautiful stream which flows through the western part of the county, the Loutre (Otter in English) which name it still bears. The island at its mouth, opposite to the town of Hermann, formed by the union of the Loutre and the Missouri, is yet called Loutre Island. In 1800 there were at least 12 white families living on this island. In 1812 a fort was built here for the protection of the settlers, then reasonably numerous on the Island and in the vicinity. By the order of Gov. Clark, this fort, which was a good strong block house, and stood about midway of the island, was called Fort Clemson, for its builder, Capt. James Clemson, of the United States Dragoons. This was the same Capt. Clemson I may remark, who was subsequently the second of the unfortunate young Charles Lucas in his duel with Col. Benton.

In the southwestern part of this county, along and a few miles back of the Missouri, are still living men and women who were born here as early as from 1807 to 1815. These old people yet retain a lively recollection of the early days and are always ready to talk of them. From them and from other reliable authorities I have obtained much reliable information regarding the early occupation of the country, which is of peculiar interest at this day.

Up to the year 1818, the settlers in this quarter of Missouri, on the north side of the river, and from here to the mouth, were seriously troubled by the Northern Indians, who came down on frequent expeditions of robbery and murder. These Indians were the Sacs and the Foxes, the Iowas and the Pottawatomies. Their homes and country were far to the northward. This country never belonged to them, and they never claimed it. It was originally claimed by the Missouris, who ceded it to the French, and the French by the treaty of Ildefonso, in 1763 passed under the dominion of the Spaniards. Some time near the close of the eighteenth century the Spaniards allowed a band of Sacs who had seceded from the main tribe to use the country as a hunting ground only, but this band known subsequently as the "Sacs of Missouri" -- never set up a claim of absolute ownership to it, and were always at peace with the whites. In these Indian troubles, therefore the American people were not the aggressors. The Indians came hundreds of miles to do their deviltry. They believed, doubtless, that they had a right to kill white people whenever and wherever they could, and to take their property under the same conditions. The whites here fought strictly on the defensive. It is even yet to be regretted that they did not fight with better success. (continued next week)

December 30, 1892, issue

Between the years 1806-8, a dozen settlers in the St. Charles district had been killed by the Indians. In the fall of 1806 a party of settlers from Femme Osage settlement -- in what is now Warren County, led by Wm. T. Cole, of Loutre Island, went to the Loutre Prairie to hunt elk, then numerous in the country. Somewhere near the present site of High Hill they met some hostile Indians, who drove them back to the settlements. Nobody was killed on this occasion, but the incident warned the whites what they might expect if they should be over venturesome and incautious.

In the summer of the next year (1807) occurred a memorable and ill-fated expedition. A band of Sacs and Pottawatomies, came down, stole seven horses belonging to the settlers on Loutre Island, and started northward with them. Five islanders set out in pursuit. These were Wm. T. and Stephen Cole, James Patton, John Gooch and James Murdock, all experienced frontiersmen, hardy and brave. On the evening of the second day out the party came in sight of the Indians on the Salt River prairie, in what is now the southern part of Ralls County. Moving forward a mile or so, and darkness coming on they went into camp on the bank of Spencer Creek, intending to open friendly negotiations with the Indians the following morning.

In this design, however, they were anticipated by the savages, who, well armed with rifles and other weapons, attacked them furiously in the night. Wm. T. Cole (commonly called Temple Cole), Patton and Gooch were killed in their blankets at the first fire. Murdock slipped under the bank of the creek near by, leaving Stephen Cole alone to contend the enemy. Two Indians closed upon him. One of them stabbed him in the back from behind, the other encountered him in front. Cole, a very powerful man and a good fighter wrested the knife from the hand of the Indian in his front and plunged it into his assailant and was about to finish him, when all of the other Indians threw themselves upon him, and having to contend against too great odds, he cut his way through them and saved himself by flight, favored, of course, by the darkness. And after an arduous journey of three days and nights on foot for he had been compelled to leave his horse in the hands of the Indians -- he succeeded in reaching the island and Fort Clemson. Murdock did not return to the island for several days.

Organizing another party, Cole returned to the scene of the fight and buried his dead comrades, all of whom had been scalped and otherwise mutilated. The body of the Indians he had killed was also found.

Some years afterward the skulls of the murdered men were found and thereafter the locality was known as "Skull Lick." There is no name better known in the history of the Boone's Lick country than that of Capt. Stephen Cole. It was he who, in 1812, built Cole's Fort, the first county seat of Howard County, and it was for him Cole County was named. He was killed by the Indians on the plains in 1824 while engaged in the Santa Fe trade. (continued next week)

January 6, 1893, issue

From its exposed situation and the thinness of the population the portion of Missouri territory north of the river suffered severely from British and Indian hostility during the War of 1812. With few exceptions the Indians of the Missouri River were peaceable throughout the entire period; but the Northern Indians were always hostile, and often made murderous intrusions into the country. The noted Black Hawk led his band of Sacs into Missouri and fought the whites on at least two occasions.

In 1811 the Indians had committed some outrages in the Boone's Lick settlements, in Howard County, and over near the Mississippi, on the Salt and Cuivre Rivers, in Pike and Lincoln. It was suspected that the perpetrators were the Indians of the Missouri. Gen. Wm. Clark, then in command of this department, made every exertion to detect them, but as the American forces were not yet organized, he did not succeed. Indian forays from the north were repeated, and during the year 1812 from Fort Madison (on the Illinois bank of the Mississippi, a little below the mouth of the Des Moines) to St. Charles, settlers were murdered and their homes destroyed by the savages.

At last Gov. Benjamin Howard went to St. Charles and ordered Col. Kibbe, who commanded the militia of that country, to call out a portion of the men who were in requisition to march at a moment's warning. He organized a company of rangers for continuous service with Capt. James Callaway, a grandson of Daniel Boone, as captain. This company was made up principally of St. Charles county men, all hardy woodsmen, active, skillful and bold. At intervals this company scoured the country from Salt river to the Missouri, and performed invaluable service.

Gov. Howard also established a small fort on the Mississippi in St. Charles county, which was garrisoned by a company of regulars from Bellfontaine under the command of a Lieut. Mason, and for him was called Fort Mason. Fort Clemson, on Loutre Island, was built at the same time. Throughout the settlements the pioneers themselves built a number of block houses, or so called forts. There was Daniel M. Boone's Fort, in Darst's Bottom, St. Charles county; Howell's Fort, on Howell's prairie; Pond's Fort, on the Dog Prairie; Hountz's Fort, eight miles west of St. Charles; Zumwalt's Fort, near O'Fallon; Castilo's Fort, near Howell's Prairie; Kennedy's Fort, near Wright City; Callaway's Fort, near Marthasville, and Wood's Fort at Troy. But for these establishments and that the whites in this part would either have been driven out of the country or exterminated.

The first victim of the Indian War 1812 in Montgomery County was Harris Massey, a boy of 17, who was killed here; at the Loutre Lick, in the spring of 1813. In the previous winter his father, Thomas Massey, had left the shelter of Fort Clemson where he had settled in 1809, and came to the Lick, having leased the land from Col. Nathan Boone. Massey had built a cabin on the north side of the little stream known as Sallie's Branch, and had cleared a small field on the south side. This field is now the site of the village of Mineola. Young Massey was killed under the following circumstances. His father had gone up the Loutre to examine some Indian "signs," that had been discovered the previous evening. When he left he set Harris at work to plow in the little field. He directed the boy to tie his rifle to his back while at work, and, if the Indians appeared, to fire on them at once. After a time the boy, as is presumed, grew weary of carrying the gun, and set it against a tree near the clear ground. About 10 o'clock a band of Sac Indians slipped down Sallies Branch and, crawling under the bank, approached within 100 yards of the boy. Two Indians fired and the boy fell. With savage yells the noble red men sprang out and, running up to the body, offered it every indignity. They tore off the scalp, and then mutilated the body in a manner not to be

described.

Mr. Massey's family at the house were in plain view of the tragedy. Ann Massey, one of the daughters, seized the dinner horn and blew one blast after another upon it. This seemed to disconcert the Indians and they soon fled. Mr. Massey heard the horn and hastened home. The Indians had not taken his horses, and he succeeded in making his way with his family to Fort Clemson, distant by the nearest trail eight miles. A party went out and buried the mangled body of the boy on the hillside, a little south of where he fell. Thereafter, for nearly two years, there was no attempt at settling the country back of the river by the islanders. They preferred to remain quietly under the protection of the fort. (continued next week)

January 13, 1893 issue

In the spring of 1814 occurred the next tragedy. A young man named Daniel Dougherty was killed by the Sac Indians at the Big Spring, in the southern part of the county. He belonged to the colony on the island; and volunteered to go up to a saltpeter cave on Clear Creek (about four miles southeast of Danville) to procure some salt-peter for making powder. At that time the pioneers made their own powder. As he did not return at the appointed time the colonists became uneasy, and Jacob Groom and Wm. Stewart volunteered to go in search of him.

From Mrs. Lurinda Snethen, a daughter of Jacob Groom, I have obtained the particulars of the adventures of her father and his companion on this occasion. It seems they set from the island on horseback, taking the trail to the cave by way of the Big Spring. Groom had formerly lived at the spring and knew the locality well. A quarter of a mile north of the spring, and 100 yards north of Opossum Branch, as the two men were riding along, Stewart suddenly called out: "Lord! Jake, look at the Indians!" Sure enough there were, only 100 yards in front, half of them mounted, all of them painted and armed--a swarm of them.

The two scouts turned and fled. The Indians pursued them, yelling and shouting with rifles and bows, crossing Opossum Branch Groom's horse jumped with a mighty leap and the saddle turned, Groom's feet being out of the stirrups; but he clung to the horse, contrived to unfasten the girth and let the saddle fall. As they emerged into the clearing near Groom's cabin at the spring the Indians gave them a volley of bullets and arrows, horses were badly wounded, and Stewart received a bullet in his ankle. A mile south, the Indians still in pursuit, Stewart's horse fell from loss of blood. Groom stopped and took Stewart up behind him, or else he must have perished.

Luckily, both men reached the island in safety. There was, of course, great excitement, and pickets were at once put out and all the outlying settlers warned in. Capt. Clemson prepared the fort for an attack, but it did not come. In a few days Capt. Callaway's rangers came out and found the body of Dougherty half way up the hill from the Big Spring and buried it. The Indians had scalped and mutilated it, and it presented a sad spectacle. Jacob Groom lived to become an honored citizen of the country, and was for two terms a member of the Missouri Legislature.

But the most serious casualty that befell the settlers during the war was the defeat and death of that gallant spirit, Capt. James Callaway, and a portion of his company of rangers at the junction with the Loutre of a small stream called Prairie Fork in the southern part of Montgomery County, March 7, 1815. I think I have stated that Capt. Callaway was a son of Flanders Callaway and a grandson of Daniel Boone. Distinguished for his intelligence, fortitude and courage, he was selected to command the company of rangers by Gov. Howard, as previously mentioned and up to the time of his death was one of the most active, daring and efficient scouts in the service and occupied a prominent position in the affairs of this district. He had been in many an Indian fight and in August 1814 he commanded the Missourians who formed a part of the force of Maj. Zachary Taylor that went against the British and Indians at the Rock Island. He bore a gallant part in the but unsuccessful assault on the strong, cannon-crowned

intrenchments at that point, and on the American retreat he covered and protected the rear.

On the 6th of March a band of some seventy-five or eighty Sacs and Foxes (some say Sacs and Pottawatomies) came down near Loutre Island and stole a dozen or more horses that were grazing on the mainland, and succeed in escaping with them up Loutre Creek. The next morning, being in the country scouting, Capt. Callaway, with fifteen of his rangers, came upon the fresh Indian trail made by the horse thieves. Following it rapidly up, at about 2 o'clock in the afternoon they came upon the Indian camp and the stolen horses, guarded by only a few squaws. All the men were absent. The squaws fled upon the approach of the rangers and were not pursued. It seemed that the Indians had scattered and retreated altogether, for no well defined trail could be found, and it was decided to discontinue the pursuit; so, securing the horses, Capt. Callaway, started with them and his men southward down the Loutre valley for the island.

Lieut. Jonathan Riggs, the second in command of the rangers, was an old Indian fighter and a man of caution and good judgment. His suspicions had been excited by the disappearance of the Indians, and he said to Capt. Callaway they had dispersed in order to mislead them and that they meant to swing around to the southward and, forming an ambuscade, intercept the rangers on their way to the island. His advice was, therefore, that the return march should be made by a different route. But Capt. Callaway believed that the Indians had left the country and would not again be seen. Accordingly, he dismissed the suspicions of Lieut. Riggs and proceeded with his men by the route over which he had marched that morning. (continued next week)

January 20, 1893, issue

At the crossing of Prairie Fork, a hundred yards or more from the Loutre, the little command was attacked. Three rangers -- Parker Hutchings, Frank McDermid and James McMillin -- were a hundred yards in advance with the recovered horses. Just as they reached the south bank of the stream a volley of deadly shots rang out from the Indian ambuscade, and all three fell dead from their saddles on the shore.

Hearing the firing and the fierce war whoops of the savages, Capt. Callaway and the twelve men dashed bravely up, they, in turn, received a murderous fire from their ambushed foes who were concealed in the timber on a hill in front. Capt. Callaway's horse was killed and he received a bullet through his left arm, escaping death at the instant by the ball striking his watch. He sprang from his horse and called out to his men: "Cross the creek and charge them and fight to the death!" His men dashed forward and he essayed to follow by swimming the cold waters of the stream, then swollen to a considerable depth by the recent rains and melting snow. Doubtless his wounded arm failed him, for when some of his men who had crossed looked back he was drifting and swimming down the strong and rapid current. Just then an Indian shot him in the back of the head, the ball lodging in his forehead, and he instantly sank.

Lieut. Riggs, and his comrades fought as best they could, but all their efforts availed nothing against a foe five times their number and well practiced, and at last the Lieutenant gave orders to retreat. The rangers recrossed Prairie Fork, and, making a considerable detour, crossed it again a mile above, and the next morning succeeded in reaching the island. Two of the men were detached and sent east to Wood's Fort, in Lincoln county.

Of the sixteen rangers, six were killed, viz; Capt. Callaway, Parker Hutchings, Frank McDermid, James McMillin, Thomas Gilmore and Hiram Scott. The last name and a comrade name Wolf, were left on the south bank of the stream when their comrades recrossed. Wolf escaped to the island and was the first to bring the tidings of the disaster. Nearly every man in the party was more or less severely wounded, and every horse was struck. The loose horses of the settlers were of course lost. It was never certainly known that the Indians had more than one man killed. He was buried on the prairie, near the present site of Wellsville.

The next day after the fight a company went out from the island to bury the dead. The bodies of Hutchings, McDermid and McMillin had been cut to pieces and hung on the bushes. Scott and Gilmore had also been mutilated. The remains were gathered up and buried in one grave near the scene of the fight. Capt. Callaway's body was recovered several days later. It was found in a drift pile in the Loutre--the waters having subsided -- a quarter of a mile from the battleground. It was wrapped in blankets and buried nearby on the hillside, overlooking the Prairie Fork and the Loutre. Some time afterward the grave was inclosed with rough stone across which was laid a stone slab with this inscription:

.....
Capt. Jas. Callaway
March 7, 1815
.....

The slab and inscription were prepared by Tarleton Gore, of St. Charles county, a cousin of Capt. Callaway. I have seen the inscription and it is plain at this day. The grave is now merely a pile of loose stones, and the inscription is filling up. The county of Callaway was named for the gallant ranger, and the people of the county should see to it that his grave is preserved for all time.

The last Indian tragedy in this quarter of Missouri was the murder of the family of Robert Ramsey, near Callaway's Fort in Warren county, as late as May, 1818. A band of Northern Indians had slipped down into the country, and early one morning, when Mrs. Ramsey was milking her cows, they quickly appeared and opened fire on her and other members of the defenseless family. Three of the children were tomahawked and scalped. Mrs. Ramsey was seriously hurt. Two boys of the family escaped and gave the alarm and help was soon had. Among those who came to the rescue was old Daniel Boone. He washed and dressed the wounds of Mrs. Ramsey, and when volunteers set out after the Indians his eyes snapped as if some of the old sparks were in them, and he said: "I would like to go with you, boys, but I am of no account any more."

Burr Joyce.



[From the Montgomery County Genealogical Society newsletter, 3rd quarter 1997]

Taken from the *Wellsville Optic-News*, Wellsville, MO, December 18, 1914

The Revival Meeting Closed Sunday Night With One Hundred Eighty-Two Converts

Last Sunday was the closing day of the big Union meeting, and it was one of the big days of the entire time. The tent was filled morning and evening and there was dinner on the ground, enjoyed by all who partook of the same. The weather was a part of Mark Twain's New England kind, but it did not keep the people away nor dampen their ardor. At the morning service Evangelist Birch preached a fine sermon and Singer Carter gave himself to the song service. In the afternoon there was an uplifting prayer and praise service, and in the evening there was a more intense interest shown by the people, saved and unsaved, than at any time during the entire meeting. When the invitation was given in this last service, everyone knew that it was the last opportunity to win souls in this special way, and a great number of men, women and children moved through the tent shaking hands with their friends and inviting them to accept Christ. At these two services on the last day the harvest truly was great.

All the converts of the meeting, one hundred and eighty-two in number, were lined up around the tent and were given the right hand of fellowship, and afterwards joined hands and sang, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." There was great rejoicing on the part of everybody for the great work accomplished in the lives of these and in the reviving of the work of Christ generally in the entire community.

Much credit is due the Evangelist, the singer, the pastors and the loyal people, who worked for the winning of souls and the success of the meeting along all lines. Great credit is due the men who worked so faithfully in preparing the tents, seats, lights, etc. and in removing same after the meeting was over. Also to the newspapers, the *Optic-News* and the *Star*, for courtesies, writeups, etc. Thanks are due to all who contributed in any way to the success of the enterprise. Mrs. Burch, the wife of the Evangelist, and their two children, Eugene and Laura Nell, were here during the most of the meeting, and rendered splendid service in song and personal work.

On Monday evening as previously announced, services were held in the Baptist, M.E. Christian, M.E. South and Presbyterian churches for the purpose of receiving into the churches those who converted during the meeting, and others who would come by letter. A total number of one hundred and forty were received, with more to follow at the next services.....Below is a list of names of those who professed faith and the church they decided to unite with.

Baptist -- (1) Clarence Dustin (2) Mattie Dustin (3) Wm. Miller (4) Rosevelt Miller (5) Ray Christopher (6) Garland Gibson (7) Loren Osborne (8) Glenn Wilcox (9) Mrs. Annie Miller (10) Clifford Christopher (11) Gertrude Dillon (12) Martha Smith (13) Willie Wittahaus (14) Oscar Stevens (15) Ruby Dillon (16) Susie Dillon (17) Mattie Farrow (18) Arthur Kempinsky (19) Tom Lindsay (20) Homer Lindsey (21) Harry Lindsey (22) Reford Hays (23) Russel Anderson (24) J. L. Barker Jr. (25) Lillie O'Daniel (26) Tom Hepler (27) Rodney O'Daniel (28) Mary Edith Riddle (29) Estel Branstetter (30) Edith Chawkey (31) Edna Miller (32) Gut Dugan (33) Mary Ives (34) Ruby Stevens (35) Earl Finley (36) Floy Martin (37) Willis Eastham

Christian Church -- (1) Helen Hintz (2) Clara Wicklein (3) Rose Bud White (4) Leora White (5) Cleve Lowry (6) Elsie Lowry (7) Kenneth Steels (8) Wallace Steels (9) Thelma Cobb (10) Kenneth Hintz (11) Elizabeth Bryant (12) Mrs. Louis Schwendker (13) Izola Schwendker (14) Geo. Cox (15) Lester Schwendker (16) Erwin Schwendker (17) Chris O'Daniel (18) Bartly Johnson (19) Mrs. Ora Johnson (20) Hazel Updyke (21) Marlin Wullesleger (22) Dorothy Hintz (23) Allie Aston (24) Pauline White (25) Wm. Lewis (26) Ira Hall (27) Robert Hall (28) Hugh Blattner (29) O. E. Wheeler (30) Oliver Wheeler (31) Francis Williams (32) Raymond Burgess

M. E. Church -- (1) Nellie Bunker (2) Tommy Hays (3) Eva McElfresh (4) Joseph Meyers (5) Louis Meyers (6) Earl Fry (7) Ruth Fry (8) Esther Fry (9) Emma Schmidt (10) Aubry Smith (11) Mrs. Ada Cartwright (12) Ellis Adams (13) Ottis West (14) Mrs. Miles Smith (15) Arline Smith (16) Edwin Lain (17) Agnes Bethel (18) Enerson Carpenter (19) Ada Bell Smith (20) Mrs. Wm. Smith (21) Mrs. Martha Wallace (22) Elmer Smith (23) Harry Lewis (24) Mrs. Harry Lewis (25) Hobart Kuhne (26) Mrs. R. S. Deboe (27) C. M. Deboe (28) W. M. Wallace (29) Mrs. Emma Sinnaman (30) Glenn Burwell (31) Bert McMains (32) Evangeline Kuhne (33) Edward Lampe (34) Lillian Williams (35) Othelia Kirk

M. E. Church South -- (1) Helen May (2) Louis May (3) Doran Cantwell (4) Paul Kuhne (5) Vernon Ross (6) Willard Ross (7) Morrell Ross (8) Wilmer Reed Jr. (9) Russel Bruce (10) Avis Hays (11) Hermie Rutherford (12) Irene Rutherford (13) Lelia Schwendker (14) Katie Smith (15) Grace Wagner (16) Wren Seal (17) Clarence Gillam (18) Alzora Cantwell (19) R. O. Perkinson (20) W. H. Reed (21) Mrs. W. H. Reed (22) Joe Rutherford (23) James Dever (24) Ruth Ross (25) Robert Prewitt (26) Clark Duffy (27) T. L. May (28) Hubert Finley

Presbyterian -- (1) William Bentley (2) Edith Bentley (3) Jennie Bentley (4) Ray Bentley (5) James Hickerson (6) Kenneth Larkin (7) Grace Larkin (8) Archie Burkhalter (9) Walter Glynn (10) Julia Bidleman

(11) Lenora Newby (12) Laura Newby (13) Fields Divens (14) Preston Mabry (15) Garland Kuhne (16) Morey Diven (17) Lindell Straube (18) Martha Bon Blain (19) Wm. Lowry (20) Raymond Lowry (21) Walter Lowry (22) Clare Enslin (23) Irene Chaugley (24) Ora B. Bentley (25) Opal Chaugley (26) Pat McDermott (27) Beverly Renner (28) Olivet Diven (29) Chas. B. Hays (30) Elsie Momberger (31) E. D. Long (32) Frank Hill (33) Mrs. Frank Hill (34) Jim Black (35) Loretta Hays (36) Cecil Bruce (37) Artie Kuhne (38) Ralph Fry (39) Wanetta McDermott (40) Keeling Wells (41) Mrs. Lona Meyers (42) Houston McDermott

Undecided --(1) Jimmie Enslin (2) Frank Wiggs (3) Ernest Stevens (4) Rex Haines (5) Lindell Gooch, not soon (6) Parker Sheets (7) Margaret Jacobs

Wellsville City Officials and Employees 1891

Contributed by [Nancy Hale Stuart](#).

MAYOR	I N Moran
CITY CLERK	Robert Shackelford
COLLECTOR	Wm Griffin
TREASURER	C H Welton appointed but failed to qualify for bond because of his mercantile business and replaced with H Linnenschmidt
CITY MARSHAL	H G Penn who resigned in February 1892 and was replaced with F L Rees
NIGHT WATCHMAN	Foster Peyton
ATTORNEY	Robert Shackelford
STREET COMMISSIONER	J D Hart
EXTRA POLICE	Mark Peyton
ALDERMEN	S M Barker B A Lewis J C Rowson C H Weltner

Items of interest gleaned from the minutes

May 4, 1891. Authorized the purchase of 2,000 feet of suitable oak lumber to make sidewalks, bridges and crossings.

June 1, 1891. Committee on disposition of the windmill was ordered to make final settlement with C H Rippey.

Sept. 7, 1891. C H Rippey and Co. presented the City with a paper releasing the City from any further liability to them on account of the windmill contract and turned over to the City the windmill and appurtenances for the sum already recovered by them from the City.

J D Hart, Street Commissioner filed his return showing the names of persons failing to build their sidewalk although legally notified to do so. He was then ordered to build sidewalks for those refusing and failing to do so. (Ordinance #11)

"H Kuhne and Sons presented a petition for the removal of privy owned by John X Smith, on

account of being a nuisance which was laid on the table, for the reason that the City ordinance provided ways and means to remove all nuisances."

Nov 2, 1891. Committee appointed to look into what an addition to the Cemetery could be bought for, how much to buy, view the property and make a full report.

Jan 4, 1892. Settled with J F Abrahams on the sidewalk issue for \$7.00.

March 8, 1892 Committee on buying an addition to the Cemetery reported that there was not sufficient funds in the treasury to purchase an addition.

Committee on lamps had purchased 6 street lamps and erected the same.

The following persons or companies were paid
during 1891 for services or merchandise.
The service or materials are listed when known.

W N Lewis	Brick
R H Mansfield	Printing and publishing the financial statement
T R Purkins	Lumber
Chas Schors	Hardware
J T Crawford Lumber Co.	
A F Davis	Printing
B A Lewis	Rock
R P Hunt	Lumber
C W Proctor	Carpenter work on Calaboose
Jerry Parsons	Painting
W A Crockett	Making a copy of the assessment
Charles Spitzhirn	Stationery
J B Moran, publisher of the <i>Wide Awake</i>	Publish the financial statement
Robt Shackelford	Buggy hire to Danville
Wm Wilson	Hauling lumber
Ben Gilliland	Posts for fence
Henry Whitehead	Rock and Coal
J T McClure	Supplies, oil &c.
M L Deoble	Water tank
J T Stemmons	Making a water trough
Bud Peery	12 Cross-ties at 12 1/2 cents each
Chas Schors Hardware	
King & Bunch	Ladders
Vandalia Coal Co.	Coal

The following persons who had paid their business license were due a refund:

Brooks and Son, Wm Wilson, Ben Thorp, H V Bunch, Jake Quick

Costs were allowed in the Municipal Court Cases of the City versus:
Ira Miller; Wm. Scott; Fagg Smith; Jean Bennett (2 cases); Henry Smith



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November 17, 1910

JOHNSON-MOORE

Finley **Johnson**, a prominent business man of Benton City, and Mrs. Grace **Moore**, also of Benton City, were married in Chicago Thursday, Nov. 10th, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their home in Benton City.

Venice news items

Mr. Finley **Johnson** and Mrs. Grace **Moore**, both of Benton City, were married last week in Chicago.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Otho **Dudley** of Bachelor and Miss Zula **Holbrook** of Benton City.

Wm. **Rich** of St. Louis and Miss Carrie **Tratchel**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Trachel of Benton City, were married at the home of the bride Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, by Rev. A. A. **Wallace** of Mexico.

January 5, 1911

Prof. R. B. **Finley**, of the McMillian High School at Mexico, and Miss Rita **Hall**, also of Mexico, were married at the Methodist Church at that place Wednesday, Dec. 28th, by Rev. Fielding **Marion**, of Canton, Mo.

Mr. Oscar L. **Phelps**, of San Bernardino, Calif., and Miss Pearl **Spitzhirn**, of Wellsville, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Spitzhirn, Tuesday, Dec. 27th.

Clarence W. **Poe** of Martinsburg and Miss Ethel F. **Hampton** of Benton City, Audrain county, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's brother in this city last Saturday, Dec. 24, Rev. Percy G. **Carter** officiating. The happy couple left Monday to spend their honeymoon with relatives in

Kentucky -- *Standard*.

Roy E. **Cahall** and Miss Grace **Alderson** were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Alderson, six miles east of Wellsville Dec. 21st.

A pretty wedding took place at Wellsville Christmas Day when Miss Hallie **Blattner**, daughter of A. J. Blattner, was united in marriage to Ralph G. **Lehnen**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lehnen of that place, Rev. L. G. **Landenberger** officiating.

January 12, 1911

From *Ladonia Herald* -- T. E. **Moss**, the popular horseman at Vandalia, was married last week to Miss Allie **Gilmore**. Congratulations, Thomas.

Chas. D. **Watts** and Miss Susie **Crum** living South-east of Mexico were married Sunday, Jan. 1.

Miss Sylvia **Stevens**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stevens of Ladonia, and John W. **Groom**, of Thayer, were married in Mexico Sunday, Jan. 1.

B. M. **Cook**, Montgomery County's newly elected Probate Judge, was sworn in Monday, Jan. 1, and on the same day performed his first ceremony, the parties being Leonard F. **Deardoff**, of Bachelor, and Miss **Conley** of Montgomery City.

January 19, 1911

Swan-Thompson

Mr. J. B. **Swan**, of Liberty, Kans., and Miss Ruby **Thompson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson, southwest of town, were married Sunday at noon by Rev. Francis **Ball**. The wedding was a quiet affair only the immediate family being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Swan will make their home at present with the bride's parents.

Vomund-Fennewald

At St. Joseph Church Wednesday morning at High Mass, Mr. Bernard **Vomund** and Miss Celia **Fennewald** were united in marriage at eight o'clock, Fr. J. L. **Haar** officiating. The attendants were Miss Mary Fennewald, a sister of the bride, and Mr. Elmer Vomund, brother of the groom.

The wedding was a pretty affair. The bride was dressed in white satin and looked very beautiful, the bridesmaid was also prettily attired in white with a large white picture hat and carried a large bouquet of pink carnations. The groom and attendant wore the conventional black.

Miss Celia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Fennewald, one of our prominent families, and is one of Martinsburg's finest young women with a host of warm and loving friends. Mr. Vomund is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Vomund of this place and is an industrious young man.

A reception was given to the elderly people at the bride's home at 10 a.m. and in the evening at 5 p.m. the young people were entertained, after which a dance was given at the hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Vomund will go to housekeeping on a farm near Wellsville.

Marriage licenses were issued in Mexico last Thursday to Miss Gertrude **Barney** and Walker **Briton** of this county.

Thos. F. **Burgess** of north of Mexico and Miss Daisy **Hall** of Farmer City, Ill., were married at Mexico Saturday.

January 26, 1911

DARLINGTON-OWENS

Miss Faye Arlene **Darlington**, of Hannibal, and Mr. Ralph **Owens**, of Centralia, were married Sunday, Jan. 15. Mr. Owens holds the position as bookkeeper for the LaCross Lumber Co. at Centralia. He formerly had charge of the lumber yard here and has many friends at this place.

Benton City Items

Aug. **Duffin** and Miss Mable **Goodson** were secretly married at Kansas City. The marriage was a surprise to all.

Wedding Announced

The wedding of Miss Jennie **Fennewald**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Fennewald, and Henry **Dubbert**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Dubbert, was announced at St. Joseph's Church Sunday. These young people are very popular in this community and are members of two of our most prominent families.

Miss Micca **Major**, daughter of Attorney General, Elliott W. Major, and Jno. N. **Sanderson** of Bowling Green were married at Jefferson City Wednesday, Jan. 18th.

Miss Edna **Duncan**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Duncan, and R. Hubert **Biggs** of Denver, Colo., were married Saturday, Jan. 14th. Miss Duncan formerly lived in Mexico and is well-known here.

February 2, 1911

Meyerpeter-Gillaspie

A large crowd assembled at St. Joseph's Church Tuesday morning at eight o'clock to witness the marriage ceremony uniting the lives of Miss Hattie **Gillaspie** and Mr. Henry **Meyerpeter**. Fr. J. L. **Haar** officiating. The attendants were Miss Mamie Meyerpeter and Mr. John Meyerpeter, a sister and brother of the groom. The bride is a brunette type and looked very pretty attired in a white silk dress and carrying a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid is a pretty blond and the lavender silk dress she wore added much to her charm. She also carried a large bouquet of pink carnations. The groom and his attendant wore the conventional black. Miss Hattie is a daughter of Mrs. E. **Wilson** of south of town, and her genial way and sweet disposition makes her many warm friends. The groom is a son of Mrs. Katherine Meyerpeter of this place.

February 9, 1911

Boicourt-Deardoff

Mr. Everett **Boicourt** and Miss Beulah **Deardoff** stole a march on their friends at this place and were married in Montgomery at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday, January 26th.

Immediately after the ceremony they went to housekeeping on a farm rented near High Hill.

The popular young couple have the best wishes of the entire community.

Fennewald-Dubbert

An interesting ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Church Tuesday morning, Feb. 7th. The occasion was that of the marriage of Miss Jennie **Fennwald**, daughter of one of our most prominent farmers, Mr. Barney Fennwald, to Mr. Henry **Dubbert**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dubbert, also a highly respected family of our community. The Rev. August Dubbert, of St. Louis, a brother of the groom officiated Solemn High Mass and was assisted by his cousins, the Rev. H. J. **Adrain**, of St. Louis, and the Rev. John Adrain, of Arcadia. The pastor, Rev. J. L. **Haar**, was master of ceremonies. During the mass the nuptial knot was tied.

The bride, one of our most lovable young ladies, was elegantly attired in a beautiful white messaline gown and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. Her maid of honor, Miss Clara Fennwald, looked very pretty in a dainty pink messaline and large picture hat corresponding in color. She carried a sheaf of sweet peas.

The groom, one of our most promising young men was attended by his brother, Mr. Jos. Dubbert, of Tipton, Kans.

The church was beautifully decorated and this together with the especially arranged musical program added beauty and solemnity to the occasion. After the ceremony there was a breakfast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fennwald for the bridal party, the officiating clergymen and the immediate relatives.

They departed the same day on an extended trip through the west.

We are happy to state that Mr. and Mrs. Dubbert will make their home in our community.

Much joy and happiness to this estimable young couple.

February 23, 1911

Mr. and Mrs. Abe **Pierson**, of Benton City, were pleasantly surprised by a host of friends in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary Friday evening. The evening was spent in music, song and social entertainment, after which an oyster supper was served. There were eighty-five guests present who departed at a late hour wishing their host and hostess many happy returns of the day.

Wilke-Engleman

Miss Mary **Engleman**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engleman of this place, and Mr. Frank **Wilke**, of St. Peters, were married at St. Joseph's Church Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. The attendants were Mr. Ben Wilke, a brother of the groom, and Miss Gertrude **Haiduzek**.

Immediately after (the ceremony) the wedding party with the immediate friends and relatives repaired to the bride's home where a sumptuous breakfast was served.

Mr. Wilke is a promising young farmer of near St. Peters. Miss Engleman is a nice young lady and her host of friends joins the *Oracle* in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Liberty Items --

R. T. **Meadows**, of Bachelor, and Miss Anna **Nichols** were united in marriage last week and will live on the G. **Beery** place this year.

March 2, 1911

O. B. **Walker** and Miss Alice **Hutts**, living southeast of here were married in Wellsville Sunday, Feb. 14th. These young people are highly respected and have the best wishes of their many friends.

Erdel-Gardener

Frank **Erdel**, a prominent young farmer of north of Rush Hill, and Miss Lilly **Gardener** of Rush Hill were quietly married at the Methodist Parsonage in Mexico Sunday evening.

The groom is a young man of sterling worth and the bride an estimable young lady with a host of friends. They will reside on Mr. Erdel's farm. Their many friends extend congratulations and hope that they will always be as happy as they expect to be.

Deardoff-Boicourt

C. M. **Deardoff** and Miss Pearl **Boicourt** were married at the Methodist parsonage at Mexico Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Willis **Carlisle**. Mr. and Mrs. Deardoff will reside on the groom's farm north of this place.

This is a highly respected young couple and have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy and prosperous life.



Deaths from *The Audrain County Oracle*

Here are the deaths from *The Audrain County Oracle* that I have transcribed so far. The newspaper articles have been copied exactly as printed including what I felt were spelling errors. The only omissions, to save space, were the standard expressions of sympathy to the family, from the newspaper, at the end of each obituary. *The Audrain County Oracle* was a weekly paper published by John DeVault at Martinsburg, Missouri. Because of the proximity to Montgomery and Callaway Counties, often news from these areas was included. Copies of the paper from November 4, 1909, through November 12, 1914, and from December 20, 1917, through November 6, 1919, have been saved and may be viewed at the Missouri State Historical Society. Often a recap from *The Enterprise*, an earlier Martinsburg paper is listed in a special area of the paper. Those obituary snippets are included. -- **Nancy Hale Lee** nlee@ktis.net

November 17, 1910

THE ORACLE is short of news this week and much news left out as we did not have time to set the same. We were unable to be at the office the first of this week on account of the death of our dear brother, Wm. T. **DeVault**, of New Florence, who passed away Sunday morning at six o'clock and was buried Monday afternoon in the New Florence Cemetery. (1/1)

Mr. James A. **Carlisle** of near Auxvasse, died Saturday afternoon in the Columbia Hospital of heart disease. (1/4)

December 1, 1910

Mrs. N. E. **Mitchell**, who was called here a few weeks ago, by the sickness and death of her father, Joel L. **Pierce**, left Friday for Mexico and Martinsburg. She will leave Monday for her home in Carnegia, Okla.-Ladonia Herald. (1/2)

Wm. **Johnson**, a negro boy of Mexico has brought suit against the Wabash Railroad Co. for \$10,000 damages, arising from the death of his mother who was killed by a Wabash train last November. (4/2)

Little May **Kettle**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kettle southeast of Mexico died Wednesday Nov. 23rd of membranous croup. Funeral took place at Toledo in Callaway County. (5/1)

January 5, 1911

John R. **Knight**, of Montgomery City, who was teaching school at Gamma this winter, was taken suddenly ill with acute indigestion at the breakfast table where he was boarding, last Wednesday morning and died soon after the physician arrived. (5/1)

MRS. VAUGHN IS FREED -- Lancaster, Mo., Jan. 3 -- The case of the State of Missouri against Mrs. Alma P. **Vaughn** and Dr. James R. **Hull**, charging them with the murder of Prof. J. T. **Vaughn**, was nolle prosequed yesterday at an adjourned term of the Circuit Court, after Judge **Shelton** had denied a request, by the state, for a continuance until May.

Last night, Mrs. Vaughn, who had been under \$25,000 bond, and Dr. Hull, who was under \$15,000 bond, returned to their respective homes in Monroe City, free of the indictment brought by an Audrain County grand jury in February.

Prosecuting Attorney **Reiger** entered his nolle prosequi on the ground that Dr. Paul **Schweitzer** of the State University, was one of the most material witnesses for the state, and if the judges would not continue the case until the chemist could testify, he would ask the dismissal of it.- The Daily Intelligencer. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn was formerly of this place. (1/4)

January 12, 1911

John **Irvine**, a farmer living south of Vandalia died while sitting in a chair Tuesday afternoon Aged 65 years. He was the father of Prof. E. A. **Irvine** of the Vandalia High School. (1/5)

Mr. Elbert **Hobson**, age 46 years, died at his home in Williamsburg. Saturday Dec. 31. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. B. **Shiffner** on the Sunday following. (5/3)

January 19, 1911

JOHN M. WRIGHT DEAD -- John M. **Wright**, an old and respected citizen, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Burwell, Jan. 11, 1911 age 81 years 4 months and 3 days.

Deceased was born near Frankford, Sept. 7, 1829 and came to this state in 1873 and has since made his home at this place. He was married to Miss Adelia Tracy in the year 1858, who preceded him to the grave Nov. 8, 1905.

To this union were born 12 children, six of whom are now living, two daughters, Mrs. Isabelle O'Donnell and Mrs. Geo. Burwell of this place, and four sons; Bert and Harry, of Mexico, Geo. and Carlyle N. Dakota, and Arthur of Wellsville.

Funeral services were held at the home by Rev. Francis Ball and the remains laid to rest in the Martinsburg cemetery Friday afternoon. (1/4)

January 26, 1911

Card of Thanks -- We desire, through the columns of *THE ORACLE*, to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our father.

Mrs. G. G. **Burwell** (1/5)

Mrs. Emily **Dill**, age 83, a pioneer resident of Mexico, died in that city last Saturday morning. (1/3)

J. M. **Turner**, a prominent citizen of Wellsville died Sunday at the age of 74 years. (5/3)

D. T. **Weakley**, a well known farmer of near Farber, died suddenly of Apoplexy at his home Jan. 6. (8/2)

January 26, 1911

HERMAN ROPPEL KILLED

Accidentally Shot with 22 Caliber Rifle Sunday Evening at 8:30 O'Clock

Herman **Roppel** was killed instantly Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock by the accidental discharge of a 22 caliber Winchester rifle. He had borrowed the rifle from Chas. **Peyton** of Wellsville and was prepared for a big hunt Wednesday, and on Sunday evening he thought he would see how the gun worked and also unload it. After taking the shells from the magazine and thinking he had also taken the load from the barrel, he placed the gun on the floor, and leaning over, shoved the magazine in place which discharged the remaining load, the ball striking Mr. Roppel just above the left eye which caused instant death.

Mr. Roppel was about 30 years of age and leaves a wife and a daughter besides a large number of relatives to mourn his untimely death. Funeral services were held at the German Lutheran church at Wellsville Wednesday morning and the remains entered in the Wellsville Cemetery.

This is one of the saddest deaths that has occurred in this community for several years and the sorrowing ones have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. Roppele was carrying \$6,000.00 life insurance- \$1,000.00 in the Modern Woodmen and \$5,000.00 in Mutual Protective League. (1/1)

Georgetta Jane **Haislip**, daughter of David and Willie Haislip was born Aug. 31st, 1903, and died at the home of her parents in St. Louis, Jan. 15, 1911, age 7 years, 4 months and 15 days. She was a victim of Pneumonia and died after a short illness. The funeral services were conducted by Eld. E. **Herndon** and the remains were laid to rest in the Unity Cemetery two miles south of Benton City Tuesday Jan. 17.

The floral offerings were abundant and rich in designs.

Georetta was a good and dutiful child and was devoted to her parents. All who knew her loved her. Death to her is but the portals to a life of endless bliss.

Dear Georgette thou have left us,
For that bright world above,
Where sorrow, sickness, pain and death,
Give place to light and love.

And they, oh! so lonely,
Lonely, Georgetta without thee here,
But they feel it is their duty
For thy gain, their grief to bear.

They are waiting, only waiting,
Until this life is o'er.
For then in Heaven they hope to meet thee,
on the bright Celestial shore.

A friend (1/5)

DENNIS CLINES DEAD -- Dennis Clines died at his home Tuesday in St. Louis at 6:30 o'clock of heart disease. The remains will be brought here today (Thursday) and funeral services will be held at St. Josephs church at 11 a.m.

The deceased formally lived at this place and is a brother-in-law of P. H. and M. J. Scannell. P. H. Scannell and Miss Anna went to St. Louis yesterday and will return with the remains. (4/1)

Age 83, Commits Suicide -- Fred Laird, age 83 years, residing near Middletown committed suicide Monday afternoon by shooting himself in the breast with a shotgun. Ill health is given as the cause of the deed. He made his home with his son-in-law, Dennis **Nolan**. (4/3)

Benton City Items

Very sad news reached Mrs. Jno **Garver** last week, her brother and mother died on the same day. (4/1)

Mrs. Ben **Verhoff**, Miss Beulah and Lester and Charlie **Watkins** went to Jonesburg Sunday to attend the

funeral of their little cousin Willard Watkins, son of Mr. and Mr. Geo. Watkins. (5/3)

[*The Oracle*, February 2, 1911]

Happenings of 10 Years Ago This Week, From the Enterprise, February 1901

Mr. William **Dillard**, a well known citizen of Callaway county died at his home near Shamrock Sunday night of pneumonia. (1/5)

Miss Lizzie **Wright**, wife of Edward Wright died at her home near Martinsburg, age 71 years. (1/5)

W. H. **Arnold** died at his home in Wellsville at the age of 76 years. (1/5)

February 2, 1911

In Memoriam -- One of the saddest deaths we have been called on to chronicle lately occurred Sunday when Willard, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. **Watkins**, fell victim to the dreaded disease, pneumonia. Willard was the oldest of six children, and had scarcely started on life's journey, being only 12 years and six months old. He was ill only a little over a week. Rev. J. S. **Brownell** conducted the funeral services, and the interment was made at Camp Branch cemetery where a large number of sympathizing friends were gathered to do respect to his memory. *The Journal* and their many friends extend their sincerest sympathy.- Jonesburg Journal.

Willard was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins of this place. (1/1)

William A. Douglass Dead -- William A. **Douglass** died at his home south-west of here Thursday afternoon. He was one of Audra's most prominent citizens.

The deceased was 71 years old. His wife preceded him to the grave a number of years ago. He is survived by nine children as follows: Misses Lou and Mattie Douglass who resided with their father W E Douglass of near Venice; Mrs. H O **Craig** and Misses Julia and Maude of Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. W A **Herring**, of Hannah, Wyo.; M A Douglass of Montana, and Miss Russie Douglass, of Greeley Colorado.

The deceased was a member of the Christian Church. The funeral was held at Liberty Monday at 11 o'clock by Rev. Wm. **Dameron**, of Centralia, and the remains entered in the Liberty cemetery Monday afternoon. (1/3)

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A. C. **Corner** received a message Monday morning from Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. stating his youngest brother, Edwin M. Corner, had died that morning. No details were given. Mr. C. left on the noon train for that place to be present at the burial. (1/3)

Obituary -- Once more we are called to mourn. On Tuesday January 31st, 1911, [note: correct date is January 24th, 1911] at 6:30 p. m. Dennis **Clines**, age 45 years, of 5070 Horton Place, St. Louis, Mo., died suddenly of heart disease. He had been complaining for a few days previous to his death, but it was not thought he was serious. On Tuesday evening he had returned from work as usual seemingly all right, when in a few minutes he fell over dead.

The esteem in which the deceased was held was readily shown from the large number of friends who came to pay their last tribute to the dead and offer sympathy to the sorrowing ones.

The floral offerings were profuse and richly designed. Besides a host of friends he leaves to mourn his death two sisters, Mrs. Edw. **Kerwin**, of Montgomery City, and Mrs. R. J. **Gilbert** of Junco, Nevada, also one brother, Patrick Clines of St. Louis.

The remains were shipped to this place Friday and Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fr. **Haar** at St. Joseph Church. Deceased was a loyal friend and a kind and loving father.

The busy hands lay folded,
Tired feet are resting now.

A holy smile seems stealing,
Upon his peaceful brow.

Weep not for him dear children
Though he is here no more.
Grieve not for one that's absent
For he's only gone before.

Dennis dear, has gone to rest,
God took him with Him to bless.
His presence sweet was our delight,
Since he has gone our day is night.

Dennis then we bid adieu,
To the lone spot where thou must lie,
Yet we will cherish still for you
A tender memory till we die. (1/4)

Note this same obituary is in the February 9, 1911 paper listed in addition to the previous relatives are two daughters, Nora and May. (8/3)

Misses Nora and Mae **Clines** returned to their homes in St. Louis Thursday (5/1)

Card of Thanks -- We desire to thank our St. Louis and Martinsburg friends for their kindness during the death of our father.

Nora and Mae **Clines** (5/1)

Mrs. Susan D. **Bugg**, an old pioneer citizen of Callaway County died at her home Wednesday. The deceased was 74 years of age. Her husband preceded her to the grave a number of years ago. (4/3)

Mrs. Liza Hudnall Dead -- Mrs. Liza **Hudnall** died at her home at Venice Thursday, January 26th at the age of 65 years.

She leaves a husband, two daughters and three sons to mourn her death.

Funeral services were held Saturday and the remains were laid to rest at Friendship. (5/4)

Card of Thanks -- We want to thank our neighbors and friends for their kindness shown during the sickness and death of our dear wife and mother.

Mr. C. B. **Hudnall** and Children (5/4)

February 9, 1911

"Dad" Meyers Dead -- W. H. H. **Meyers**, of Paris died Friday at his home after an illness of six days of pneumonia.

The news of his death will be received with sorrow by the Woodmen of the state, as he was well known among them as one of their hard workers and lecturers. He was district deputy of the Woodmen and visited this Camp numerous times and also lectured at the Woodmen picnic. (1/1)

Miss Harriet Nichols Dead -- Miss Harriet **Nichols** was born in Clayton Co., Ill., Jan. 18, 1865 and died at Fulton, Mo. Feb. 2, 1911 of bronchial tuberculosis. The deceased was a sister of Ely Nichols of this place.

The remains were brought here Saturday and laid to rest in the Martinsburg cemetery. Rev. Francis **Ball** conducted the services at the grave. (5/4)

February 16, 1911

D. C. Hays Dead -- Daniel Calvin **Hays** was born Aug. 1st 1838, in Warren Co., Kentucky and died at his home near Wellsville Feb. 12th 1911 age 72 years 6 months and 11 days. He joined the Christian Church at Wellsville in 1885 under the preaching of Rev. D. M. **Granfield**. He was married to Rachael E. **Bunch** Dec. 24th 1861, who died Feb. 6th 1892. To this union were born four children, all of whom are living.

In March 1893 he was married to Mrs. Harriet **Willis** who survives him. To this union were born four children, all of whom are living.

Funeral services were conducted at the Christian Church in Wellsville Monday morning at eleven o'clock. The deceased was the father of Mrs. John **Davis** of this place. (1/1)

Rev. **Herndon** was in town Tuesday on his way home from the funeral of D. C. **Hays**, which he preached at Wellsville Monday. (5/1)

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. **Peery** attended the funeral of Mr. D. C. **Hays** at Wellsville Monday. (5/3)

Mr. Wm. **Ruitcel** went to Quincy, Ill., last Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ruitcel's brother, Arthur **Dickhut**, who accidentally shot himself last Wednesday. Mrs. Ruitcel has the sympathy of the community. (5/3)

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Mrs. T. O. **Cornett** died Saturday Feb. 9, age 87 years. She had been married 72 years. (1/5)

Orval **Sigler** died of his home south of town Friday the 8th, age 20 years. (1/5)

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Wm. **Cornett** died at his home at this place age 95 years. He had been a member of the A. F. and A. M. lodge for 70 years. (1/5)

John **Howkins** was shot to death on the depot platform at Centralia by Riley **McKinzey**. They got into a dispute over a small sum of money.

February 23, 1911

Mrs. J. T. Nelson Dead -- Mrs. J. T. **Nelson** died at the home of Mrs. Catherine **Meyerpeter** at this place Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. W. **Keltner** of Mexico conducted the services. The remains were laid to rest in the Wellsville Cemetery.

Catherine C. **Waters** was born in Rappahannock Co., Va., Nov. 11th 1840, and was 71 years old at the time of her death.

She was 15 years old when she came with her father's family to Lincoln County, Mo.

When she was not yet 18 years old, she was married to Jas. T. **Nelson**. Four children were born to them, but only one, Mrs. Charles T. **Peyton** of this place lived to be grown.

Her husband, to whom she has been a loving and faithful wife for 53 years, and this daughter, with two grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary J. **Eldson**, of Dillon, Mont., and Mrs. J. K. **Hansborough**, of St. Louis; and James F. **Waters**, of Elsberry, Mo., and Chas. W. **Waters**, of Galland, Iowa, two brothers, survive her.

In February 1857, she united with the Baptist Church during a meeting held by Bros. **Busby** and

Hickson in Hannibal, Mo. and was baptised in the Mississippi River, the ice having to be broken for the ordinance.

Since the winter of 1893, when she had a series of paralysis, she had never been well -- never quite like her former self, and gradually grew worse until the end. (1/1)

Card Of Thanks -- We wish in this way to express our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for their sympathy and kind help in our recent bereavement by the illness and death of our companion and mother, and especially would we mention Mrs. Catherine **Meyerpeter** Jas. T. **Nelson** Mrs. Chas. T. **Nelson** (1/5)

Mrs. J. K. **Hansborough** of St. Louis, Jas. F. **Waters** and son Landen of Elsberry, Mo, attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. J. T. **Nelson** at this place Saturday. (3/1)

Mrs. W. G. Robinson -- Permelia **Brown** was born in Troy, Lincoln County, Missouri, Sept. 13, 1831, and was married to W. G. **Robinson** Nov. 11, 1852.

To this union were born nine children, six of which are living. For seventeen years she has been a resident of Martinsburg. The last year of her life she spent at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nora **Kleinsorge**, of Wellsville.

She departed from this life Feb. 18, 1911, age 79 years 5 months and 5 days. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. **Swift** at Wellsville and the remains entered in the Benton City cemetery Monday.

Besides her children, Frank **Robinson**, of Clark, Mo.; Mrs. Fred **Watkins** of this place, Mrs. A. W. **Hadley**, of El Paso, Tex.; Mrs. Lewis **Brown**, of Canue, Ark.; Mrs. Nora **Kleinsorge** and Mrs. Wm. **Robinson** of Wellsville, she leaves three brothers, two sisters, a number of grand children and a host of friends to mourn her death. She joined the church at an early age and was a firm believer in Christ. Deceased was a loving mother and sister and bore her sickness with patience.

Gone dear mother, gone forever.
How we miss your loving face.
But you left us to remember.
None can ever fill your place.

We miss you grandma, miss you.
Our hearts are heavy tonight.
We think of you on the hillside,
Out in the pale moon light.

We miss your pleasant greeting.
We miss your pleasant face.
Our home is sad without you
When we see your vacant place.

Tho you've gone you're not forgotten
Never shall our memory fade.
Loving hearts shall often linger
Around the grave where you are laid.

-From her loving children and grand children. (1/2)

Mrs. Roy Travis Dead -- Mrs. Roy **Travis** died at her home north of here Friday night. She was about 25 years of age and leaves a small son and husband to mourn her death. Mrs. Travis was formerly Miss Sadie **Haycraft**. The funeral was held Sunday. (1/5)