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GERVAS W. DAVIS'S DEATH

Native of Saline, Closely Connected  
With County and Marshall.

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The death angel has again entered one of Marshall's homes and taken one from our midst, who was of a splendid old Saline County family and was a native of the county, Gervas William Davis, the son of John B. and Mrs. Sallie E. Smith. Davis died at his home on West Yerby about 4 a. m. Sunday, May 31.

Mr. Davis has been in failing health for some time but with an energy that had marked his entire life he kept up and around and at his business until about a week ago, and since then has been in bed, and for several days it has been known the end was near. He was fully ready for the summons to come up higher, as his life had been one of usefulness and preparation for the Home Eternal, of a happy, generous nature, his long life of 68 years and a few months, all of which have been spent in Saline County and Marshall, have proven a blessing to not only his immediate family but a large relationship and hosts of friends. His great integrity of character, kindness of heart and loyalty to the interests of the community in which he had lived always made him a strong factor for good. He was also a devoted husband and father and will be greatly missed in the home and community life. No one had more and warmer friends than G. W. Davis.

He was born at the old Davis homestead southeast of Marshall November 8, 1856 and grew to manhood in that neighborhood, was married to the surviving wife, who was Miss Mary Elizabeth Rucker September 5, 1880.

Four children were born to the union, three of whom are living, Mrs. Zula A. Burton of Sedalia, Mrs. Corine D. Lauer and Durward R. Davis of this city, one child died in infancy.

Eight of Mr. Davis's brothers and sisters survive, Mrs. A. J. Powell of county southeast of Marshall, Mrs. Mattie Cochran, Marshall, Mrs. Lavenia A. Walker, California, Charles Boyd Davis, Napton, Joseph B. of south of Marshall, Mrs. Zeleka Heckman, Napton, John R. Davis, Independence and J. M. Davis, Kansas City.

For the past twelve years Mr. Davis has been in close touch with the Democrat-News as circulation manager and its faithful and

Daniel Huff, aged about 65 years, died at his home in Kansas City last week.

Mr. Huff formerly lived near Gilliam and was a brother of the late, V. V. Huff of this city.