

Obituaries of Cooper Countians 1910-1919

09 Feb 1911

Issue of the Kansas City Star

For Mary C. née Stretz Westerman

Submitted by Julie Spencer

Mrs. Mary Westerman Dies at 65.

Mrs. Mary C. Westerman, 65 years old, died at her home, 1020 West Twenty-first Street, yesterday afternoon. Burial will be in Boonville Mo. Mrs. Westerman is survived by seven children: John H. Westerman, Frank Westerman, William Westerman, Leo Westerman, Freda Westerman, Mrs. Mayme Bassley, all of this city, and Mrs. Sophia Preston of St. Joseph.

(Mary C Stretz Westerman, b 22 Dec 1846 in Elsenz, Heidelberg, Baden, Germany, d 23 Jul 1911 in KCMO, d/o Johann Georg "George" Stretz and Sophia Emmert, 2nd wife of George Westerman. Mayme Bassley was really Maria Magdalena 'Mayme' PASSLER, there was no Freda Westerman that was a CHILD of George and Mary Westerman. Freda was her GRAND-DAUGHTER, Freda PRILL. Freda's parents died when their children were young and the children went to live with different relatives. Freda lived with Mary Stretz Westerman in KCMO until the death of Mary.)

23 Jul 1911

Issue of the Central Missourian Republican

For Henry Baughman

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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AN OLD CITIZEN DEAD

Henry Baughman, an Aged Citizen, Near Bunceton, Passes Away

Another pioneer citizen of Cooper County, in the person of Henry Baughman, has passed from earth to the land beyond. He died at his home near Bunceton, Monday morning about ten o'clock at the advanced age of 76 years. Mr. Baughman was born in the community in which he lived his entire life. His health had been very poor for the past several years, and for some time prior to his death had failed rapidly. He was a citizen of high standing in the community in which he spent his life and will be greatly missed.

02 Feb 1913

Issue of the Sedalia Daily Capital

For Rev. William Phillips

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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DEATH OF A DIVINE

THE REV. W. N. PHILLIPS PASSED AWAY EARLY ON SATURDAY MORNING INTERMENT TO BE AT CLIFTON CITY

Furnished the Data for His Own Obituary, Putting it on Paper January 2 - Retired as Minister Eight Years Ago

Rev. W. N. Phillips, aged 67 years, died Saturday morning at 12:05 o'clock at his home, Fifteenth Street and Summit Avenue, death resulting from cancer of the jaw.

Rev. Phillips was a Baptist minister and had served faithfully and well the cause of the Master for many years. His health compelled him to give up his pastoral duties eight years ago.

He is survived by a widow, four sisters and two brothers, all of the sisters and brothers residing elsewhere. No children survive.

Rev. Phillips, realizing that his death was only a short time away, on January 2, 1913, wrote the following data as an obituary notice for himself to be used after his passing.

"I was born in Tennessee in the year 1846, Jan. 11, in Henderson County. My parents moved to Missouri in 1853, and I stayed with them until I was 18 years old. Then I joined the federal army and served two years. From St. Clair County I came to Pettis County and married Mary Potter April 28, 1867."

"I was converted when 18 years old and soon afterward was called to preach. I was ordained in the Baptist Church May 18, and preached twenty-five years. I began preaching at Otterville and then went to Pleasant Hill Church, then Saline, Hopewell,

Peninsula, Lamine, Camp Branch, Green Ridge, South Fork and Mount Zion. I witnessed 1,000 conversions, baptized 600 persons, and having fought the fight I am ready to be offered Farewell, comrades; meet me there. My address is Heaven - W. N. Phillips."

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Clifton City, and interment will be near that place. The members of the funeral party will leave Sedalia this morning on M. K. & T. passenger train No. 2, at 6 o'clock, with the remains. The pallbearers will be selected from among friends of the deceased at Clifton City.

Rev. Phillips was a well known divine and had a legion of friends in Pettis County who will sincerely mourn his passing.

27 March 1913

Issue of the Central Missouri Republican

For William S. Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

OLD CITIZEN DIES

W. S. Potter Passes Away in the Seventy-seventh Year of His Age

W. S. Potter was born in Cooper County September 16, 1836; died at his home in this city March 20, 1913 at the advanced age of 76 years, 6 months, and 4 days. After funeral services at residence Saturday afternoon, the remains were interred at Walnut Grove cemetery.

Deceased is survived by the wife and four children, three sons and one daughter. He resided in the county of his birth his entire life with the exception of three years which he spent in Johnson County. His illness was of short duration. On the morning of the day of his death, he remarked he felt better than he had felt for some time, and in the afternoon told his wife he felt like eating something. A few hours thereafter he began to cough heavily and within a short time expired. The surviving wife of many years and the children have the sympathy of all their friends in their bereavement.

William S. Potter was the son of William and Nancy Dillard Potter

03 Sep 1914

Issue of the Sedalia Daily Capital

For Mrs. Abe (Sarah Erwin) Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

Mrs. Abe Potter, aged 67, who was stricken with paralysis at her home in Clifton City last Saturday night, died at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

The deceased has two sisters, Madams J. W. Neale and A. M. Harlan, and a brother, Granville Potter, living in Sedalia. She is survived by her husband, seven daughters, two sons, and three sisters.

The funeral of Mrs. Potter will be held at the Clifton City M. E. Church Friday morning at 10 o'clock, and interment will be made in Providence Cemetery.

09 Oct 1914

Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle

For Opal Frances Hurt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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OPAL FRANCES HURT

Fourteen-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hurt, of Near Pisgah, Victim of Typhoid Fever

After having been dangerously ill for the past several weeks, suffering from typhoid fever, Opal Frances, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hurt, of near Pisgah, passed away about seven o'clock Monday evening (05 Oct 1914).

Funeral services were conducted at the Pisgah Baptist church about noon Wednesday by the pastor, Rev. D. H. Howerton, and were very largely attended. Six boys acted as pallbearers and the casket was followed into the church building by the members of the Sunday school class, of which Opal had been a member. The floral offerings were unusually beautiful and profuse and indicated, to a certain extent, the high esteem and devotion in which the departed one was held.

At the time of her death, Opal was fourteen years, seven months, and twenty-eight days old. She was an unusually bright and sweet child, and greatly endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. She was a student in the Pisgah consolidated high school and was passionately fond of study, and was making an excellent record in her studies and, doubtless her close application to her studies was, to a certain degree, responsible for the attack of fever which caused her death. Opal gave her young life to Christ

more than a year before her death, being a consistent member of the Pisgah Baptist church. Truly, "Death loves a shining mark", was exemplified in the death of this fair young girl, who so early gave promise of blooming into beautiful young womanhood.

Besides her parents, Opal is survived by two little brothers, and to the grief-stricken family and other relatives and friends, the Eagle extends sincere sympathy.

06 Nov 1914

Issue of the Pilot Grove Weekly Record

For George Rothwell Potter

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

From the newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri

GEORGE R. POTTER DIES

**Was Native of Cooper County, Died At Home In Blackwater.
Burial At Peninsula Church**

George Rothwell Potter was born near Blackwater, Cooper County, Mo., July 30, 1846 and died at his home in Blackwater Thursday night, October 29, 1914, being sixty-nine years, two months, and twenty-nine days old.

Mr. Potter was from a family of old settlers in his community and had always made the same neighborhood his home. On May 31, 1868, he was married to Miss Harriet Allison, a sister of Rev. Nat Allison, a Baptist minister once well-known in Pilot Grove, and to this union were born three sons and one daughter, two of the sons having died in infancy. William A. Potter, the eldest son, died in April 1899. The wife and daughter, Mrs. Mitt Heim, and six grandchildren survive.

The deceased was never affiliated with any church but had been very liberal in the building and support of the Peninsula Baptist church, of which his family were members, and it was from that place that his funeral was conducted by Rev. B. F. Reed, on Saturday morning, with many relatives and friends assembled to do honor to the memory of their deceased friend and neighbor.

13 Nov 1914

Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle

For T. Emmanuel Stephens

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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SUDDEN DEATH OF T. EMANUEL STEPHENS

Stricken With Apoplexy Sunday Morning – Died 14 Hours Later

HAD LIVED IN KANSAS CITY 7 YEARS

Body Brought to Old Home for Interment – Leaves Wife and Four Children

Back to the scenes of his childhood and to the many friends of yore, there was brought to Bunceton Tuesday afternoon the remains of Thomas Emanuel Stephens, to be laid to rest in the city cemetery and within near sight of the homestead where he was born and reared.

Mr. Stephens, who moved from Bunceton to Kansas City seven years ago, was stricken with apoplexy Sunday morning at 1:15, at his home, 110 North Lawn, in that city. He rallied and regained consciousness, but two hours later suffered another attack and at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon was stricken for the third time and died thirty minutes later.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Scrivner, pastor, of the Budd Park Christian church, of Kansas City, were held at the family home Monday afternoon at 2:30. The body, accompanied by all the members of the family, was brought to Bunceton Tuesday afternoon, and interment was in the family lot at the Bunceton cemetery, services at the grave conducted by Rev. J. W. Mitchell, pastor of the Bunceton Presbyterian church.

Mr. Stephens, who was a son of the late W. H. Stephens and wife, was born on the old Stephens homestead, one mile northwest of Bunceton, on September 11, 1855, being 59 years, 1 month and 27 days old at the time of his death. On April 5, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Dickson, of California, Mo. To this union were born four children, all of whom, with the wife and mother survive him. They are Mrs. Lee C. Wardell, of Lindsborg, Kans.; Mrs. W. Speed Mills, Hayden C. and W. M. Stephens, of Kansas City. He also leaves two brothers, W. L. Stephens, of Versailles, and R. A. Stephens, of Warsaw.

Mr. Stephens grew to manhood here and spent practically all his life in this community until moving to Kansas City seven years ago. At the time of his death, he was a city salesman for a cigar company. When a young man he learned the blacksmith trade

and for a while conducted a shop just east of where the livery stable now stands. He later engaged in the restaurant business for a short time, after which he bought a drug store here and was engaged in the drug business for 17 or 18 years.

He was converted when a young man and at the time of his death was a member of the Bunceton Christian church, where his membership had been for many years.

He was a big-hearted, generous and genial man – one who had many friends to whom the news of his sudden death brought real sorrow. Kindhearted and sympathetic, he was held in high esteem by those who knew him best. A good husband and a loving and indulgent father, his sudden passing is a crushing blow to his devoted wife and children, and to them we extend sincere sympathy.

17 Dec 1914

Issue of the Central Missourian Republican

For Benijah Hurt

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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Death of Benijah Hurt

Benijah Hurt was born in Cooper County, Missouri, May 15, 1848. He departed this life at his farm home eight miles southwest of Boonville, December 15, 1914.

Benijah Hurt and Miss Mary E. Edwards, daughter of Cornelius and Mary A. Edwards, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents November 18, 1873. To this union two daughters were born. They are living and are: Mrs. Leslie Rudolph, Boonville, Mo.' and Mrs. W. A. Salmon, widow, at the home of the departed one. Mrs. Benijah Hurt died September 29, 1880.

Other near relatives of deceased are: brothers, James Hurt and W. A. Hurt, one sister, Mrs. Mollie McFarland, all of Cooper County and residing on farms near Boonville.

Benijah Hurt was a member of Mount Herman Baptist Church, having united with the church in 1876. The funeral services were held at Mt. Herman at two o'clock afternoon of Tuesday, December 17, 1914. Services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Weldon, pastor of the Christian Church of Boonville. Interment at church cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Joe Gillman, R. S. Rankin, D. Robinson, Leonard Schmidt, Albert Adair, and B. D. Jewett.

Although Mr. Hurt was growing old in years, he was a man of strong endurance and a hard worker on his farm. About two weeks ago, Mr. Hurt had two teams at work on his farm hauling fodder from the field to the shed. He, in company with a neighbor, John Bornhauser, were on the rear wagon and, in crossing a branch, the whipple tree of the off horse became loosened and dropped, causing the horses to frighten. The two horses started to run and, with all due effort to control them on the part of the driver, they collided with the wagon in front. In the collision, Mr. Hurt was thrown underneath the horses and was trampled and kicked in the side. Four ribs were broken, two of them in two places. Mr. Bornhauser was thrown out into the field and sustained only slight bruises.

The Hurt family have been identified with Cooper County from the pioneer days of Missouri, and through three generations have borne a name worthy and unsullied. Col. Clayton Hurt, father of William, who was the father of the departed one and who came to Missouri, settling in Cooper County in 1815, now known as Boonville township, was an enterprising citizen. He became a prominent and wealthy farmer and reared a large family of children, eleven in all.

Benijah Hurt was a man of true worth, admired by all who knew him and, in his death, the county loses a most worthy citizen.

To the bereaved ones, the Republican offers sympathy.

18 Feb 1916

Evan Alexander Rex

**HE WAS 86 YEARS OLD
Mr. E. A. Rex, Answered Final
Summons Sunday Morning
WAS BORN IN NORTH CAROLINA 1830**

**Leaves 5 Children, 40 Grand. children and 60
Great-grandchildren-Member of Church 59 Years**

Just one hour after having passed his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary Evan Alexander Rex died at the home of his son-in-law, R. P. Edwards, of near Pisgah, Sunday morning, death resulting from an attack of lagriappe and the infirmities of old age.

Evan Alexander Rex

Rev. D. H. Howerton, of this place, conducted funeral services at the Pisgah Baptist church Monday afternoon which were largely attended despite the bad roads and rather inclement weather. The pallbearers were Messrs. Henry Carpenter, John Locan

Thatcher Jones, Wm. Baker, Edgar Carpenter and D. D. Hurt, Mr. Rex had been a member of the Baptist church almost 59 years and had his membership with the Pisgah church 43 years.

In the Eagle of May 9, 1913, The following sketch of "Daddie" Rex as he was lovingly known to his many relatives and acquaintances was published:

"I was born in Rowan County, North Carolina, February 12, 1830. My parents came through Tennessee into Kentucky, and into Indiana, where in 1849 I was United in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Campbell. We moved to Illinois in 1850, thence to Maries County, Mo., in 1853, from there to Jasper county in 1860, and came to Cooper county in 1862. I then enlisted in the rebel army with old Pap Price and served until the surrender at Shreveport, La., and came home in June 1865. I bought a farm in the Moniteau creek bottom in 1865, and cleared up the bottom and cultivated it. I had a black-smith shop of my own and made my own Plows. I cut lumber from the stump and made four wagons ready to hitch to. I lived over 17 years on this place and then bought what was known as the Gill farm and lived on it -for over 17 years. I then bought property in Clarksburg and lived there about five months. My wife died in 1902 and I moved to R. P. Edwards', where I now make my home, spending some of the time with the Nelsons at Clarksburg, my other children living too far away for me to visit".

Mr. Rex is survived by five children who are: Mrs. M. M. Harvey, Glendora, Calif.; W. H. Rex. Owassa, Okla; G. A. Rex, Clarksburg and Mrs. M. T. Nelson, of Glendora, Calif. Another daughter, Mrs. W. P. Whitlow, of Eaton, Colo. died January 9, 1916; and another daughter died in infancy. Mr. Rex is also survived by forty grandchildren and sixty great-grandchildren, also a half-brother, W. Y. Hommel, of Glendora Calif.

Mr. Rex was in good health almost up to the time of his death and was of an industrious nature that kept him active all his life. He was a great reader and was well versed in the scriptures. He lived an exemplary Christian life and his influence was always for good and his life was not only a long one but was one well spent. Several years ago Mr. Rex fell heir to a large estate of a half-brother in the state of California, amounting to between \$75,000 and \$100,000, and left all his children well fixed financially. The Eagle joins the many friends of this grand old pioneer Christian in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives

From The Bunceton (Mo.) Weekly Eagle Feb, 18, 1916.

30 Mar 1916

Issue of

For Drury Logan Davis

Submitted by Dorothy Harlan

DRURY L. DAVIS DIED IN SEDALIA TUESDAY

Was Assistant Superintendent of Training School For Many Years

BORN IN MACON CO. IN 1849

Widow, Two Daughters, Two Sisters and Two Brothers Survive Him.

Drury Logan Davis, for a period of eighteen years, assistant superintendent of the Missouri Training School For Boys, died at 3:15 o'clock Tuesday morning at the home of his son-in-law, Prof. W. H. Hert, 1001 South Mo. Ave., Sedalia, aged 66 years. Death was due to complications following an illness of twelve days with grip. Mr. Davis was in the best of health a few days ago.

Mr. Davis, accompanied by his wife, went to Sedalia for a visit with their daughter and her family. Mr. Davis was taken ill with grip, which later developed complications causing his death.

He was born near La Plata, Macon county, Mo. April 29, 1849, and was the son of Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Davis, his father being the first preacher of the Boonville Christian Church. He established a boarding school at Prairie Home when a young man. He was married at that place on August 1, 1878 to Miss Florence Franklin. Later removing to Boonville, he was made assistant superintendent at the Training School, and held that place up to six years ago, when he engaged in the hardware business at Boonville. He remained in that business five years, retiring a year ago. Mr. Davis had been an elder in the Boonville Christian Church for the last twenty-five years.

Mr. Davis was a member of the masonic lodge and was also a Knight Templar.

Besides a widow, two daughters survive him. Mrs. W. B. Hert of Sedalia, and Mrs. Edward Elliott of Kansas City. Two sisters and two brothers, Urban Davis of Chicago and Joseph A. Davis of Prairie Home; Mrs Hugh Logan and Mrs. Nannie Logan of Prairie Home.

A short funeral service was held at the Hert home, Wednesday, the Rev. A. W. Kokendoffer, pastor of the First Christian Church, having charge, and the remains accompanied by relatives was brought here, where the funeral was held at 2 o'clock, Thursday afternoon at the Christian Church. The church pastor, the Rev. J. B. Weldon, having charge and interment in Walnut Grove cemetery.

28 Jul 1916

Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

For Frank Westerman
Submitted by Julie Spencer

Frank Westerman Dead

Frank Westerman died at his home on Walnut Street Wednesday night after an affliction of several months of partial paralysis of the body. He was born in Germany 75 years ago. He is survived by a wife and four children. Funeral services will be held at the Boonville Catholic church Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, and internment at Walnut Grove cemetery. Members of the W.O.W. camp and the I.O.O.F. lodge are requested to meet at their respective hall at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning, prompt.

14 Jan 1917

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser
Mrs. Fred C. Klug

Lydia Wing was born in Cooper county, Mo., October 20, 1871, and grew to womanhood on a farm several miles south of Boonville. On September 21, 1892 when twenty-one years of age, she was married to F. C. Klug, who survives, together with three children, namely Mrs. Ruth Birge, Miss Freda Klug, and Fred Klug, jr., all of Boonville. Her father, A. T. Wing, of Kansas City also survives.

Mrs. Klug died at the family home on Seventh street in this city Sunday morning, January 14, 1917, in the forty-sixth year of her age, after an illness of two weeks, though her health had been poor for some time previous. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. T. F. Harvey, the pastor, and interment at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

One brother Frank Wing, of Kansas City, and a sister, Mrs. Emily Mayo of Denver, Colorado, also survive, as do four aunts, Mrs. Lydia Humphreyville and Mrs. Kirchner, both of Cooper County, and Mrs. Bleachey and Mrs. Bowers, both residing in Kansas City, and an uncle Frank Runkle, of Boonville.

15 Jan 1917

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser
Mrs. Mary Zimmerman

A long and useful life was ended on Monday, January 15, 1917, when Mrs. Mary Zimmerman died at the age of eighty-three years, at her home a few miles south of Boonville. The remains were interred at Walnut Grove cemetery Wednesday morning, January 17, after funeral services held in the Evangelical church at 10:30 o'clock, attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

Deceased, Mary Hoflander, was born in Saxony, Germany, May 16, 1834; she and a sister came to America in 1852 direct to this country and resided with relatives near Billingsville. Early in the year 1861 she was married to John Krohn who met with a tragic death from the hands of one of the marauding bands of desperadoes in Central Missouri in 1863. Her second marriage was with Henry Robien in 1865. Mr. Robien died about ten years later, and a few years thereafter she was married to Henry Zimmerman who died about three years ago. One child was born to the first marriage, John Krohn, who is a prominent farmer a few miles south of the city; to the second marriage were born three children, William; Henry and Lena Robien, all of whom survive the mother. No children were born to the third marriage.

Mrs. Zimmerman had one of her legs broken several years ago and never fully recovered from its effects. Her daughter; Miss Lena, and the other children, tenderly cared for her throughout the years of her affliction. She was the last member of the old Hoflander family which for many years lived in the vicinity of Billingsville.

23 Mar 1917

Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle

For John R. Richey
Submitted by Bill Seroggin

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A PIONEER CITIZEN DEAD

**John R. Richey of Near Vermont, Aged 83, Died Tuesday -
Was a Native of Kentucky**

John R. Richey, who made his home with his son, James Richey, near Vermont, and who had been in failing health for the past eight years, died Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted at the Hopewell Baptist church yesterday afternoon by Rev. F. M. Rice and interment took place in the church cemetery.

Mr. Richey was a native of Kentucky and was born in the bluegrass state August 12, 1833. He came with his parents to Missouri when a little boy and spent the greater part of his life in Cooper County. In 1851 he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Keyton and to this union were born six sons and two daughters. Mrs. Richey died January 8, 1910, and Mr. Richey is now survived by six sons and one daughter. They are: James, John, Josh, and Wesley Richey of Cooper County; Andrew Richey of near Tipton; and Robert Richey of Lemon Grove, Calif.; and Mrs. Jeff Potts of Glendora, Calif.

Fifty-one grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren also survive. Mr. Richey was a Confederate veteran having worn a gray uniform for three years. He was a member of the Christian Church and was typical of the early pioneers who transformed this country from a wilderness into a land of happy homes. To those who mourn the passing of this sturdy old settler, the Eagle extends sincere sympathy.

04 May 1917

Bunceton Weekly Eagle

Mary Jane née Hickox Cole

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

Mary Jane Cole

Passed Away at Her Home Near Pisgah Sunday - Was Born April 13, 1842

Mrs. Mary J. Cole, widow of the late Andrew B. Cole, died at her home near Pisgah Sunday morning. Although Mrs. Cole had been in failing health for some time, her death came rather unexpected, as she had been sick only a few days.

Funeral services were conducted at the Pisgah Baptist church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. Hedrick, of Prairie Home, and interment took place in the church cemetery.

Mary J. Hickox was born in Cooper County April 13, 1842. She was educated in the Young Ladies' Seminary at Boonville and, on December 25, 1865, she became the wife of Andrew B. Cole. To this union three sons were born, Charles Edward, James Warren, and George Truman. James Warren died in childhood, while the other sons are farmers near Pisgah. She also leaves two stepchildren, Mrs.

J. O. Morris and W. H. Cole, of the Pisgah community. Mrs. Cole was one of a family of three sisters and three brothers, all of whom have passed away save one brother, George Hickox, who made his home with his sister. Eleven grandchildren also survive.

"Aunt Mary", as she was lovingly called by her many friends, endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact by her many lovable traits of character.

She was a member of the Prairie Home Baptist Church and will be greatly missed in the community where she lived so long.

08 Jun 1918

Central Missouri Republican

John Henry Potter, Jr.

John Henry Potter

Passed Away in St. Louis and is Brought Here for Burial

John Henry Potter, Jr. was born in Boonville February 3, 1897, and died at the Missouri Pacific Hospital in St. Louis Saturday, June 8 at 10:15 p.m. where he was being treated for a severe injury, which he sustained while at work at the Missouri Pacific Depot. When it became known that he was critically hurt, his father and mother joined his wife and brother at his bedside, where they nursed him for five weeks. He passed from this life, fully conscious to the end, bidding his wife and little, year-old babe farewell before sinking into that quiet sleep that knows no awakening, safe in Him who doeth all things for the best.

The deceased was a promising young businessman of Boonville, having established a grocery store and restaurant near the M. K. & T. Depot during the past year. He was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Simms, of Marshall, Mo., on May 7, 1916, and shortly thereafter went to the Mexican border with the Boonville contingent of soldiers, but was exempted under the married men's ruling, and returned to Boonville. A daughter was born to the happy couple June 17, 1917. Those who mourn his untimely end are his wife, Mabel Simms Potter, and the infant daughter, Ernestine Mabel; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Potter; three sisters, Mrs. C. McCartney, of Springfield, Mo., Miss Bessie, of Boonville, and Mrs. Jesse Burt, of Pratt, Kansas; six brothers, William and Herman, of Pacific, Walter, George, and Edward, of Boonville, and J. W. Stillwell, of Higginsville, Mo.

The funeral took place from the Evangelical church, of which he was a faithful member, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock; Rev. Schlinkmann officiating, and he was laid to rest in the Walnut Grove cemetery under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World lodge, who read the ritual of the order at the grave, followed by a closing prayer by the Evangelical minister.

John Henry Potter attended the age of 21 years, four months and five days, and was highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance as an exemplary young man. The Republican joins the host of friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

28 Jun 1918

Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle

For Mrs. Annie Briscoe Cole Baughman

Submitted by Bill Scroggin

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DEATH OF MRS. BAUGHMAN

Aged Bunceton Lady Passed Away Tuesday Afternoon – Funeral Yesterday – 71 Years Old

After having been in failing health for the past several years, Mrs. Henry Baughman died at her home in the southeast part of Bunceton Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, aged 71 years, three months and five days. Short funeral services were held at the family residence yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. T. M. Macdonnell, after which services were held at the Pisgah Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock. Interment took place in the Pisgah Baptist Cemetery. The services were largely attended and the floral offerings were beautiful and profuse.

Mrs. Baughman's maiden name was Miss Annie Briscoe Cole, she being a daughter of Samuel and Sallie Cole, pioneers of Cooper county. She was born on a farm near Bell Air, March 20, 1847, and spent her entire life in this county. In December, 1863, she was united in marriage with Henry Baughman and the couple lived for many years on a farm near Lee schoolhouse. There were seven children born to the union, one son and six daughters, all of whom survive. They are C. A. Baughman and Mesdames B. L. Morris, J. L. Morris, C. L. Edwards and G. A. Gilbert, all of this county; Mrs. Maggie Underwood, of Webb City, and Mrs. R. E. Hadley, of Glendora, Calif. Mr. Baughman died Feb. 6, 1911. Mrs. Baughman is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Sallie Kauffman, of Collins, Mo., and two half-sisters, Mrs. R. S. Roe, of near Bell Air, and Mrs. Jennie Cash, of Warrensburg.

Mrs. Baughman was one of nineteen children, all of whom are well known in their respective communities. Following the death of her husband Mrs. Baughman bought residence property in Bunceton and moved here, and has made her home here for the past seven years. Mrs. Baughman professed religion many years ago and united with the Baptist Church. She was a most estimable woman, kind, helpful and home-loving, and was a faithful wife and a most devoted mother. To those who are bereaved by her death the Eagle extends sympathy.

29 Jun 1918

William M. Johnson

WILLIAM M. JOHNSON CALLED TO HIS REWARD

The Angel of Death Beckoned and He Obeyed the Summons

HE WALKED WITH GOD

Was a Man of Distinguished Personality and Character.

There are in every community certain personalities which stand out clearly from the common mass of mankind because of the possession of some marked traits of character. For more than half a century the community has been familiar with such an one in the person of William M. Johnson, who needs no eulogy, for his life is its own best eulogy. For the inspiration of others it is well to note some of the outstanding traits in the character of this man, who was so universally esteemed and respected.

William M. Johnson was born July 12, 1827, at Harrisburg, Va., and died at his home on Sixth street in this city, Saturday evening, June 29, 1918. His father was Isaac Johnson and his mother's maiden name was Mary Cootes, who was related to some of the early settlers of Virginia. He came to Boonville in the year 1855, and held a position with the George T. Hardcastle mercantile company for several years and later entered the employ of Wm. H. Trigg, who at that time was operating a bank in Boonville. During his employment there the bank was compelled to take over a large assignment of dry goods from St. Louis, in payment of a debt. This led to the organization of the Wm. H. Trigg Dry Goods Company of Boonville, with which Mr. Johnson was identified until the firm retired from business in 1892. Later Mr. Johnson retired, after a continuous service of over 50 years in business in Boonville. Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Julia A. Trigg in 1859, to which union four children were born, three of whom are still living, they being, W. Morris and Wilburt T., Of Boonville, and Mrs. J. Lawson Price, of Jefferson City; one daughter died in infancy.

His funeral was held from the residence on Sixth street, Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, and the services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. M. Green, of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a long and faithful member, and the services were beautiful and impressive. A large concourse of citizens were present and the acting pall bearers were Col. T. A. Johnston, H. G. Windsor, Starke Koontz, E. H. Rodgers, H. W. Jenkins, Lawrence Geiger.

The hour of the funeral seemed to be a fitting one, and as the orb of day was slowly sinking beyond the western horizon the earthly remains of Wm. M. Johnson were laid to rest in beautiful Walnut Grove cemetery, to sleep the sleep of the just, until the trumpet of the archangel shall sound his awakening.

Mr. Johnson was preeminently a man of faith. Trust in God and belief in his fellow man were the predominating features of his life, and this fact gave tone to the whole life and actions, making his influence both worthy and effective. It produced in him that broad charity to all and sweetened the life by the presence of a tender sympathy and kindly interest in the welfare of others. His was the life possessed of the rare virtue of humility. There was no desire for idle show, nor place for insincere acts found in him. Never

seeking any special prominence, but ever wielding an influence, his personality was felt like the fragrance of the loveliest violet hidden amid the more conspicuous forms of life unseen but filling all the air with its sweet perfume. No grace of life is more to be desired and none to be more commended than a true humility for it is an element of character which wins the approval of God and the admiration of the world.

His was a life of sterling integrity and honor. Never a suspicion of injustice or dishonor rested upon him, and like Enoch he verily "walked with God." Fairer than any touch of painter, stronger than any stroke of sculptor, is that power and grace with which sincerity and honor brightened and strengthened his whole life because of the inner beauty of the soul. In his presence men were true and strong as they came under the silent power of his true and pure character.

The reward of such a life is in the esteem and confidence of men, and that abiding influence which is eternal. Its peace and triumph is little short of translation for it grows constantly into the heavenly life. In the passing of such a character it may be truly said that "earth is poorer and heaven richer."

Those who were associated with him in the church knew his worth and will miss him greatly, his place will be hard to fill. As an officer in the church for fifty-nine years he was fully imbued with the work which the Master gave him to do, always cheerfully and courageously bearing all burdens and contributing liberally of his means to its support. As a citizen he was thoroughly interested in every enterprise for the upbuilding of the community and the blessing of society. His memory should be an inspiration to every one who knew and respected him. Would that there were more like him, the age needs such characters and few men measure up to him in the stature of a full-grown Christian manhood. The benediction of such a life is a richer heritage than all the wealth of the material world, for "No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife, and all life not be purer and stronger thereby." His task is done. His course is run; But on the lasting page, Of many a mortal life, There lies a mark that age And length of time cannot efface.

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Charles Force

In Memoriam - In loving memory of Charlie Force who passed away one year ago today, November 28 1919: In a graveyard quietly sleeping, Where the flowers gently wave, Lies the one we love so dearly, In his lonely silent grave. The flowers we laid upon you, May wither and decay, But the love we have for you, Will never fade away. Sadly missed by your wife, Augusta Force and your father Frank Force.

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Julia Hurt Shannon

WAS ALMOST 90 YEARS OLD

Mrs. Julia Hurt Shannon, of Clark's Fork Township, Was Born in Cooper Co. October 1, 1830

Mrs. Julia Hurt Shannon, who was born in Cooper County on October 1, 1830, passed away last Friday at the home of her son, E. B. Shannon, of Clark's Fork Township, with whom she had lived for sixteen years.

Funeral services were held at the residence Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. Melvin, of Columbia, and interment took place in Walnut Grove Cemetery at Boonville.

Mrs. Shannon was a daughter of the late Clayton and Mary A. Hurt, pioneer citizens of the county, and was one of the oldest native-born women of the county. She was united in marriage with Alexander Shannon November 14, 1849, and to this union were born five children, namely: G. W. and F. H. Shannon, of Cabool, Mo.; Mrs. J. W. Draffen, of Los Angeles, Calif.; J. B. Shannon, deceased; and E. B. Shannon, of Clark's Fork Township. Mrs. Shannon also leaves 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Shannon united with the Walnut Grove Christian church in early womanhood and lived a consistent and useful Christian life. She was a woman of many good traits of character and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.