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**OBITUARIES**

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**January 18, 1951**

**ELLA MAY WOOD**, 76, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Leland Hensley. Survivors are daughters Nettie Gregory, Opal Rowe, Agnes Hensley and Velma Ferriel; 2 stepchildren Cecil Wood and Cora Sullivant; a sister Laura Reeves; 3 brothers John, Harry and Ben Mansker. Funeral services were held January 11, 1951 in Coon Creek Church with Rev. Kenneth P. Bandy officiating. Burial in the church cemetery.

**January 25, 1951**

**FRANK GARNER**, a former resident, died of a heart attack in his home in Tulsa, OK. Survivors are a brother E. B.; a sister Ada Miller. Funeral services were held in Tulsa.

**HOBART BAKER**, 30, WW II Veteran, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Baker of near Manes. Survivors are his parents; a brother Arden Baker; a sister Evelyn Warren. Funeral services will be held in Mount Carney Church near Lynchburg with Rev. George Scott officiating.

**February 1, 1951**

**ROSE REED**, 60, died January 30, 1951. Survivors are a son Ralph Reed; a daughter Ruth Ollis; a sister Tilda Fisher; 3 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Prospect Church with Rev. Shaddy Barber officiating. Burial in the church cemetery.

**NANCY ELIZABETH KINCAID**, 66, lifelong resident of the Grove Spring community, died in Wallace Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, January 30, 1951. Survivors are a son Vernon; a daughter Wilma Quinn; 2 sisters Norma Reaves and Mrs. H. L. Edgerton; 13 grandchildren. Rev. J. R. Bogart will officiate at the funeral services. Burial in Bramhall Cemetery.

**SHERMAN EDWARD McDARIS**, 81, died in his farm home north of Hartville January 29, 1951. Survivors are 3 sons Earl W., Arnold R. and Don; a daughter Mrs. John Day; 7 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral services held in Coon Creek Church with Rev. George Scott officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**BERTHA COX** was born July 15, 1908 and died January 28, 1951. She married Mose Cox in April 1921. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1933; an infant child. Survivors are 2 sons Ernest and Melvin; 3 daughters Ruby Owens, Sarah and Phylliss Cox; 3 brothers Loman, Cecil and Charley Smith; 2 sisters Ethel Keeling and Addie Brickey; mother Julie Smith; father-in-law and mother-in-law Wess and Rene Cox. She was converted in 1947 and joined the Red Hill Pentecostal Church in 1947. Funeral services were held in Coon Creek Church with Rev. Noah Moore and Rev. Floyd Mulanix officiating. Burial in the church cemetery.

#### **February 8, 1951**

**DOCIA CARR COGDILL**, daughter of James and Sarah Carr was born January 11, 1884 near Hartville, MO and died January 20, 1951 at the age of 67 years and 9 days. She married Elba M. Cogdill September 7, 1907. She was preceded in death by 2 sons Sherman and Maurice. She obeyed the Gospel some 40 years ago and became a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors are her husband Elba M; 4 sons Marion, Owen, Joe and Ivan; seven grandchildren; 2 brothers Andy and Aaron Carr; a sister, Mrs. Marion Palmer. Funeral services were held in Hartville Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Bandy officiating. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**JOSEPH CHARLES PYATT**, son of William and Elizabeth Pyatt, was born January 10, 1868 in Wright County MO and died February 1, 1951 at Hartville MO. With the exception of 2 years spent in Webb City, MO and 8 years in Cheyenne, OK his entire life was spent in Wright County. He was converted in 1901 in his home with only the family present at a home fireside service. He later was affiliated with the First Baptist church and at the time of his death was a deacon of Hartville First Baptist Church. He married Docia Belle Reese November 30, 1890. He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter; a grandchild; 3 sisters; 3 brothers. Survivors are his wife Docia; 4 daughters Effie (Mrs. H. H. Curtis), Bessie (Mrs. C. B. Turner), Essie (Mrs. R. L. Clotfelter) and Vesta K. Pyatt; 2 services were held in Holdren Funeral Home with Rev. Kenneth Bandy officiating. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **February 8, 1951**

**SHERMAN EDWARD McDARIS** was born near Hartville, Mo. May 27, 1869 and died January 29, 1951. He is survived by his wife and three sons: Earl W., Arnold R. and Dow; one sister Mrs. John Day of Aurora, Mo. He was converted at the Green Valley Church in 1920. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. George Scott with burial in Coon Creek Cemetery.

#### **February 15, 1951**

**MARTHA ISIBELL GRAY AUSTIN**, was born in Jackson County, Illinois September 17, 1865 and departed this life February 9, 1951. She came to Wright County, Missouri with her parents at the age of three. She was the daughter of Robert and Sarah Gray. She had three brothers and two sisters. They all preceded her in death. She was united in marriage to C. B. Austin on December 29, 1882 and to this union were born five children two died in infancy. The three living are Lula Hopkins. John A. and Bill Austin. Fifteen grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren. one great-great-grandchild also survives. Her husband preceded her in death October 23, 1929. She professed faith in Christ at the age of 28 years and united with the church at Coldwater in 1920 and later moved her membership to the Free Will Baptist at Coon Creek.

**IDA ELIZABETH ENGLAND** passed to rest at her home in Jefferson City, February 1, 1951. She was born at Hartville, Mo. October 22, 1881 the daughter of Henry and Tabitha Duncan. She confessed a belief in Christ and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at an early age. On September 3, 1898 she was united in Holy Matrimony to William Daniel England, who preceded her in death by 11 months and 25 days. To this union were born five children. Three daughters; Garfield, Wilma and Jewell preceded their parents in death. A son, Henry England; a daughter Jessie Thompkins; a brother, William Duncan of Kansas City; six grandchildren; Harold Thompkins, Jr., Marilee England, Louella Brown, Ronnie, Russell and Robert William Thompkins and two great-grandchildren, Stacye and Louzella Brown survive. Funeral services were held in Hartville Free Will Baptist Church with burial in Hartville Cemetery.

#### **February 22, 1951**

**REV. HARVEY MARION COPE**, Funeral services were held Sunday, February 11 in a Springfield Free Will Baptist Church for Harvey Marion Cope, 67, who died at his home in Springfield. Rev. Cope was born near Hartville and was well known, having been a Free Will Baptist minister of Wright County for 40 years. He moved to Springfield about five years ago. Survivors are his wife, one daughter and one son. Second services were held at Coldwater Church and burial was in the church cemetery.

**JAMES A. RANEY, SR.**, Funeral services were held Tuesday in Springfield for James A. Raney, Sr. 66 years of age. Mr. Raney was born and reared in the Bethel community east of Hartville, leaving here for Springfield, where he made his home the past 38 years. Survivors include his wife Clara; three daughters; Mrs. Mary Hardy; Mrs.

Daisy Jones and Mrs. Margaret Stanley; a son; James Raney, Jr.; a half-brother, Sherman Jackson; three grandchildren and one great- grandchild.

**WESLEY A. BUTCHER**, Funeral services were held at Oak Grove Monday for Wesley A Butcher, 69, who died at his home near Mtn. Grove Saturday morning. Mr. Butcher was born and reared in the Oak Grove community, spending his entire life in Wright County. Survivors include his wife, three sons; Arthur, Ray and Troy; and a daughter, Mrs. Sedelia Binkley.

**EDIE REBEKAH YOUNG**, Funeral services were held Thursday, February 15 at the home of T. W. Young for his wife, Edie Rebekah Young who died at their home on Monday, February 12. Rev. J. R. Bogart was the officiating minister. Mrs. Young was a life time resident of the Mount Olive community. Survivors include her husband, T. W. Young; children Mrs. Bertha Metz, Jessie Cantrell, Frankie Burtlow, Antha May Plemmons, Bill Kelley, Ethel Young and Bessie Deckard; three brothers, John, Charley and Tom Edwards. Burial was in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

#### **March 1, 1951**

**ERMINTRUDE SADE**, Funeral services were held in the Pleasant Hill Church west of Hartville Monday, February 26 for Mrs. Ermintrude Sade, 64, who died last Thursday at the home of her son Raymond Sade in Peoria, Arizona. Mrs. Sade was a life-long resident of the Hartville community, going to Arizona to spend the winter with her children. Rev. D. S. Jones of Aldrich was officiating minister at the funeral. Survivors include her three sons, Raymond, Mayo and Lloyd Sade; two daughters, Mrs. Wanda Chinn and Mrs. Alma Martin of Hartville. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery west of Hartville

**RUFUS CREWSE**, Funeral services were held in the Assembly of God Church in Mountain Grove Sunday for Rufus Crewse, 74, a life-long resident and auctioneer of Wright County. Survivors include his three sons, Crech, Champ and Cofer; three daughters Mrs. Cora Holt, Mrs. Celah Burns and Mrs. Cleta Ussery; one brother, Bill Crewse; two half-brothers, Tom and Mack Crewse; a half-sister Mrs. Genia Rook.

**EDWARD LOWERY**, Funeral services were held at the Shaddy church at 2:00 p.m. last Thursday for Edward Lowery, 83, who died at his home north of Hartville Tuesday, February 20. He is survived only by nieces and nephews. Rev. J. R. Bogart conducted the services. Burial was in Shaddy Cemetery.

**LAURA CLAXTON**, Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in Elk Creek Presbyterian Church for Mrs. Laura Claxton 74, who died Monday night in the Millard Rest Home in Norwood. She was a lifelong resident of Wright county and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Atkinson; a brother, Bill Kincheloe; three grandchildren. Rev. W. A. Burney was the officiating minister. Burial was in Elk Creek cemetery.

#### **March 8, 1951**

**WALDO DUNN**, son of George S. and Enie Dunn was born November 8, 1911 at Hartville, Mo. He departed this life at his home at Cassville, Mo. February 20, 1951. He grew to manhood in the Odin community. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior when 16 years old and united with the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church. On March 22, 1941 he was married to Miss Pauline Hale. On February 16, 1944 he entered the U. S. Army and was assigned to the 173st Engineer Utility Detachment, with which he served 15 months in the South Pacific area. He was discharged on February 14, 1946. Later moving to Cassville. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Pauline; daughter Rosalie; father and mother; one sister Mrs. Clinton Todd; five brothers, Clarence, Clifford, Hadley, Gayford and Glenn. Funeral services were held March 2 in Merle's Chapel with Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett officiating. Burial was in Exeter Cemetery.

**SPURSEY BAKER**, Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist Church at Cold Water for Spursey Baker, 56, who was found shot to death at his farm home near Manes last Sunday. He was a well-known, prosperous farmer and a veteran of World War I. The American Legion and VFW Post of Hartville held military services. Rev. Patterson of Oakland was the officiating minister. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Nora French, and two nephews. Burial was in the church cemetery.

#### **March 15, 1951**

**REV. ELI BURNEY**, 71 retired minister of the Free Will Baptist church of the Union Association, died last Saturday at his home in Mountain Grove. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Rev. Burney was well known in Wright and surrounding counties due to his profession as minister the past 30 years. He retired two years ago due to ill health. Funeral services were held March 13 in the Oak Grove Church, eight miles north of Norwood, with the Rev. O.L. Allen, assisted by Rev. Verle Tate, officiating. Survivors include his wife Alice; one son, Lee; two daughters, Mrs. Manie Newton and Mrs. John Siems Bisby; three grandchildren. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**LUCY HEFNER**, Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Holdren Funeral Home for Lucy Hefner, 71, wife of Postmaster, R. M. Hefner. She died at their home in Hartville early Saturday morning. The Hefners came to Hartville nine years ago. Mrs. Hefner was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Rebekah Lodge; the Rebekahs having service at the funeral home. Survivors include her husband, R. M. Hefner; one brother, L.L. Shane. Rev. Kenneth Bandy was officiating minister. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **March 22, 1951**

**DARRELL RAY LEMONS** was born August 31, 1932 and departed this life March 10, 1951 from a gunshot wound. He had spent his entire life in the Little Creek neighborhood. He will be sadly missed by his father, mother, brothers and sisters. He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Mae Melton, Mrs. Jessie Kelsay, Mrs. Retha Sanders and Dorothy Swopes; and three brothers Otis, Orin and Ancil; two nieces; six nephews; and two grandmothers, Mrs. Delia Lemons and Mrs. Belle Davidson.

**ORA S. PATTERSON**, Funeral services were held March 16 in the Pleasant Hill Church for Ora S. Patterson, 73 years of age, who died March 13 at the home of his daughter in Mansfield. Rev. D. S. Jones was the officiating minister. Mr. Patterson was a farmer, spending most of his life on a farm north of Hartville. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Daisy Deckard and Mrs. Edith Dedman; three sons, Ralph Patterson, Edd and Harvey; two brothers, Eddie and Harvey; two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Young and Mrs. Bessie Heinitz; 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

#### **March 29, 1951**

**L. L. WILLIAMS**, 75, a lifelong resident of Wright County died suddenly at his home just north of Hartville Tuesday morning. He is survived by his wife Lizzie; one daughter, Opal Stigall; and five grandchildren. Another daughter, Ethel Floyd, died several years ago.

#### **April 5, 1951**

**MARY FRANCES JOSEPH**, died Saturday, March 31. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Church of God in Mtn. Grove for Mary Frances Joseph, 87 years of age, who died Saturday, March 31 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Estelle in Hartville. Rev. Lester R. Worden was the officiating minister. Burial was in Hillcrest cemetery. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Burley Tharp and Mrs. Oscar Estelle of Hartville; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren.

**ALFRED HILLHOUSE**, funeral services were held today (April 5) in the Elk Creek church for Alfred Hillhouse, 78, a retired Wright County farmer, who died at his home in Springfield Sunday. Survivors include his wife, Ailee; three sons, Paris, H. L. and Wayne Hillhouse; a daughter, Mrs. Lola Markin; four stepdaughters, Mrs. R.F. Lewis, Mrs. C.E. Crow, Mrs. Lester Dunn and Mrs. Kenneth Kelly; a sister Mrs. Sarah Claxton; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**JIM DAVIS**, relatives here have received word from Mrs. Malvern Davis of Eureka Springs, Ark. That her son Jim, had been killed. He was with the Paratroopers and stationed in the United States. Mrs. Davis will be remembered as Ermel Mallory and was raised by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mallory. She also has an aunt here, Mrs. E.C. Tomblessen,

**BARBARA JEAN EDWARDS** was born Saturday, March 24 and passed away Friday morning March 30 being 5 1/2 days of age. Her sudden death came as a severe shock to her loved ones. Barbara Jean is survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Anvis Edwards; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Edwards; maternal grandfather, Henry Goswick; paternal great-grandfather, General Garner; one aunt, Miss Janet Edwards; two uncles, Robert and Charles Edwards. Funeral services were held at the home by Rev. C.W. Dorman and the tiny baby was laid to rest in the Durbin cemetery.

#### **April 12, 1951**

**SARAH ARZILLA CARRIGER GOSWICK** was born in Tennessee December 15, 1881 and departed this life March 26, 1951. At the age of 11 she moved to Missouri with her parents. %illie+was united in marriage to Henry Goswick October 23, 1904. To this union was born three daughters all of whom have preceded her in death. She was converted at an early age and united with the Elk Creek Baptist church. She is survived by her husband, Henry Goswick; one foster daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Jean Edwards; a half-sister Mrs. Alice Mosley of Manes. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C.W. Dorman and Rev. J. E. Herd in Elk Creek Baptist Church. Burial was in Jones Cemetery.

**SARAH ELIZABETH BENTON**, 92, died in Visalia, Calif., on Sunday March 4. She was born at Hartville, Mo. December 1, 1858 and went to Calif. in 1817. Her husband James Benton, who died in 1936. The Benton\$ lived for many years in the Rayborn community. She is survived by her sons, W.K., Noah, J. A. Benton and Mitchell; 4 daughters Mrs. Joseph Blasius, Mrs. Eliza Dotson, Mrs. Bertha Cline and Mrs. Nettie Hannon; 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services were conducted March 7 by Rev. P.H. Berg. Interment was in the Visalia District Cemetery.

#### **April 19, 1951**

**NELSON VAN BUREN SHAMEL**, about 66, from near Competition was fatally injured and his two companions hospitalized in Lebanon late Tuesday evening after their car went out of control and plunged off Highway 5 just south of the Grove Spring junction. He died in the Wallace hospital shortly after he was admitted for treatment of a crushed chest and multiple lacerations. A passenger in the car was 77 year old Sam Hickman. He is receiving treatment for a possible skull fracture and shock. His condition was termed as serious. Also injured was Rexford Lee Shemwell about 58 who was driving the car. He was hospitalized with a fracture of the jaw and was the least injured of the three. Apparently the trio were driving south from Grove Spring and on the sweeping curve the car went out of control, left the road, went through a high wire fence, flipped several times and came to rest in an upright position several feet from the roadway.

**JOHN SETSER**, Funeral services were last Thursday afternoon in the Holdren Funeral Home for John Setser who died Monday, April 9. Rev. Carlton Knight was the officiating minister. Burial was in East Lawn Cemetery in Springfield.

**EDDIE LEE HART**, Funeral services were held in the Free Will Baptist Church for Eddie Lee Hart, 66, who died at his farm home six miles east of Hartville Friday night. Rev. W. C. Winters was the officiating minister. Survivors include his wife, Minta; one son Lee; two half-brothers, Fred Lewis and Ike Hart; two half-sisters, Mrs. Ivy Carr and Mrs. Mary Browitt; his stepmother Mrs. Lena Hart; three grandchildren. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**REBA TABER SMITH**, was born July 10, 1925 and departed this life April 14, 1951. She leaves to mourn her husband, Cecil Smith; one son, Herman Smith; one daughter, Genevia Smith; two uncles, Jim and Raymond Smelser; three aunts Mrs. Goldie Carrigan, Mrs. Grace Hemple and Mrs. Hazel Wakes. She was converted in the Pentecost church over one year ago.

**ISAAC MARK MITCHELL**, Funeral services were held Saturday at the Holdren Funeral Home for Isaac Mark Mitchel, 84, who died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Frank Arnold in Springfield April 11. Rev. W.C. Winters officiated. Mr. Mitchell was a native of Wright County. Survivors include his wife and three foster children; two daughters, Mrs. Ora Mitchell and Mrs. Anna Arnold; one son, Edward Cook in the U.S. Coast Guard located in Boston; one sister, Mrs. Sallie Chandler of Hartville; 11 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren. His first wife, Ada, preceded him in death a few years ago. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **April 26, 1951**

**JOSIE LAURA LATHROM**, Funeral services will be held today for Josie Laura Lathrom, 62, who died Saturday at her home near Rayborn. Rev. Kirk Yarnall of Ben Davis will conduct the service. Survivors include her children: sons Leslie, Willard, Loman, Leonard, Amos, Harvey, Eldred and Athel Lathrom; daughter Leone Alumbrough; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Willhite; two sisters, Cinda Thornhill and Cora Clever; three brothers, Simpson, Johnny and Sherman Willhite; 24 grandchildren. Burial in Green Mountain Cemetery.

**PHOEBE ROENIE JONES DUNN**, eldest child John D. and Susanna Jones, was born February 27, 1878 near Grove Spring, Mo. and departed this life April 16, 1951 at her home at Odin, Mo. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior early in life and united with the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church (Cuba) as a charter member, acting as clerk for a number of years until she moved from the community, still retaining membership there. She was united in marriage September 11, 1902 to George S. Dunn. To this union were born seven children: Clarence, Clifford, Hadley, Effie (Mrs. Clinton Todd), Gay, Glenn and Waldo. Waldo preceded her in death by only seven weeks. Other survivors are: brothers Noah, Emmett and Rev. D. S. Jones; sisters Thula McCubbins, Martha Hickman, Zelpha Young, Ava Young and Effie Richardson; 6 grandchildren; a great-grandchild. Burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

#### **May 3, 1951**

**R. M. HEFNER**, Funeral services were held in the Holdren Funeral Home Monday for R. M. Hefner, 64, who died April 27, in the O'Rielly hospital in Springfield. Rev. Kenneth P. Bandy conducted the services. Mr. Hefner, a World War One Veteran, who had served four years as Postmaster in Sioux, Iowa, came to Missouri about 13 years ago, living on a farm north of Hartville until five years ago when he was appointed Postmaster in Hartville and moved to town. When his wife Lucy died, he sold his home and went to the hospital where he remained until his death. He resigned as Postmaster here March 15



after being ill since the first of January. He was an active member of the American Legion. A military funeral was held. World War One Veterans acted as pall bearers. Both American Legion and VFW members took part in the service. Survivors include two sisters: Mrs. Harley Smith and Mrs. Herbert Knutson, both of whom attended his funeral. He also had several nieces and nephews. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **May 10, 1951**

**JAMES S. SHELBY**, Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Methodist Church in Mountain Grove for James S Shelby who died Friday in the Mountain Grove hospital. Mr. Shelby, a prominent Wright county farmer, lived his entire life on the old Jonathan Shelby farm, 8 miles north of Manes, where he was born. Survivors include his wife, Joy; one son Earl; three daughters, Eloise Moseley, Loraine Shelby, and Ilene Young of Springfield; two sisters Mrs. Cordelia Graven and Cora Graven. Graveside services were held at the Manes cemetery with Rev. Geo. Scott officiating.

#### **May 31, 1951**

**JONATHAN A. DIXON**, Funeral services were held Monday in New Home Baptist Church near Mansfield for Jonathan Dixon, 72, who died Friday in his home in Mansfield. Rev. J. R. Bogart was the officiating minister. Mr. Dixon was a retired farmer and lived in Mansfield the past seven years. Survivors include his wife, Theobe; a son Henry; a daughter, Mrs. Vernis Coday; a brother Tip; one grandchild. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**HENRY NEWTON**, Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Pea Ridge Methodist Church for Henry Newton, 93, who died at the home of his son, J.O. Newton in Mtn. Grove. Rev. Carlton Knight was the officiating minister. Mr. Newton was a retired farmer and had lived most of his life near Hartville. Survivors include his four sons Charley, Jessie O., Vernon and Lester; 6 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. Burial was in Newton Cemetery.

#### **June 7, 1951**

**NANNIE J. DAVIS**, Death Thursday claimed a former newspaper woman widely known throughout the Ozarks--Mrs. Nannie J. Davis. Mrs. Davis, 69, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Claude Edwards in Pierce City. With her husband, O.B. Davis, she had helped edit and publish newspapers at Mansfield, Ava, Marshfield and in Hartville for nearly 50 years until her failing health forced retirement about four years ago. Mrs. Davis suffered a stroke about ten years ago and had never regained her health. Since that time she had been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Edwards. Besides her husband, O.B. Davis, and two daughters Mrs. Claude A Edwards and Mrs. R.H. Williams, she is survived by two brothers, J. F. and W.H. Huffman; three grandsons; one great grandson. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Carlton Knight in

the Mansfield Methodist Church Sunday afternoon with burial in Seymour Masonic Cemetery.

### **July 5, 1951**

**VERNA DECKARD**, died Wednesday, June 21 at a hospital in Salem, MO, where she was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Geneva Brown. Mrs. Deckard, 71, a retired school teacher, made her home with her sister, Mrs. Lillie Pyatt near Odin. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon in Mt. Zion Church with Rev. Paul Tripp officiating. Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Geneva Brown; a son Ellis; three sisters Mrs. Clara Gollihar, Mrs. Edna Dixler and Mrs. Lillie Pyatt of Hartville. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**ROY BUCKLES**, Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon June 24 in Mansfield First Baptist Church for Roy G. Buckles, 63, retired farmer, who died June 22 at his home two miles east of Mansfield. Survivors include his widow, Luetta; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Price and Mrs. Mae Oetting; a son, Robert; a sister, Mrs. Ada Huff. Rev. Hugh Shults conducted the service and burial was in Mansfield Cemetery.

**THOMAS BLAYLOCK**, word has been received of the death of an old time resident of Wright County, Thomas Blaylock, who passed away at June 20, at his home in John Day, Oregon. He had lived there for the past 22 years. His wife, Eliza preceded him in death in 1930. He is survived by five sons; Ezra, Cecil, Roy, Ervin and Merle; one daughter, Anna Ringstmyer; a half-sister Tempy Smith. He left Missouri in 1914 and lived for several years in Colorado before going to Oregon.

### **July 12, 1951**

**REV. C. E. WIMBERLY**, Funeral services were held Saturday in Mountain Grove for Rev. C. E. Wimberly, 68, a well-known Wright County minister, who died Tuesday, July 3 at his home in Mountain Grove. Burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery. The Rev. W. H. Jackson conducted the funeral.

**ELLEN KELLEY**, Funeral services were held Sunday in the Odin Methodist church for Ellen Kelley, 88, who died at her home nine miles northwest of Hartville, July 5. She was a lifelong resident of Wright County. Survivors include her husband, John; a daughter, Mrs. Fielden Ward; three grandchildren. Rev. D.S. Jones was the officiating minister and burial was in Mount Olive Cemetery.

**STEPHEN EUGENE HARLAMERT**, Funeral services were held Monday in the Holdren Funeral Home for Stephen Eugene Halamert, the 6-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harlamert of Springfield. He died Sunday morning in Burge Hospital, Springfield. Survivors include his parents; two brothers Larry and Michael; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Davis; paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harlamert; great-grandmother Mrs. Marzetta Davis. Burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

### **July 19, 1951**

**SAMUEL H. WILSON**, 78 years old retired farmer died last Friday in the Coffman rest home. Mr. Wilson a former resident of Astoria, Mo. had been in ill health for some time. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca. Funeral services were held at Barber Chapel in Mountain Grove Sunday. Rev. Geo. Scott officiating. Burial was in Green Mountain cemetery.

**ELLA JANE BOULDIN**, Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Christain Church at Norwood for Mrs. Ella Jane Bouldin, widow of Tom B. Bouldin. She died Monday at her home in Norwood where she had resided 50 years. Survivors include a son, Lee; a nephew, Walter Odle, whom she had reared; a grandson Jack Bouldin; a granddaughter, Dorothy Wemmer; four great-grandchildren. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**JAMES WESLEY LOWERY**, Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Shaddy Church for James Wesley Lowery, 74, who died at his home in Springfield last Sunday night. Rev. Henry Long officiated. Survivors include a son Lee; 4 brothers, Green, Jackson, George and Wilbur. Burial was in Shaddy Cemetery.

### **July 19, 1951**

**GEORGE SHERMAN DUNN**, youngest son of Michael and Martha Dunn, was born west of Grove Spring in Webster County, Mo. August 30, 1874. He departed this life at his home in Odin July 4, 1951. On September 11, 1902 he was united in marriage to Enie Jones, who preceded him in death April 16, 1951. To this union were born seven children. Survivors are: sons Clarence, Clifford, Hadley, Gay and Glenn; a daughter Effie (Mrs. Clinton Todd); 6 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; Another son, Waldo, passed away on February 26 this year. George S. Dunn accepted Christ as his Savior at Pleasant Hill church in 1915. He spent his active life as a blacksmith. Funeral services were held July 6, at Pleasant Hill Church by Rev. Winford Davis, with burial in the church cemetery.

### **July 26, 1951**

**ANNALIZA EMMERSON**, Funeral services were held in the Claxton Church, Wednesday for Mrs. Annaliza Emmerson, 87, who died Sunday night at her home near Competition, Mo. Mrs. Emmerson and her husband James T. Emmerson, who had lived in the community the past 81 years, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last March. She is survived by her husband, James T.; three daughters Melia Jordan, Cledith Young and Carrie Shanks; three sons Roy, Ruby and Argus; 31 grandchildren; 28 great-great-grandchildren. Burial was in Emmerson Cemetery.

### **August 2, 1951**

**ARTHUR MARCUM**, Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Mansfield First Baptist Church for Arthur Marcum, 55, who died suddenly Friday afternoon of last week while delivering a load of lumber in Spalding, Neb., Rev. James H. Black was the officiating minister. Mr. Marcum, who was making his home in Mansfield, had spent the most of his life in Hartville and community. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Florence Coday and Mrs. Frances Dorris; one son Donald Marcum; his mother Mrs. Florence Marcum; four sisters, Miss Vera Marcum, Mrs. Martha Faught, Mrs. Lola Davis and Mrs. Cecil Jones; two brothers, James and John. Burial was in Mansfield Cemetery.

**MR. AND MRS. JAMES BECKHAM**, Double funeral services were held Sunday in the Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove for Mr. and Mrs. James M. Beckham who died only 25 hours apart at their home in Mountain Grove. Mr. Beckham was 84 years of age and his wife 78. Survivors include three daughters: Mrs. Myrtle Riley, Mrs. Cynthia Skyles and Mrs. Modest Farmer; two sons, Morris and Warner Beckham. Rev. F. J. Light was officiating minister. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

**JOHN ERNST**, Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Mansfield for John Ernst, 57. Mr. Ernst died Wednesday of last week in the O'Rielly Veterans hospital in Springfield. He was a veteran of World War One. Survivors include his wife, Linnie; a son Norman Ernst; a sister, Mrs. C. L. Hardson; a brother, Ned. Burial was in Newton Cemetery. Rev. Wilbur Cravens was the officiating minister.

#### **August 9, 1951**

**ELLEN F. MARCUM**, Funeral services were held Sunday in the Hartville Free Will Baptist church for Mrs. Ellen F. Marcum, 76, who died at her home in Springfield. Mrs. Marcum lived in Hartville before moving to Springfield a few years ago. Survivors include four daughters: Miss Vera Marcum, Mrs. Martha Farght, Mrs. Cecil Jones and Mrs. Lola Davis of Hartville; two sons James and John; one brother, Bill Mansfield; one half-sister, Mrs. Vada Pitts; one half-brother, Benjamin Marcum; 21 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren. Burial in O'Dell Cemetery. Rev. Cox of Lebanon conducted the services.

#### **August 30, 1951**

**OCIE STARKS**, Funeral services were held Sunday in the Manes Baptist Church for Ocie Starks, 72, who died Saturday morning at her home in Hartville. Rev. W.A. Burney was the officiating minister. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Irvin Keys; a foster son, Hayden Elroy; five brothers, Stanford, A.sA., Tive, Ross and Dolan Stigall; two sisters; one grandchild. Burial was in Manes Cemetery.

**MILLIE LOUISA MALLORY**, Funeral services will be held today in New Hope Baptist Church for Mrs. Millie Louis Mallory, 67, of the Pea Ridge community who died Monday in a Springfield hospital. Dr. Harold Haswell and the Rev. Alva Morris are the

officiating ministers. Survivors include her husband, W. B. Mallory; five sons, Homer, Dillard, Leon, Buster and Jack; four daughters, Mrs. Wilson Nance, Mrs. Ray Branstetter, Mrs. Don Matthews and Mrs. James Randolph; three sisters; a brother; 15 grandchildren. Burial in the church cemetery.

### **September 13, 1951**

**J. ALLEN ROBINETT**, Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Hartville High School for Jessie Allen Robinett, 85, who died Wednesday of last week at his home east of Hartville. Mr. Robinett was born July 15, 1866 in Wright County. He was the son of James Harvey and Nancy (Smith) Robinett and a grandson of Jesse and Frances Robinett. His grandparents settled on a farm near Hartville in 1836, coming here by ox cart. Mr. Robinett was one of the last survivors of the old Mountain Grove academy and attended Drury College in Springfield from 1883 to 1885. He was one of the few remaining early Drury students. While at Drury he studied to be a Methodist minister. At the time of his death Mr. Robinett lived on the same farm, eight miles east of here on the Gasconade River that his grandparents settled in 1836. He married Dorcas Raney in 1889 and the couple celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on August 12. Survivors also include four sons, Paul J., James G., Joe H. and John T.; four daughters, Mrs. Maud Volz, Mrs. Clara Brave, Mrs. Frances Medlock and Mrs. Lucy Gullick; 24 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two brothers; A. W. and Avi; two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Murrell and Mrs. Bessie Spillman; a nephew O.I. Robinett. Rev. Carlton Knight was the officiating minister. Burial was in the Robinett Cemetery.

### **September 20, 1951**

**WILLIAM C. DORRIS**, Funeral services were held Tuesday in New Home Church for William Cornelious Dorris, 67, who died Sunday night at his home north of Hartville. Rev. Willie Burney was the officiating minister. Survivors include his wife, Ethel; a daughter, Mrs. Muriel Grimes; two sons, Wayne and Gene; two brothers, Fran and Dan; four sisters, Mrs. Bertha Delcour, Mrs. Lucy Colton, Mrs. Della Brown and Mrs. Eliza Carney; one grandson. Burial was in Dorris Cemetery.

### **October 4, 1951**

**WILLIAM CALTON**, eldest son of M. T. and Mary Ann Calton, was born November 25, 1885, in Wright County near Grove Spring, Mo. and departed this life September 20, 1951. He was united in marriage to Maude Gordon, August 8, 1909. To this union were born two children, Mrs. Clea Pearce and Lowell Calton. Besides the wife, Maude and two children, he is survived by three grandchildren; four brothers, S. E., Ernie, Lee and Elbert; three sisters Clara Johnson, Josie Hough and Cora Lindsay. One brother, Frank, preceded him in death. He grew to manhood near Morgan, Mo. later moving to Grove Spring and operating a hardware store there for 12 years before going to the farm on Parks Creek, where he spent his remaining years, actively engaged in farming. He professed faith in Christ in his early twenties.

### **October 18, 1951**

**CHESTER GARFIELD NEWTON**, son of William and Lina (Matlock) Newton, was born at Odin, Mo. December 2, 1884 and departed this life October 8, 1951 in Springfield, Mo. Born and reared in this community he was a member of the first graduating class of the Norwood High School in 1901. He later attended the old Springfield Normal and Warrenburg Teachers Colleges. For several years he was a teacher in the Ozark School. Following his teaching career, he was engaged in the banking and railroad business. He was married to Miss Lola Pool on September 25, 1912 and to this union two daughters were born Mrs. Dorothy Fern Scaggs and Mrs. Patricia Wood, both of whom survive, along with their mother. He is also survived by two grandchildren. About 15 years ago he and his family moved to Mountain Grove to make their home where he was successfully engaged in the hotel business until his death. He was a member of the Methodist Church at Norwood, a member of the Joppa Blue Lodge No. 411 A.F. & A.M. of Hartville and a member of the Abou Ben Adhem Temple in Springfield since 1921. Funeral services were held today with Rev. Selph Jones and Dr. J. Charles Gilbreath officiating. Masonic rites were held at the graveside with burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**MARGARET C. HIGHTOWER**, Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. Margaret C. Hightower, 80, who died at her home near Grove Spring Saturday. Rev. S. P. Fields was the officiating minister. Mrs. Hightower had been a resident of Wright County most of her life. Survivors include her husband, P. E.; one daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Hough; three sons, LaVelle, Lorine and LaVerne; a brother Jim Shaddy; two sisters Mrs. Ella Newton and Mrs. T.A. Randolph. Burial was in Shaddy Cemetery.

### **November 15, 1951**

**J. E. BELL**, Funeral services were held in West Plains Christian Church Wednesday for J. E. Bell, father of Mrs. J. D. Latimer of Hartville. Mr. Bell died at his home in West Plains Sunday.

**PERRY E. McELHANEY**, Funeral services were held in Hartville Christian Church Monday for Perry McElhaney, 70, who died Saturday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leona Ruffcorn. The McElhaney family were residents of Hartville for several years, leaving here about 12 years ago for Springfield where they lived until the death of his wife a year or more ago. Mr. McElhaney worked at the carpenter trade while living here. Both Mr. and Mrs. McElhaney were active members of the Hartville Christain church. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. L. C. Ruffcorn; two sons, Leonard and Lt. John Scott McElhaney. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery. Rev. Earl Sechler was officiating minister.

### **November 22, 1951**

**ELMER BENNETT**, Funeral services were held November 16 in Holdren Funeral Home for Elmer Bennett, 56, who died November 12 at his home in Lee Summit, Mo.

Mr. Bennett, a former Wright Countian, was a member of the Linnwood Methodist church in Kansas City and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Mountain Grove. Masonic graveside services were held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Mountain Grove, where he was buried. Rev Kenneth Bandy was officiating minister. Survivors include his wife, Essa B; mother, Mrs. Minnie Dean; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Lillie, Mrs. Opal Key and Mrs. Ethel Walker.

**LILLIE MAY PYATT**, 70, daughter of Rev. J. P. and Julia (Connolly) Mingus, was born May 9, 1881 in Wright County, Mo. and entered into rest at her home near Odin, Mo. on November 10, 1951. She attended New Grove School in her childhood and later she engaged in the millinery business. She was an excellent seamstress and much of her life was spent in sewing for others. She professed faith in Christ as her Savior at the age of 11 and united with the Mount Zion Baptist Church. She taught a Sunday school class almost all her Christian life. She was superintendent of Mount Zion Sunday School for several years. She was married to William John Pyatt on March 11, 1914. Although this couple had no children of their own, they took into their home and reared three nieces and a nephew who were left motherless. She was preceded in death by her husband who passed away June 10, 1945; her parents; three brothers, James, Claude and Jefferson Mingus; six sisters, Docia Railsback, Lola Wampler, Sadie Walling, Verna Deckard, Anna and Martha Mingus. Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Clara Gollihar and Mrs. Edna Bixler; foster son, Ralph Walling; three foster daughters, Mrs. Emmett Murphy, Mrs. Don Pratt and Mrs. Annabel England. Burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery

#### **November 29, 1951**

**JESTY M. HUGHES**, Funeral services were held in Mount Zion Church Saturday for Jesty M. Hughes, 72, who died last Friday at the home of his son who lives ten miles northwest of Hartville. Rev. Selph Jones was the officiating minister. Burial was in the church cemetery. Survivors include two sons Harold and Roy; four daughters, Mrs. Elsie Newton, Mrs. Ed Patterson, Mrs. Cecil Nichols and Mrs. Marvin Hampton.

**NANCY CATHERINE SHIELDS**, Funeral services for Mrs. Nancy Catherine Shields, 86, years old who died November 12 in a nursing home in Joplin, where she had been taken the day previous were conducted Wednesday in the Baptist church in Joplin with the Rev. Richard Dareing officiating. Burial was in Hosey Hill cemetery west of Weir, Kansas. Mrs. Shields was the former Miss Nancy Prock and her father was a former judge of Wright County. She was married while living here to Peter Shields. The Shields family moved to the Weir, Kansas community in 1913 and in 1917 Mr. Shields passed away. For the past six years Mrs. Shields had made her home with one of her daughters, Mrs. Roy Gnad, in Carl Junction. She was a member of the Fairmount Baptist church in Kansas City. Besides Mrs. Gnad she is survived by four other daughters, Mrs. Fred Foltz, Mrs. Fred Hollinger, Mrs. Frank Hankins and Mrs. John Cook; three sons, Hayes, Rollin and Ben; three brothers Grant, Tom and Hayes Prock; a sister; Mrs. Jesse Massey; 22 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

### **December 13, 1951**

**MARY ALICE RUMFELT**, Funeral services were held at Cold Water Church Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Mary Alice Rumfelt, 58, who died Sunday at her home near St. George. Mrs. Rumfelt was a member of the Liberty Presbyterian church. She is survived by her husband, A.W.; a daughter, Mrs. Audrey Ormeby; two sons, Oren and Dorman; two brothers, John and Clarence Washburn; a sister, Mrs. Retta Towe; nine grandchildren. Burial was in Cold Water Cemetery.

**JOHN R. JONES**, Funeral services were held December 6 for John R. Jones in the New Home Church 16 miles southeast of Lebanon. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. Jones is survived by seven daughters and two sons, Mrs. Ellen Page, Mrs. Lineweber, Mrs. Bessie Cross, Mrs. Irene Legan, and Mrs. Edna Marie Jones, Mrs. Peggy Hart, Lloyd and Melvin; 21 grandchildren; one brother Rev. Fred; and two sisters; Mrs. Martha Doonan and Mrs. Ida Bills.

### **December 20, 1951**

**LULU RICHARDSON**, Funeral services were held Saturday in the Alma Lohmeyer Chapel in Springfield for Mrs. Lulu Richardson, 72, widow of N. L. Richardson. Mrs. Richardson was a former resident of Hartville, moving to Springfield several years ago. She was a sister to Mrs. G. L. Lowery of Hartville. Burial was in Green Lawn cemetery.

**JAMES NELSON TRUSTY**, Funeral services were held at the Assembly of God Church here last Friday for James Nelson Trusty who died at his home west of town last Wednesday. Rev. Noah Moore was the officiating minister. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Carrie Breasie and Mrs. Pearlie McRoberts; two brothers, Henry and Marve Trusty; one sister, Mrs. Sallie Fullington. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**GLENN VERLIN KELLERHALS JR.**, Graveside service were held in Cold Water Cemetery last week for the infant son, Glenn Verlin, of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kellerhals north of Hartville. Rev. Lester Lawler was the officiating minister.

### **December 27, 1951**

**TOMMIE CRAWFORD**, An inquest is to be held at a funeral home in Mansfield concerning the death of Tommie Crawford who was the victim of a shooting. His brother, Ralph, is being held in the county jail here pending the outcome of the inquest. It is reported that Ralph Crawford, twice an inmate of the state asylum at Nevada, had been released December 10 from the institution to spend the holidays with relatives. He was to have been returned to the institution in a few days. The family was in the living room of the Crawford home when Ralph grabbed a pot of coffee and threw the hot contents in his younger brother's face. While the brother was attempting to wipe the coffee from his face, Ralph went into the kitchen where he got a double barreled 12 gauge shotgun and fired once through a door at his brother striking him in the chest, shoulder and face. He died instantly. Tommie Crawford is survived by his wife; Beatrice;



two sons Bobbie and Jackie; three sisters; Mrs. Theda Mackey, Mrs. Jewell Perers and Jennie Brixey both of Springfield; three other brothers Warren, Gayford and Homer; his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crawford.

**FRANK M. HUFFMAN**, Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Norwood Christian Church for Frank M. Huffman, 74, who died last Sunday at his home in Norwood. Mr. Huffman, who had spent most of his life in Norwood was active in civic and political affairs and was a prominent lodge member. He had owned and operated a drug store in Norwood the past 50 years. Huffman was a member of the Christian Church; a member of Abou Ben Adhem Shrine in Springfield for 35 years; a life member in the IOOF Lodge of Mountain Grove; a member of the Norwood Masonic Lodge; the Mountain Grove Fidelity Council Chapter 137; and Mountain Grove Commandry; Past Patron of the Eastern Star. Survivors include his wife, Jessie; four sons Marion, Joseph R., Kenneth B. and Dr. Max N. Rev Elbert B. Hensley was the officiating minister. Burial was in the Thomas Cemetery. Masonic services were held at the graveside.

**LILLA MITCHELL**, Lacey Sellers received word of the death of his sister, Mrs. James Mitchell who died at her home in Hutchenson, Kans. December 24. Mrs. Mitchell will be known by Hartville friends as Miss Lilla Sellers who lived here more than 40 years ago. She was here on a visit in 1940. Funeral services were in Hutchenson today.

#### **January 3, 1952**

**OLIVE SIKES**, 55, daughter of W. G. and Elizabeth Deckard was born April 6, 1896 in Wright County, Mo. and entered into rest December 23, 1951. She professed faith in Christ at the age of 14 and at the time of her death her membership was with the Hartville Missionary Baptist Church. She attended school at Hartville and later taught school in Wright County. She married Emmons W. Sikes on December 18, 1915. To this union were born seven children, one dying in infancy. Survivors are her husband E. W. Sikes; two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Henderson and Mrs. Ruth Christy; four sons Eugene, Walter, Jackie and; ten grandchildren; her father W. G. Deckard; three sisters, Mrs. A.R. Boggess, Mrs. Fred Ipock and Miss Anna Deckard. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **January 10, 1952**

**ESTHER ELIZABETH YOUNG**, Funeral services for Mrs. Esther Elizabeth Young, 61, were held at the Burdett Mortuary with Rev. Bert Powell, Methodist Church, officiating. Mrs. Young died December 13 at Gooding Memorial Hospital. She was born September 25, 1890 in Hartville. Her husband, Charles, died in December 1949 and a son Charles Jr., died in the Armed Forces in Germany in 1944. Survivors include three sons Carl, Boyd and Joel; five daughters Mrs. Jessie Leland, Mrs. Evelyn Miller, Zeta Nance, Mrs. Oela Porter and Mrs. Frances Daniels; 21 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Mrs. Mattie Finley and Mrs. Monie Morton. Mrs. Young will be remembered in this community as Esther Fletcher.

### **January 24, 1952**

**MINNIE VEHMANN DAVIS**, 51, was born in Willow Springs, Kansas, September 23, 1900. She departed this life January 18, 1952. She was united in marriage to Ernie H. Davis on November 27, 1923. At the age of 13 she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined the Little Creek Baptist Church. After her marriage she was baptized into the Church of Christ. She is survived by her husband Ernie; her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Vehmann; a brother, Paul Vehmann; a sister Miss Florence Vehmann. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and also the Order of the Eastern Star. Funeral services were conducted January 20 in the Holdren Funeral Home of Hartville. W. J. Stanley was the officiating minister. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery with graveside services conducted by the Eastern Star.

### **January 31, 1952**

**CY C. CRAIG**, 63, lifelong resident of Wright County, died at his home Monday. Mr. Craig, son of William and Miranda Craig was born and reared on a farm near Odin and has spent his entire life in Missouri, 38 years of the time was spent in teaching in Wright County rural schools and high schools throughout the state and 14 years at different times here in the Hartville High School; He was a graduate of Hartville high school; SMS in Springfield, and did some work on his Masters Degree in Boulder, Colo. Three or four years were spent as case worker of the Welfare program and a short time as Acting Postmaster here, and a few years with the MFA Mutual Insurance Company. He is survived by his wife, Monta; one daughter, Mrs. Angeline Creighton; one son Captain Cantrell Craig. One son, Eugene of the U. S. Air Corps lost his life in December 1944 in Waco, Texas. Also surviving are two step sons, James E. and Clyde A. Rowen; 3 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; 3 brothers N. J. and J. E. Craig; two sisters Cynthia Russell and Mary Knost. Funeral services will be held at the Hartville High School Auditorium February 1 with Rev V. L. Stanley officiating. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**CORA RIPPEE**, Funeral services were held in Springfield Monday for Mrs. Cora Rippee, 66, a former resident of Hartville. She and her family moved to Springfield 18 years ago. Survivors include three sons, Erich, Lloyd and Charles E.; one daughter Mrs. L. B. Deckard; two brothers, Edd and Jeff Coots; nine grandchildren. Burial was Green Lawn Cemetery, Springfield.

### **February 7, 1952**

**MOLLIE KELLEY**, Funeral services were held Sunday in Seymour for Mrs. Mollie Kelley, 84, who died Friday of last week. Burial was in Seymour Cemetery. She is survived by one son, Carrol.

**WILLIAM REAVES, LENA CANTRELL**, Funeral services were held in Mount Zion Church Sunday for Mrs. W.D. Cantrell who died at her home in Seymour. She was a

native of Wright County, living near New Grove until moving to Seymour. Rev. Paul Tripp was the officiating minister. Survivors are her husband W. D.; three daughters Mrs. Effie Reinart, Mrs. Pauline Connelly and Miss Irene Cantrell; two sons Horace and Joe; a sister Mrs. Zona Nichols; 7 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

**GEORGE W. NICHOLS**, Funeral services were held Tuesday for George W. Nichols, 74, who died Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Bledsoe who lives northwest of town. Survivors include two daughters Mrs. John Bledsoe and Mrs. Verna Crawford; three sons Herman, Cecil and Millard; two sisters Mrs. E.E. Wingo and Lou Quesenberry; a brother Leonard. Rev. Selph Jones was the officiating minister. Burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

**LUM GORDON**, Funeral services were held Monday at Coon Creek for Lum Gordon, 80, who died last Thursday at a rest home in Rolla. Mr. Gordon had spent most of his life in the West. He is survived by a sister Mrs. Sarah Young. Burial was in Coon Creek Cemetery.

#### **February 7, 1952**

**DAISY CODAY BOWDEN**, Funeral services were held in Eldon, Mo. Tuesday for Mrs. Daisy Coday Bowden. Mrs. Bowden the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Coday was reared in Hartville. She left here about 35 years ago.

**WARD INFANT**, Funeral services were held Sunday in New Home Church for the five day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Ward, who died at the home February 2. Rev Lester Lawler was the officiating minister. Burial was made in the Dorris Cemetery.

**GRACIE M. PATTERSON**, Funeral services for Mrs. Jack Patterson, 29, were held in the Assembly of God Church here Sunday. Rev. Johnson was the officiating minister. Mrs. Patterson died Thursday of last week in the St. John hospital in Springfield. Survivors are her husband Jack; a sister Mrs. Jean Lute; a brother Thomas Wilbanks. Burial was in New Grove Cemetery.

#### **February 14, 1952**

**TIVES LEOLEN STIGALL**, 71, son of Stephen and Mary Stigall was born in Wright County, Mo. March 10, 1880. He departed from this life February 4, 1952. He was married to Annie Wynne March 2, 1902. She preceded him in death in March, 1933. To this union were born three sons Alva, Chester and Amel who survive. Survivors also include, nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters Mrs. Ella Qualla and Mrs. Zade Lacey; four brothers Ank, Stanford, Dolen and Pescoe. He was converted at a meeting held at Indian Grove when he was 32 years of age. Funeral services were conducted at Coon Creek Church February 8, with Rev. J.R. Bogart officiating. Burial was in Coon Creek Cemetery.

### **February 28, 1952**

**VERN CURTIS**, 61, Funeral services were held Sunday in Pleasant Grove Church with Rev. Homer Smith officiating. Mrs. Curtis died in a Niangua rest home. She was a native of Wright County. Survivors include her husband J. C.; two sons Floyd and Owen; one sister Mrs. Etolia Norton; a brother John Honeycutt. Burial was in Cope Cemetery.

**KATHLEEN ANITA WAKEFIELD**, Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Holdren Funeral Home for Kathleen Anita Wakefield, the six week old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ausber Wakefield who died Monday in the Springfield Baptist hospital. She was taken to the hospital Sunday night suffering from pneumonia. Rev. J.R. Bogart was the officiating minister. Survivors are her parents; two sisters Sharon and Linda; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tombleson. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**MARY E. WARD**, Funeral services were held Sunday in Pleasant Hill Church for Mrs. Mary E. Ward, 71, who died February 15 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Dedman. Mrs. Ward was a native of this community. Survivors include her daughter Mrs. Ruby Dedman; a son Milton C. Rev. D. S. Jones was the officiating minister. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**GRACE HUTSELL**, was buried today, February 19. She was survived by her husband Ernie; a daughter Mrs. Leland Cantrell; a son Lawrence; grandchildren.

### **March 6, 1952**

**EMLIE WILLHITE**, Funeral services were held Saturday in Green Mountain Church for Mrs. Emlie Willhite, 88, who died February 28. Her husband preceded her in death only two weeks ago. Survivors include two daughters Mrs. A.L. Thornhill and Mrs. Cora Clever; three sons John, S. P. and Sherman. Rev. Worth Broughton was the officiating minister. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**IDA MAY BECKHAM**, 77, daughter of Morris and Rachel Olive, was born in Wright County, Mo. February 9, 1875 and departed this life February 26, 1952. She was united in marriage to J. M. Beckham and to this union four children were born; Verba having preceded her in death. She later was married to B. A. Beckham by whom she is survived. She was a member of the Church of God in Hartville. Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter Mrs. Moddest Farmer; two sons Morris Beckham and Warner; two stepdaughters Mrs. Elva Walker and Mrs. Doris Owens; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

### **March 20, 1952**

**NETTIE EDWARDS**, Funeral services were held today in Pleasant Hill Church for Miss Nettie Edwards, 62, who died March 19. She was the daughter of Ike and Bertie Edwards. Survivors include two brothers Scottie and Alva Edwards. Charles Findley was the officiating minister and burial was in the church cemetery.

**EDWARD ELSA RIPPEE**, 28, of Springfield, died of an accidentally self-inflicted gunshot wound in his abdomen. He is survived by his wife Josephine; a son Eddie; a daughter Patricia; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Rippee of Lebanon; five brothers MSgt Wm R., Cpl. Herbert, Donnie, Larry and Jerry; seven sisters, Mrs. Ray Allen, Ima, Alberta, Bonnie, Darlene, Devary and Linda. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

**JAMES M. DELCOUR**, Funeral services were held Sunday in New Home Church north of Hartville for James M. Delcour, 82. Rev. Wilbur Cravens was the officiating minister. Mr. Delcour died Monday of last week at the home of his son Ray Delcour of near St. George. Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Bertha Clark, Miss Delphia Delcour, Mrs. Vannie Long, Mrs. Edna Rumpfelt and Mrs. May Snow; five sons, Charles, Harry, Oval, Ray and Willie. Burial was in the church cemetery.

#### **March 20, 1952**

**GEORGE A. HAKE**, died Friday at the home of his son three months after celebrating his 100th birthday. George Abraham Hake, son of Henry and Mary Hake was born November 19, 1851 in Warren, Ohio. He departed this life March 14, 1952. In 1860 at the age of eight years he came to Missouri, living near Rolla and Salem until he was 16, then moved to Wright County where he spent the remaining 84 years of his life. On September 17, 1874 he was married to Sarah Box who preceded him in death on February 3, 1936. To this union were born 12 children six of whom are living. Uncle George+spent a greater part of his life as Hartville's Village Blacksmith. He leaves to mourn their loss; three sons; Otis, Roy and Harry; three daughters, Mrs. Allie Long, Mrs. Georgia Gillette and Mrs. Velma Moore; 30 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; one brother; Edd. Funeral services were held in Hartville Free Will Baptist Church Tuesday with Rev. D. S. Jones officiating. Burial was in Hartville Cemetery.

#### **March 27, 1952**

**ARTHUR COTTENGIM**, Funeral services were held last Thursday in Springfield for W. A. Cottengim, 51, former Hartville boy who died Tuesday of last week in Burge Hospital in Springfield. Arthur, the son of D. W. Cottengim left here for Springfield 30 years ago where he spent most of the time in the grocery business. Survivors include his wife Gladys; two daughters, Linda Lou and Cynthia Sue; his father D. W. Cottengim; a brother Charles; three sisters Mrs. Burke Dennis, Misses Mable and Maxine; two grandchildren.

**CORNELIA A. NEWTON**, Funeral services were held Wednesday in Pea Ridge Methodist Church for Mrs. Cornelia Newton, 87, who died Sunday at the home of her

daughter Mrs. Dillard Paxton in Seymour. Rev Hiram Watson of Seymour was the officiating minister. Survivors include two sons, Ernie and Carl; four daughters, Mrs. Dillard Paxton, Mrs. Broox Todd, Mrs. Marshall Dodson and Mrs. Will Paxton; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. Burial was in Newton Cemetery.

#### **April 3, 1952**

**CALISTINE GARRETT**, 94, daughter of Elder Aaron and Jane (McGuire) Odell was born in the Ed Odell house near Excelsior Springs, Mo. October 27, 1874 and passed away at the home of her daughter near Odin on March 25, 1952. She was married to William F. Garrett July 28, 1874. To this union were born 12 children. Her husband and five children preceded her in death. The seven living children are, Mrs. Anna Reese, Mrs. Mary Odell, Mrs. Marion F. Garrett, Mrs. Viola Odell, Arthur, Jesse W. and Edward E.; two brothers; Sanbolin and Jesse Odell; 26 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren. She professed faith in Christ as her Savior at an early age and united with the Primitive Baptist Church. She had vivid recollections of the Civil War. Burial in Little Creek Cemetery.

**JAMES T. BLACKWELL**, Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Baptist church in Manes for James T. Blackwell, 90, who died Friday. Mr. Blackwell moved to Manes from Tennessee more than 70 years ago. He lived in Hartville from 1903 to 1911 while he was Circuit Clerk of Wright County. Survivors include his wife Linda of the home; three sons; C.C., Mark and Warren; two daughters Mrs. Harvey Patterson and Mrs. George Barnett; two brothers, G.A. and S.G.; a sister; 9 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. Burial was in Manes Cemetery with Masonic services at the graveside.

#### **May 1, 1952**

**LAURA C. PAGE**, 79, was born August 2, 1872 and departed this life April 26, 1952. She was united in marriage to Charles A. Page March 30, 1893. He preceded her in death April 5, 1915. To this union four sons were born. One preceded her in death. Survivors are sons John, Luther and Melvin; one brother J. L. Mallett; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. She was converted and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Pleasant Hill. Funeral services were conducted in the Pleasant Hill church by Rev. J.R. Bogart with burial was in the church cemetery.

#### **May 8, 1952**

**JAMES A. AUSTIN**, Funeral services were held Monday at Green Mountain for James A. Austin, 79, who died at his home last Friday near Manes. Rev. Fred McPhall conducted the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**JULIA ANN SMITH**, 74, was born November 29, 1877 and died in Mountain Grove May 6, 1952. Mrs. Smith was a lifelong resident of Wright County. She was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Coon Creek about 40 years ago. She is

survived by three sons, Loman, Cecil and Charles; two daughters, Mrs. Addie Bricky and Mrs. Ethel Keeling; one sister Mrs. Betty Lloyd; 27 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held today in the Coon Creek church with burial in the church cemetery.

**EDWARD McCONNEL YEAGER**, 76, son of Wesley and Margaret Yeager, was born in Wright County, Mo. on September 6, 1875 and departed this life May 4, 1952. He was united in marriage to Ida Wynn September 13, 1899. To this union six children were born. One child died in infancy. Survivors are sons, John, Henry, Charley and Loman; daughter Zula Craig; his companion; 8 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters. He professed faith in Christ in autumn of 1902. Burial in Coon Creek Cemetery.

#### **May 22, 1952**

**WILLIAM H. WEAVER**, 82, died Sunday morning at the home of his son J.W. Weaver. Funeral services were held in the Prospect church Wednesday. Survivors include his son, J. W.; four daughters, Mrs. Alta Arthur, Mrs. Frances Henerman, Mrs. Minnie Burger and Mrs. Kathern Chandler; two brothers; James and Calvin. Burial was in Prospect Cemetery.

#### **May 29, 1952**

**MARY A. PRUITT**, 81, Funeral services were held Sunday in Rock Chapel near Owensville for Mrs. Mary A. Pruitt, who died Wednesday at her home in Norwood. Rev. Selph Jones officiated. She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Minnie Martin, Mrs. Gladys West, Mrs. Nola McGown, Mrs. Mabel Owens and Mrs. Edith Workman; four sons Grover, Nathan, Bill and Jim. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

#### **June 5, 1952**

A Memorial:

**DOLLIE ANN VIOLA LAWLER**, 66, daughter of Dewey and Lucy Austin, was born September 18, 1885 in Wright County, Missouri. Having lived her entire life in Wright County, she departed this life September 5, 1951. She was converted at an early age and became a member of the New Home Free Will Baptist Church in later life. She was united in marriage to Claude A Lawler February 10, 1910. Three children were born to this union. They are; Mrs. Lucy Keith, Woodrow Lawler and Mrs. Retha Shull. Johnnie Wisdom an orphan boy, was taken into the home at the age four, and was reared into manhood, sharing the same love and care that was given her own children. She is survived by all her immediate family; 10 grandchildren; two brothers, Harve and Arley Austin; three sisters, Mrs. Lena Hart, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Maranda Ward. She was preceded in death by a half-sister Mrs. Sarah Delcour. Funeral services were held in New Home Church September 8, 1951 with Holdren Funeral Home in charge. The officiating ministers were Rev. Willie Burney and Rev. Lester Lawler. The body was laid to rest in the New Home Cemetery.

### **June 19, 1952**

**ELMIRAH ELIZABETH BELT (BETTY) NEILL**, 84, daughter of Thomas and Mary Neill, was born December 9, 1867 in Cumberland County, Tennessee and moved to Wright County, MO when a small child. She died June 15, 1952 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Iva Ferriel near Hartville. She was married to Edward Coxen on August 2, 1885 and to this union 10 children were born. Her husband, one daughter and two sons preceded her in death. In 1924 she was married to Rev. S. D. Belt who also preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters, Iva Ferriel and Clella Chrisman; Burl, Roy, Fred, Aulta and Dee Coxen; three stepchildren, William Belt, Emma Layson and Mary Coday; 33 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren; two brothers Roy and Dee Neill; one sister, Oma Curtis. She was converted at an early age and united with the Coon Creek Baptist Church. After moving to Hartville she became a member of the Church of God. Funeral services were held in the Church of God June 17 with Rev W. C. Winters officiating. Burial was in the Coon Creek Cemetery.

### **July 10, 1952**

**JAMES T. EMMERSON**, Funeral services were held for James T. Emmerson, 90, in the Elk Creek Church Tuesday. Mr. Emmerson, a lifelong resident of Wright County, died Saturday at his farm home five miles south of Competition where he was born and reared. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Melia Jordan, Mrs. Cledith Young and Mrs. Carrie Shanks; three sons, Roy, Ruby and Argus. Burial was in Elk Creek Cemetery with Masonic services at the graveside.

**DEATH OF FORMER COUNTY RESIDENTS**, Word was received last week of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Caudle at their home in California. Details are unknown but reports are Mr. Caudle shot his wife and then took his own life. The Caudles who are about 35 or 40 years of age lived near Norwood until a couple of years ago. They were the parents of six children. One son who is 19 years of age is serving in the U. S. Army. The other five children are of the home, the younger being five years old. Mrs. Caudle is the sister of Harold and Ralph Calhoun, Mrs. Charles Skinner, Mrs. U.G. Shackelford and Marshal Simons.

### **July 17, 1952**

**MRS. WARREN "PUNCH" ROBERTS**, Word was received by Mrs. Ben Arnall of the sudden death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Warren %Punch+Roberts who lived in Osage City, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left here about 15 years ago. They have eight children, three married and five in the home. Mrs. Arnall, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Arnall, Jr. Ike Arnall and Geneva Cannon attended the funeral in Kansas Tuesday.

**JACOB ARTHUR O'DELL**, Funeral services for Jacob Arthur O'dell, 35, were held Tuesday in the high school gymnasium with Rev J. R. Bogart officiating. Mr. O'Dell was killed last Friday night when the car he was driving overturned during the stock car



ances near Lebanon. He was taken to a Lebanon hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival. Jacob Arthur O'Dell was born near Hartville in Wright County on January 23, 1917. When a small child he moved with his parents to Iowa where he spent 14 years of his life. Later he moved back here where he graduated from the Hartville High School with the class of 1936. For several years Art drove a milk truck here, but for some time he had been working as a taxi driver at Waynesville/Fort Leonard Wood. He leaves to mourn his passing his parents; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Dell; one brother Raymond; four sisters Mrs. Aleth Todd, Mrs. Omar Crawford, Mrs. Adele Bradshaw and Barbara O'Dell. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **July 24, 1952**

**CHARLES COFER CARTER**, 68, son of Jesse M. and Mary M. Carter, was born February 25, 1884 on a farm homesteaded by his father five miles east of Hartville. He departed this life Friday July 18, 1952. He was the son of early pioneer parents who came to Missouri from Kentucky and Ohio respectively in late 1840s and 1850s. He received his education in the rural schools of Wright County and Hartville High School, graduating from the latter in 1906. He was married to Stella Frances Robinett on March 16, 1910. To this union were born three sons; Thomas Marshall Carter, Cofer Hayes Carter and Frank Robinett Carter, all of whom survive. The Carter family spent the early part of their married life on the farm where he was born. This farm was the birthplace of their three sons and was still owned and operated by Mr. Carter at the time of his death. He had been engaged in farming and handling livestock all his life. In 1925 while still on the farm, Mr. Carter went into the automobile business at Hartville where he operated an agency for several years. In 1929 he moved from the farm to Hartville, and made this town his home the remainder of his life. He was always interested in civic and political affairs, and was elected to the office of Wright County Clerk in 1930 in which capacity he served his county efficiently for 16 years. Besides his three sons, he is survived by his wife, Stella; two brothers, M. E. and Fred C.; three sisters, Mrs. Don Aber, Mrs. Roy E. Curtis and Mrs. Charles L. Barnes; three half-sisters; Mrs. D. L. Max, Mrs. Zona Jones and Mrs. Kathryn Edwards. Funeral services were held in Hartville Christian Church Tuesday with burial in Hartville Cemetery.

#### **July 31, 1952**

**GRACE (SHELBY) MINCH**, Funeral services were held in the Springfield First Baptist Church Wednesday for Mrs. Grace (Shelby) Minch who died Friday of last week in the St. Johns hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Minch, formerly lived in Wright county but had been in Springfield the past 25 years. She is survived by her husband, Otto; one brother, John Shelby; one sister, Mrs. Bess Walker. Burial was in the family cemetery at Dutch Chapel, east of Manes.

#### **August 7, 1952**

**LAURA B. (WYNN) YOUNG**, 79, was born January 18, 1873 and departed this life July 27, 1952. In 1900 she married Thomas Calvin Choat who passed away in 1934. To this union were born five children three of whom are still living, Mrs. Hester Lilley, Mrs. Claude Hereford and Mrs. Clara Cavner of Springfield. On May 3, 1942 she married Samuel P. Young. At an early age she was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist church at Coon Creek. After moving to Hartville her membership was transferred to the Free Will Baptist church at Hartville. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Samuel P. Young; three daughters; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, three stepdaughters; one stepson; two sisters, Mrs. Will Long and Mrs. Ella Broyles; two brothers, Arno and W. T. Wynn. Burial in Coon Creek Cemetery.

#### **August 14, 1952**

**IDA FULLER**, Funeral services were held at California, MO, Wednesday for Mrs. Ida Fuller who is a sister to Roy Bass. Those from here attending were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bass, Floyd Welch and Mrs. Ada Barnhouse of Seymour. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bass and Hobert Bass of Iowa drove down to the Roy Bass home Tuesday evening and accompanied them to the funeral.

**HENRY H. SMITH**, Funeral services were held in the Rock Chapel Church east of town last Friday for Henry Smith, 66, who died Tuesday morning of last week. Mr., Smith was a retired farmer and merchant, having operated, a store at Owensville for 18 years. Survivors include his wife, Zona; four brothers, Coy, Shirley, Homer and Marshall. Rev. D. S. Jones was the officiating minister with burial in the Broyles Cemetery.

#### **August 28, 1952**

**JAMES ANDERLEY LANSDOWN**, 50, was born March 28, 1902 and departed this life August 18, 1952. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lansdown who survive. Other survivors are his common-law wife Mrs. Hazel Curtright; three sisters, Mrs. Maude Holmes, Mrs. Bertha Lunsford and Mrs. Dorothy Renfro; three brothers, Clarence, Virgil and Leonard. He raised nine foster children, Andrew, Verna Kodesh, Basco Curtright, Mildred Cannon, Melvin Curtright, Lawrence Curtright who was killed in World War II, Bernice Yeager and Joe Curtright stationed in California in AFB. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Floyd Mulanix in Sunshine Church August 21 with burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **September 4, 1952**

**JOHN W. GARNER**, Funeral services were held in Hartville Free Will Baptist Church Sunday afternoon for John W. Garner, 82, who died Thursday of last week in a Mountain Grove hospital after a two week illness. He was judge of the Wright County Court from 1918 to 1920. Survivors include his wife, Mary; one son, Charles O.; six

daughters, Mrs. Ola Dedmon, Mrs. Essa Robinett, Mrs. Verla Mag Farr, Mrs. Delpha Allen, Mrs. Verba Mullins and Mrs. Clella Lathrom. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**NANNIE TURNER**, Funeral services were held Wednesday in Hartville Methodist Church for Nannie Turner, 96, who died Sunday in the IOOF Home in Liberty, MO. Rev. Carlton Knight officiated. Miss Turner, a former resident of Hartville, had lived in Guthrie, OK for several years, moving to the Home in Liberty about two years ago. She retained her membership in the local Rebekah Lodge in which she had been a member 52 years. Rebekah memorial services were held in the church. Burial was in the Hartville Cemetery.

#### **October 9, 1952**

**PEARL CARTER**, 41, of Hartville, passed away October 2, in Burge Hospital, Springfield, Mo. Mrs. Carter was born at Competition, Mo., January 30, 1911. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Handley. She graduated from Competition High School in 1927; from Southwest Missouri State College in 1931 and taught English and other subjects in several of the high schools in this district. Her last teaching was done in the Cassville High School in 1947. She married Tom M. Carter in June, 1941 and was associated with her husband in business at Hartville. Mrs. Carter was a member of the Hartville Christian Church where she was a Sunday school teacher. She is survived by her husband, Tom M. Carter; stepson, Tom Carter, Jr.; her father A. J. Handley; four sisters, Mrs. Robert Tyre, Mrs. Rolland Mayberry, Mrs. M.W. Pattersoi and Mrs. Pearn Massey. Funeral services were held in the Hartville Christian Church. Rev. Roy Field, assisted by Dean Richard Pope and Rev. A. Z. Matthews officiated. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **October 9, 1952**

**MARY ETHEL GARNER**, Funeral services were held in the Free Will Baptist Church Monday for Mrs. Mary Ethel Garner, 44, who died at her home in Mountain Home, Idaho. She was a former resident of Wright County. Survivors include her husband, Ervil; two sons, Clyde and Ardell; 3 daughters; Mrs. Verlene Davis, Miss Floence Garner and Miss Patricia Ann Garner; her mother, Mrs. Martha Carder; four sisters; five brothers. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **October 16, 1952**

**WILLIAM THOMAS MARAH**, 78, son of Coma and Mary Marah, was born May 1, 1874, one of eight children, and departed this life October 11, 1952. On July 13 he had the misfortune to have a bad fall that caused a number of complications to set up, from which he never recovered. His wife passed away nearly four years ago. He spent his entire life in Wright county as a farmer, carpenter, and at the old flour mill first at Grove Spring and then at Manes. Six years ago he moved from the farm home near Odin into Hartville where he had since resided. Two years ago Daisy Newton, a daughter, came and made her home with him. He was united in marriage to Maggie Todd on November

1, 1896. To this union was born nine children; Theodore, Mrs. Onley (Elsa) Newton, Daisy Newton, Mrs. Elbert (Ethel) Todd, Mrs. Roy (Verna) Climer, Chester, Mrs. Charlie (Marie) Branstetter and Eugene. The youngest son, Kenneth, gave his life for his country in 1945. William Thomas was converted at an early age and united with the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. In addition to the eight children previously mentioned, survivors include a daughter-in-law, now Mrs. Arcile Johnson; one sister, Etta Buck; 28 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted in Hartville Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. Lester Lawler, Tuesday, with burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **October 16, 1952**

**DR. N. A. MURREL**, Funeral services were held Sunday in the Holdren Funeral Home for Dr. N. A. Murrel, 75. Dr. Murrel, a Physician of Hartville, died Saturday. Rev. Carlton Knight was the officiating minister. Survivors include his wife, Ella; two brothers, W. D. and George C. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **November 13, 1952**

**JOHN MALCOM WARD**, Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Mansfield Methodist Church for John Malcom Ward, 78, who died Sunday. Rev Carlton Knight officiated. Survivors include his wife, Eliza Jane; five daughters, Mrs. W. R. Summers, Mrs. Hosea Nichols, Mrs. Ray Harris and Mrs. Clyde Huggins, Mrs. Venus Claxton; 6 grandchildren; two sisters; a brother.

**ROBERT FOWLER**, Funeral services will be held Friday in the Holdren Funeral Home for Robert Fowler, 80, who died Tuesday in the Coffman home south of town. Mr. Fowler, who had resided at the Coffman home the past three months was found dead at the lake. Survivors include three sons, Leonard, Charles and Ansel; a daughter. Rev. Salsman of Niangua is the officiating minister and burial will be near Bakersfield, Mo.

**RENA BELLE DAVIDSON**, 84, daughter of Samuel and Frances Long, was born at New Cunbers Town, Ohio, February 26, 1868 and departed this life November 3, 1952. She moved to Wright County with her parents by ox-drawn wagon while a small child. She was married to Sam Davidson the year of 1896. To this union was born 6 children, two preceded her in death, Nora Ann, July 7, 1901 and Clarence A. November 11, 1935. Her husband passed away July 13, 1939. Surviving are, Mrs. Elmer Lemons, Bob Davidson, Mrs. Chesa Williams and Mrs. Arthur Newton; one brother Wilbert Long; a sister, Mrs. Porter Goodrick; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined the Mt. Moriah Church. Burial in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

### **November 27, 1952**

**MARY ELIZA GREGORY**, Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Hartville Free Will Baptist church for Mrs. Mary Coxen Gregory, 80, who died Sunday in the St. Johns hospital in Springfield. Mrs. Gregory, a lifelong resident of Wright County, is survived by 3 sons, L.C., E. L. and Ira E.; two brothers George and Albert Coxen; a sister Mrs. Ida Broyles; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. Rev. Selph Jones was the officiating minister with burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

### **December 4, 1952**

**JESSIE VIRGIL SHADDY**, 61, was born August 2, 1891 and departed this life November 22, 1952. He was united in marriage to Zella Frances Crain December 30, 1909. To this union were born 3 children, Ilah Hudson, Fosteen McNealy and Gailon Shaddy. He obeyed the Gospel at 28 years of age and had been a member of the Shaddy and Durbin congregation since. Survivors are his wife; 3 children; 2 brothers, W. E. Shaddy and Oscar; 2 sisters, Mrs. Alma McKeel and Mrs. Gusta O'Dell; 8 grandchildren.

### **December 11, 1952**

**CLELLA SUSAN LAND**, Funeral services were held in the Pea Ridge Baptist Church Monday for Mrs. Clella Susan Land, 74, who died at her home eight miles southwest of Hartville Thursday of last week. Mrs. Land was a lifelong resident of Wright County and is survived by one daughter, Miss Barbara Land; five sons, Earl, Owen, Ivan, Harry and Gene; one sister, Mrs. George Bean; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**MARY C. LEMONS**, Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Little Creek Church for Mrs. Mary C. Lemons, 78, who died at her home six miles north of here Wednesday. Mrs. Lemons, a lifelong resident of Wright County, is survived by five daughters Mrs. Ethie Taylor, Mrs. Alta Klifoy, Mrs. Laura Swanigan, Mrs. Jewel Goswick and Mrs. Ruby Robertson; five sons, Elmer, Walter, Robert, Ivan and Charles; 38 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters; 4 brothers. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**ANDY M. CARR**, Funeral services were held Tuesday in Hartville Free Will Baptist Church for Andy Carr, 64. Mr. Carr died suddenly at his home north of town Saturday afternoon. Survivors include his wife, Meda; 3 sons, Elbert, Max and James; 2 daughters, Miss Opal Carr and Mrs. Mary Hake; a sister, Mrs. Clara Palmer; one brother Aaron Carr; 12 grandchildren. Rev. LeRoy Beltz was the officiating minister. Burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

### **December 18, 1952**

**IVAN R. HELSLEY**, son of Marve and Jennie Helsley was born in Wright County, MO March 17, 1907 and passed away December 9, 1952 at the age of 45. He was united in marriage to Olga Raney January 1, 1928. To this union were born one son and one daughter. He was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow Lodge at Hartville. Some two years ago in quietness of his home, with his family and friends, he bowed to God and accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He is survived by his companion; one daughter Barbara Coday; one son; M. B.; one brother Berna; three sisters, Mrs. Shirley Smith, Mrs. Delpha Young and Mrs. Florence Housley. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

### **January 1, 1953**

**MARTHA E. HENSLEE**, Funeral services were held Saturday in Little Creek Baptist Church for Mrs. Martha Elenor Henslee, 69, who died Thursday at her home in Mountain Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Henslee were former residents of Hartville. Survivors include four sons, Manie, Berlin, Virgil and Dwight; three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Posateri, Mrs. Garner Shaver and Mrs. Verda Curtis; six grandchildren. Burial in Little Creek Cemetery.

**BRENDA JEAN DUGGER**, Funeral services were held Sunday in the Free Will Baptist Church for Brenda Jean Dugger, the 6 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dugger. Rev. Homer Smith was the officiating minister. Brenda died in Burge Hospital in Springfield where she had been for the past two months suffering from brain tumor. Survivors are her parents and one brother. Burial was in the Steele Memorial Cemetery.

### **January 8, 1953**

**JOHN WILLIAM WINN**, 86, a retired farmer, was born April 13, 1866 and departed this life December 27, 1952. He was born in Webster Country, moving to Wright County 1901. Two years ago in October, he put his faith and trust in the Lord. On March 4, 1886 he was united in marriage to Margert Louise McClanahan who departed this life April 19, 1930. To this union were born six children. On June 21, 1931 he was united in marriage to Pearl Johnson who survives. Besides his wife; survivors are six children, Mrs. Bertha Martin, Harrison Winn, Mrs. Dona Clark, Mrs. Bessie Bunn, Mrs. Thula McNealy and Leota Young; one stepson, E. F. Lake+Claxton; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; one brother Garden Winn; 3 step-grandchildren; 1 step-great-grandchild.

### **January 15, 1953**

**ETTA MAY HEMBREE**, 65, was born in Christain County, Mo. on August 19, 1887. She departed this life January 1, 1953. She was united in marriage to Fred E. Hembree

December 1, 1904. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Hembree has been a Christian since her early life. In her later life she re-united in the Christian Church. She and Fred had nine children; two preceded her in death, one in infancy and Floyd Freeman Hembree, who gave his life in World War II. Survivors include five daughters and two sons, Mrs. Clara Johnston, Mrs. Grace Ross, Mrs. Mary Carriager, Mrs. Ressie Buck, Raymond and Roy Lee; five sisters; two brothers; 24 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Burial in Little Creek Cemetery.

**SUSAN FRANCES OWENS**, Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Ashley church for Mrs. Susan Frances Owens, 81, who died at her home near Mountain Grove. Rev. Homer Smith was the officiating minister. Survivors include her husband, Jonathan; four daughters, Mrs. William Sanders, Mrs. Eliza Long, Mrs. Stella Bartley and Mrs. Mabel Doyel; three sons, Burney, Elza and Lester Owens; a sister, Mrs. C. O. Brown; two brother Jess and Jim Atkinson; 27 grandchildren. Burial was in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

### **January 22, 1953**

**MARION BUCK**, 81, son of John and Mary Buck was born near Bloomington, Ind. June 20, 1871 and died at Hartville Mo. January 17, 1953. His parents moved to Wright County, Mo., when he was 14 years of age and settled on a farm near Odin, Mo. On September 15, 1898 he was united in marriage to Mary Louetta Marah. To this union three children were born, one dying in infancy. He is survived by his wife, Mary Louetta; one son, Loby T. Buck; one daughter, Ila Newton; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; three sisters, Emma Crider, Jennie Prock and Lillie Eaton. About 20 years ago he united with the Church of Christ. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

### **February 5, 1953**

**ALLIE LONG**, Funeral services were held today in the Shaddy Church for Mrs. Allie Long, 70, who died Sunday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Russell A. Stanford in Springfield. Mrs. Long, a former resident of Hartville had made her home with her daughter since death of her husband, Albert Long, about 10 ago. Besides Mrs. Stanford, she is survived by three brothers, Otis, Roy and Harry Hake; two sisters, Mrs. George Gillet and Mrs. Vera Moore; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Burial in Shaddy Cemetery.

**HERMAN CARLSON**, Funeral services were held Friday in the Earl Wakefield home south of town for Herman Carlson, 70, who died Tuesday of last week. Another service was held in Fairview Church near Norwood. Rev. Kenneth Bandy and Rev. John Wright were officiating ministers. Burial was in Thomas Cemetery. Herman Carlson, son of Gustap and Mary Carlson, was born in Wright County on August 26, 1882 and departed this life at the home of his niece, Mrs. Earl Wakefield, on January 27, 1953. One of a family of nine children, he is survived by two brothers, Andy and P. O. Carlson.

### **February 12, 1953**

**CLARENCE SHELTON**, 58, brother of Mayor Harry V. Shelton, died Saturday at his home near Rogerville. Funeral services were held at the Chaffin Funeral Chapel in Ozark Tuesday afternoon.

**WILLIAM CLAXTON**, Funeral services were held Monday in the Claxton Church on Elk Creek for W. H. Bill Claxton, 87, who died Thursday night of last week at the home of his son, Glenn Claxton in Walnut Ridge, Ark. Mr. Claxton, a life-long resident of Wright County, is survived by his wife, Sarah; three sons Glenn, Lee and Elmer; three daughters, Myrtle, Edith and Celia; three half-brothers, Alf, David and Monroe. Burial was in the Claxton Cemetery with Rev. Lester Lawler as officiating minister.

**RHODA CAROLINE MANARY**, daughter of James and Elizabeth Manary, was born July 25, 1876 in Wright County, Mo. and passed away February 9, 1953. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Ball and Mrs. Ada Hutton; one brother, Noah. In her early years she united with the Christain Church. Rev. A. B. Todd was officiating minister. Burial in Sixteenth Cemetery.

### **February 12, 1953**

**PETE GRACEY**, an elderly colored man, burned to death early Friday night when his small home in the southwest part of town was completely destroyed by fire. When the fire was discovered the flames were roaring throughout the interior and the heat was so intense the body could not be removed until late in the night when the fire burned down. Several rick of wood was stored inside which made the fire last much longer. The origin of the fire is unknown, but was started inside, believed to have been caused from an overheated wood stove. Wright County Coroner Frank Grable was present but no inquest was held. Mr. Gracey came to Wright County about the time he was nine or ten years age. During earlier years he operated a livery barn in Hartville which stood on the lot near the Carter Motor Co. He served for several years as janitor of the Hartville schools, and was janitor of the Methodist Church for a time. Mr. Gracey was a familiar figure on the streets here, and despite his age he came to town every day where he visited with friends, basked in the sunshine, or languished in the shade during the hot summer days. Only sickness or extremely bad weather kept him from making his daily pilgrimage to town. Mr. Gracey was born in Smith County, Tennessee in the year of 1869 and died in Hartville, Mo. February 21, 1953 at the age of 84. He was united in matrimony to Minnie White. To this union were born eight children, three girls and five boys. Of these, only five survive. They are, Benton, Hewey and Rudell, Ethel and Leola. His wife and three children preceded him in death. Funeral services were held in Hartville Free Will Baptist Church here. Rev. Harvey Thompkins officiating. Burial in Hartville Cemetery.

**ALICE FARMER**, relatives received word this week of the death of Mrs. Alex (Alice) Farmer, 81, who died Friday, February 13 at her home in Checotah, Ok. The Farmers



were former residents of Hartville. Survivors include three children, Ulmont Farmer, Mrs. Myra Quillen and Ethel Quillen; several grandchildren.

### **March 5, 1953**

**JOHN ADAMSON**, Funeral services for John Adamson, 80, who died in Visalia, Calif., was held there and burial was in the Exeter Cemetery. Mr. Adamson was a native of Hartville having moved to Exeter, Calif., in 1934. He is survived by one son, G.C.; four daughters, Mrs. Eva Dake, Mrs. Verna Boulware, Mrs. Myrtle Stutler and Mrs. Opal Fincher; 15 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

**U. S. AND LINDA A. FINDLEY**, double funeral services were held Monday in the Ashley Free Will Baptist Church for Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Findley. Mr. Findley, 82, died Thursday morning of last week at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Claude Smith, near Macomb. His wife, Linda, 80, died early Sunday morning. Mrs. Findley, who was in a coma at the time, never knew of her husband's death. Revs. O.L. Allen and Oliver Letterman were officiating ministers. Mr. and Mrs. Findley had been married 57 years. Mrs. Findley is a half-sister to Della Findley, south of town. Burial in Ashley Cemetery.

### **March 26, 1953**

**LOU ALLEN BUTCHER**, Funeral services were held last Thursday in Rock Chapel Church for Lou Allen Butcher, 92, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Zona Smith near Owensville. Rev. D. S. Jones officiated. Survivors besides his daughter include 3 grandchildren. Burial in Rock Chapel Cemetery.

**ALBERT T. SHACKELFORD**, Funeral services were held in Holdren Funeral Home Tuesday for Albert T. Shackelford, 73, with the Rev. D. S. Jones officiating. Mr. Shackelford died Sunday. Survivors include his wife, Essa; two brothers George and Nick; three sisters Mrs. Laura Bradshaw, Mrs. Tennessee Plaster and Mrs. Corda Allen; six grandchildren. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**BELLE PYATT**, 80, former resident of Hartville, died Tuesday in Burger-Connelly Rest Home in Springfield. Mrs. Pyatt had been in the rest home since the death of her husband, J. C. Pyatt about two years ago. Survivors include two sons, Dr. C.E. and Lawrence; four daughters, Mrs. H. H. Curtis, Mrs. Connie Turner and Mrs. R. L. Clotfelter; three sisters Mrs. Marzetta Davis, Mrs. Oscar Ward and Mrs. Nenar Matlock of Mansfield. Funeral services will be held Friday in the Holdren Funeral Home with Rev. Kenneth Bandy officiating and burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery. (Editor's Note: Obit said 4 daughters, but only 3 were listed.)

### **April 23, 1953**

**ROSCOE F. LONG**, Funeral services were held in Marshfield Tuesday for Roscoe F. Long who died in Burge Hospital Saturday after suffering injuries when he came in

contact with 23,000 volts of electricity while working at a power substation near Crocker. Mr. Long was the son of Owen Long and a Veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife and two children. Rev. D. S. Jones was the officiating minister. Burial was in Little Creek Cemetery.

#### **April 30, 1953**

**WILLIS PETERSON**, 84, was born in Mt. Vernon, Indiana February 12, 1869. He departed this life April 22, 1953. He was united in marriage to Ola Dudley in 1930 at Hartville, MO. She preceded him in death. To this union was born one son, Samuel Willis Peterson. Survivors include his son; one stepson Lester Leland Dudley; one sister, Mrs. Laurie Thompson. Funeral services were conducted in Little Creek Church by Rev. J. R. Bogart. Burial in Shaddy Cemetery.

#### **May 7, 1953**

**ARTHUR M. CRAPO**, 75, Funeral services were held May 4, in the Church of God for Arthur Crapo, who died Thursday of last week in the David Fullington home. Rev. D. D. Shaffer was the officiating minister. He is survived by two brothers, Ira and Wm. Crapo; several nephews and nieces including Mrs. Dave Fullington and Frank Crapo. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

**TYRE L. NEWTON**, 90, Funeral services were held in the Free Will Baptist Church for Tyre L. Newton, who died at his home four miles south of here last Friday. Mr. Newton was a retired farmer and stockman and a lifelong resident of Wright County. Survivors include his wife, Fay; two sons, Leonard and John A.; two daughters, Fannie and Sarah. Rev. D. S. Jones was the officiating minister. Masonic graveside services were held. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**EUNICE CAROLINE COXEN**, Funeral services are to be held Friday morning at Coon Creek for Mrs. Eunice Caroline Coxen, 84, who died at her home May 3. Rev. Homer Smith will be the officiating minister. Survivors include two sons, Elmer and Beryl; two daughters, Miss Lyda Coxen and Mrs. Ida Stigall; one brother Isaac Barnes; three sisters, Mrs. Jessie Long, Mrs. Cynthia Beach and Mrs. Sadoie Mayler; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Burial in the church cemetery.

**LULA STEWARD**, 59, died April 27, at a local rest home. Funeral services were held in the Holdren Funeral Home April 30. She is survived by a son Earl; a daughter, Mrs. Marie Jordan; three stepsons, Homer, Edgar and Virgil; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Verna Grasham, Mrs. Senne Grasham, and Mrs. Nora Nelson; a brother William Gale. Burial was in Lone Star Cemetery.

**IDA BRASHER POOL**, 78, was born January 6, 1875 and died April 28, 1953. She was married February 14, 1895 to E. J. Widge+Pool. To this union were born three children, Harold, Mrs. Linnie Ernst and Marvin; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Burial in No. 5 Cemetery.

### **May 21, 1953**

**SARAH CLAXTON**, Funeral services were held in the Claxton Church last Friday for Mrs. Sarah Claxton who died at the home of her son, Glenn Claxton, in Arkansas. Rev. Lester Lawler was the officiating minister. Her husband, Wm. Claxton preceded her in death only three months ago. They were former residents of this county.

### **JUNE 4, 1953**

**BARNEY WOOD**, 75, Funeral services were held Monday in the Christian Chapel Church for Barney Wood, who lived north of town. Mr. Wood, a lifelong resident of Wright county, is survived by his wife, Nannie; a son, Evert; three brothers; two sisters; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. William Stanley was the officiating minister. Burial was in Little Creek Cemetery.

**MARTIN TODD**, 71, Funeral services were held last Thursday at Shaddy Church for Martin Todd. Rev. W. J. Stanley officiated. Survivors include his wife, Zona; three daughters, Mrs. Etolia Indermuehle, Mrs. Reba Shull and Mrs. Leone McClannahan; a brother, Robert; two sisters; three grandchildren. Burial in Shaddy Cemetery.

### **June 18, 1953**

**FRANKLIN F. O'DELL**, 74, Funeral services were held Thursday in Little Creek Baptist Church for Franklin F. O'Dell, 74, who died Tuesday at his home in Grove Spring. Rev. J. R. Bogart and Rev. Roy Kinker were officiating ministers. He is survived by his wife, Viola; three daughters, Mrs. Orville O'Dell, Mrs. Otis Long and Mrs. Andy Clark; a son, Aaron; a sister, Mrs. Lydie Duncan; a brother, John O'Dell; 12 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren. Burial in Little Creek Cemetery.

**MAGGIE CURTIS**, Funeral services were held Sunday in the Grove Spring Baptist Church for Mrs. Maggie Hill Curtis, 65, who died Friday at her home. Rev. Don L. Brown was the officiating minister. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Wanda Guinn; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Delk and Stella Hightower. Burial was in Shaddy Cemetery.

**ADA E. YOUNG**, Funeral services were held Friday in Little Creek Church for Mrs. Ada E. Young, who died June 10. Rev. John Wright was the officiating minister. She is survived by her husband, Albert; four daughters, Miss Macie Young, Mrs. Osa Fisher, Mrs. Ruby Coltrane and Mrs. Sabert Hargus; one son Lawson; one brother; two sisters; seven grandchildren. Burial was in Little Creek Cemetery.

### **JUNE 25, 1953**

**JAMES ASA MARTIN**, 70, son of Thomas and Rachel Martin, was born in Lee County, Mississippi, December 18, 1882, and departed this life, June 21, 1953. He was united in marriage to Ophelia Goswick, August 22, 1906. To this union two children were born. He professed faith in Christ in the fall of 1905, and was united with the Little

Creek Baptist Church. Later he moved his membership to the Elk Creek Baptist Church. He is survived by his companion; two daughters, Martha Warn and Aba Yeager; one grandson; two sisters, Etter Fritz and Jennie Driskell; two brothers, Bert Martin and Tommy Martin. Funeral services were conducted in the Elk Creek Baptist Church, with Rev. J.R. Bogart officiating. Appropriate hymns were rendered by the Cravens Quartet. Burial in Durbin Cemetery.

#### **July 2, 1953**

**ADA E. YOUNG** was born January 24, 1876 and departed this life Wednesday night June 10, 1953. She was united in marriage to Albert Young in 1897. She was converted at the early age of 12 at the Little Creek Baptist Church. Survivors are her husband, Albert; four daughters Sabert Hargus, Macie Young, Ruby Coltrane and Osa Fisher; one son Lawson; seven grandchildren; one step-grandson; one great-grandson; two sisters; one brother.

#### **July 16, 1953**

**HERBERT H. CURTIS**, Funeral services were held in the high school auditorium in Hermitage, MO. Monday afternoon for Herbert H. Curtis, 59. Mr. Curtis, a former resident of Hartville, worked in the Wright County Bank for several years before leaving about 15 years ago to work in the bank at Mansfield. He left Mansfield about seven years ago to go in the bank at Hermitage where he had been since. Mr. Curtis was stricken Friday in Springfield while waiting for his wife Effie, who was returning from Texas by plane after visiting their daughter there. He was taken to the Burge Hospital where he was pronounced dead. He is survived by his wife, Effie; a daughter, Mrs. Don Freeman; a son William; three brothers, Ray, Claude and Dan; three sisters Mrs. Don Cottengim, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Howard Twente. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

#### **July 23, 1953**

**ALBERT NEWTON**, 71, son of William and Cynthia Newton was born February 3, 1882 near Odin and departed this life at his home in Hartville July 16, 1953. His father and mother, 2 brothers, 1 half-brother and 2 half-sisters preceded him in death. He was united in marriage to Mary Tate at Hartville on January 31, 1909. Uncle Albert spent his entire life in Wright County as a farmer near Odin until 11 years ago when he and Mrs. Newton moved to Hartville. He professed faith in Christ in his early thirties. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Chapman and Mrs. Laura Choate; one brother, Lee; two half-sisters, Mrs. Verda Jones and Mrs. Elsa Brown; five half-brothers, Everett, Earl, Efton, Carl and Ray Newton.

**IZORA ESTELLA (ABSHER) GREGORY**, 81, was born July 18, 1871 and departed this life June 29, 1953. She was married to George W. Gregory on December 16, 1896. She is survived by two sons, Macy and Owen; a daughter, Mrs. Fay Oliver; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild. She was converted at an early age. Rev. Lester Lawler was officiating minister. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

### **July 30, 1953**

**MRS. T. D. TODD**, Funeral services were held Tuesday in Evening Shade Church north of Manes, for Mrs. T. D. Todd, 76, who took her own life by slashing her throat with a razor blade at their farm home near Manes Friday of last week. Mrs. Todd had been in ill health for some time and was reported to be despondent over her condition. Survivors include her husband; seven sons; two daughters; one brother; two sisters; several grandchildren. Mr. Todd is a brother of Mrs. Fannie Boyer of Hartville. Burial was in Evening Shade Cemetery with Rev. W.A. Burney officiating.

### **August 8, 1953**

**FRITZ ERNEST BEAR, JR**, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Bear of Springfield, died in St. John Hospital from injuries he received in a car accident Sunday. The accident occurred about three miles north of the junction of Highways 123 and 65 as young Bear and another man from Springfield were returning from the speed boat races on Lake Taney Como. Fritz Bear, father of the boy, was a former editor of ~~the~~ The Wright County Republican+.

**JOHNNY DEAN WILLIAMS**, Funeral services were held Monday in the High Prairie Church for Johnny Dean Williams, the 3-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams of Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Williams and children came down to spend the weekend with relatives and the infant son became ill at the home of her parents. He was taken to a doctor in Marshfield and died in the doctor's office. Beside the parents, he is survived by a sister, three years of age. Burial was in the High Prairie Church cemetery.

**MARVIN WIDNER**, services for Marvin Widner, 75, were held Sunday in the Simpson Funeral Home. Mr. Widner, a lifelong resident of Wright County, died Friday in Springfield hospital. Survivors include his wife, Armitta; and three sons Samuel, Warren and Sanford. Rev. Selph Jones was the officiating minister and music was by the Cravens quartet. Burial was in Little Creek Cemetery.

### **August 22, 1953**

**SUSAN POOL**, Funeral services were held in Tulsa, Okla., this week for Mrs. Susan Pool, 85, a former resident of this county, who died at the home of a daughter in Casper, Wyo. Mrs. Pool was a sister to Al and Charley Dowden of Manes.

**ANN MAX**, died Monday after a long illness. Funeral services will be held in Rosendale, Mo. Mrs. Max was the mother of R. C. Max and a former resident of Hartville. Mrs. Max was a half- sister to M. E. and Fred Carter.

**HARRY HALLOWAY**, word was received Tuesday of the death of Harry Halloway whose home is a few miles northwest of here. Mrs. K. L. Schwartz received the

message from her husband who is in Iowa on business. Mr. and Mrs. Holloway were hunting and visiting friends and relatives in Iowa and Minnesota. He took suddenly ill while hunting and was taken to a Sioux City hospital where he died a few hours later. Burial will be in South Dakota, his former home. Mr. Holloway was a brother to Mrs. M. A. Schwartz.

**RONALD MITCHELL**, 18, son of Rev. and Mrs. Merle Mitchell of Odessa, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Murrell of Hartville, was killed Saturday when he and his companions were erecting a flag on top of a water tower at Liberty, MO., getting ready for homecoming at William Jewell College. He was electrocuted when he came in contact with a live wire on top of the tower. Rev. Mitchell is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Odessa. Mrs. Mitchell was the former Mildred Murrell and a graduate of the local high school. Funeral services were held in Odessa Monday with gravesides services and burial in Greenlawn Cemetery, Springfield.

### **August 29, 1953**

**COFFMAN INFANT**, graveside services were held Sunday in Coon Creek cemetery for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Coffman. Rev. Dorothy Faussett officiated.

**MARY ISABEL YOUNG**, Funeral services were held Saturday in the Black Oak Church near Marshfield for Mrs. Mary Isabel Young, 79, who died at her home north of town Wednesday. Mrs. Young, a resident of Hartville for the past 20 years, was a former resident of the Black Oak community. Survivors include her husband: L. L.; six daughters, Mrs. Georgia McNabb, Mrs. Letha Duren, Mrs. Artie Clift, Mrs. Hester Mourn, Mrs. Leota Edwards and Mrs. Opal Clift; one son, Ansel; three brothers Tom, Will and Walter Chandler; a sister, Mrs. Eliza Layman; 15 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by Rev. Reese and Rev D. S. Jones.

### **September 3, 1953**

**R. D. JONES**, Funeral services were held in the Ayre-Goodwin Chapel in Springfield Sunday for R. D. Jones, 72, who died Thursday in St. Johns Hospital in Springfield. Graveside services were held in the Fordland Cemetery. Rev. Selph Jones officiated at both services. R. D. Jones, a former resident and school teacher of this county, had lived in Springfield the past several years. He is a brother of John Jones and Mrs. Elmer Young of Hartville.

**MAE EDITH NEWTON**, Funeral services were held Sunday in Hartville Free Will Baptist Church for Mrs. Mae Edith Newton, 81, who died Saturday at her home near Mansfield. She is survived by two daughters Misses Fannie E. and Sarah A.; two sons, John A. and Leonard E.; a sister, Mrs. Emily Christian; a brother, George T. James. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

### **September 10, 1953**

**JAMES L. BRADSHAW**, Funeral services for James Larner Bradshaw, 78, who died Tuesday in his home on Route 1, Norwood, will be conducted Friday in Hartville Free Will Baptist church by the Rev. Homer Smith. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Loura; two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Thomas and Mrs. Myrtle Kidd; five sisters Mrs. Zeda Scott, Mrs. Jencie Sanders, Mrs. Mollie Cottengim, Mrs. Verdi Turgon and Mrs. Loura Wilhers; two brothers, Walter and Logan; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**JIM W. KELLEY**, Funeral services were held Sunday in Oak Grove Church for Jim W. Kelley, 86, who lost his life Friday night, when their home was destroyed by fire. He was living with a daughter Mrs. Elma Dennis near Norwood. Mr. Kelley was a life-long resident of Wright County. He is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Bessie Bruton; six sons, J. E., Arthur, Floyd, Elsbey, Hose and John; four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Pridemore, Mrs. Sarah Raney, Mrs. Izora Sharp and Mrs. Almeta Klammer; 36 grandchildren.

**MARTHA BELL GARNER**, Funeral services were Sunday in Coon Creek Church for Mrs. Martha Bell Garner, 68, who died Tuesday. Rev. J. R. Bogart officiated. Survivors include her husband, Charley; four daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Claxton, Mrs. Leota Stigall, Mrs. Edna Stigall and Mabus Weaver; four sons, E. E., Roger, Arlin and Monroe; three brothers, George, Lewis and John W. Reddick; three sisters Mrs. Nina Wilson, Mrs. Nellie Smith and Mrs. Mary Shaddy. Burial in Coon Creek Cemetery.

### **September 17, 1953**

**JACKSON LOWERY**, Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Baptist Church in Grove Spring for Jackson Lowery, 62, who died Sunday in St. Johns hospital in Springfield. Mr. Lowery had been employed at the Farmers Exchange in Grove Spring the past ten years. Survivors include his wife, Haley; two sons Ezra and Cleaven; two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Moore and Mrs. Verba Climer; two brothers, G. L. and Wilbur Lowery of Springfield. Rev. D. S. Jones was the officiating minister. Burial in Shaddy Cemetery.

### **September 24, 1953**

**BOB CAMPBELL**, Funeral services were held September 13 in the Hartville Free Will Baptist Church for Bob Campbell, 85, who died at the Coffman Rest Home on Friday. Rev. Fred Drake of Mansfield officiated. Burial in Steele Memorial cemetery.

**IRA W. ROWE**, Funeral services were held Sunday in the Manes Baptist Church for Ira W. Rowe, 71, who died Saturday at his home north of Manes. Mr. Rowe, was a lifelong resident of the Manes community. He is survived by his wife, Lula; two sons, Orle and Verl; two daughters, Mrs. Ivy Wood and Mrs. Lavelle Curtis. Burial was in Manes Cemetery.

**MARY ETTA MOORE**, Funeral services were held September 18 in the Hartville Free Will Baptist church for Mary Etta Moore, 72, who died at the Coffman Rest Home Wednesday of last week. Miss Moore, a retired school teacher, was a lifelong resident of Wright County. She had no known relatives. Rev. D. D. Shaffer officiated and burial was in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**CHARLES WILLIAMSON**, Funeral services were held Tuesday in Green Mountain Church for Charles Williamson, 83, who died Friday at the Coffman Rest Home. Mr. Williamson was a lifelong resident of Wright County and a retired school teacher. Rev. Fred Drake officiated. Survivors include a brother and a niece. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### **November 12, 1953**

**LAURA KERR**, Funeral services were held Wednesday in the funeral home at Marshfield for Mrs. Laura Kerr 74, who died Saturday at the home of her daughter in Auburn, Neb. Mrs. Kerr, the widow of the Frank Kerr, was born and reared in Hartville. Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Lucy Mae Johnson; four sons, Eual, Claren, Lyle and Ralph; and one brother, Floyd Claxton; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Burial was in the Marshfield Cemetery.

**FRED C. CARTER**, Funeral services were held in the High School Gymnasium Monday for Fred C. Carter, 60, who died Saturday in St. Johns Hospital in Springfield. Mr. Carter a native of Hartville was a prosperous farmer and livestock dealer. He spent 25 years in St. Louis as Live Stock Commissioner at the Union Stock yards. He was a member of the Hartville Christian Church, the Masonic Order and several other Civic organizations. Rev. Cleaveland Bradser was officiating minister. Survivors include his wife, Opal; 4 daughters, Mrs. Herbert Hutsell, Mrs. Jack Elkin, Mrs. Art Wynn Jr. and Mrs. Howard Harper; one brother, M. E.; 5 sisters, Mrs. Garfield Aber, Mrs. Alva Curtis, Mrs. Rachel Barnes, Mrs. Zona Jones and Mrs. Kathryn Edwards. Burial in Steele Memorial Cemetery.

**OPAL PEACOCK**, word was received here of the death of Mrs. Ira Peacock who died at her home in Caldwell, Idaho, October 31. She was a sister of Ira Roberts, Minnie Arnall, and Belle Carter.

**DELBERT BELT**, word was received of the death of Delbert Belt, a former resident of Wright County, who died Monday at his home in Louisiana, Mo. Funeral services were held there Wednesday and burial was at Brookfield, Mo. He was a brother of Mrs. Elba Cogdill and cousin of Mrs. E. B. Coday.



### **November 19, 1953**

**JESS H. MATLOCK**, Funeral services were held Sunday in the Mansfield Presbyterian Church in Mansfield for Jess H. Matlock, 71. Mr. Matlock was a retired Wright County farmer.

**SQUIRE G. STIGALL**, word was received of the death of Squire G. Stigall, 83, who died at the home of a daughter in Republic last Saturday. Funeral services were held the Baptist Church in Republic Sunday. He was the father of Roy Stigall and a half-brother of Anchor and Stanford Stigall.

**HELEN PUBLLOW**, Funeral services were held Monday in Ozark for Mrs. Helen Publow, 63, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Marley of Kansas City. The Marley's and Publow were former residents of Hartville, leaving here about a year ago.

**ARTHUR C. CRAIN**, Funeral services will be conducted today for Arthur C. Crain of Ozark who died in an Ozark hospital Monday. Mr. Crain was a native of Ozark and was a veteran of World War II. Among survivors of Mr. Crain is a brother, Circuit Judge Joe Crain of this district.

**JUDGE VANDEVENTER** 64, Presiding Judge of the Springfield Court of Appeals, died of a heart attack Tuesday of last week while on an outing at Forsyth. Judge Vandeventer came to Hartville in 1922 and went into partnership in law office with Arthur M. Curtis. Funeral services were in Springfield Friday.

### **November 26, 1953**

**LEVI RANEY**, Funeral services were Wednesday in Rock Chapel Church near Norwood for Levi A. Raney, a life-long resident of Wright County, who died Monday at his home in the Owensville community. Survivors include his two daughters, Mrs. Daisy James and Mrs. Marie Thomas; three sons, Alva, Don and Frank Raney. Rev. Selph Jones was officiating minister. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### **December 3, 1953**

**DR. A. F. HAYES**, Word was received here of the death of Dr. A. F. Hayes who died at his home in Mountain View last Saturday. Funeral services were held there Wednesday.

**ELIGE JONES**, 76, lost his life Friday when he was hit by a car as he was crossing a street near the home of a daughter, Mrs. Vinita Cloud, in Springfield, where he lived. Funeral services were held Sunday in the Mansfield Baptist Church. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Eula Ivy, Mrs. Faye Platt and Vinita Cloud; a son Hugh Jones; five grandchildren.

### **December 10, 1953**

**GORDAN GOOCH**, Funeral services were held in the First Methodist church in Pittsburg, Kansas Saturday, for Gordan Gooch who died last Wednesday in a Kansas City hospital. Mr. Gooch was the husband of the former Viva Ruth Long of Hartville. Survivors include a little daughter, Benita who has spent the past three months in Hartville with Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Ellis, due to her father's illness.

### **December 17, 1953**

**SAMUEL BURRIS**, Funeral services were held at Durbin Saturday for Samuel Burris, 92, who died Thursday. Mr. Burris was a resident of the Durbin community for the past 70 years. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Julia Henderson, Mrs. Martha Fahrubel and Mrs. Gertrude Perry; three sons Jim, Ray and Calvin; 21 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

### **December 31, 1953**

**MARY PARELEE DAY**, Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Copening Chapel Church near Niangua, for Mrs. Joseph W. Day, 91, who died Sunday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Max of Hartville, where she had made her home since the death of her husband about 12 years ago. The Rev, J. A. Young officiated. Mary Parelee Whittenburg was born in Webster County, Missouri five miles east of Mansfield, April 25, 1862. She was the daughter of N. B. and Nancy (Hyde) Whittenburg. At the age of twelve she was converted and joined the Copening Chapel Methodist Church. She was united in marriage to the Rev. Joseph W. Day, February 17, 1892. Survivors include her daughter, Ethel Max; two brothers, James W. and Porter Whittenburg. Burial was in Copening Cemetery.

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