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HICKORY COUNTY HISTORY OF TRAGEDIES AND HAPPENINGS
FOR 79 YEARS NOT FOUND IN BOOKS

This is a bit of unwritten history of tragic events about people and things concerning Hickory County as recalled by Albert Thomas (Tom) Donovan, et al, and written by his helpers, Mrs. Faye (Smith) Allen, secretary, and Mrs. Nannie (Bandol) Jinkens, critic.

Mr. Donovan began his recollections of these events about November 1, 1956 in his 85th year. He related them to the girls and they wrote them up as best they could.

These accounts have been written with no ill feeling toward any one in any way.

We apologize for any errors in dates, facts, or in typing which have been overlooked, or which occur, but we have done our best for accuracy of names, dates, and details. Most of the accounts are alphabetical, but some incidents were turned in later.

Mr. Donovan was the second son of William and Rebecca (Bennett) Donovan and was born in Owenton, in Owen County, Kentucky September 15, 1871. There were four children in the family, James Donovan, the older son and two daughters, Mary, (Lou Burton's wife), and Ruthie (Hollingsworth) McCaslin.

When Tom was four years old the family went to Denison, Texas and stayed two years. They came back to Hickory County with five other families, Jerry Bennetts, John Masons, George Linns, Bill Bennetts, and Mrs. Sarah Honiker. The Donovan family went back to Kentucky and remained three years and came back to Hickory County to make their home. It took 31 days traveling in a covered wagon. They camped at Bennett Springs the last night out.

He was married to Miss Kate Southard June 21, 1896. They had one daughter, Ethel (Currier), and a son, Roy Robert, who died at 3½ years of membranous croup.

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Mr. Donovan kept store in early day at Branson, Flemington, Deely Bend, Cross Timbers, and Climax Springs.

He operated a restaurant at Hermitage and twice at Sedalia. He farmed and traded for 40 years buying and selling. He worked on Highway 65 out of Marshall and Sedalia for the Smith Brothers Construction Company. The company sent him to Decatur, Illinois and on to New York and Canada. He spent five years as a construction worker and saw many sights and had varied experiences.

Three years were spent in New York and then went on to Quebec, Canada and the company folded up October 14, 1930. He bought a truck and built living quarters on it. When he started home, he parked at DeKalb Junction, New York. Four feet of snow fell and buried his truck. He had to dig the snow off by hand. It was about ten days before he could get on his way toward Missouri in 1931.

Fourteen years were spent in Osawatimie, Kansas driving a garbage truck and feeding it to hogs.

He picked cotton in Arkansas awhile. He picked 74 pounds in one day and a colored man by his side picked over 300. He declares it was the hardest work he ever did.

He made three trips to Grand Island, Nebraska and bought horses. Two loads were unloaded at Flemington and one at Weaubleau.

Two years were spent as cook on a sheep ranch near Terry, Montana 1903-1904. It was a three room dug-out on Powder River. There were 19 shepherds and 40,000 sheep. The owner was George W. Bart of Illinois.

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Our historian has traveled widely over our nation having been in 26 states. Most of his traveling was done in early days when modes of travel were slow and treacherous. His footprints have been left in North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Vermont Maine, Texas, Missouri, Louisiana, Kansas, New Hampshire , and Canada. He has also been in Yellowstone Park.

We thank each one who has helped in any way in gathering this information and putting it together.

November 2, 1878 - June 21, 1900.

Read with interest near Fairfield by Hickory County officials, where

He and his officers go.

And not feel hard at those who wrote

These names, and how they met their fate

But only keep for memory's sake,

County - The history here in preserved

years. When For posterity in this the year of '57.

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John, saved and died with them to see the law take its course.

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up again, and he stoutly maintained that he had killed them in

self defense.

Adams- John

John Adams left Chandler, Oklahoma in April, 1900 accompanied by Anthony (Dutch) Poor, driving a team and bringing several horses to Missouri for sale. Poor killed Adams four and one half miles south of Elkton with an axe and threw his body into a pond. The team, wagon, and horses then belonged to Poor. He went back to the pond and took Adams' body out in two or three days, put it in the wagon and hauled it around until the badly decomposed body carried an odor and began to attract flies. He then hauled it near Warsaw, Missouri, killed Adams' dog, and put it, and Adams' body in a brush pile and left them. The bones were found later. A. T. Donovan and others gathered the bones, put them in a goods' box and they were buried in Hermitage cemetery. The marker in the cemetery bears the dates, November 2, 1872- June 21, 1900.

Poor was arrested near Fairfield by Benton County officers, where he and his wife were camped. There was blood on the wagon bed and officers questioned Poor. He told them it came from a wild deer that he had killed several days previous. He denied killing Adams, saying they had parted company at Humansville. Poor was tried in Polk County and was given a sixty year sentence, but was released in ten years. When he was in the Hermitage jail, a crowd gathered and would have taken him out and hanged him, but Bill Adams, father of John, begged and pled with them to let the law take its course.

Years later when Poor applied for a pension, the case was brought up again, and he stoutly maintained that he had killed Adams in self defense.

Allen- Bob

Bob Allen (father of Clyde Allen) shot and killed himself at their home near Macedonia Church March 9, 1904. He had been in poor health. He was 44 years of age.

Allen- Elma Doris

Elma Doris (Jackson) Allen, wife of Gerald Allen was injured in a car accident October 1, 1954 when the car she was driving went over an embankment near Linn Creek, Missouri. She was following her husband who was driving a pick-up and pulling a small trailer. She died next day in a Lebanon hospital. They were employees of the Missouri State Health Department and were on the way to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allen. She is buried at Sumner cemetery. Gerald is a grandson of Bob Allen.

Allen- Tom

Tom Allen killed Charlie Clayton in Wheatland in 1894. Bill Clayton shot Tom Allen the same day but didn't kill him.

Alloy- Major Lee

Major Lee Alloy shot and killed himself south west of Cross Timbers at Oak Grove Community House April 15, 1951. He was 58 years of age.

Anderson-

Mr. Anderson was killed six miles east of Preston in a car accident. He was a veterinarian.

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Allen- Virginia

Virginia Allen, daughter of Mrs. Faye (Smith) Allen was seriously injured in a car accident August 27, 1952 north east of Wheatland, just east of the J. L. Holland farm. The drag link of the car her mother was driving, fell down causing them to go into a ditch. Virginia was thrown through the wind shield, cutting her jugular vein and almost cutting her left ear off, and also a large cut on her face. She was taken to a Clinton hospital, but never reached there until two hours after the accident. She was in the hospital nine days, returned home, and recovered nicely. Virginia is a great grand daughter of Bob Allen.

Babbitt- Charlie

Charlie Babbitt killed himself in 1923 or 1924 at Jordan. Think shot himself.

Baldwin- Lewis Walter

Lewis Walter Baldwin burned to death in his house when it burned about 11:30 p. m. at Quincy January 22, 1957. He was 86 years of age and lived alone.

Barber- Brad

Brad Barber was killed at Wheatland north of where the Chaney cafe now is in 1878 by Bob Fletcher over a poker game.

Bartshe- Peneelia

Peneelia Bartshe was injured when a wagon tongue that was tied to the barn loft fell. Mr Bartshe pushed the wagon farther back in the shed and when he did, the wire holding up the tongue fell on her head. She suffered a concussion. She lived a few days and died April 6, 1908.

Baxter- Charlie

Charlie Baxter was killed by a tractor turning over on him. He lived near Clinton but formerly lived in Hickory County.

Baxter- Henry

Henry Baxter fell dead at the side of his wagon while gathering corn. He was married to Linnie Tucker and they had one child.

Beckham- Mrs. and Child

Mr. and Mrs. Beckham and small child had been to Butcher to church and were on their way home, and when they came to Weaubleau Creek near Gerster it was at flood stage and when they started to cross it was thought that Mrs. Beckham became dizzy headed and fell from her horse into the water, the baby fell also and they were drowned. The child was found that afternoon near the ford but the mother wasn't found until the next day about one fourth mile down the stream. This happened in the day time and was the spring of the year in the early 1900's. They lived on the hill south of Gerster, on Adam Gerster place. They are buried at Butcher cemetery.

Benda- Joe

Joe Benda was found burned to death three miles south west of Hermitage, just south of what is now the Lewis Taylor place. This happened in 1953. It was thought he was burning grass and leaves. He was found by the Wheatland bus driver, Paul Maberry the next day.

Bennett- Bill

Bill Bennett was found dead in 1922 on the place where Jack Cahow now lives. He had died of a heart attack. He had a lantern. It turned over and caught fire and burned all around him but never reached to his body. He was a brother-in-law of George Linn.

Berry- Sherman

Sherman Berry took carbolic acid and killed himself at Kansas City about 1912. He was a former Hermitage resident.

Bigler- Billie

Billie Bigler was killed at Elkton in 1878 by Lige White. He was constable and went to arrest White, White shot him.

Bigler- Jeanie

Jeanie (Leach) Bigler was found dead two hundred yards north of Pittsburg school house (now community building) in a pasture in the brush. She had killed herself with a gun. This was June 20, 1948. She was a young woman.

Blair- General Marion

General Marion (Skid) Blair was killed when he fell from sawing in Hermitage in July, 1882. He was a brother of uncle Zeke Blair and an uncle to Mrs. Wave Coon. He was in a swing with young Dr. Pack but the doctor escaped serious injury.

Boston- Mrs. Henry

Mrs. Henry Boston was killed in early 1900's near Jefferson Bridge by her husband, Henry. They lived near Pittsburg. Jefferson Bridge is the bridge over Poma de Terre river near Bolivar traveling from Pittsburg. Boston made his escape and was never caught.

Boston- Henry

Henry Boston and John Kindle robbed Huey McCabe south of Elkton in 1916 or 1917.

Breshears- Andy

Andy Breshears was run over by a truck and killed at Wheatland on Highway 54 in December, 1955. He was crossing the highway.

Brown- Gordon

Gordon Brown was killed near Union Hill school house, south of the Dot Halbert farm, now owned and occupied by Glen Cooper. Bill Harryman was accused of the killing, but was never tried. This happened in 1897 or 1898.

Breshears- Wild Bill's child

Wild Bill Breshears lived northeast of Avery across the river. He had a child three and one half years old. Mr. Breshears had crossed the river and the child followed unbeknown to him and started to wade across. It got into deep water and was drowned. They seined and dragged the river for the body but never found it until it started to float, which was three weeks after. The child was buried in the corner of the yard as there was no graveyard at Avery at that time. It was prior to 1891.

Breshears- Francis

Francis Breshears started to cross the river at the Henderson ford north of Avery with two sacks of corn in his wagon. The team became entangled in something in the water and drowned. The river was at flood stage. He swam to safety. This was approximately 1898 or 1899.

Brown- Bill

Bill Brown killed his brother, Tom in 1897. Tom was gathering corn. Bill went to the cornfield and shot him. Tom was in the wagon and the team took him to the house. Bill was tried in court and given a life sentence. He was taken to the penitentiary and died there about 1948.

Butler- Albert

Albert Butler shot and killed himself with a shot gun at the Butler old place three fourths mile north of White Cloud store in 1933. He was buried at L. P. Union cemetery.

Butler- Girl

A little girl by the name of Butler was drowned in a well at Wheatland years ago at the place where Arvilla McMillin now lives. These people lived where Bill Darbys now live and she and her sister had gone to town to play with the children that lived where Arvilla lives. The girl was missed and they looked every where. They finally looked in the well and saw bubbles on the water. The man that was working on the building where John Williams now has his store went down in the well and got the body.

Burton- Lou

Lou Burton was killed in a car accident one half mile west of Hermitage. This was in 1948. Mr. A. T. Donovan was driving the car and Albert Hollingsworth was pulling it with his car. The car was going pretty fast. Lou got scared and jerked the steering wheel causing the car to go into a ditch. He lived three or four days.

Clark- Marie

Bybee- Alanson

Alanson Bybee was killed at Cross Timbers February 20, 1932 by George Ussery. Ussery went to the penitentiary for a few years.

Wagner- Della

Cauthon- T. J.

T. J. Cauthon, born June 3, 1915, son of Homer and Oma Cauthon was killed by a stray bullet while in a wagon in the corn field with his father and mother. They were gathering corn. It was about noon, when the parents first noticed him he was slumped over and they thought they had hit him with an ear of corn. He died November 9, 1917.

Chaney- Lafayette

Lafayette (Fayette) Chaney was killed by lightning north of Hermitage in 1917. He was opening a gate north west of the house. He was the father of Mrs. Anice McKinley.

Chrisman- Bert

Bert Chrisman killed himself three miles east of Elkton with a twenty two rifle in 1913. He lived at the home of John Eskew. He had a mental condition.

Clark- Henry

Henry Clark was killed or killed himself October 10, 1950 near Dooly Bend. He was in jail and walked away. He went to his home and it was never known whether the officers killed him or he killed himself.

Clark- Merle

Merle Clark accidentally shot and killed himself here at the Clark home north and east of the school house in 1942. He was 14 years old. He was the son of Wesley and Marie (Stroud) Clark.

Clymore- Reddin

Reddin Clymore along with Edgar Hart was killed when the motorcycle they were riding was run into by Odus West who was driving a car. This happened near the place where Ralph Nevins now lives on Highway 54 east of Hermitage, October 14, 1934.

Coffey- Roy

Roy Coffey was burned to death in his home and the house burned in Weaubleau January 8, 1957. He was 65 years of age and lived alone. A house on the same foundation was destroyed by fire when little Regina Key Johnson was burned critically a few years before.

Cooper- Alice Mary and Ross

Alice Mary and Ross Cooper were burned to death at Richland when a stove exploded in their home on January 9, 1944. They were husband and wife and he was a Hickory County boy.

Gothern- Donald

Donald Gothern and Thelma Nesselbusch were killed in a car accident north of Cross Timbers on Highway 65 on July 5, 1954 early in the morning. They were 15 years old.

Gothern- Ellen Louise

Ellen Louise Gothern, sister to Donald was killed instantly in a car accident eight miles south of Warsaw April 7, 1957. She and Ronald Johns and James Collins had been to a movie at Warsaw and were on the way home. The car went out of control and went over an embankment and hit a tree. The Johns boy died about thirty minutes after entering the hospital at Clinton. James Collins received a broken leg. She was 15 years old. The accident happened about 5 miles farther north on Highway 65 than Donald's wreck.

Gothern- Fern

Fern Gothern, (daughter of Marion and Mary Alexander) Gothern fell from a straw stack while playing and broke her neck and died. This was in 1910.

Cox- Rev. L. D. Mabary- Robert

Rev. L. D. Cox, Christian minister and Robert Mabary were drowned one fourth mile north of Highway 54 bridge near Hermitage, on April 20, 1916. They were thrown from a boat into the river. Jake Chaney was in the boat with them but swam to shore.

Grates- Fletcher's Child

Fletcher and Frances (Mullens) Grates child drowned in a jar of buttermilk in the early 1900's.

Daniels- Pete

Peto Daniels (colored) was found frozen to death in a house where the locker plant now stands in 1889. He was found by Dee Blair. Uncle Zeke Blair and uncle Buck Dorman alternated feeding him for thres or four years. Pete didn't know how old he was but often talked ed of being a slave.

Darrell- Mrs. Marion

Mrs. Marion Darrell, daughter of John Colbert formerly of this county, was killed in an airplane crash in Washington in 1956. She was a niece of Walter Colbert.

Daugherty- Cpl. Wm. P. Co. K. 13 Kans. Inf.

Cpl. Wm P. (Squire) Daugherty was burned to death when his house burned in Wheatland in 1917. His house stood between the houses now occupied by Mrs. Kate Hollingsworth and Alfred Heard.

Delozier- Edgar Elbert

Edgar Elbert Delozier was born September 30, 1894. He married Beulah Moore. Edgar and his father-in-law, George Moore, were hunting May 9, 1921, when Mr. Moore accidentally shot and killed his son-in-law. Edgar and Beulah Delozier had a baby daughter born July 13, 1920. The Deloziers had gone to the Moore's home for a day's visit, when they arrived they discovered the baby smothered in its wrappings. This was January 11, 1921.

Dixon- George

George Dixon was killed in 1877 by John Shannon north of Wheatland about two and one half miles, near S. A. Jordan farm. Shannon escaped and was gone about twenty years, came back but was never prosecuted as there was no one to file charges.

Dixon- John Jr.

John Dixon Jr. hanged himself at Jordan several years ago.

Dobson- Lloyd

Lloyd Dobson died from injuries received in a car accident near Avery in 1956. He died in Humansville Hospital August 18th but was injured before that.

Dollarhide- Bill

Bill Dollarhide shot at Roy Moore in Hermitage square in 1920, but didn't kill him.

Donovan- Billie

Billie Donovan, son of Otto and Olive (Cooper) Donovan was injured in a car driven by his uncle, Bernice Cooper in 1946. He died on way to the hospital. Was about 17 years of age. This accident happened at the foot of the Brass Hill between Wheatland and Hermitage in the turn of the road on the north side.

Duncan- William

William (Bill) Duncan took carbolic acid and died a few years ago. He lived north east of Wheatland and south of "Round Bottom Ford" This was January 20, 1946.

Duncan- Ward

Ward Duncan, son of William Duncan, had a heart attack and died in his car at Cross Timbers December 24, 1956. He had driven a school bus at Cross Timbers the past year. School was not in session that day because of Christmas vacation. He was 54 years old.

A man from Kansas ran into an electric pole on Highway 54 in Wheatland near where the Chaney cafe is now and was killed. He lost control of his car. He was taken to Dr. A. S. Johnston's office where he died shortly. The pole was broken off and the town was without lights for about an hour. The crash was heard for a half mile. This happened Saturday, March 22, 1941.

Bandel- Willie F.

Willie F. Bandel, son of Fred and Louisa Bandel, was injured at the farm home one fourth mile south of Preston. They were moving horses through a narrow gate and he was trying to separate them. He was caught between the gate post and a horse and was crushed. He lived a few days and died October 6, 1892. He was 26 years old.

Burton- John

John Burton shot his wife at Waterloo, Iowa, but she recovered. He shot and killed himself.

Edwards- Oscar

Oscar Edwards had gone to the field to plow about 4:00 a. m. They neighbors missed hearing the tractor and went to see about him. They found the tractor turned over on him. He was dead. This happened two miles west of Weaubleau February 26, 1935.

Ellison- Roscoe

Roscoe Ellison was killed by lightning in 1916 at John Craig farm south of Hermitage. This farm was owned by Emil Lanker's daughter until recently when she sold it to one of the men that works on the Pomme de Terre dam. Mr. Ellison was 28 years of age and was buried at Liberty cemetery. His wife was Lottie Stroud.

Emory- Ralph

Ralph Emory, a young man of about 20, was drowned at "Nigger Bend Ford" south of the Halbert bridge on Pomme de Terre in 1912.

Endley- Gerald

Gerald Endley, 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Endley Sr. went with his father to the field to burn brush from a fence row. Mr. Endley went away and left the child and his clothes caught fire. He started screaming and Mr. Endley went to his rescue but he was burned so badly he died. This was in 1933.

Feltenbarger- Hiram

Hiram Feltenbarger was accidentally killed west of the George Wallis place east of Preston. He started to crawl through the fence when a hammer of the gun discharged and killed him. This happened about 1932.

Feltman- Willie

Willie Feltman hanged himself in a barn north and east of Preston a few years ago. He was a brother of Mrs. Clarence Blackwell and Mrs. Brun Hitchell.

Fields- Ellsworth

Ellsworth Fields shot George Homer west of where Oral Bartshe now lives. Mr. Homer was running a saw mill at the edge of Benton County. Fields had been working for him and they had a quarrel over the wages. He got ninety days in jail for shooting Mr. Homer. This happened in 1899.

Fields- Wilford

Wilford Fields, 15 year old son of W. A. (Addison) and Delia (Foltz) Fields was struck by a truck driven by Charlie Reno and killed in November 1940. He was standing by Lewis Breshears car near his home about a quarter of a mile north of the Sumner cemetery when hit by Mr. Reno who was blinded by the lights.

Fugate- Mart

Mart Fugate was killed by a horse falling on him. He died February 24, 1943. He was born November 7, 1886. He lived near Pleasant Ridge church.

Fowler- George

George Fowler shot himself with a gun in 1927 or 1928 three miles west of Pittsburg.

Gardner- Bill

Bill Gardner shot himself in 1917, three miles east of Elkton. He was a brother of Monroe Gardner.

Gardner- Jim

Jim Gardner was shot by patrolmen in 1933, three miles east of Elkton. He was accused of robbing a bank. The patrolmen knew where he was and went to capture him and Gardner started shooting at them, so the patrolmen killed him. He was a son of Bill Gardner.

Gardner- Luke

Luke Gardner fell dead on the dance floor at Weaubleau picnic July 15, 1933. He was 58 years old. His father was Monroe Gardner.

Green- Glen

Glen Green was burned to death in truck-train crash at Edina, Missouri October 19, 1955. His mother ~~was~~ Mrs. Jim Gardner that lives near Weaubleau.

Green- Jimmie

Jimmie Green formerly of this county, son of Roy and Mildred (Jones) Green was killed in a motorcycle accident at Bolivar where they were living November 17, 1954. Funeral was the 19th at Bolivar and burial at Grutsinger cemetery. He was almost 18 years of age. He was born December 22, 1936.

Hall- Gus

Gus Hall died from injuries he received when his team ran away, July, 1914. Three of his children died within four days with measles in 1904. Little Niangua river was at flood stage and higher than was ever known at that time, and neighbors couldn't get to the Hall home to assist them in any way. And too, they were afraid of the measles.

Hall- Alfred

Alfred Hall, son of Gus Hall crawled into a cave and fell into an opening. It was thought the opening was so small he couldn't get out. He was found dead, supposedly dying of starvation after he had been gone about a month. Relatives and friends searched every where for him. George Hall went farther in the cave than any one else had ever gone. He found his body. It was brought out, wrapped in a sheet and buried. George could see where he had scratched the wall and almost reached the top of the opening. He had a mental condition. This happened in 1903.

Halbert- Vernon

Vernon Halbert shot Haze Littrel three and one half miles west of Pittsburg at the Halbert farm. Didn't kill him but was a year before he could be up and around.

Hargrove- Bill

Bill Hargrove, father of T. V. Hargrove, took poison and died in 1903. He lived at Wheatland.

Harlan- Mrs. Frank

Mrs. Frank Harlan had a wagon tongue pierce her abdomen and kill her about 1891.

Hart- Clester Kie

Clester Kie Hart, two year old son of Bob and Josie Hart fell in hot water when they were getting ready to butcher hogs. The barrel of water was covered with a sheet and the child thought it a good place to sit down and when he did he fell in. He lived until the next day. This happened in 1923 at their home near Quincy.

Herbert- Draper

Draper Herbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Herbert was killed by an electric current at Deepwater in 1925. An electric wire fell across the partition fence between Draper and his neighbor. Draper took hold of it and was killed instantly. His neighbor saw him and went to his aid. He was also electrocuted. Draper's sister, Ola Herbert, was at the Herbert home helping care for Draper's wife, and new baby, John Henry. She also went to Draper's aid and put her hand in his overall pocket and suffered shock. The baby, John Henry, died in January, 1926.

Herbert- Fleetwood

Fleetwood Herbert had been to a hollow northeast of the house with a horse. It was thought the horse kicked him in the head. His family were all gone from home and when they returned they found him unconscious. He never regained consciousness and died January 1, 1933. He lived three miles west of Hermitage.

Herbert- Fred

Fred Herbert, son of Draper and Minnie (Thompson) Herbert was killed by lightning in July, 1946. This happened near Lecton, Missouri where they were making their home. He had gone to the clothes line to gather in a washing when killed. He left twin baby daughters. He had been in the thick of battles in over seas, and came home without a scratch.

Hess- Dr. G. W.

Dr. G. W. Hess was found dead under his car about sixty yards north and east of the old bridge, one fourth mile south of the new bridge in 1919 at Hermitage. He had been to Springfield and purchased a second hand car and was driving it home.

Hickman- Bob's Child

Bob Hickman's child was killed when a wagon ran over it north of Cross Timbers. It was about 8 years of age.

Hickman- George

George Hickman shot at Tom Williams at Cross Timbers and shot Don Miller's wife instead in 1924. She recovered.

Hill- Ernest

Ernest Hill was killed in a car accident on the east bridge at Hermitage, July 10, 1956. His body was found in the river. He was employed on road construction work on Highway 65 when they were widening it. He lived at Linneus, Missouri.

Hinkle- Lee

Lee Hinkle was found dead in Mill Creek in 1930 about one fourth mile east and south of the Hinkle old place where Mr. Tabor now owns. He had some kind of spells, so they surmised he had one of these and fell in the water.

Hinkle- Roy

Roy Hinkle shot and killed himself in California. His wife was the former Belle Blackwell. They were former Hickory Countians.

Huff- Fred

Fred Huff was found dead in 1941. He had been dead for three or ^{had} four days. He lived east of Hermitage across the road where Ralph Nevins now lives. Was a hot day when buried.

Huffman- Frank

Frank Huffman was killed in 1894 by John Carrol Pitts about a mile south of Cross Timbers at the Judge Hickman farm in a persimmon grove. Huffman had been robbing people and officers had been hunting him for more than a year. There was a reward offered for him. John Carrol betrayed and killed him, the reward he received was seventeen dollars. They met at this place to go to Sentinel store and rob it that night. Huffman walked up, Pitts shot him. Pitts was later killed in Oklahoma.

A McCarty boy left home years ago before this happened and was never heard from, and supposition was that Huffman was this boy. The McCarty family befriended him.

Huffman- Gip

Gip Huffman killed a Feltenbarger and went to the penitentiary and died there in the '80's. It happened on the Robert Owsley place.

Hunt- Bluford

Bluford Hunt, 90, father, of Omer (Bud) Hunt of Wheatland was found dead at his home near Elkton January 2, 1957. He had been dead several hours.

Hunt- Edward

Edward D. Hunt, son of T. B. and Myrtle (Fitzhugh) Hunt was killed in a car-train wreck February 22, 1941. He was 17 years of age. There were four other boys in the car. His funeral was held at Weau-bleau and burial in the Durnell Chapel cemetery.

Hicks- Eva

Eva Hicks was found choked to death near Pleasant Ridge church. Her father was returned twenty years later from Colorado for the charge but was never convicted. Another sister had them go to Colorado after him so she could get his money. Lee Hicks was her brother.

Jenkins- John W.

John W. Jenkins shot and killed himself in Cross Timbers in 1936 in the A. F. Russell house.

Jenkins- Willis

Willis Jenkins dived from a tree into water in 1940 and suffered a broken neck and died. He was picnicking with a group of teen agers. This happened on Turkey Creek north of Cross Timbers. He was 17 years old.

Johnson- Homer

Homer Johnson was found dead with the back of his head caved in about one mile south of the Sigel Fugate place or four and one half miles south west of Pittsburg. Never knew who killed him but suspected his older brother. This was in 1916.

Jenkins- Letha and Mattie

Mrs. Mattie E. Hingus was found dead January 21, 1943. Death no doubt was due to a heart attack as she was subject to them. Probably been dead a day or two. Sitting by heating stove in rocking chair. Fire out and stove cold, dining room door open and body frozen stiff as we were having below zero weather. Her sister, Letha Jenkins had suffered a stroke a couple of years before and had been bedfast ever since. Speech had been impaired since stroke. Conscious and mentally alert but could tell nothing. Must have suffered terribly lying and sitting there in bed seeing what she saw and yet so helpless. Already frail but no doubt due to shock she passed away January 27, 1943. Miss Jenkins was 76 years old, Mrs. Hingus 71. They were buried in a double grave in Cross Timbers cemetery January 28, 1943. Contributed by Bertie Scarbrough.

Johnson- Regina Kay

Regina Kay Johnson was burned to death October 19, 1947 in Weaubleau when a gas stove exploded. She was the baby daughter of Wayne and Dorothy (Wright) Johnson. The home was destroyed also.

Johnson- Ross

Ross Johnson committed suicide at Springfield in 1918 or later. He lived in Hermitage with his mother, "Aunt Becky Johnson" before they moved to Springfield.

Jordan- Bill

Bill Jordan cut Jim Blackwell with a knife near the well at Hermitage in 1903. He recovered.

Jordan- Johnny

Johnny Jordan was accidentally killed by his older brother, Georgia, with a shot gun in 1944 at the home of their parents, Oliver and Josie (Byers) Jordan north east of Macedonia church. He was 10 years old.

Jordan- Terry

Terry Jordan took carbolic acid and died at his home north of Wheatland about 1932. He lived with his wife and son where Mart Sutt now lives.

Jones- L. E.

L. E. Jones was found frozen to death by Rolf Homer in the Buckhannon bottom in 1878 or 1879. The farm is now owned by Mrs. Mae Lafaver.

Kelly- Leona

Leona Kelly, daughter of Luther and Delia (Blackwell) Kelly supposedly took poison and died a few years ago. She lived in Kansas City. Her mother was dead but her father lived north west of Wheatland where Buel Pippins now owns.

Ketchum- True

True Ketchum shot and killed himself at their home at the foot of the Weaubleau hill on the south side of the road April 12, 1948. He was just a young man.



Kelly- Rad's Children

Six children drowned at Dorman Ford south of Hermitage in 1898. Three of Rad Kellys, Lodocia Kelly, October 15, 1879- July 30, 1898. Beulah Kelly, October 29, 1881- July 30, 1898, Paul Kelly, October 19, 1884- July 30, 1898, two of George Moores, Joseph Moore, October 21, 1888- July 30, 1898, Laura Moore, January 30, 1873- July 30, 1898, and one of John Masons, Malindye Mason, September 23, 1883- July 30, 1898. The river was past fording and the man driving the team, Mr. Wheat, drove into the water and the children and team drowned. He swam out. They had been to a reunion at Hermitage and a big rain fell at night. After daylight they started home and drove into the river and it half bank full. The children ranged in age from ten to 19 years. Kellys two other children would have been drowned but they didn't have hats to wear so they were kept at home.

King- George

George King shot and killed himself in his barn south of Preston November 3, 1953 because of ill health. He had gone to the barn to milk.

Kinross- Billy

Billy Kinross was killed while mowing weeds near his home north west of Wheatland. The team ran away and he was dragged to death.

Kinross- Jimmy

Jimmy Kinross, brother of Billy was found dead in his home north west of Wheatland. This was in 1942.

Knight- Alfred

Alfred Knight was killed when a car ran into him at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, January 9, 1953. He and his wife had started to Florida on a vacation and had stopped in Arkansas. He started to cross the road and was hit by a swerving car.

Kittel- Richard

Richard Kittel died from serious burns he received when he was burned in Weaubleau, February 14, 1954.

Lake- John

John Lake was found dead in a cabin east of Preston. He had been dead quite some time.

Linn- George

George Linn died in a well where Jack Cahow now lives in Dooley Bend. He was digging a well and went down to dig in the afternoon. There was "damps" in the well which caused his death. Dan McGee was let down in the well and he almost died. He was brought out lifeless. This happened in 1907. "Damps" is a noxious gas or vapor exhaled especially in a mine.

Lopp- Marvin

Marvin Lopp died with a broken neck in 1897. He was riding a horse and started to ride over a cow that was lying down. The cow jumped up and threw him, horse, and all.

Lopp- Harry

Harry Lopp was killed in Hermitage November 27, 1911. He lived in a frame house that stood in the corner of the yard where Mr. Day now lives. It was moved sometime later to the lot where Wallace Darby now lives. While it was being moved, Clarence Wilson was hired to sleep in it. The brick house was torn down when the new house was being built. Elmer Byrds had the new house built.

Losey- Dr.

Dr. Losey of Almon was found drowned at the east end of the old bridge site at Hermitage one fourth mile south of the new Highway 54 bridge in 1913.

McCaslin- Bill

Bill McCaslin, (father of Frank, Johnny and little Bill) was sheriff in 1889 and went to arrest Worcester Relaford. He shot at the sheriff and missed him. The shot went through McCaslin's horse's neck but didn't kill the horse. Relaford went to penitentiary for twenty years.

McGee- Andrew

Andrew McGee, son of John McGee, was killed at Cliquot in 1916 by a train. He had been to Oklahoma and was coming home and stopped at Cliquot and bought a lunch. He stopped on the railroad tracks to eat. It was thought he went to sleep. When the train came along, he was killed. He was afflicted with a mental condition.

McKinzie- Sam

Sam McKinzie shot himself at Columbia, Missouri where V.
He used to live in a house south of the house where Mr.
Harold Carlstrom recently owned and occupied.

Reynolds- James

James Reynolds, a former resident of Wheatland community, went to California about twenty years ago. He was working at a logging camp in California. He fell about 40 feet from a crane because some one failed to fasten a bar. His skull was crushed but he lived two and one half hours. He graduated from Wheatland High School in 1925. He married Yuba Burnfin and they had two children. He was killed December 26, 1940. He was born February 18, 1906. He was buried in California.

Sapp- John

John Sapp was accidentally shot and killed instantly by John Smith in 1906 or 1907 about one and one half miles south of Galmey store while they were crawling through a wire fence.

Mann- Charlie

Charlie Mann was killed at Cross Timbers in 1906 by Zeke Cox. Mr. Mann had sat up all night with a sick wife. He went to get medicine for her and had to wait on the doctor to get home. He was so sleepy, so he went out and lay down under a tree and went to sleep. The constable and Cox went to look for him and he awoke scared. Cox hit him with a ball bat and killed him.

Mashburn- Tom

Tom Mashburn was killed at Elkton in 1891 by Billie Beck, a boy. Mashburn had been bullying Beck. This time they were at church and Mashburn started teasing him. He took out a gun and killed him.

Mashburn- Weaver

Weaver Mashburn, son of Clay and Henrietta (Hollingsworth) Mashburn, was born and reared in Dooley Bend. His parents died when he was small, and his three older sisters reared the younger ones of the family. He had a roving disposition. When he was about 15 years of age, he left home. His family never knew much of his whereabouts. He was found dead lying by the side of the road near Independence, Missouri December 5, 1955. He had been staying with a man that lived near Harrisonville. He had left that morning for Kansas City. No one knew what caused his death.

Mason- Linnie

Linnie Mason, daughter of John Mason, three and one half year old child, burned to death at Quincy in 1897. Her mother was burning trash in the yard and left the little girl to stir in the fire. Her clothing caught fire and burned her to death. She was a sister to the Mason girl that was drowned at Dorman Ford in 1898.

Moore- Roland

Roland Moore was killed in a car accident between Collins and Weaubleau in 1940 on Highway 54.

Miller- Audra

Audra Miller was killed when she started to cross the highway near Odessa, Missouri July 5, 1927. She lived at Cross Timbers and was going to Kansas City to visit relatives. The car she was going in, had had a flat tire. They stopped to change it. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller. She was about 15 years of age.

Moore- Tilda

Tilda Moore (wife of Kelly) died from injuries she received in a car accident in 1930. The accident happened when the car failed to make the turn ^{east of} Butcher store. They had been to the cemetery at Butcher.

Morrison- Laurence F.

Laurence (Larry) F. 42, dropped dead at Wheatland picnic August 1, 1947. He was operating a concession stand. He was buried at Gardner cemetery August 3. A member of the show group walked behind the hearse and sang, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" as the body was being taken to the Hathaway Funeral Home.

Mottesheard- Bernard

Bernard Mottesheard, a young man, was killed in a car accident June 18, 1955. He was a son of Russell Mottesheard that formerly lived in Sunny Slope neighborhood.

Naffziger- Samuel

Samuel Naffziger was killed by Dick Rogers at Wheatland in 1875. There had been an old grudge between them for years.

Murray- Berlyn

Berlyn Murway was drowned when the boat he was riding in capsized when it went over the dam at Fairfield July 8, 1919. He had returned from the army in World War I June 28, 1919. Two couples had been riding in the boat. The girls had been put on shore and the two boys tried going over the dam. The boat hit Berlyn's head and rendered him unconscious, causing him to drown. He is buried at Spring Branch cemetery at Avery.

MR DONOVAN GOES FISHING

In April 1950, Mr. A. T. Donovan was fishing in Pomme de Terre river in a boat. The boat hit a willow and capsized. (This was the same willow that turned the boat over and caused Rev. Cox and Robert Mabary to drown in April, 1916.) Mr. Donovan was tossed into the water. He had a new pair of shoes, potato fork, bait box, fishing tackle and minnow trap in the boat. He lost all of these and his bill fold containing 17 dollars in money. He had on a pair of rubber boots. When he hit the water, his trouser legs fell down over the boots and he was able to swim to safety. He called for help and several from the town of Hermitage went to his rescue. He had already swum out and gone home. Some of the people went to his house to see about him. He lived just up the big hill from the bridge in a little cabin from the Pomme de Terre river east. A few years afterward two men were fishing near the spot where the boat capsized and found the potato fork since the water was clear.

WAR TIME 1950's

Nathan Pippin lived on the old Osborn Bennett place southeast of Preston. Tom Morgan's father was at a dance at the Pippins'. Trouble arose on the outside and one man was shot. He slipped into the house and upstairs without being detected. The blood dripped through the upstairs floor on to the dance floor. He lay there until he bled to death. No name was available for this man. This occurred during war times. This incident was related by Tom Morgans.

Odenbaugh- Arch

Arch Odenbaugh killed himself with a gun November 4, 1949. He lived north of Preston on Highway 65. This happened near his home.

Ollinger- Ben

Ben Ollinger was killed by Sherm McCracken or his wife, Nerve, in 1891 south of Dooley Bend four and one half miles. They had had trouble over digging a well. McCracken didn't want to pay for the digging.

Osborn- Steve

Steve Osborn was found frozen to death north east of Preston a few years ago. He was a bachelor.

Owsley-Charlie

Charlie Owsley was working for Fritz Mueller. He went to Warsaw to the railroad station. He was standing in front of the team and wagon. The team became frightened and started to run away. They knocked him down, ran over, and killed him. Mueller was on the train and saw the accident. He gave the train official \$25 to stop the train and let him off to see to the body.

Owsley- George

George Owsley was killed January 10, 1938 when his team ran away while gathering corn. His son, Herbert, was in the spring seat of the wagon, George saw the team start and thought he would grab the lines. The team circled and ran over him. He lived until he got to the house. Herbert had a broken leg and was in the hospital a long time.

Parson- Jessie

Jessie Parson hanged himself in early 1900's. He lived on the place now known as the Dick Lucky place.

Paxton- Ira Norman

Ira Norman Paxton was killed when kicked by a horse November 13, 1943. He was born November 2, 1931. He was the son of Oliver and Grace Paxton. He is buried at Samner cemetery.

Paxton- Orval

Orval Paxton was killed north west of Wheatland where Edgar Wilson farm now is. He was staying all night with his sister, Mrs. Joe Paxton and the house stood just east of the house Edgar lives in now. Joe's girls had been sitting on his lap. They got down just before he was shot through the window. This happened in 1922. Enos Quigg, his father-in-law, was accused of killing him. They had blood hounds from Springfield brought there. They met him in the road and didn't pay any attention to him.

Faxton- Sigle

Sigle Faxton was shot in 1893 out of a boat ten miles north of Wheatland near "Round Bottom Ford". John Grates was in the boat with him when he was killed. John jumped out of the boat into the water. He was shot at three times.

Peterson- Melvin

Melvin Peterson, son of Ed and Agnes (Eklof) Peterson, burned to death in his car May 29, 1954. This happened between Clinton and Warrensburg on his way home from Kansas City to spend Decoration Day.

Pettet- George

George Pettet shot himself in the leg and bled to death. He lived east of Pittsburg. The shot entered on the inside of his leg and came out on the other side. He died almost instantly. This was June 6, 1911.

Pippins- Darlene

Darlone Pippins, a small child, was killed when her father, Archie, backed their car over her. She lived about a month and was buried July, 1939.

Fitts- Etta

Etta Fitts was killed by lightning in Indianola, Oklahoma. She was standing in the screen door. She was the daughter of Bill and Almeda Sanders. They lived on the farm now owned by Mrs. Golda Green.

Pitts- John Carroll Sr.

John Carroll Pitts, Sr. was shot and killed at the court house door in Hermitage in 1860's. Taken from record.

Pope- Belle

Mrs. Walter Pope (Belle Worthan) was injured critically October 19, 1941, when the car in which she was riding was struck by a car on Highway 54 east of Preston at the Tom Mitchell old road. The Popes had taken Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mitchell to Olive Point to church and were returning them to their lane. Mr. Pope backed his car out into the road and failed to see the on coming car. She lived until October 23, She was buried at Bowers Chapel.

Pope- Frank

Frank Pope was killed in a car accident June 9, 1954 near Springfield. He had been to a sale and was on his way home when the car went out of control on a curve. He was thrown out of the car and lived a few hours. He was 69 years of age.

Pope- Gid

Gid Pope, brother of Frank, and son of N. K. and Mary Jane (Creed) Pope, hanged himself in their barn two and one half miles south east of Preston. This was January 1907.

Pope- Pat

Pat Pope, age 17, son of Clay and Raydean (Moulder) Pope was killed in California February 16, 1956. A steam shovel pushed a load of gravel on him. Clay was the son of Frank and Lulu (Manning) Pope.

Powell- Clinton

Clinton Powell was killed by a stray bullet March 21, 1911 near Big Weaubleau creek. He was going with his father to take Miss Clara Cavin to the train at Weaubleau. After the tragedy happened Miss Cavin held him until they reached Weaubleau but he was dead when they arrived. He was the son of Tom and Josephine (Moore) Powell and was seven years of age.

Powell- Guy

Guy Powell was killed one and one half miles east of Wheatland on top of the hill from Hiome Park on old road by Frank Grutsinger.

Preston- Eb

Eb Preston shot and killed Ed Ireland in 1917 east of Preston.

Preston- Russell

Russell W. Preston, 50, of Hickman Mills died suddenly in his car at the Farmers Exchange in Weaubleau January 24, 1957. He was field representative for Meroy Hospital in Kansas City.

Proper- P. O.

Philip O. Proper's bones were found two and one half miles north west of Flemington November 18, 1956 in Bill George's pasture. He disappeared in February, 1955. His bicycle was found first, and his saddle bags, too. The search was begun and the discovery of his bones were found a short time later. It was thought he had shot himself with a gun, as it was found near his bones.

Quigg- Ira

Ira Quigg was killed at Wheatland in 1892 by Sigle Paxton. Sigle Paxton was put under bond and was under bond when he was killed. Officers caught Paxton in the warehouse where John Williams' store now is

Quigg- Wess

Wess Quigg was killed in Wheatland in 1893 by Ort, John, and Theodore Paxton. They stood trial and went to the penitentiary for 15 years each. They were paroled in 2 or 3 years.

Richardson- Len

Rash- Gladys

Gladys Rash, daughter of John and Pearl (Wright) Rash fell in a bucket of hot ashes and burned her hands badly in 1916 or 1918. In August, 1927 she died. It was thought of injuries she received when she fell from a swing at school.

Rainwater-

Mr. Rainwater was found dead southwest of Pittsburg in 1932. There was never any trace of who killed him.

Reed- Jessie

Jessie Reed (son of Charlie and Etta Reed) burned to death west of Elkton when a child. He was a cousin to Dovie Reser and the Reed boys at Elkton.

Reed- Wilma

Wilma Reed, daughter of Roy and Nellie (Stephenson) Reed was burned to death when a gasoline iron exploded in 1935. She was born in 1918. She is buried at Roundtree cemetery.

Renfro- Jim

Jim Renfro worked for Nathan Pope and made his home there. He had epileptic fits. He went to California and lived there. He was found with his head in a drainage ditch, drowned. This happened ten or fifteen years ago.

Richards- Len

Len Richards was kicked by a horse and killed in 1889. He lived on the Joe Hartman place south of Hermitage now Mrs. Edith Owen's farm.

Riddle- Joseph

Joseph Riddle committed suicide by hanging himself to the bed post with a short rope. It was about supper time April 1, 1913. He had been probate judge of Hickory County. He was 66 years old. He joined the Union Army when he was 16 years of age and served during the Civil War. He had many exciting experiences.

Roberts- Cal

Cal Roberts was burned and caused his death January 19, 1957. He use to live north east of Preston near where the Ussery school house formerly was. He died in a rest home at Nevada.

Rogers- Dick's Son

Dick Rogers son was killed in Oklahoma but was returned to Hickory County for burial.

Rorer- Minnie

Minnie (Pine) Rorer was killed in the east room of the property in Wheatland where J. E. and Mrs. Jones live. Frank and Minnie had lived in their home in town about three weeks. They had just returned from a trip to the farm. Minnie had brought her gun she used to shoot hawks, squirrels, etc. She asked Frank to clean it up for her, but to go after the mail first. He did. When he came back, she was sitting at the east window at the sewing machine making curtains. Frank picked up the gun and started to break it at the breach. The gun was accidentally discharged striking her in the back of her head. This was January 6, 1931. She was 43 years of age and they had been married 25 years. She was buried at Crutsinger cemetery.

Rogers- Noah

Noah Rogers was drowned just above the Avery Bridge April 14, 1925. He was 16 years of age. He made his home with Marion and Mary (Gaston) Breshears. They moved to Marshall and Noah stayed with A. J. (Little Jack) and Ida May Breshears until school was out. It closed Friday April 13. He planned to go to Marion's on Monday. He helped Mr. Breshears fix fence Saturday morning, had worked hard, it was a warm day for the season. He and Lawrence Cates went swimming. It was thought he was seized with cramps.

Saathoff- H. A.

H. A. Saathoff was found dead in 1950 five miles north east of Preston near the Tom Pilo place. He was a big man, wore size 14 shoe.

Sally- Jack

Jack Sally was killed at Cross Timbers in 1901 by Tom Heath. They had had a grudge for three or four years. Heath lost his mind and died in asylum.

Sally- John

John Sally, son of Jack Sally was killed at Fristoe in 1941 when a car ran into him as he was crossing the highway. He lived three and one half miles north east of Cross Timbers. He accumulated a good sized fortune in the Klonike region in Alaska. He left a sizeable fund in trust with the county court to be used for eligible crippled children of the county.

Sanders- Tom Henry

Tom Henry Sanders sucked gasoline through a rubber hose into his windpipe and caused his death. He lived only a few days. This was in 1923. He was born in 1875.

Schroier- Eugene T.

Eugene T. Schroier was found dead north of Hermitage at the foot of the Adkins hill on the north side of the road. He was lying beneath his truck and it was thought his truck backed over him and killed him. This happened October 1950.

Shanklin- Leta and Edgar

Leta Estella (Wright) Shanklin killed her husband, Asbury Edgar, with a twenty two rifle and then shot herself in their home between Nemo and Preston in 1948.

Shumate- Hulette

Hulette Shumate was burned so badly in the basement of the concrete home north east of the square in Hermitage August 2, 1936 that he died. He was judge of the county court at the time.

Skidmore- Floyd

Floyd Skidmore, a son of Sholby and Ellen Skidmore, shot himself in the left arm and shoulder while hunting and died of blood poison at the age of 18 in 1916.

Smith- George

George Smith, pastor of the Baptist Church at Wheatland, shot himself in the feed store at Fristoe about 1915.

Smith- Herb

Herb Smith was smoking a pipe and a horse kicked him and rammed the pipe stem down his throat and killed him. He married a Mottesheard. He was about 45 years of age. This happened in 1902 or 1903.

Smith- Lennie

Lennie McClure Smith burned to death February 19, 1907 at the family home in Wheatland. He was the small son of Lon and Ona (Olmstead) Smith.

Smith- Rachael and Polly

Rachael Smith and her sister, Polly, were chopped to pieces with a corn knife by Rachael's husband around 1900. He went to the asylum and died there. This happened at the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cooper now reside west of Weaubleau.

Southard- Lizzie

Lizzie (Farris) Southard wife of Dan Southard took sodium fluoride by mistake at their home north east of Wheatland in 1935 and died. Ray Sherman now owns the farm but Southards lived in the old house. The new house has been built since.

Stiltz- Lyman

Lyman Stiltz killed Tom Moore at Quincy in 1898. He was sent to the penitentiary for five years. *

Street- Howard

W. M. H. (Howard) Street 1851-1912 hanged himself in the barn at the Street old place one half mile east of Butcher store.

Sutt- Jerry Lynn

Jerry Lynn Sutt, small son of Bill and Georgia (Kennedy) Sutt, was killed when run over by a car just east of Preston January 1, 1950. He had been to Sunday School with his grandmother, Kennedy. He was born February 15, 1947.

Tankesley- Willie

Willie Tankesley was killed Thanksgiving Day November 25, 1937. They were expecting their son, Harry and family, to come that day. Mr. Tankesley went to haul feed with a wagon and team. He drove to the gate and opened it. The dog chased a rabbit near the team and frightened them. They started to run and knocked Mr. Tankesley down and the wagon ran over him. His wife (Flora Lindsey), was in the potato patch digging potatoes. She saw the trouble at the barn lot and went to his aid. She then went about a mile east to Mr. Carey's for help. He had to go a half a mile to call a doctor, Dr. Glasco. Mr. Tankesley was dead about the time the doctor arrived. Harry would have been there to have helped his father haul the feed but had car trouble and was delayed in reaching the parental home. Mr. Tankesley was almost 68 years old-lacked 12 days.

Tankesley- Nathan

Nathan Tankesley was struck by lightning and killed June 24, 1882.

Thompson- Bill

Bill Thompson (father of J. C. and Everett) hanged himself in a barn in Wheatland. *

Thompson- John Claiborn

Clabo (J. C.) Thompson hanged himself in a garage in California. He had been despondent for a number of years. His body was returned to Hickory County, his former home and buried at Butcher cemetery in 1940. *

Thompson- George

George Thompson jumped into a well and drowned himself February 20, 1952 at his home in Deepwater, Missouri. He was a brother of J. C., Everett, and Ras. His wife had passed away January 24, 1952 and he cared for her during many years of invalidism.

Triggs- J. W.

J. W. Triggs went to the field to sow grass seed. When he did not return, his wife became alarmed and began a search for him. He was found in a branch with his head in the water. It was thought he went to get a drink and died of a heart attack. This was April 12, 1956. He was born November 16, 1869. He lived near Pittsburg.

Tucker- Harve

Harve Tucker was killed at Elkton in 1892 by Billie McCracken. Tucker had bullied Mr. McCracken for two or three years.

Umphenour- Joe

Joe Umphenour was found frozen to death one and one half miles southeast of Pittsburg in 1880. He lived by himself in a log house and it was rather an open one. It was a real cold winter.

AN EARLY BURIAL

Mrs. Joe Cooper was buried at Cooper graveyard in 1892. A. T. Donovan, about 22 years old, and his sister, Ruthie Donovan, about 12, went to the Cooper home. They took off their shoes and waded the river two times to get there. Mr. Donovan and three men carried the casket from the house to the cemetery, a distance of three quarters of a mile. There were about a dozen people there. They had no services at the house or cemetery. Mr. Cooper married Mrs. Kelly (Ethel Cooper's mother) in a few months. He had three children and Mrs. Kelly had twelve.

Wagner- Bill

Bill Wagner shot himself and died enroute to the hospital September 7, 1956. He lived just north of Wheatland and the first house south of the old flour mill.

Walker- Bobby Lynn

Bobby Lynn Walker and his father, Clinton Walker, were hunting when the gun accidentally discharged and shot Bobby Lynn in the arm. He was taken to the hospital and got all right. Later he had to have an operation on his arm. The accident happened December 27, 1956.

Walker- Ida

Ida (Tilford) Walker hanged herself three or four miles north of Wheatland several years ago. Her husband was H. H. Walker and Howard Walker was one of her sons.

Ward- Al

Al Ward was killed by lightning on the Tatum place in 1893 or 1894. He married Henry Cowen's daughter, American. His baby was sitting in his lap. He was killed, the child was not injured.

Warner- Otto

Otto Warner killed Garland Yokley near Rendo January 22, 1943.

Warstadt- Tony Len

Tony Len Warstadt, two and one half year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Warstadt was killed when a truck driven by his father ran over him November 3, 1956.

Weaver- Homer

Homer Weaver was found dead near Lees Summit. He had been dead several days when found July 14, 1956. He is buried at Weaver cemetery in Benton County.

Weaver- Vergie

Vergie Weaver was burned to death near Flattsburg in 1932 or 1933. Her clothing caught fire. A child was burned some but she lived. Her funeral was the first for Jim Wright and it was held at Macedonia. She was the daughter of Johnny and Lula (Payne) Weaver. She was married.

Williams- Jessie

Jessie Williams was drowned three miles southwest of Harrogate at Tatum Ford July 22, 1903. They lived east of home on what is now known as the Arthur place.

Welsh- Paulina (Paxton)

Mrs. Paulina (Paxton) Welsh was killed April 12, 1923 when the car in which she was riding was overturned about half way between the Latter Day Saint Church and the John S. Williams place north of Wheatland. Her son, Joe Paxton, had come for her and her daughter, Naomi Wilson and family to spend the day at his home. They were turning a corner. The top was down to the Model T. Ford. She was hit on the side of the neck and died instantly. She was 71 years of age and was the wife of Hugh Paxton. She was buried at Sumner cemetery.

Wente- John Henry Frederick

John Henry Frederick Wente (father of Dr. L. M. and Henry Wente) was found frozen to death in a field west of Wheatland. He had been to town and started home. Was found in a snow drift, only part of his coat showing. This was in 1899.

White- Gid

Gid White was shot at Cross Timbers in 1924 by the Ussery boys.

Williams- Curg

Curg Williams of Elkton was kicked in the head by a horse and killed in 1900. He was circuit clerk of Hickory County at the time. He and his father-in-law, Bill Kelly ran a store at Elkton for a long time.

Williams- Jessie

Jessie Williams was drowned three miles southwest of Hermitage at Tatum Ford July 23, 1908. They lived east of Nemo on what is now known as the Arthur place.

Willsey- Wm.

Wm. Willsey slashed his wrists with a razor blade in Hermitage jail in 1948 and bled to death. He was in jail for stealing Homer Wilson's cattle.

Wilson- Bill

Bill Wilson was killed at Quincy in 1874. They tried Lyman Stiltz for killing him but was never convicted.

Wright- James Keet

James Keet Wright son of Joss and Mabel (Copp) Wright was killed October 19, 1954 west of Kansas City. He was working on road construction crew and on his way home when his car went out of control. His mother, Mrs. Mabel Boring was keeping his supper warm for him when the telephone rang telling of his death.

Wright- Jim

Jim Wright, father of Oscar Wright shot Henry Knoll three miles east of Cross Timbers. Shot him three times. Wright shot and hit one of the barrels of Mr. Knoll's gun and cut it off about eight inches in front of the hammer and bent the rod between the barrels. One barrel was loaded with turkey shot. One shot entered the right shoulder of Knoll. He shot another time and hit him in the back of his shoulder. They went in three inches for shot. Mr. Wright never knew what Mr. Knoll was mad about. Hazen Green was the prosecuting attorney when this happened.

Wright- Joe

Joe Wright of Cross Timbers and a woman from Lebanon were killed in a car accident on Highway 65 near Crystal Cave near Springfield, December 3, 1956.

Wood- Mary Lee

Mary Lee Wood, born January 23, 1936, burned to death when their home burned when she poured gasoline in a stove at her home north of Junction 83 and 54 west of Wheatland, May 10, 1949. She was the daughter of George and Helen (Dietz) Wood. She was a freshman in Weaubleau High School, age 13.

Wyatt- Wilbur

Wilbur Wyatt, 36, was killed when a car driven by Willard Samples ran into him as he was walking on Highway 54 a short distance west of Wheatland, December 3, 1954.

Young- Mary

Mary Young, wife of Jerry Young, was found dead in her home east of Preston by her daughter, Daisy Osborn, 1952, in January. Mrs. Clyde Dybee and Mrs. Rosa Hazelton helped Daisy to get Dr. Briggs and Gilbert Hathaway, funeral director.

ALPHABETIZED LATER

Allen- Logan

Logan Allen, 19, born 1898, was the son of E. M. Allen. He was kicked in the stomach by a horse while plowing corn with the double shovel and died soon after. He lived southwest of Butcher store where Elmer Staten now lives. His accident happened in 1907.

ALPHABETIZED LATER

Ash- Floyd

of Benton County

Floyd Ash, an employee of the highway department, was mowing the right-of-way with a team on the curve by the John Hanco place north west of Cross Timbers and started to turn around. Two girls came from the north with the accelerator wide open and hit and killed him. This was September 22, 1950.

Buckner- Alpha O.

Alpha O. Buckner was killed in a car accident September 24, 1955 near Kansas City. He was in a car with three other men. He was born January 7, 1930. He was buried at Payne cemetery in Polk County.

Breshears- Clarence

Clarence Breshears, son of Steve Breshears, was with two other boys on the road by the George Bartshe and Little Bill Jordan homes. They were riding horseback and racing their horses. As they were trying to make the first corner south of the Jordan home, Clarence's horse stumbled and fell with him. He probably received a concussion. He was taken to the Levi Breshears home where he died a few days later without regaining consciousness. He was buried at Jones cemetery, east of Avery.

Edwards- Mbra

Mrs. Nora (Node) Edwards, wife of Oscar Edwards was found dead at her home south east of Weaubleau June 24, 1941 by Tom Cordell. She had done her milking and had gone to the house and strained the milk. She had fallen in the floor. It was in the evening as she was found the next morning when Mr. Cordell, a neighbor, saw her cows and calves were not in normal positions and went to investigate.

ALPHABETIZED LATER

Fahnestock-

A Fahnestock boy from Fristoe went swimming with four or five other boys at the ford on Fonne de Terre river where Deaton Bird now lives. He swam across the river and attempted to swim back, but never made it. This was in 1920. His Mother urged him not to go with the boys, but they persuaded him to, but he never got home alive.

Johnson- Ann

Ann (Tiger) Johnson formerly lived in Dooly Bond where Joe Dooly now owns. Her husband died and was buried at Rondo cemetery. She moved to Bolivar to live with her daughter. She hired a car to bring her to the Rondo cemetery, took carbolic acid and died on his grave, September, 1937.

Chanoy- Elbert

Elbert (Bud) Chanoy son of Jake and Rachael (McNabb) Chanoy had a tractor turn over on him in an irrigation ditch in 4 feet of water and was drowned, April, 1939 at Anaheim, California. He left a daughter. When a young boy he lived west of Hermitage where the W. A. Olson's now live.

Cunningham- Tom

Tom Cunningham was drowned at Fairfield just above the dam. He fell in the water and was thought to have hit something that took his breath away. This was in 1910.

ALPHABETIZED LATER

Harrop- Joseph

Joseph Harrop, 70, shot himself at his home near Quincy with a revolver in 1950. His son and family lived with him. He had been in poor health. Was born in 1880. He was buried at Butcher.

Hostetler- Chester

Chester Hostetler turned his car over on him in Iowa and was killed August 11, 1921. Was born August 10, 1887. Other men were in the car but he was the only one killed. He was a brother of Mrs. Jim Allen and was returned to Butcher cemetery for burial.

Huffman- Gip

Gip Huffman killed a Feltenbarger. He went to penitentiary and died there in the '80's. It happened on the Robert Owsley place.

Ihm- Joseph

Joseph Ihm, 50, State Representative from Barton County was killed March 13, 1951 after the late model Ford car skidded on icy road about one mile east of Wheatland. They were going down the first hill out of town when the car went off the road and over an embankment. The car overturned, hit a tree, and landed on its top. He died 13 hours later in the Humansville hospital of possible internal injuries and lacerations. He was riding with Noel Hughes, 40, representative of Greenfield and George Wolf, 63, of Barton County. The latter man was a doorkeeper in the House of representatives. He was the second representative to be killed that year.

Ihrig- Otis

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ihrig who lived north of Avery and their 4 year old son, Otis, had gone to a tent meeting across the river at Avery. The river had risen while they were gone. They started to cross the river at Henderson ford where the bridge is now. The wagon bed floated off the running gears and hit something in the river and turned over. Mr. Ihrig grabbed his wife and Richard Rash, who was riding with them grasped the child. Somehow he lost hold of the child and Otis was drowned. The others swam to safety. This happened April 9, 1898.

Jaggers- Charlie

Charlie Jaggers, son of Myrtle (Jaggers) Skinner was working at a saw mill in Montana. A pile of saw dust caved in on him and smothered him to death. At one time, he, his mother and step-father, Tom Skinner lived on the Clyde Jenkins farm north east of Wheatland.

Jenkins- John Wm.

John Wm. Jenkins, 9 months' old son of G. G. and Carrie (Salley) Jenkins swallowed a safety pin. Dr. Glasco took him to a hospital in Sedalia where he was operated, on the pin removed. The nurse on duty dropped one of the tubes to his throat and he died. He is buried at Cross Timbers. This was in 1922.

Masten- Florence

Mrs. Florence Masten, 24, wife of C. R. Masten was killed in a car accident October 16, 1948. This was at the intersection of Highway 5 and 24 near Koytesville. She was a daughter-in-law of the C. R. Mastens of Weaubleau.

ALPHABETIZED LATIR

Lindsey- Harry

Harry Lindsey was drowned at Rockaway Beach, Monday, July 5, 1926. He was 18 years of age. Two couples from Springfield had gone to the lake for an outing. Swimming was one of the items for the day. It was thought he suffered cramps. The body was not recovered for a few hours. He was the only son of Charlie and Iva (Pope) Lindsey. The Lindseys were living in Springfield at that time. His body was brought to Olive Point for funeral and burial.

Morgan- Mary Louise

Mary Louise (Morgan) Drury, 33, shot and killed herself in California April 8, 1949. She was married and had one daughter.

Morgan- Olin

Olin Morgan, father of Mary Louise shot and killed himself with the same gun that Mary Louise killed herself with on July 3, 1952.

Morgan- Thomas Scott

Thomas Scott Morgan was a miller by trade. A mill was being built on Big Niangua. The frame was about to fall. He grabbed a post to steady the frame. He was injured and never fully recovered. He died from the injuries.

Salley- Irene

Irene (Cunningham) Salley, wife of Roy Sally and daughter of Tom Cunningham drowned in 1924 near "Nigger Spring" close to Fairfield. She went in swimming and sank. Her husband swam in after her but he could not find her. She was about 33 years old. They had two children, Roy and Bud.

ALPHABETIZED LATER

Redfield- Dr. Sylvester

Dr. Sylvester Redfield was at one time a practicing physician in Wheatland. His office was there but he and his family lived in the Dooley Bend neighborhood where Joe Dooley now owns. He gave a patient over by Weaubleau a dose of medicine. The patient died. The relatives said the medicine was poison. The doctor said it was not. To prove it, he took a large swallow of the medicine. He got on his horse and started home. Somewhere south of Wheatland he became thirsty. He got off his horse and drank out of a branch. He became violently ill, and never reached home, and died in convulsions from poison. Dr. Barnes was with him at the time. His wife was Lidia Pearson, sister to Will, Joe, and Lou Pearson.

Sherman- L. H.

L. H. (Les) Sherman fell from the barn loft at his home in Williams Bend and broke his neck in three places. He was taken to a Springfield hospital and stayed nine days. He returned home and recovered. He had to wear a brace on his neck for almost four weeks. This happened August 29, 1955.

Wade- Cleo

Cleo Wade, 40, was killed just outside the city limits of Marshall, Missouri in a car accident, December 24, 1942. His wife was the former Eva Breshears of Hickory County.

ALPHABETIZED LATER

Gist- Dr. Lemuel Ira

Dr. Lemuel Ira Gist, 46, prominent physician and surgeon of Coldwater, Michigan was fatally injured Sunday December 14, 1941 when the furnace in his newly constructed one story brick office building exploded at 2:15 p. m. Both legs were fractured, one badly shattered and second degree burns covered most parts of his face and body. He suffered internal injuries from a heavy blow across his chest and abdomen. The building was nearing completion. He had gone to inspect a fire in a temporary coal heating unit. He opened a pet cock on the low pressure cast iron hot water boiler to find out if there were enough water in the boiler. His daughter, Barbara, 11, had gone to the office with him. They started to leave but heard an odd popping noise and he turned to investigate a second time. A terrific blast shattered the large garage door into splinters and threw pieces and hurled Barbara outdoors. Lem was found lying beneath the debris in one corner of the garage that was in connection with the office. He was born August 11, 1895 at Wheatland, Missouri, the son of Charles V. and Susie (Hargrove) Gist. He graduated from Wheatland High School in 1921, and attended college in St. Louis and Medical College in Cincinnati, Ohio. He had been a resident of Coldwater 11 years, and was enjoying a large and successful practice. He was active in civic and social affairs and city physician for several terms, and in 1940 was elected Branch County coroner. He was married to Nina Black, also of Wheatland in 1920. Funeral services were held in Coldwater with burial in Oak Grove cemetery there.

- 1833- Antioch Primitive Baptist church organized. James Richardson and Elizah Williams, ministers.
- 1835- Boonville to Springfield "old road" cut out. Land west of Pomme de Terre opened to whites.
- 1843- Antioch Christian church organized. H. Y. Fitts, minister.
- 1845- Hickory County formed from Folk and Benton counties. First meeting of county court met in a newly erected crib or stable at Judge Joel B. Halberts. Members- Amos Lindsey, Joel Halbert and Thomas Davis. County taxes for the year \$333.65.
- 1846- Second meeting of county court met at Heard's spring one half mile north of Wheatland at the John Heard residence.
- 1847- Hermitage platted. Jacob A. Romans, county seat commissioner.
- 1848- Court house built at Hermitage. Quincy platted.
- 1850- Little Niangua Baptist church organized.
- 1852- Elkton Baptist church organized. Total county taxes \$515.98 $\frac{1}{2}$. Court house burned.
- 1854- Dry year in Missouri. J. C. Bernard settled at Quincy.
- 1855- Jonathan Chaney and Elizabeth Starkoy married September 4, by minister. Wm. Henderson, E. D. Blair settled at Hermitage.
- 1857- Financial panic. Preston platted.
- 1858- Great comet. W. E. Dorman built a two story hotel in Hermitage and put up a dinner bell.
- 1860- Wooden bridge built across Pomme de Terre but destroyed by high water before it was finished. New court house built. County population 4,510.
- 1865- Civil War closed. Veterans returned.
- 1867- First county attorney. Charles Kroff.

HICKORY COUNTY BY THE YEARS

- 1869- Pittsburg Baptist church organized. Wheatland plotted. Hermitage "Enterprise" first published. "Hickory County Mirror" by Wm. Moore.
- 1870- Stone jail at Hermitage and Wheatland flour mill built. Co. population, 6,452.
- 1871- Pittsburg Baptist church house built. Cross Timbers plotted.
- 1872- First store at Weaubleau. W. C. I. organized. John Whitaker, founder.
- 1873- Weaubleau Christian college building finished.
- 1874- Dry year. Macedonia Baptist church organized.
- 1876- Cross Timbers school house built. Swedes come to county. Election returns for Governor-Phelps (D) 403 Finklenburg (R) 627.
- 1879- Cyclone unroofed jail and court house. Alexander Murphy began 10 years service as county school commissioner.
- 1881- Second court house burned. Hermitage brick church house (N. E. South) built.
- 1883- Pittsburg annual Baptist meeting. J. M. Russell, moderator, L. J. Tatum, clerk.
- 1884- First issue of the Index. Election 1063 (R) 626 (D).
- 1886- Seven hotels in Wheatland. G. A. R. organized at Hermitage.
- 1888- Ten doctors in the county.
- 1889- Twelve members of the bar in Hickory County. Four advertised at Hermitage (Index). Hickory County Bank organized at Hermitage. W. H. Liggett, president, James Vaughan, cashier. Capital \$5,000.
- 1890- Judge Ben L. Mallonee reelected. Durnell Chapel Baptist church organized. County population 9,453.
- 1891- Iron bridge at Hermitage. (\$5,699) Preston steam flour built.
- 1892- Seven Christian churches reported in the county.

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HICKORY COUNTY BY THE YEARS

- 1895- Optimistic prediction: "Hickory County will double in population and Hermitage will have 1,000 inhabitants in next three years."
(Index August 15, 1895).
- 1896- Present court house built by subscription (\$5,350). Wire suspension bridge. (2100).
- 1901- Dry year. Dr. B. F. Cox reported trip to I. T. and Oklahoma.
(Index 2-5-'01). First telephones. Wheatland items, "Roads are muddy as usual; passable as unusual".
- 1903- First Hickory County fair.
- 1906- \$15,000 fire at Hermitage. Citizens Bank organized. W. F. Coon President.
- 1907- 533 names registered in the county for the War Department.
- 1918- Influenza epidemic.
- 1920- The Index purchased from Paul Murphy by U. Elmer Wilson.
- 1921- Enclosed car, Ford Coupe \$595. Don Harryman, Wheatland, and Ashcroft Motor Co. Weaubleau, agents.
- 1924- \$2,000 fire at Hermitage. County to have 56 miles of graded graveled roads. 34.6 miles already built.
- 1925- Lead mines at "Seed Tick Prospect" near Cross Timbers mill creek company selling shares \$10 each.
- 1931- Bus transportation for pupils at Hermitage. H. H. Bybee, Sup't O. B. Whitaker serving 10 terms in state legislature.
- 1935- Pave U. S. 54. Association formed. George H. Miller admitted to the bar.
- 1947- Old age assistance \$98,290 for county. Monthly average \$25.34. School lunch program.
- 1949- \$75,000 fire at Hermitage. Loss of Lightfoot, Troxel, Pope, Dorman and Day buildings. County assessed valuation \$4,706,286. Weaubleau Baptist and St. Bridget Catholic churches dedicated. World War I and II memorial at Hermitage.

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INCIDENTS

Joe Hartman and Billy Fitts were running a bank here in Hermitage in 1895. Joe Hartman was in the bank by himself. A man went in and drew a gun on him and finally shot him. Hartman fell behind the counter. He grabbed his pistol and shot at the bandit four or five times but failed to hit him. The man was never caught but it was thought Frank Huffman was the man.

The Bank of Hermitage was robbed in 1933. Billy Fitts was president and Ross Coon, cashier. Seven men were along, two were caught. They took a change of venue to Camden County and were taken there and the sheriff let them get away. One was captured, Henry C. Walters got seven years in penitentiary but Henry C. Wade alias Frank Coulay, was never caught.

Alta (Gist) Martin was found in a stairway on the west side of the square in Hermitage around 1892. She was a tiny baby. No one ever knew who put her there and she was never claimed by any one. Ruzan Gist and wife reared her.

A man and woman from Colorado were killed on Highway 65 near C. P. Wilson farm north of Preston while they were stopped to fix a flat tire. A truck came along and hit them. The woman was killed instantly and the man soon died. This was a few years ago.

INCIDENTS

Alex Leiber, about 14, son of Rudolph and Katie (Schindler) Leiber, went hunting with a bunch of boys, Ed Leibers, Ben Leibers sons, and Drew Hobbs, perhaps others. The boys had shot a squirrel and they were examining the kill. Alex knelt down by the animal. Some one struck a stick that caused the gun to discharge and hit Alex just above the knee, causing a bad wound, and the leg nearly severed.

He was taken to the house and laid on the dining room table. Dr. A. L. Fisher and a doctor from Hamansville completed the amputation of the leg. The men folks put the severed member into a box and buried it. Some two weeks later, the boy became so restless and could not sleep- said his leg was hurting him. The men went to the spot where the leg had been buried, dug it up, and drained the water off it- and again buried it. The boy went to sleep and it never bothered him any more. He recovered and is a resident of Greenleaf, Kansas at present.

HISTORICAL DATA

There is a negro cemetery located east of the "Round Bottom" ford on top of the hill. There are no tombstones, just rocks are used for markers. There was a negro settlement about one half mile east of the ford. This ford is east of White Cloud.

There is an Indian cemetery located on the bluff of the Bill Charlton place now owned by Bill Brown in Dooly Bend.

When Mr. Donovan was a young boy, people dug in this spot looking for Indian relics. One man spent nearly every Sunday for two or three years digging in it. There were bones stacked in a pile at one time, that people had found there. The bones were red. They also found arrow heads. There was an Indian camp west of the cemetery on the Mac Lafaver farm. There were no Indians there when Mr. Donovan came to this country but the land was cleared showing that there had been Indians there. It was the Seminole Indian tribe and they went from here to Oklahoma. They left after the west side of the Pomme de Terre was opened to the white settlers.

There is a negro, "old Jont" buried in the hollow north and west of the "Narrows" on Pomme de Terre river. The "Narrows" is east and maybe a little north of the Harrel Sherman farm. This negro was the slave of Mr. Josiah Dent. When he died they started to take him to Walker cemetery north of Cross Timbers to bury him by his wife and the river was past fording so they buried him in this hollow which is sometimes called "Jont Hollow".

This is the same hollow that Mr. Jones, an elderly man lived a few years ago and died there. The road was impassable for a vehicle so his body was carried to the top of the hill by some men.

THE SMALL POX EPIDEMIC

Lige Parkhurst bought a stock of goods from Rad Kelly. He had had the small pox. The post office at Dooly Bend was in this store, people would go in the store to get their mail and they contacted the germ.

In the fall of 1899 and spring of 1900 an area ten miles square around Dooly Bend community was quarantined because of small pox. There was a guard placed at Dorman ford, Buck Dorman, guard, Lon Smith guard at what is now Wm. Darby place, guard one half mile north of Elkton, Bill and Jake Hatcher as guards. These guards were to keep people from going to or from Dooly Bend. In February 1900, there were seventy three cases of small pox at one time. The homes were quarantined as they took the disease. The quarantine was removed March 7, 1900. Mr. Donovan kept the store at Dooly Bend. He was up day and night taking groceries across the road from the store to give to the people that came for them. Some of them almost starved to death before they could get able to get food. Dr. Cox was the doctor and he would go to the yard fence and leave medicine for the sick ones. Dave Hiltson was the sheriff of the county.

A NARROW ESCAPE

A few years ago, Marion McCarty started to cross the Femme de Terre river at Jenkins ford which is north west of Williams Bend, with a wagon and team. The river was past fording and the team and wagon were washed down the river. The team was drowned. Marion was a good swimmer and swam to safety.

THE LOST BROOKSHIRE SILVER MINE

This silver mine it is thought is located near the "Rough Hollow" bridge or east of there where the ford used to be.

When Mr. A. T. Donovan was a boy, hundreds of people tramped the woods near there hunting for the mine. They hunted up and down the hollow and as far as the Hinkle old place now owned by Mr. Tabor.

Dr. Henry Brookshire claimed that his grandfather was one of the persons that helped find the mine. Mr. Brookshire died and his partner disappeared and no one ever knew its exact location. There was a cave south and east of the Frank Harlan place that they lived in.

Dr. Brookshire put in many a day looking for the mine.

In 1913 Mr. Donovan lived on the Frank Harlan place just south of the bridge. A man by the name of George Moore from Texarkana, Texas, who claimed to be a distant relative of the Brookshire family came in April to stay a few days with him and look for the mine. The few days turned out to be a few months as he stayed until the last of November.

He would take a pick with a handle about a foot long and go "mining" and Mr. Donovan never saw him only at meal time.

Claud Harlan lived on land now owned by G. G. Jenkins and he would try to follow him but Moore would give him the slip every time.

CYCLONE OF 1917

On Friday, May 25, 1917 at 8:45 p. m. a cyclone struck the north west corner of Wheatland community and continued its destruction in a northeasterly direction. The path of the storm was about a hundred yards wide. Laying timber, giant trees and everything in waste as it moved on. The timber looked like a giant mower had run over them, many torn out by the roots. Straws and splinters were driven right into the trees.

Clouds began building up about 4:00 p. m. and the southwest sky was a dark and stormy picture. It attracted the attention of people in the neighborhood and a low rumbling sound could be heard in the distance. As it approached, the noise was louder. The lightning, keen and quick, was a greenish color.

It began by taking the roof off the barn at the present W. D. Thompson farm, then owned by Charlie Wright. It progressed across the next section to the Frank Bangle home where everything was blown away. The house and barn and other out buildings were torn into splinters. No sign of a building could be seen of the home site the next morning except part of a floor. A man's shoe was hanging from a tree limb. Mrs. Bangle was found sitting on a feather bed out in the timber east of where the house once stood. Mr. Bangle was found lying in a ditch across the road from the home site with water running over his body. It was thought he would have drowned in a short time. He was a large man, weighing between 250-300 pounds. He was ill of dropsy at the time and died the next year in June.

This location is where Guy and Mary Lee Foltz now live. The Maria Pine home was only a short distance away but there was no destruction there.

CYCLONE OF 1917

The Bangle's son, Lemon, was at home at the time with his parents. He was brown across the road and was unconscious or did not realize anything had happened until rain began to hit him in the face.

The Leonard Bangle family lived only about a half mile from his parents. He had built a new two room house and it was still unpainted. It was in the path of the storm. The wind carried it some distance and left it tumbled on its side.

They had a new dresser that had a glass broken into pieces. Several people picked up a piece and kept it as a souvenir. It was unusual glass for the time.

The Bangle family all had typhoid fever the next year and Mrs. Leonard Bangle (Callie Hostettler) died in August, 1918. She left two children, a boy and a girl.

Some chickens that survived were running around without any feathers on their bodies.

After the storm struck, Leonard's family started for his parents' home with the two children, the younger about two months. They were almost drowned when they reached the senior Bangles' house place, and found everything gone. Those who were in the rain said there was never a harder rain fell.

The elder Bangles had lost a daughter who lived only about six weeks after her marriage to Luke Forehand. She took typhoid fever and expired. She had been given a toilet set (mirror, brush, and comb) by Luke before her marriage. Her things had been put in a trunk and locked for ten years. This vanity set was found in the Sumner cemetery. Some of the Bangles' pictures and papers were found later in the woods.

CYCLONE OF 1917

The next house that was struck was Harry Bennetts about two miles north of Wheatland. Everything there was blown away except the house and smoke house. The barn, located east of the house was blown across the road a quarter of a mile away and scattered over the field. Berley Seabrough took his wagon and team and hauled the debris away before he could plow the field.

The Bennetts had two rooms on the ground floor and an upstairs and a porch across the south. The house was moved eight feet off its foundation, every window pane was broken, every tree in the orchard was up rooted, and an apple tree was blown in at the window in the kitchen, and under the cook stove and lifted it up, the lamp which was lighted on a table in the living room slid off on the floor and was extinguished but did not break. Seth Bennett, a nephew was in bed upstairs and slept through it all, and was awakened by the excited family. They crawled out, one at a time through the window where the tree came in, to go to the cellar. Not a door could be opened. Cleo laid Helen then four months old in one of the branches while she climbed out. The rain fell in torrents and the water was more than ankle deep in the yard. Not a shingle on the house, the beds were all wet, tables turned over, dishes on the floor, etc. Cleo had baked bread the day before and put her loaves in a big jar. She had strained three or four gallons of milk in crocks and set on the table. It had been upset into the jar of bread. The next day the loaves of bread were swelled up from being soaked in milk.

The children had a pet pig in a goods' box on the porch. When they began looking for it, it was found in the corner of the yard with the pig still in the box unhurt.

CYCLONE OF 1917

A mare and colt were in the pasture around the house, but next morning, were no where to be seen. About 11:00 a. m. Howard Crooks who lived about a mile and a half away, came leading them home.

Cleo had 156 brown Leghorn chicks they found five of them. They also had between 300-400 hens. They picked up 146 dead ones.

Harry went to John Shermans the next morning (now Harry Kragels) and told them about the destruction and Mr. Sherman carried the message to Cleo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Monte. They lived where Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wetzol now live.

Mrs. Sherman was so nervous that Hobart and Lola played the organ and sang while the storm was raging.

The neighbors assisted the Bennetts to make the needed repairs and rebuild their house.

This same storm hit with less force at the Luther Kelly place and moved the house and turned over the bee hives, and at the Bob Jenkins place and took the rafters off of the barn, they were building. And blew a sliver through the window and over Alvins bed.

CROSS TIMBERS TORNADO

A tornado struck Cross Timbers May 1, 1948. Considerable damage was done to buildings and trees. It came from the southwest. The terrific wind did damage to property of the following persons: Mitchell's store, Mrs. Anna Jenkins, J. C. Easterday, Tint and Bert Hickman, Ras Robertson, Frank Schmither, Jack Fishback, Oral Barton, W. E. Kugler, Tot Stevens, Mrs. Ada Coen, Mrs. Ida Rose, B. B. Seabrough, L. H. Nance, J. A. Schooley, Larry Breshears, Homer Ames, D. H. Cothern, D. P. Ussery, John Crawford, and Marion Cothern. There were as many as 25 barns destroyed and many other smaller buildings. Only one person was injured, Miss Sharlene Thomas, was struck by a falling timber. Several stitches were necessary to close the wound.

TORNADO HITS AVERY, MISSOURI

January, 1933

Homes in Breshears Ancestral Valley Wrecked by Storm. Violent Wind Dips Frankishly into Fertile Region, Crumpling Houses, but injuring Inhabitants only Slightly.

Warsaw, Mo.- A tornado late Saturday dipped into the Breshears ancestral valley at Avery, Missouri and wrecked homes rich in memories for the descendants of Henry Breshears. Only slight injuries were suffered by the inhabitants.

Henry Breshears moved from Tennessee in 1859 and set up his black smith shop in the valley at what is now known as Avery, Mo. Just off the Femme de Terre branch of the Lake of the Ozarks and sixteen miles south of Warsaw. From the vigorous smith 500 Breshears descended and inhabited the valley.

Its fertile 6,000 acres are hammed in on every side by hills. There is only one entrance. Fossils discovered in the valley bottom have indicated it was a wallowing place for prehistoric monsters. Mastodon bones have been found there.

AN 8- ROOM LOG HOME

Henry Breshears built his home of oak logs, wedged firmly together with wooden pins, two stories high and containing eight rooms. He built with the expectations of a family and built well. His expectations were fulfilled and other homes were built.

The home of Henry survived him and the ravages of deterioration and weather. With the advent of the saw mill, it had been clothed in lumber, which became weather beaten and belied somewhat the strength Henry had built, but the Breshears who were sheltered by its walls felt its security.

TORNADO HITS AVERY, MISSOURI

It was said for many years that none but a Broshears and his wife could dwell in the valley. The ownership of the land maintained the tradition largely, even when a good road was built over a hill to admit motor cars. Even bad economic conditions little disturbed the security of the valley.

Saturday the breath of spring was in the valley, and late in the day it grew into the oppressive warmth and stillness that precedes summer thunderstorms. Clouds obscured the setting sun and light rain drove the inhabitants into their homes. A peculiar darkness enveloped the valley and the inhabitants turned in wonder to light lamps. Before they could accomplish their purpose, a trembling of their houses interrupted.

Lee Broshears, 65 years old, thought someone was knocking. He groped to the front door and opened it. A mighty force jerked it from his hand and slammed it shut. But he had had a glimpse of the destruction that was moving down the valley.

He turned and called to his wife and their 10 year old grandson, Jimmie Broshears, who were in the kitchen to escape from the house. They did, but he was caught as the house caved in upon him. Lee Broshears was dug from the wreckage by men wielding axes. He had suffered only severe cuts on his head.

A short distance away the ancestral home built by Henry Broshears crumpled. Birchie Broshears, the present possessor, was in the home with his daughters, Mabel, 10 years old, and Helen and Ellen, twins, 12 years old. J. A. Jones was a visitor on the front porch. Helen suffered a severe cut on her left leg. Jones was bruised badly by the falling roof of the porch. All the others were left standing uninjured in the wreckage.

TORNADO AT AVERY, MISSOURI

A HOME CARRIED 20 FEET

The general store and the home of Mrs. Willie Breshears, its proprietor, were destroyed without injury to any one. The home of Marion Breshears was picked up and carried 20 feet from its foundations, with only the breaking of a window. A mattress was sucked through the broken window and deposited on a tree nearby without suffering a tear.

No one could remember any definite sound accompanying the phenomena. The action was so fast that most of the inhabitants remember only a transition from peace to chaos.

An old spinning wheel was found about 50 yards from the Marion Breshears home standing as though ready for work.

The path of the storm was about 100 yards wide and ten miles long. It did not deal complete destruction in that path, however, rather picking here and there prankishly.

NAMES REGISTERED BY TOWNSHIPS WORLD WAR II

TUESDAY JUNE 5, 1917

CENTER TOWNSHIP

Amos Downs	Hubert Roy Moroland
George Emory Wilson	Everett Marvin Austin
Ora Hollingsworth	Clarence Lloyd Miller
James Melvin Wright	Grover Cleveland Stroud
Isaac Wesley Clark	Wool Frank Huffman
Charles O. Skinner	Walter Homer Boyd
Silas Luther Kelley	Leslie Jacob Chaney
Perry C. Penny	Clyde Edwin Dorman
Benjamin Harrison Brakebill	John R. Kelley
Rolland Houston Amlin	George W. King

NAMES REGISTERED BY TOWNSHIPS WORLD WAR I

TUESDAY JUNE 5, 1917

George W. Donovan	Ralph F. Wilson
Elon Blackwell	James Asa Losure
Thomas I. Jordan	John Albert Foltz
Clarence E. Wilson	Charles Luther McCain
Ernest Guy Martin	Walter Andrew Parkhurst
Oral J. Bartshe	Charles James Solberg
Albert Roy Hinkle	Edward Peter Peterson
John Wesley Stout	Perry Wiloy Darby
Edward Heath	Sylvester Pearson
Archie Lovel Miller	STARK TOWNSHIP
Elmer D. Coon	George Washington Mitchell
Harry Pitts	Ansel Edwin Erickson
Daniel H. McGee	William Henry Bybee
William H. Sutt	Homer C. Hurt
John E. Eidson	George Washington Wesley
Dee Blair	Elmer Erickson
_____ Johnson	Jim Stirlen
Aaron Cowen	Charlie Landreth
John William Rash	Arnold Jackson
James Draper Herbert	Burnie Dorrel Baldwin
John Leonard Holland	Roy L. Edde
Alvin S. Jenkins	Harrison Hobert Bybee
Arthur Smith Jones	John Henry Anderson
Heaver Lee Clontz	Roy Ernest Marsh
Joseph Ross Johnson	Garland Godfrey Bandel
Harmon C. Jenkins	Gabbott Marion Russell
Joseph Claude Pearson	Charles Leslie Green
Daniel Bartshe	Arthur Ernest Erickson

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STARK TOWNSHIP (CONT)

Ezra D. Farrack	Frank Stirlen
Elwood Franklin Scott	Arlie Jackson
Ira L. Brown	Arthur Lake
Edward Hall	Jasper Wheeler Parkack
Robert Parker Cross	Kinley Clemons
Charles B. Hart	Homer Lea
Francis E. Erickson	James Franklin McCain
Wilkie K. Whittenburg	Leo Peral Canon
William Robert Wiley	Jasper Earl Philbert
Ernest Lee Erickson	Lewis Whittenburg
Archibald C. Odenbaugh	Horea Sales Climons
Homer Harrison King	Guy Clester Marsh
Pearl A. Warner	John H. Edde
John O. Hires	George G. Mabary
Luther James Palmer	Ernie Addison Baldwin
Robert Elmer Howard	Elmer Ernest Hollingsworth
Richard M. Phillips	Loren Donaldson Green
Timothy Lake	Odas Walker
Henry Ruby McCain	William Ray Howard
Lucinous McCoy	William D. Jackson
Joseph William Ussery	Floy Edgar Walker
Jacob Roscoe Stroud	James Shorman Bybee
James Marion Dalton	Bandel Edde
George Albert Bandel	Harry A. Johnson
George Franklin Mabary	William Erby Riddle
Thomas S. Morgan	Elijah William Bray
Floyd Edgar Green	Roscoe Edde

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STARK TOWNSHIP (CONT)

John Evans

Harry Albert Tankesley

Omer Webster Little

George Felix Philbert

Leslie R. Green

Albert Lake

Arthur Johnson

JORDAN TOWNSHIP

Ora Lee Owsley

Lois Donald Owsley

James Henry Phillips

Alma Virgil Lockling

Allen G. Thurman Bansell

Jess Thomas

William Arthur Parke

William Robert Stark

William Andrew Simpson

Ethal Henry Mueller

Edwin Harrison Boyd

Elihu Owsley

Asa . Bennett

Orlan Morgan

Lafa David Thomas

Oral Thomas Parks

William Richard Fate

Clarence Chester Roark

Wilson Loren Dalton

Ezekiel Francis Cox

Edward James Williams

Thomas Homer Kindle

Noah Green

Edgar Leroy McFarland

Edwin Guier

William Blaine McGinnis

Hobert Simmons

AVERY PRECINCT

Rollie Vernon Davis

George Thomas Blackwell

Weyet Michell Duncan

John Alec Ruth

John Elword Blackwell

George Clarence Breshears

Mark Edward Nation

Elyn Otto Woodward

Lue Dennis Woodward

Walter Franklin Southard

Joseph Claud Rogers

Bircha Monroe Breshears

Wesley Valentine Ihrig

Berlyn Murray

Willard Albertica Belk

Richard Washington Southard

Asro Breshears

Forest Houston Miller

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GREEN TOWNSHIP

Herman Cathcart Johnson	Willie Everett Davis
John Clifford Case	Fleming August Taylor
Farance Russell McBride	Isaac Brantley Bush
William Fritz Allen Reed	Edward Sutton
Arthur Newcomb	Solomon Erby Carter
James Elbert Fisher	Levi Rimbey
James Andrew Taylor	Ike Buckner
Claude Glanville	Roy Shaw
Guy Berkley Duncan	James Thompson
Omer Sigol Fisher	John Ceal Baker
James Henry Williams	Wiley Valentine Bonner
Fred Bridges	Evert Pitts
Griffie Pitts	Lee Hicks
Lowell Crawford Lowe	Roy Davis
Douglas Loren Reed	Benjamin Harrison Landreth
Robert Ingersoll Russell	Benjamin Lyon Mallonoo
Roy Laurel Rush	Harry Dell Smith
Alfred Houston Williams	Benjamin Harrison Reser
Samuel Julian Sargent	Weslie Newton Nelson
Elmer Thomas Pitts	Cecil Lodell Walker
Andro Floyd	William Alfred Brown
Romey Fowler	Earl Roscoe Lindsey
Henry Elmer Kelley	Joseph Warner Lopp
Wilbur Glanville	Charley Guy Kincaid
Roy Williams	Eugene E. Clymore
John Alvin Kelley	Benjamin Franklin Crawford
Elmer Martin Fugate	Charles Franklin Nelson
Oscar Oliver Sapp	Froeman D. Lightfoot

MAILED REGISTERED BY THE MAILS WORLD MAIL

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GREEN TOWNSHIP (CONT)

John Elgin Whittenburg

Robert Raymond Simmons

Daniel Aaron Larose

Noah Winfrey Frazier

Jesse Tolliver

John Thomas Welch

Arvie Leslie Dorman

Thomas Earl Ferguson

Charley Christopher Pitts

John Earl Pitts

William Don Belknap

Archie Pitts

William Ransom Garner

TYLER TOWNSHIP

Clifford Oliver Aspey

Oscar James Rupard

Leroy Benton Selvidge

Charley Lenord Harris

Zifa Otto McCracken

Dert Green

Ormel Christopher Williamson

Fred Daniel Miller

John Parker Harris

Albert Enis Blackwell

Francis Marion Stewart

Samuel Russell Morrison

Holla Howard Luss

James Orrie Vaughn

Ethmer Clyde Gethner Fisher

Jesse Matthew Kelly

Lester Dorman

Claud Lawrence Dunivant

Charley Preston Boren

George William Cyrus

Oliver Ernest Blackwell

Immon Newton Hofstetter

Robert Frederick Berg

Roy Lyeorgus Vaughn

Asa Roy Tinsley

John Thorton Morton

Edgar Elbert Delozier

Willis Dumford Niblack

Frank Edward Hellums

Charley Libon Walters

Charley Homer Cauthon

Walter Roy Edmondson

Gustavis Houston Babb

Elmer Moses Oesch

Ross Alexander

Rufus Cleveland Parker

Andy Luther Cooper

Richard Orville Newport

Helvin Banister Lightfoot

John Samuel Hofstetter

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TUESDAY JULY 5, 1917

TYLER TOWNSHIP (CONT)

William Frank Ward

Gedy Carson McCracken

Earl Boyle

James Lowell Harris

Carlos Rupard McCracken

Arthur Fellers

Ralph B. Nevins

Clyde Coleman McCaslin

James Otis Poe

Ross Walker Morton

Limuill Roundtree

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP

Charles William Wright

Sherman A. Lindsey

Steve Mullins

John Clyde Woodward

Harry Britton

Woodson Newman Heard

William Clyde Beets

George Vernon Wright

Logan Britton

Harry Oral Largent

Charles Otis Gardner

John Lacy Morton

Thomas Wright

Leonard Heard

Leonard V. Martin

Wayland Pratt Gardner

Jesse Allison

James Franklin Lurten

Isaiah Ira Gist

Orville J. Paxton

Fred Gist

John Isaac Weaver

Ollie Goldman Broshears

John Albert Jenkins

David Ray Owsley

Henry Madewell

John James Paxton

Duel Byron Ihrig

Carlos Clinton Crawford

Harry Edgar Bartshe

William Fred Bangle

Ernest Joseph Paxton

Seth Thomas Cogle

William Otto Bailey

Willie Daniel Thompson

Oliver Lee Jordan

George William Breshears

William Arnel Groves

Thomas Marion Groves

Leo Rupard

Elvin Milton Lacy

Carl Webster Allen

John Fred Cook

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WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP (CONT)

John Howard Crooks

Bonj. Hanson Romesburg

William Homer Jones

Clyde Estelle Holland

Orval Rife

Berley Washington Scarbrough

John Washington Thompson

William Leslie Fine

Claud Clabern Thompson

Leonard McKinley Bangle

Lemon Reed Bangle

Albert Hugh Faxton

Alvin Richard Kittel

Roy Lester Holland

Coy Edward Nutt

Buell Roy Broshears

William Raymond Faxton

George Greenwood Faxton

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP

Thomas Claude McCaslin

Arley Brownlea Robinet

James Ward Allen

Otto Baxter

Harry Wilber Myers

Elmer Ray Brent

Clyde Parish

Chas. Edward Solvidge

Henry Jackson Samples

Harrell B. Shorman

Pete Roth

Edgar Allen Lacy

Luther Homer Koele

Arthur Henry Ramsoy

Thos. Edgar Bailey

Waldo Hemphill

Bonj. Franklin McCaslin

Roy David Miller

Jesse Foaster

Oscar Parsons

Ferry Parke

Warden Hemphill

Evry Oval Shaw

William Ross Southard

Henry Howard Walker

Latham Adcock

William W. Hogsett

Claud Dietz

Herbert A. Page

Frank J. Tuck

James Iiams

Thomas R. F. Chancellor

Henry D. Chancellor

Raleigh E. Welch

Louie D. Thompson

Adam H. Bangle

Oscar D. Swopes

Homer H. Stewart

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MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP (CONT)

Franklin D. Zehr

Gilbert Wheeler

Edgar Urton

Robert H. Hart

Elmer Dasley

WEAUBLEAU TOWNSHIP

Virgil Homer Miller

Willis Francis Brown

William Eulis Hodges

Floyd James Adams

Edgar Miller

Ed Arthur Richter

Thomas Orlan Owsley

Clay Wiah Comfort

Noble Downs

William Solomon Birdsong

Henry Wallace Delozier

Harve Clark Collins

George Vest Boone

George Elon Crank

Pleasant Lea Fitzpatrick

Paul Harrauld Simmons

Leroy Viles Brown

Jessie Estel Fry

Bunah Aldrain Williams

Clyde Green Dixon

Lee Roy Banks

Norman Claude Searbrough

Walter Lee Simmons

James Emmitt Johnston

Joe Tom Allen

Clinton Ross Hardy

Claud Housel Lofler

Curtis Alvin Wilson

Charles Bort Delozier

William Isaac Crawford

John Wm. Durnell

Ibrace Preston Resor

Edgar Earl Quillin

Seaman Benjamin Copeland

Jacob Delmer Reno

Thomas Harrison Street

Guy Finnes Ewing

Harry B. Chanoy

Joe Howard Buckaler

Weslee Rountree Moore

Frederick Fountain Dorman

Willie Materson Delozier

Lemuel Smith

James Arthur Miller

William Albert Brown

Derrel Henry Bremmoran

Walter Miller

Lee Clayton Crawford

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Weaubleau Township (Cont)	CROSS TIMBERS TOWNSHIP
Harvey Jessie Miller	Charles Logan Cothorn
Joe Henry Holton	Elvin Harris Nance
Ray Darnell	Aaron Floid Sanford
Noah Sylvester Allen	Earl Vossie Wright
Fred William Horton	James Sumner Guier
John S. Allen	Ralph Thomas Stewart
Walter Edwards Rains	Robert Samuel Smith
Arthur Boone Moore	Arlander Carl Stevens
John Fredrick Lawson	Jesse Thomas Miller
Bert Harrison Darnell	Robert Johnson Cooper
John Lorenzo Lazezzi	Jacob Elmer Logan
Hugh Jeffroy	Secunda Lloyd Pack
Frank Stokes	Benjamin Franklin Jenkins
Charles Orlie Vaughn	Emory Miller
David Franklin Keeling	Abram Mitchell
James Roy Coffey	Malcham Dent Dickerson
Joseph Ernest Kittel	George Albert Kugler
Thomas Lafayette Reno	William Hayes Gist
Howard Stewart Ware	Elmer Frederick Nelson
Stanley Goodson	Roscoe William Bliss
Lester Dallas Birdsong	Harrison Miller Harvey
Morris Valentino Daniels	Ezra Nance
Claud Bernard	Irl Rogers Chrisope
Arthur Putnam Ashcroft	Benjamin H. Cothorn
Oliver Edward Comfort	John Quincy Crawford

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CROSS TIMBERS TOWNSHIP (COLET)

Leslie Earl Dickerson

John Henry Drenon

George Henry Thomas Hart

Ira Logsdon

James Robert Walthall

Evart Burr Wilson

Powers Ola Feltz

Heard Martin

John Walter Nelson

James William Demois

William Blueford Smith

Delmer Roy Breshears

William Roy Mawhiney

William Alfred Drenon

Clarence Otis Little

Thomas Elmer McCarty

John Allen Demois

John Clifford McCarty

Ralph Clifford Gregory

Philip Andrew McFarland

Robert Everett Breshears

Charles Marion Drenon

William Arthur Mawhiney

Bertie Barnett Scarbrough

Hemie A. Taylor

John Lawrence Hance

William Homer Hart

James Eddie Trine

Bongiman E. Rose

Adee- Edwin

Edwin Adee and his youngest son, Victor, were killed at Belleville, Kansas March 5, 1946 in an automobile accident. Adee's wife and daughter were also injured in the wreck. He was a resident of this county and a brother of Miss Ida and Tom Adee.

Allen- Ivan

Ivan Allen, about 39, was seriously injured in a trolley-car accident in Kansas City in January, 1956. He sustained a number of broken bones and succumbed to his injuries August 30, 1956. He was buried at Robinson cemetery west of Weaubleau.

Bain- Clyde

Clyde Bain, younger brother of Elbert Bain, was accidentally killed in Kansas City when taken for a fugitive by the police.

Berry- Harry Raymond

Harry Berry, 46, committed suicide by inhaling carbon monoxide fumes. He was found by a passer by near Stockton, California. He had placed a hose to the exhaust pipe of his pick-up truck. He was the joint operator of a service station with his brother, Joe. He was the son of Sherman and Nell (Lopp) Berry.

Boyles- Joe

Joe Boyles was going to school at Elkton. He jumped off the library one day and screamed as he jumped. In three days he was dead. He was the son of George Boyles.

ALPHABETIZED STILL LATER.

Brakebill- Coy

Coy Brakebill, about 35 was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Victorville, California September 3, 1946. He and his family were involved in a head-on crash on their side of the road. His body was badly mangled. He was the son of Ben and Blanche (Hinkle) Brakebill. His wife was seriously injured. He left a small daughter, Joy.

Brown- Francis Ed

Francis Ed Brown, 22, was found dead in his bed near Collins Monday, April 9, 1956 by his nephew, A. E. Durnell. The Durnells were at the home Sunday but the house was closed and they decided he was gone. When Mr. Durnell went back Monday morning, he found him dead.

Buckner- John

John Buckner, 14, hanged himself in a barn one half mile south of Adonis in 1890. He was the son of Jesse Buckner.

Buckner- Will

Will Buckner either hanged himself or was strung up by a bunch of men from Bolivar. He was the son of Jesse Buckner. Occurred in 1894.

Jones- Ralph

Ralph Jones, son of Atha (Spohn) Jones, received a scratch on his little finger, when a car he was riding in turned over at the foot of the Weanbleau hill. He was riding into town with another boy to go on a Senior trip. The other boy was seriously hurt, but Ralph went on with the group. In a few days he developed blood poison from the scratch and died. He was buried about graduation time.

ALPHABETIZED STILL LATER

Bybee- Cecil

Cecil Ray "Andy" Dybee, 29, took his own life by shooting himself in the heart with a 32-caliber automatic pistol at the home of his parents, Arthur R. and Julia Dybee of Redfield, Kansas. He was born in Hickory County June 13, 1917 and died about December 13, 1946. He served in World War II and a patrolman with Ft. Scott police department. He was despondent over ill health.

Carbaugh- Ronnie

Ronnie Carbrough, 9, son of Raymond and Ina (Wrinkle) Carbaugh, accidentally hanged himself while playing in a swing May 27, 1953 in the Carbaugh home at Red Oak, Iowa. They were former residents of the east side of the county.

Carpenter- Steve

Steve Carpenter, 17, son of Joe Carpenter, died from the results of being thrown from a horse. He was riding horse back and was thrown. He was hurt internally and died sometime later. They lived on the farm south west of Wheatland where Floyd and Dorothy Jordan now live. He was buried at Grutsinger cemetery.

Creasy- Sarah

Jake Stokes and Ed Brown were fighting over Sarah Creasy at Union Hill school house west of Elkton in the '90's. She ran between them. Ed Brown cut her in the face, through one eye, and through her mouth.

ALPHABETIZED STILL LATER

Durtis- Cyrus

Cyrus Curtis was drowned at the ford one fourth mile west of Adonis in Folk County. His two grandsons, Pickering boys, were also drowned. His team became excited and they were drowned also. The two boys were taken out of the river in Hickory County. This happened in 1897.

Degraffenreid- Albert

Albert Degraffenreid, 20, car salesman from Humansville was killed August 12, 1948 in a one car accident about one mile south of the Hickory- Folk County line. His 1946 Ford coach veered out of control in the gravel road. J. E. Wilson was a passenger in the car and escaped with minor injuries.

Diener- John Loren

John Loren Diener, son of Leonard and Erma (Crouch) Diener was killed December 13, 1947 when the car in which he was riding left the road. He was thrown out of the machine and was reported killed instantly. He suffered a crushed chest, jaw bone broken, and both ankles broken. He was riding with a college friend from Phoenix, Arizona to his home in Enid, Oklahoma for the Christmas holidays. The accident happened about 36 miles west of Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Dietz- Vivian Leone

Leone Dietz was killed when the car she was riding in turned over June 22, 1957. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dietz of near Clinton but they formerly lived in Hickory County. She was born June 17, 1941. She was buried at Bernard Chapel.

Dixon- Eliza

Eliza Dixon, 35, was bitten by a black widow spider Saturday night May 15, 1948 while in bed and died at 3:00 a. m. Monday, May 17. She was born in Hickory County but left and went to Oklahoma in 1905. She was an aunt of Mrs. John (Bertha Paxton) Bartshe. She was living in Oklahoma City at the time of her death. Her husband was Thomas Dixon.

Dooley- George

George Dooley, brother of Fayette Dooley, was reared in Dooley Bend and went to the state of Washington. He was working in a logging camp. A cable broke and cut him in two. causing his death. This was in 1904.

Downs- Oral

Oral Downs, 35, was fatally injured November 9, 1949 when he fell from a tree while pruning in an orchard near Redlands, California. He suffered a broken neck and died two days later. Funeral and burial were at Redlands.

Dunivant- Claude

Claude Dunivant died of self inflicted gun shot wounds in 1929. He drove his car some distance from his home, spread out a blanket, and took his life on the blanket. The family lived at Warrenton, Missouri at the time. He was reared near Elkton and was married to Lola Mblack May 25, 1912. They had 7 girls, the youngest being 2 years of age. He taught school in the '20's in Hickory County.

ALPHABETIZED STILL LATER

Edde- Nancy

A bunch of children were playing on the Joe Edde place. A little colored girl was with them. Nancy Edde, 7 year old daughter of Joe and Juliet (Romano) Edde was one of the group. They were running races to see who could touch a gray mare on the leg first. When Nancy touched her, she kicked her in side and she died soon after. She was born December 13, 1870 and died December 19, 1877. The negro family lived in the log house that Mr. Edde's lived in during the War between the States. O. T. Pope and his wife Flora (Edde) Pope formerly owned this farm.

Fisher- John Walter

Walter Fisher, 32, was killed July 3, 1954 when the high loader turned over with him. His head and shoulders were pinned beneath one of the tractor wheels. He had been with the company 2 years. The accident happened on a construction job near Kansas City.

Gurtner- Raymond F.

Raymond F. Gurtner, 45, took his life by shooting himself with a 22 long rifle June 23, 1957. He had milked his 17 cows by hand before he was found at the barn by his wife, Nora. The family lived on the Fayette Dorman place about 2 miles south of Hermit Co. They had come here in March, 1956 from Vandalia, Illinois.

Huffman- Tom

Tom Huffman drowned near Hacks Creek May 12, 1951. He was here visiting from California. He formerly lived at Hermitage and operated a hotel here.

ALPHABETIZED STILL LATER

Hudson- Noble

Ibblo Hudson, 25, was killed July 17, 1953 when he was pinned beneath a gravel laden dump truck he was driving 4 miles southeast of Vista. He died almost instantly of head injuries. The right front tire blew out causing the vehicle to overturn in a ditch, spilling its load of chat. He was pinned by the truck and part of the load. He ~~lost~~ a wife and 4 small children. He was the son of Damon and Clara (Sweeney) Hudson formerly of Weaubleau.

Iiams- C. T. (Bill)

Bill Iiams, about 75, killed himself with a shot gun May 5, 1956 in a granary on the farm southwest of Quincy. He had been receiving treatment at the sanatorium at Mt. Vernon.

Kimes- Travis J. Jr.

Major Travis Kimes, 27, was critically injured in a car-truck accident, three miles east of Hermitage about 6:30 p. m. January 12, 1947. He suffered severe lacerations, a possible skull fracture, and a shoulder injury. He was driving a 1941 Buick Sedan and was pulling a trailer. Willis Reser and his brother, and Robert Marshall of Preston were on their way to Hermitage to the show when the two cars collided on the hill above the Carl Anderson place. Part of the steering wheel had to be cut away before he could be taken from the machine. He was the son of the auctioneer, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kimes of Humansville. His wife and three children, also his sister were with him in the car.

Ludlow- Jacob and Jimmie

Jacob Ludlow and his wife, Jimmie, of Kansas City, Kansas were killed about two and one half miles east of Preston on Highway 54 August 27, 1950. She was killed instantly and he died on the way to a hospital. It was said he attempted to pass a car on a hill when his 1942 Dodge skidded into a 1936 Chevrolet driven by Alden Tiderman. The Tidermans were on their way to church at Olive Point. The Ludlows were enroute to Lebanon for their 13-year old daughter who was visiting there. The Tidermans were hospitalized with cuts, bruises, and some broken members. The Tiderman's son, Philip, suffered only minor injuries. Theodore Erickson, who was riding with them received a broken rib.

Mabary- Albert and Lizzie

Albert (Peak) Mabary and his wife, Lizzie (Browder) Mabary, of Missoula, Montana, were on their way to Idaho for her mother, Nancy, to spend the winter with them. Their car hit a house, being moved on the highway and unlighted, causing their deaths. In six months he would have retired from railroad service. They had two grown and married sons.

Martin- Ernest Joe

Ernest Joe Martin, 34, was killed by his truck, a transport, loaded with cement when it turned over on him in California. Funeral was held in Redlands April 23, 1940. He was the son of Elmer and Alta (Gist) Martin who lived in the Blackwell community north west of Hermitage and attended Blackwell school.

Mawhiney- Shelley

Shelley Mawhiney, 43, was killed when a rock fell on him while he was working on a pipe line in southern California. The accident occurred April 2, 1952. He was a former resident of the Oak Grove community. His wife was Mildred ^V _{Ussery}. He was the son of George and Effie (Teague) Mawhiney.

ALPHABETIZED STILL LATER

Marinis- James Andrew- Kostakes, Emanuel J.

James Andrew Marinis, 57, of Rochester, Minnesota was killed November 27, 1948 when a tire blew out on the car in which he was riding one half mile north of Cross Timbers on Highway 65. Emanuel Kostakes was seriously injured as he suffered fractures of both legs, possible internal injuries. Both men were Greeks.

Murray- Susie C. (Bond)

Mrs. Susie C. Murray, 63, shot herself at her home in Sedalia, January 3, 1952. She had been ill for several years. She was the wife of Dr. J. W. Murray who practiced medicine at Quincy in the '20's.

Myers- Sie Jr.

Sie Myers, 20, was drowned June 4, 1955. He lived near Gerster and was the son of Sie Myers. He graduated from Weaubleau High School in May, 1953.

Norman- Earl

Earl Norman, 39, of Redlands, California, was killed instantly June 27, 1947 when his car struck an old parked car and catapulted into an eucalyptus tree. He was a son of Pete Norman and a native of Cross Timbers.

Pace- Ebon B.

Ebon B. Pace, 68, was killed August 18, 1951 as a west bound car struck him at the west edge of Weaubleau as he was crossing the street.

Robertson- Graft

Graft Robertson killed Dr. Dickey, three miles west of Pittsburg, by hitting him in the head with a rock.

ALPHABETIZED STILL LATER

Paylor- Charles

Charles Paylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Paylor was drowned Sunday, June 16, 1946 in Linley Creek east of Pittsburg. He had gone across the creek to a deep place for a fish and in swimming back became exhausted or caught in a swirl and was drowned. He was an ex-service man and was wearing heavy army boots.

Phillips- Sherman R. (Dick), Faye, Georgia Ann and Joseph

The Sherman R. Phillips family, four members were asphyxiated in their new home in Louisburg, Kansas November 29, 1948. They had been to Avery, Missouri for Thanksgiving vacation. Mr. Phillips had purchased a gas heater and had planned to install a flue later. Funeral services for the family were held at Cross Timbers School auditorium and burial was in Fairview cemetery.

Ray- Mary J. (Wiseman)

Mrs. Mary J. Ray, 93, mother of Mrs. Ethel Estes of near Cross Timbers was killed in an auto accident June 21, 1956 near Wichita, Kansas. It was thought the extreme heat caused the grandson to black out as he was driving. The car hit a parked car at the side of the road. Mrs. Ray was buried at Bethel Camp Ground in Benton County.

Reser- W. D.

W. D. (Winor) Reser, 70, of Preston, shot himself at the left of his heart May 19, 1948. The shot went through his body and another into his left ear. He used a 22 pistol. He called for help. His cries were heard by Mrs. Nellie Brown, who summoned aid. He lived until July 30, 1948.

ALPHABETIZED STILL LATER

Richards- Reuben

Reuben Richards, 74, was injured fatally in a car accident near Malta Bend and died September 16, 1948. He was riding with his son, Alvey, when a car traveling in the opposite direction hooked the bumper of the Richards' machine, turned it sidewise and sped away.

Spencer- Bryce

Bryce Spencer, 22, was killed April 3, 1950, in a head-on collision about three and one half miles east of Climax Springs on Highway 35. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Spencer of Creston.

Stober- Jake

Jake Stober stuck a thorn in his ankle. He took blood poison and died. He lived in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood southeast of Wheatland. It was about the early '20's.

Thompson- Lucille (Brown)

Lucille Thompson, 33, daughter of Mrs. Nora Brown of Springfield, but formerly of Hermitage was killed in a car accident in Scott County, Iowa, March 13, 1955. She lived in Davenport, Iowa. She had one son Clyde Earl.

Turpin- Rhodona Rosalie

Rhodona Rosalee Turpin, 3 year old daughter of Wm. and Leona (Broshears) Turpin was fatally injured September 14, 1953 when struck by a car that was passing by their home. She had started across the road to a field where the men were harvesting. The driver was blinded by the sun, and failed to see her. This was at Wetaskiwin, Alta, Canada. She was an adopted child having been adopted when 3 weeks old. Leona and William were native Hickory Countians.

AL. HABETIZED STILL LATER

Van Duskirk- John

John Van Duskirk, 53, was found dead in bed at his home south of Urbana November 10, 1955. He failed to appear at his usual eating place at Urbana and Slavens Vaughan went to investigate. Officials estimated he been dead three or four days. He formerly lived in the Pleasant Ridge community.

Wheeler- Ray

Ray Wheeler, a former Hickory Countian was critically injured in a car accident near Lowry City March 21, 1957 and died a few days later in Todd Hospital at Osceola. He and some more men had been to Lowry City to a radio school. His daughter was a passenger to .

Whittenburg- Warren

Warren Whittenburg, 31, of Preston suffered a brain concussion as a result of being kicked by a horse October 15, 1946. He was found unconscious in the field on the Charles Cable farm a few miles east of Preston. He had been unconscious about 12 hours before he was found.

Young- Sidney

Sidney Young, 63, was killed in a hold-up at a service station in Redlands, California August 23, 1943. The holdup man, a mental hospital parolee shot him just below the left ear with a 38 caliber revolver. He was born February 14, 1885 near Cross Timbers and lived on a farm in that area. He later moved to California.

Bangle- Squire

Squire Bangle, 70, was instantly killed October 6, 1956 when his '56 Oldsmobile struck a freight train in California. His car was completely demolished and his body badly mangled. He was the son of Frank and Mary (Pine) Bangle. His wife was Martha Forchhand.

Coates- Charles E.

Charles E. (Ed) Coates, 82, of Redlands, California was fatally injured April 1, 1951 when he was struck by a car. He was taken to the hospital but lived only about 2 hours. Mr. Coates formerly made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Howard Edge (Dorothy Coates) when they lived in Hermitage and Preston communities.

Gordon-

Mr. Gordon- a Jewish drummer, was drowned at the Halbert bridge west of Pittsburg about 1899 or 1900. A driver, John Hart, from Weanbloan was hauling him. They drove into the ford to water the horses. A sudden rise in the creek came and drowned the team and the drummer. Hart grasped some willows and swam to safety. The drummer had taken orders from Ben Hallenoe. These orders were found, dried out, and filled.

McCraeken- Joe

Joe McCraeken who had retired from farming about 1901 and was living in Wheatland woke up in the night sick with a stomach ailment. He went to where he kept bottles of medicine and took the bottle which he thought was for stomach trouble and drank a dose from it. The bottle contained carbolic acid. A doctor was called but Mr. McCraeken never recovered.

Edwards- Curtis



Curtis V. Edwards, 59, was a passenger in a Northwestern Airliner when it crashed in a wheat field 25 miles east of Spokane, Washington January 6, 1951, and was killed. He was living in Yakima. He was the son of Walter and Linda (Jordan) Edwards and was born in the Macedonia neighborhood north of Wheatland. He was president of his own agricultural equipment company in Yakima. He had lived in Redlands, California a number of years before going to Yakima.

Earson- Mrs. Morgan

The Morgan Earson family and Mr. and Mrs. Sigvard Anderson were involved in a head on collision with another car as they were enroute to Fresno, California November 8, 1946, near Selma. Mrs. Earson was killed almost instantly and the rest were badly injured. Both boys were former Hickory County boys.

Howard- Hubert

Hubert Howard and his son Dwayne, 13, Drowned June 15, 1947 in a pond at their home near Urbana. Dwayne was swimming with an inner tube and went down in deep water. His father dived in after him and was drowned also.

Tharp- Amos

Amos Tharp was killed instantly near Springfield, Missouri when the bicycle he was riding was struck by a car. He left his wife, Lillie and two children, Vernal and Dwight.

Breshears- Ed's Child

Ed Breshears had dug a hole for a basement under his house. It rained and the child fell in and drowned many years ago. They lived near Avery.

Hite- Bob

Bob Hite was killed at Quincy sometime before 1900.

Hitson- Dick

Dick Hitson was kicked by a mule at Marshall, Missouri and killed around 1930. He was a bachelor and formerly lived east of Nemo.

Pitts- Mrs. T. R.

Mrs. T. R. Pitts was burned when her dress caught fire as she walked by an open-hearth stove. She lived only a few days and was buried at Hermitage cemetery. The grave was lined with sheets and cedar was used as an edging around the top of the grave as was the custom at the time. This happened about 1915. Later Pitts' daughter, Minnie, was accidentally shot in the knee by one of her brothers and her knee remained stiff.

Reser- Sig

Sig Reser and Amos Lindsey were brother-in-laws and got into a fight. Lindsey cut Reser across the abdomen and he walked about one fourth mile carrying his intestines in his hands. Dr. Steward washed the grime off and dressed the wounds and sewed him up. He recovered and lived for several years. This was in the 1890's.

Alexander- Rev.

Rev. Alexander was painting the Antioch church in 1901 when a ladder fell with him. He lived a few days and died. His widow later married Jeff Pitts. After he died, she married John T. Ferguson. The late Mrs. Florence Galkins and Mrs. Mary Gethorn of Cross Timbers were Alexander's daughters. He was buried at Antioch.

Arrent- Sam

Sam Arrent shot at John Vannoy at the Concord school house. He missed him and hit Bill Johnson on top of his head and glazed his hair away. Arrent was not even tried in court. It happened in 1882.

Lurten- Lennie Ray -West- Glen

Lennie Ray Lurten, 18, born July 14, 1939 and Glen West, 10, born February 26, 1947 drowned in a farm pond northwest of Evert Myers' house, August 13, 1957 about 1:00 p. m. Glen was on the shoulders of Lennie Ray when he stepped into a hole. The water was cold, about 7 feet deep. They were hunting frogs, had shot one, and had gone in after it. Lennie Ray was an excellent swimmer. Buddie, his brother, ran to Evert's house for help. Myrtle called Woots. Mrs. Harry Kragel heard the call and went after their mothers, Mrs. Emma Lurten and Mrs. Opal West. She also called Dr. Briggs and Mr. Hathaway. Jerrol Briggs, 16, (Dr. Briggs son) recovered Lennie Ray's body first. They had some trouble finding Glen's body. N. C. Holloway and Dr. Briggs applied artificial respiration but to no avail. The families were on the bank while they were rescuing their bodies.

Double funeral services were held at the Wheatland Baptist Church August 15, at 2:00 p. m. A large crowd probably 350 people attended the services. Glen was buried at Butcher and Lennie Ray at Sumner cemetery.

Naffziger-

Some Naffziger shot at Dick Rogers in 1887 missed him and shot Henry Wade's arm off. Wade lived several years.

Rule- Liva

Liva Rule left Elkton about 1894. He went to Oklahoma. He was engaged in a fight. He received a cut on his throat from ear to ear and died. His father, Henry Rule, had a store at Elkton.

Samples- Avis

Avis Samples was thrown from a horse April 5, 1949 near Pittsburg where he lived and received a broken leg. He was taken to the hospital and died April 24, 1949.

Clay Hashburn found a man floating in a tree top in a hole of water in 1890 with his skull crushed. The body was found one half mile south of Ida Adoe's farm in Pomme de Terre River. A woman and her father came the next summer to identify the body but they could not. Mr. Donovan helped exhume the body which was buried within 35 feet of the water, the legal distance at that time, at the Dixon ford.

Penny- Jessie

Jessie Penny and a bunch of boys started swimming during the summer of '32 and were on the south bridge. Olive Maude Coen drove on the bridge behind them and another car was approaching. The boys climbed the bridge banisters but her car struck Jesse in the foot or legs. He lived several months but died from the effects November 26, 1933. He was born July 27, 1917. He was the son of Perry and Gertie (Donovan) Penny.