

Some Pre-1924 Obituaries (Gu-Gy)
(for people connected with Northwestern Missouri)
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Date of death: 15 Aug 1923

Subject: Harrison Gudgell

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Sun*, 25 Aug 1923, Saturday, p. 6

St. Joseph, Mo. Harrison Gudgell, formerly of Utica, Mo., was buried from Francis St. Church last Friday. He leaves a wife, son, sister and other relatives and friends.

Date of death: 31 Aug 1918

Subject: Christian T. Guenther

Source: *Parnell [MO] Sentinel*, 12 Sep 1918, Thursday, p. 2

Christopher Guenther, who has been an invalid all his life died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Guenther, living southwest of town, an [sic] 6:00 p.m., Saturday, August 31, 1918. About a month ago he went to Montana to look after some land interests, also to visit his brother Joe. He was taken very ill while there and his brother thought it best to bring him home, which he did, arriving here on the early train Saturday morning. All was done that medical aid and loving hands could do but to no avail as he lived only a few hours after his arrival home. The funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. Monday, Sept. 2, 1918, at the Abbey Church, Rev. Fr. Placid officiating, and interment made in St. Columbia [sic] cemetery. The deceased was about 39 years old. He leaves to mourn his loss his father, mother, and four brothers, J. J. of Montana, C. A. of Minn., W. J., somewhere in France, Frowin of near Guilford, and three sisters, Mrs. H. Myers and Mrs. F. Myers, of near Parnell, and Josephine at home.-- Conception Courier.

Date of death: 18 Dec 1920

Subject: Dorothea (Guenther) Meyer

Source: *Nodaway County [MO] Tribune*, 23 Dec 1920, Thursday, p. 1

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Peter Meyer, of Oklahoma City, Okla., who died Saturday, December 18, 1920, at 7:20 p.m., after an illness of several months. She is the sister of Theodore Guenther of near this place.

Date of death: 25 Feb 1917

Subject: Louisa Guenther

Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 08 Mar 1917, Thursday, p. 3

Mrs. [sic] Louise Guenther died at her home, in Conception, Sunday evening, February 25, 1917, after a prolonged illness. The funeral services were held at the Abbey church, at 9 o'clock a.m. Thursday, February 28, 1917, Rev. Father Placid officiating, and interment made in St. Columbia [sic] cemetery.-- Conception Courier.

Date of death: 19 Oct 1902

¹ All typing errors are mine. Other obvious errors have been marked with [sic]. MSE

Subject: Bessie M. (Guerin) Prather

Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 20 Oct 1902, Monday, p. 3

Bessie Guerin Prather, wife of Ben V. Prather, died of spinal schlerosis [sic] at their home on West Second street Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock after an illness of two or three weeks.

Up to the time of taking sick Mrs. Prather was apparently in the best of health but after that first week or so of her sickness she failed rapidly and but little hopes had been entertained as to her recovery for several days previous to her death. When Mrs. Prather was first taken sick Mr. Prather's mother and sisters were absent in the east. They were summoned home by telegram and were here at the time of Mrs. Prather's death.

Funeral services will occur Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Main street Methodist church, conducted by Rector F. C. Smith of St. Paul's Episcopal church. The body will lie in state at the Prather residence on West Second street from 10 a.m. until 1 and may be viewed by friends of the family.

Date of death: 20/21 Nov 1908

Subject: James Guest

Source; *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 27 Nov 1908, Friday, p. 1

A large audience of our people gathered at the Christian church Sunday to attend the funeral of one of our oldest and most respected citizens-- James Guest. Uncle Jim, as we all loved to call him, was born in Preble county, Ohio, Jan. 13, 1923. He departed this life Nov. 20, at 2:36 in the morning, making him nearly 86 years of age. He was married to Elizabeth Jane White, who survives him, on the 15th of November, 1850. This union has lasted a little more than 58 years. They moved from Indiana to Missouri in 1873, living in Gentry county for eight years. In 1882 they moved to Savannah, where they have since [sic] Uncle Jim was a devoted member of the Christian church and loved to talk with his pastor of earlier days and the preachers he used to know, who, most of them, have long preceded him to the silent land. He was as fully resigned to go as any one we have ever seen. Toward the close it was his constant prayer for deliverance. It is a rare thing to see two people live so beautifully together into such ripe old age. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to his aged and lonely companion in her bereavement.

The funeral was preached by Rev. C. H. Caton and the remains placed in the Savannah cemetery.

Climpton Knight and family have been living with Mr. and Mrs. Guest since their return from South America. They raised Mr. Knight from birth.

Same

Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 27 Nov 1908, Friday, p. 1

James Guest one of Savannahs [sic] very old citizens, died at his home here Friday November 20, at the age of 85 years 10 months and 7 days.

Funeral services were conducted from the Christian Church Sunday afternoon, of which deceased was a prominent member, and the inberment [sic] was in Savannah cemetery.

He is survived by his wife and other relatives [sic].

Same

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 27 Nov 1908, Friday, p. 1

James Guest, who has been a resident of Savannah for many years died at his home on East Chestnut street, at 2:36 a.m., Friday, November 20, 1908, aged 85 years, 10 months and 11 days.

Funeral services were conducted from the Christian church Sunday afternoon by Rev. Chas. H. Caton in the presence of a large number of friends and neighbors of the deceased and the remains were laid away in the Savannah cemetery.

Mr. Guest was one of those men who make a community better for his having lived in it. He had been a member of the Christian church since his early life and his best efforts were always put forth to make his life conform to the teachings of his faith and the betterment of his church and community. Because of his splendid christian life many friends mourn his loss personally.

He was born in Prebble [sic] county, Ohio, January 13, 1823, and moved to Indiana with his father's family in October, 1839. He was married to Elizabeth Jane White November 15, 1850, who survives him. In 1874 he and his wife came to Missouri and located in Gentry county, where they lived until 1882 when they moved to Savannah, where they have lived since.

Date of death: 20 Jan 1913

Subject: Thomas Guest

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 31 Jan 1913, Friday, p. 1

Mr. Thos. Guest, whose death occurred Monday of this week, was almost 86 years of age, and had been a resident of Empire Prairie for many years.

Mr. Guest had been an invalid for a long time, and when he became a victim of pneumonia, he had not strength to resist it. He and his wife have made their home with their son, James, for many years.-- King City Democrat.

Date of death: 17 Dec 1910

Subject: Ida May Guinn

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 23 Dec 1910, Friday, p. 5

Ida May Guinn, daughter of Robert and Retta Guinn, was born in Tennessee, May 31, 1895, and died in Savannah, Mo., December 17, 1910. For a number of years she has been a great sufferer from rheumatism and heart trouble, but her final illness was of short duration and her death came as a great shock to her friends. She occupied her accustomed place in the Sunday school of the M. E. church, South, December 11, and the following Sunday her funeral was preached at the same church by the pastor, W. L. Scarborough. She was converted and joined the church two

years ago and since that time has seldom been absent from the services unless confined to her bed. She will be sadly missed by her friends, class-mates and teacher in the Sunday school. Her life was short in years, but its sweet influence will live on in the lives of those who loved her. The bereaved father, mother and sister have the heartfelt sympathy of all their friends in the great loss which they have sustained. 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.' -- Rev. 14:13.

Same

Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 23 Dec 1910, Friday, p. 5

Miss May Guinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Guinn, of this city, died at their home Saturday morning, aged 15 years, 9 months and 23 days.

Rev. Scarborough preached the funeral service Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the South M. E. church, and the remains were interred in Savannah cemetery.

Date of death: 28 Aug 1909

Subject: James F. Guinn

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 03 Sep 1909, Friday, p. 5

Rosendale. James Guinn died last Saturday and was buried at Lower Neely Grove Cemetery Tuesday.

Same

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 03 Sep 1909, Friday, p. 8 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 03 Sep 1909, Friday, p. 1

The remains of James F. Guinn, who died at his home near Fillmore Saturday, Aug. 28, at 3:30 p.m., where placed in the Lower Neely Grove Cemetery, north of Rosendale, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Chapman conducted the funeral at the home.

J. F. Guinn, a pioneer school teacher of Andrew county, was born Feb. 7, 1845, in Buchanan county, near Gower, where he was reared on the farm. In March, 1862, Mr. Guinn enlisted in Company A. First Missouri Infantry, and was discharged March 14, 1864. He returned to Buchanan county and attended the Plattsburg and McGee colleges till 1870. Mr. Guinn came to Andrew county and for fifteen years was engaged in teaching. Following this he farmed three miles east of Fillmore until he was elected County Collector in 1896. He was re-elected. Soon after coming to Andrew county he was married to Miss Mary Christie of Rosendale, who died in 1885, leaving Mr. Guinn four children-- Mrs. Sam Wells near Fillmore, Mrs. W. G. Bronson and Miss Tillie Guinn of St. Joseph and a son, Herschell.

He had many friends, as the long funeral train gave evidence. The Masonic Lodge had their ceremony at the cemetery. He had recently had so much trouble, and his life was such that he is at rest, where cares and troubles are unknown; so it is wrong to grieve over his departure.

Same

Source: *The Andrew County [MO] Republican*, 03 Sep 1909, Friday, p. 4

Former Collector James F. Guinn died at his home near Fillmore Saturday at the age of about 65 years. Funeral services were conducted under the auspices of the Masons and the remains were interred in Lower Neeley Grove cemetery Monday. Deceased was a veteran of the civil war serving three years in the 1st. Mo. Inf. He was elected collector in 1896, and reelected in 1898.

Same

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James F. Guinn was born near Gower, Mo., Feb. 7th, 1845, where he grew to manhood, on a farm. At the age of 17 he enlisted in Co. A. First Mo. Infantry and served his country faithfully for three years. Upon being discharged, at the close of the Civil war, he returned to Buchanan county, and attended school at Plattsburg and Mo. colleges for five years. Then he came to Andrew county and taught in the public schools for fifteen years, on the 16th day of October 1870 he was married to Miss Mary S. Christie. Four children were born to them, all of whom are living, they are: Herschel C. Guinn, Mrs. Agness [sic] Wells, Mrs. Mamie Bronson and Mrs. Tillie McCord. In 1906 he was elected collector of Andrew county and served to the entire satisfaction of his constituency for eight years. Some fifteen years ago he was initiated into the mysteries of Free Masonry, attaining to the M. M. Degree, and was in good standing with his home lodge, at Fillmore, at the time of his death, which occurred [sic] at his home near Fillmore Aug. 28th, after suffering onls [sic] some 23 hours from intestinal [sic] obstruction. August 31st Elder W. A. Chapman of Rosendale conducted a short service of scripture reading and prayer at the home and a long line of vehicles laden with sorrowing friends bore the remains to the Lower Neeley [sic] Grove cemetery and after the beautiful ritualistic service of the Masonic fraternity was rendered by Fillmore lodge, assisted by representatives from Savannah, Rosendale and Bolckow lodges. The body was burried [sic] beside that of his wife, who died leaving him the care of four small children, Jan. 6th 1868 [sic]. He was an exemplery [sic] citizen the very soul of honor and uprightness.

Date of death: 9 Dec 1882

Subject: Sarah Jane (Guinn) Dye

Source: *Grant City [MO] Star*, 14 Dec 1882, Thursday, p. 4

Our mother is gone. Mrs. Sarah Dye, age 72 years, departed this life Dec. 9th, 1882, was born in Green [sic] county, Penn., was a full member of the Christian church from early life. She died at the residence of her son, Jasper Dye, in Middlefork tp., Worth county.

*We leave you, mother, last, on earth
Beside the silent tomb,
Remembering well who gave us birth,
But ne'er to die so soon.*

*But, oh! how sweet it is to think
That we, too, soon may lie
Our heads beneath the sod, and drink
Of that sweet bye and bye.*

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Date of death: 29 Nov 1886

Subject: Shepard Sylvester Guisinger

Source: *Nodaway [Co. MO] Democrat*, 02 Dec 1886, Thursday, p. 8

It is our painful duty to chronicle the death of S. S. Guisinger of White Cloud township, who departed this life at his home last Monday morning at four o'clock. His health had been declining for a year past, the fatal disease being consumption.

The funeral services were held at the St. Mary's Catholic church in this city, last Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., conduted [sic] by Father Anselm, after which the mortal remains were laid at rest in the German Catholic cemetery.

The deceased had buried four children in the same cemetery within the past two years. He leaves a wife and six children.

Mr. Guisinger was about 55 [sic] years of age. He came to this county from Iowa about six years ago. He was a member of White Cloud Grange and took great interest in all matters pertaining to the order and in the interest of the farming community. He had been secretary of the county grange. At the time of his death he was secretary of the co-operative association, and the grange store of this city closed on Tuesday and all the employees attended the funeral in honor of his memory. He was a man well informed on current matters and before his health failed him occasionally contributed articles to the columns of this paper, which were tersely and clearly written. He was highly respected by all who knew him, and all realize that a good man has been called from earth. His afflicted family will have the sympathy of a large number of acquaintances and friends of the deceased.

Date of death: 24 Jul 1908

Subject: Mrs. Catharine Gum

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 31 Jul 1908, Friday, p. 1 and *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 31 Jul 1908, Friday, p. 1

Mrs. Catharine Gum died at the residence of Willis Hower and wife, five miles southeast of Savannah, on Friday, July 24. The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. W. McGlothlan at the Long Branch church at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Gum was born in Preble County, Ohio, Oct. 14, 1820, and was at the time of her death in her 88th year. She was married in 1849 to Lemuel B. Gum, with whom in a short time she came to Andrew County where she has lived ever since. Five children were born to them as follows: Mrs. John W. Misner, Rachel A., John R., James F.

Gum and Mrs. Charles Johnson, all of whom together with her husband have preceded her to the other world.

When a young woman she confessed Christ and united with the M. E. church. In 1886 she united with the Baptist church at High Prairie, where she remained a consistent member until her death. She leaves to mourn her death one brother, one sister, three grandchildren and a large number of friends and acquaintances.

Same

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Date of death: 7 Jan 1917

Subject: George Almon Gunn

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 02 Feb 1917, Friday, p. 2

Rea. January 30. O. S. Case was called to Minnesota Sunday to attend the funeral of his son-in-law, George Gunn. Mr. Gunn lived here a number of years ago and will be remembered by the older residents.

Date of death: 7 Aug 1901

Subject: Minnie A. Gunn

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 16 Aug 1901, Friday, p. 5

From the Whitesville *Banner*. Minnie, the little year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gunn, of Rea, died Wednesday morning, August 7, at 10 o'clock, after a lingering illness of several months.

Date of death: 4 Nov 1892

Subject: Beulah Clark Gunselman

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 18 Nov 1892, Friday, p. 1

In Memory of Beulah Gunselman,

The beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Gunselman

*Gone, yes, she is gone from among us,
Passed to the regions above,
Stop, shed a tear in remembrance,
Of one, whose life was of love,*

*Mourn not, mourn not, fond parent,
For she is gone, she is gone, where?
Passed in sleep from among us,
To rest in her dear Savior's care.*

*Rest there in peace, dear Beulah,
Rest there in peace serene;
For some sweet day we shall meet you,
Yes, meet you in joy supreme.*

A Friend.

Same

Source: Savannah [MO] Reporter, 25 Nov 1892, Friday, p. 5

Beulah Clark, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Gunselman, died at their home, seven miles northwest of Savannah, on Friday, Nov. 4, at 9:20 p.m., aged 2 years and 21 days. Little Beulah was a favorite with all who knew her, and will be sadly missed by all. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Pollard, of St. Joseph, after which the remains were taken to the Bennet [sic] Lane Cemetery for burial.

*Little Beulah, darling Beulah,
How we miss her none can tell,
But we know she sings with angels,
And with Jesus dwells.*

*Now her chair is vacant,
It must be put away,
With all her pretty playthings,
For there is no Beulah now to play.*

*It is hard to be parted from love ones,
But God does all for the best;
And when He takes them from us,
He gives them peace and rest.*

*Then weep not, earthly parents,
Your darling's with Parent above,
Where she knows no pain or sorrow,*

But all is joy and love.

Anna Trapp.

Same

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 18 Nov 1892, Friday, p. 5

Hackberry Valley. Died, little Bulah [sic] Gunselman, aged two years. She passed away the 6th [sic] of November, 1892, from this earthly shore into that upper and better world where there shall be no sorrow but eternal life forever more.

*Little Bulah she is dead;
And now lies sweet beneath the sod,
We know her soul is up in Heaven,
And there to dwell with God above.*

*Little Bulah left a lovely home,
Where sorrow and tears there will be shed;
For now she is safe in the arms of her Savior
And there will dwell with the angels above.*

Date of death: 7 Jun 1897

Subject: Irma Rada Gunselman

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 11 Jun 1897, Friday, p. 1

Isma Roda [sic], youngest child of Abram and Flora M. Gunselman, born Oct. 28, 1896, died June 7, 1897, of whooping cough and pneumonia. The little body was followed by a large crowd of sympathizing friends to the old Baptist church on Aackberry [sic], where a funeral sermon was preached by Elder W. A. Chapman, and laid tenderly away to await the call of Him who said: 'Suffer the little children [sic], and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.'

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Same

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 11 Jun 1897, Friday, p. 1

Irma Rada, youngest child of Abram and Flora M. Gunselman, born October. 28th, 1897 [sic], died June 7th, 1897, of whooping cough and pneumonia. The little body was followed by a large crowd of sympathizing friends to the old Baptist church on Hackberry where a funeral was preached by Elder W. A. Chapman and lain tenderly away to await the call of Him who said, 'Suffer the children, and forbid them not to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.'

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Date of death: 20 Jul 1913

Subject: William Valentine Gunselman

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 25 Jul 1913, Friday, p. 1

Valentine Gunselman, a veteran of two wars and an early settler in Andrew county, died after a few minutes illness while visiting at the home of a friend, J. Roup, four miles north of St. Joseph Sunday morning, July 20, aged eighty-six years, nine months and twenty-six days.

Mr. Gunselman has been living with his children since the death of his wife about five years ago and he seemed to enjoy himself but at times said he was tired and anxious to go. Sunday morning he had a slight pain about the region of his heart and about two hours after eating a slight meal, he was talking about the route to his son's home and did not complete the sentence, lapsing into unconsciousness, passing away in a few minutes.

The remains were brought to Savannah Sunday and kept at J. Fred Terhune's morgue and the funeral preached at the Christian church by Rev. J. C. Jones on Wednesday and taken to Bennet [sic] Lane for burial.

He was a very hardworking, active, interested [sic] man and an upright man, being a deacon in the Primitive Baptist church for almost fifty years, becoming a member in 1865 while living on the home place on Hackberry. His memory was good throughout and the incidents of his life were interesting, as he frequently recited them and the humor of an occasion was never omitted.

Valentine Gunselman was born in Germany, September 24, 1836, and came to America with his parents when he was ten years old settling in Ohio and working for one man there seven years and then came to the southern part of Nodaway county living there a few years only. In 1848 [sic] he married Miss Louisa Reece, a sister to the father of J. D. Reece of this city, and he moved to Hackberry about 1850. Five children were born to them, three dying in infancy, and the two living present Wednesday were Mrs. Hauber of Springfield and William Gunselman of Wakefield, Kan. Mrs. Gunselman died about 1856 and two years later he was married to Miss Rebecca Hurst, and their children living and present at the funeral are Mrs. Anna Clemmens of Rosendale, Abram Gunselman of east of Savannah and Sherman of St. Joseph.

Mr. Gunselman enlisted in the 51st, Missouri, Volunteers and served throughout the Civil War and then served eighteen months in Rogers' battalion of Oregon cavalry during the Mexican War and last year at a reunion at Springfield there were but three Mexican veterans in the State and Mr. Gunselman was the only one living in Andrew county.

His only living brother Jacob Gunselman of Wathena, Kan., was away from home visiting and could not get to the funeral in time.

Same

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 25 Jul 1913, Friday, p. 1

Valentine Gunseman [sic], age 86 years, 9 months and 26 days, died suddenly at the home of S. I. Roup, near St. Joseph, Sunday morning. The remains were brought to Savannah and funeral

services were conducted from the Christian church Wednesday in the presence of a large number of friends by Rev. J. C. Jones, and interment was at Bennet [sic] Lane cemetery.

Mr. Gunselman was born in Germany September 24, 1826, and came to the United States when ten years of age. He first settled in Ohio, but came to Andrew county in an early year. He was married to Louisa Reece and two children, William Gunselman, of Oberlin, Kansas, and Mrs. Hauber, of Springfield, Missouri, were born of this union. His wife died and several years afterwards he was again married to Rebecca Hurst, and to this union three children, Mrs. Anna Clemens, and Abraham and Sherman Gunselman were born. Mr. Gunselman served in the Mexican and civil wars, and had been a member of the Primitive Baptist church on Hackberry since 1865.

Date of death: 19 Jan 1907

Subject: Frankie Lorena Gunsolley

Source: *Ravenwood [MO] Gazette*, 25 Jan 1907, Friday, p. 5

A little two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gunsolley, northwest of Ravenwood, died last Saturday and was buried Monday at the Sweet Home cemetery.

Date of death: 8 May 1915

Subject: Columbus Theodore Gunter

Source: *The El Dorado Springs [MO] Sun*, 13 May 1915, Thursday, p. 5

C. T. Gunter, who for some time past has been visiting relatives northwest of this place, died last Saturday at the home of Calvin Gunter.

Mr. Gunter was 47 years of age at the time of his death and was a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge.

His death which was very unexpected was caused by ureamic poisoning.

Mr. Gunter had been in poor health for many months and last Wednesday he came to El Dorado and had seven teeth extracted. Immediately on going home he became worse and died on the above date.

His remains, accompanied by his sons, Oran and Howard, were taken back to his old home at Benton, Iowa, where funeral services were held and interment made.

Date of death: 17 Oct 1922

Subject: William Edward Gupton

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 18 Oct 1922, p. 6

William E. Gupton, forty-four years old, a farmer of Rea, Mo., died at 7:30 o'clock last night in a St. Joseph hospital. He is survived by his widow. The body will be taken to Rea for burial.

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Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 20 Oct 1922, Friday, p. 8

Rea Locals. Our community was shocked Wednesday a.m. at the news of Ed. Gupton's death at the hospital in St. Joseph, since he had been there some weeks and hoped to be able to return to his home here Wednesday. Definite funeral arrangements have not been made.

Same

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 27 Oct 1922, Friday, p. 8

Rea Locals. The funeral services for Ed Gupton, who died in a St. Joseph hospital Tuesday, were conducted here Sunday by Mrs. Vale of Kansas City, with music by the ladies 'quartet-- Misses Bilbrey of Kansas City, Dudeck of Oregon, Mesdames Bird and Morris of Rea. A large crowd was present notwithstanding the rain. The body was interred in Lower Neeley [sic] Grove cemetery.

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A sister of Mr. Gupton's from Salem, Oregon, a cousin from Solomon, Kans., brother and wife and brother-in-law from Kansas, visited relatives here several days after the funeral.

Date of death: 20 Oct 1915

Subject: William Louis Gurdike

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 22 Oct 1915, Friday, p. 1

Dr. C. O. Jefferies was called to Empire Prairie Wednesday morning to view the remains of William L. Gurdike who was burned to death when the home of Charles Miller burned at about 5 o'clock that morning.

John Sherman of Savannah was visiting at the Miller home that night and had retired and was asleep when Mr. Miller came and asked him to permit Mr. H. J. Nester, an insurance agent from Maysville, who had come later, to sleep with him in the southeast room. Mr. Nester's driver, Mr. Gurdike, was placed in the northeast room. The house had a large hall through it with bedrooms on each side and there were about twelve rooms all furnished complete.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were awakened by their little seven-year-old son calling them and saying he was sick. Their room was full of smoke then. They hastily awakened the others and Mr. Gurdike, all of whom dressed. Being in a strange house in the dark Mr. Sherman says that he had to be led to the stairway. When they got outside they heard Mr. Gurdike calling and they rushed to the porch with a ladder and broke a window calling him but he did not respond and they could not locate him. Mr. Sherman says day was just starting when they got outside the house.

The house was thoroughly modern and was built two years ago and only from the direction of the fire when discovered do they base the supposition that it started in the kitchen and they also say it might have had its origin in the basement under the kitchen. The loss is estimated at about \$10,000 as nothing was saved. The insurance has been reported at \$3,000.

Mr. Gurdike was forty-seven years of age and leaves a wife and an adopted daughter who is married and both of whom live near King City, where the funeral was held yesterday.

Same

Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 22 Oct 1915, Friday, p. 1

This community was stirred with excitement and filled with sorrow last Wednesday morning as it perhaps never was before, when the phone wires spread the sad news that the big farmhouse of Charles Miller on north Empire Prairie had burned early that morning, and with this message came the shocking statement that Wm. Gurdike had lost his life in the building. As we were able to get an account of the sad affair, it seems that Mr. Gurdike with three or four other men had spent the evening at the residence, at a late hour they retired, and that the family and all occupied rooms in the upper story. Toward morning the little girl that was with her mother aroused the mother and said she was smothering or choking with smoke, and the mother soon saw that the room was full of smoke and on opening the door saw the house was full to almost suffocating. She at once called out and the others were aroused from sound sleep, and rushed for exits, but some became confused and partially lost their way, and one man rather rolled or tumbled down the stairs and was assisted out. But it seemed that Mr. Gurdike did not show up, and it is stated that they heard him call, and rushed for a ladder and put it up and mounted the porch, and broke in a window, but the fire and smoke forced them away, and Mr. Gurdike was seemingly so confused or smothered in the smoke that he failed to make his escape and perished in the flames as the house burned and with it all its contents. The heat was so intense that it was two or three hours before the lifeless body could be taken from the ruins. Of those at the home that night we were given the names of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and their little girl, and Messrs. John Sherman, Frank Meades, W. L. Gurdike and H. J. Nester, an insurance man from Maysville, Mo., who has been in King City some weeks in the Life Insurance business. We are told that Mr. Gurdike had been driving the agent over the country some in the insurance work.

The fire was seen from many farm homes over the country, and soon hundreds of people rushed to the scene in autos and other conveyances, but all too late to save the life or to stop the fire until the large two-story building and its well-furnished rooms were consumed in the flames, those escaping having only their clothing with which they made their exit from the flaming building. By nine o'clock, hundreds of people were at the home, undertake W. L. Cole was called, and the remains cared for until the Coroner arrived. The Coroner directed Mr. Cole to take charge of the body, and it was brought to King City and placed in a casket and later taken to the home three miles north of the city.

The origin of the fire is not known but it is supposed the full particulars of the sad affair will be brought out when the inquest is held.

When the sad news was told to Mrs. Gurdike, the devoted wife collapsed and was under the care of a physician for some hours. To this much esteemed woman and his beloved niece, Mrs. Chas. Dykes, and to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Blacklock [sic] and other sorrowing friends, the very earnest and deep sympathy of the entire community goes out in unmeasured interest and tender condolence in this very sad misfortune that has come to them.

The funeral took place from the Christian church, yesterday afternoon, at two o'clock, and was under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity of which order Mr. Gurdike had long been a member.

An appropriate obituary will appear in next week's paper.

Same

Source: *Andrew County [MO] Democrat*, 22 Oct 1915, Friday, p. 1

William L. Gurdike was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the home of Charles Miller a farmer living seven and one half miles northeast of Whitesville. Murdike [sic] is a horse buyer living three miles north of King City. His screams for help were heard after the building was wrapped in flames but no one was able to reach him. The charred remains of the body were taken from the ruins a few hours later nothing being left of it but the trunk. Gurdike was sleeping on the second floor in the northeast corner of the house and it is supposed that he lost his way in trying to get out of the house.

John Sherman, of this city and Mr. Nester an insurance agent were the other occupants of the house besides the family. They slept in the south west corner of the house and escaped injury. Mr. Miller has two boys the older being away from home. The youngest, Virgil age seven was the first to discover the fire which is supposed to have started in the basement of the house on the north side.

Dr. C. O. Jeffries, county coroner [sic] was called and an inquest was held over the remains which were taken to King City.

The Miller residence was valued at \$9,000 and was one of the most beautiful and modern homes in that vicinity.

Same

Source: *The King City [MO] Chronicle*, 29 Oct 1915, Friday, p. 4

William Louis Gurdike was born, place unknown, in 1867. He died October 20, 1915. He had thus lived 48 years.

At an early age he was bereft of father and mother. He was received into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eben Blacklock, where he grew to manhood. On the 1st day of May, 1890, he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Alice O'Neale who survives him. Two sisters, also, are living. They are Mrs. Lydie Foster of Los Angeles, California, and Mrs. Matilda Schuder of St. Joseph, Mo. There is a twin brother, James, whose present whereabouts is unknown. There are several nephews and nieces, among the later [sic] is Mrs. Chas. Dykes, who lived in the Gurdike home until her marriage. Besides these relatives Mr. Gurdike has many friends who mourn his tragic and untimely death.

Wm. Gurdike had many good qualities. He was a generous, honest, big-hearted man. He had a bright mind, was widely read and took an active interest in public affairs. The tender sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved wife in this her hour of bitter sorrow.

The funeral service was held at the Christian church, October 21st, at 2 p.m., conducted by E. C. Baird. Interment was in the King City cemetery and was in charge of the Masonic Fraternity.

Date of death: [12] Apr 1893

Subject: Charles Chester Gurney

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 13 Apr 1893, Thursday, p. 5

Police Office D. M. Duncan received a telegram yesterday afternoon informing him of the death of his brother-in-law, Charles C. Gurney, at Cripple Creek, Colo. Mr. Gurney formerly lived at Wathena and was well known in this city. He was an engineer and machinist. He leaves many friends in this section of the country, being well known.

Not less than half a dozen of Mr. Duncan's relatives have died in the past few months, all within a short time of each other.

Same

Source: *The [Troy] Kansas Chief*, 27 Apr 1893, Thursday, p. 3

Charles Gurney died of heart disease, at Cripple Creek, Colorado, about two weeks ago. He was a son of Dr. Seneca Gurney, formerly of this County.

Date of death: 5 Nov 1915

Subject: Mary (Gustin) Lay

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 05 Nov 1915, Friday, p. 8

Mrs. Mary Lay, eighty-one years old, a widow, died at 9 o'clock this morning at her home five miles north of St. Joseph, near the King Hill Stock Farm. She is survived by a son, W. A. Martin, and a daughter, Nora Martin. The body will be taken to her former home at Plattsburg, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 11 Aug 1891

Subject: Anna Dorothea (Gutermuth) Needham

Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 13 Aug 1891, Thursday, p. 2

Mrs. Needham is quite sick.

Same

Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 20 Aug 1891, Thursday, p. 4

It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of Mrs. Amie [sic] Needham, wife of W. L. Needham of Orrsburg. Her maiden name was Gutermute. She was born in the year of 64, and in the year of 82, Jan 7th, was joined in holy wedlock to W. L. Needham, in Raunchester, Pa. They moved at once to the state of Iowa, where they resided two years, thence to Nodaway county, Mo. Lived 4 years on a farm and then purchased property in Orrsburg, and engaged in general merchandise, which business they were pursuing at the time of her death, which occurred August 11, 1891. Early in life she was christened in the Lutheran church, and her husband says that she has maintained her christian character. Her sickness was of short duration, and few, if any, suspected that the time of her departure was so near at hand until a day or so previous to her death. She,

however, seemed to be fully conscious of that which was about to occur and in the evening before her death, as her children were fixing for bed she had them brought to her that she might bid them goodby, saying she would not be alive in the morning. The loss sustained by the husband is double great, from the fact of his having been left with four small, motherless children, one boy and three girls, the youngest of which is scarcely four months old, and no relatives living in this state. But in the midst of the sorrow and deep shadow that darkens his home, I would embrace them in the arms of my prayers and beseech a Heavenly Father who hears the young ravens when they cry, to look down from his lofty heights with an eye of pity upon this desolate family and lead them gently to the summer land of song, when life's fitful fever's ore [sic]. Then will the poet's conclusion be realized.

*Go wing your flight from star to star,
From world to shining world as far
As the universe spreads its flaming wall,
Count all the pleasures of all the spheres,
And multiply each by thousands of years,
One moment in Heaven is worth them all.*

A. H. Linder,
Pastor M.P.C. Maryville charge.

Date of death: 29 Jul 1895

Subject: Joseph Guth

Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 01 Aug 1895, Thursday, p. 4

Joseph Guth died at his home, with his daughter, in Ravenwood, at 12:30 o'clock Sunday night. He was aged 67 years and had been in poor health for some time. The funeral services were held at Conception at 9 a.m. Tuesday, conducted by Father Berthold.

Date of death: 18 Jan 1921

Subject: John Wesley Guthery

Source: *The Kansas City [MO] Star*, 23 Jan 1921, Sunday, p. 18

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy in the sickness and death of husband and uncle. -- Mrs. J. W. Guthery and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Guthery.

Date of death: 28 Dec 1912

Subject: Almira (Guthrie) Eshelman

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] News-Press*, 28 Dec 1912, p. 6

Mrs. Almira G. Eshelman, seventy-one years old, widow of William Eshelman of Graham, Mo., died this morning at 10 o'clock at the home of her son, W. L. Eshelman, 2709 Lafayette street. Since the death of her husband in Nodaway County, March 1908, she had lived here with her son, W. L. Eshelman, sales manager for the Olney Music Company. She is survived by another son, Bertram E. Eshelman, and a daughter, Flossy, both of St. Joseph.

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Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Gazette*, 29 Dec 1912, p. 4

Mrs. Almira G. Eshelman, 71 years old, died yesterday morning at the home of her son, W. L. Eshelman, 2709 Lafayette ... Her home was formerly in Graham, Mo., but since the death of her husband in 1908, she has lived in St. Joseph. One other son, Bertram E. and a daughter, Miss Flossie, both of St. Joseph, also survive.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph [MO] Observer*, 4 Jan 1913, p. 5

Mrs. William Eshelman, the mother of Walter and Miss Flossie Eshelman of this city, died at the home of her son, Twenty-eighth and Seneca, Saturday. The remains were taken to Graham on Sunday where interment took place Monday. The deceased was a noble Christian woman and will be sadly missed.

Date of death: 1 Jun 1911

Subject: Margaret J. (Guthrie) Anderson

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 09 Jun 1911, Friday, p. 1

Mrs. Margaret J. Anderson, Wife [sic] of Rev. M. L. Anderson, died June 1, at Norman, Oklahoma, aged 74 years. They were formerly residents of Rosendale and moved to Oklahoma in 1898. All who know them will regret to hear this because they were both much loved by all. The funeral services were held at the residence June 2, conducted by Rev. C. E. Kircher, pastor of the Presbyterian church and the body was placed in the Odd Fellow [sic] cemetery at Norman, Oklahoma.

Date of death: 3 Oct 1887

Subject: Mrs. Arabella Gwathmey

Source: *Savannah [MO] Reporter*, 14 Oct 1887, Friday, p. 8

The wife of George K. Gwathmey, editor of the Maysville *Republican Pilot*, died on Monday of last week.

Date of death: 29 Jan 1890

Subject: Charles Wesley Gwin

Source: *Nodaway [Co. MO] Democrat*, 06 Feb 1890, Thursday, p. 4

Charles Gwin, son of John Gwin, died of consumption on Wednesday, January 29th, and was buried in Cain cemetery on Friday, the 31st.

Date of death: 3 Aug 1898

Subject: Mrs. Sarah Ann Gwin

Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 11 Aug 1898, Thursday, p. 5- *not an obituary*

Mrs. John Gwin, of Skidmore, who was thought to be much better of the late surgical operation performed upon her, had a relapse last week and is again in critical condition.

Date of death: 26 Jan 1922

Subject: Matthew Clay Gwinn

Source: *The Maryville [MO] Daily Forum*, 27 Jan 1922, Friday, p. 1

Matt C. Gwinn, a prominent Nodaway County farmer and stockman died last night at 11:30 o'clock at his home one and one-half miles south of Bedison, following an illness of less than one week of pneumonia and complications. Funeral services will be held at the home Sunday afternoon conducted by the Rev. R. E. Snodgrass, pastor of the First Christian Church, and burial will be in Miriam cemetery.

Mr. Gwinn was fifty-three years of age and had lived near Bedison for more than twenty years. He was one of the best known men in the county, and owned one of the best farms in the county. Surviving him are his wife, two children, Frak Gwinn of Skidmore and Miss Mary Edna Gwinn at home. Two sisters, Mrs. W. L. Decker and Mrs. I. J. Brown, both of Slater, Mo., also survive.

Date of death: 5 Oct 1897

Subject: Hattie B. (Gwinner) Demaree

Source: *Parnell [MO] Sentinel*, 07 Oct 1897, Thursday, p. 5

Two deaths occurred this week. Mr. Rauch, an old gentleman, west of town, who was interred in the Parnell cemetery Wednesday; also the wife of N. J. Demaree who lives near Ravenwood. She died Wednesday morning.

Same

Source: [Maryville MO] *Weekly Democrat-Forum*, 14 Oct 1897, Thursday, p. 5

Mrs. N. J. Demaree died at her home east of Ravenwood, on Tuesday, October 5, 1897, after several weeks illness with typhoid fever.