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| Name | Age | Death Date | Edition | Burial |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| Anderson, Helen | | ?? May/June 1861 | <u>Oskaloosa [KS]</u> <u>Independent 07-05-61</u> | |
| Barr, female (Mrs. G. W.) | | 02 Feb 1861 | 03-09-61 | vault in St. Joseph |
| Bartlett, male | | 12 Mar 1861 | 03-16-61 | |
| Carlisle, Sarah (Mrs.) | 114 | ?? ??? 1861 | <u>Cincinnati [OH]</u> <u>Daily Press 02-12-61</u> | |
| Castleman, T. T. | | 07/08 Feb 1861 | <u>Richmond [VA]</u> <u>Dispatch 03-04-61</u> | |
| Malony, female | | ?? Jan 1861 | <u>Cincinnati [OH]</u> <u>Daily Press 01-09-61</u> | |
| McMurray, Francis | | 02 Aug 1861 | <u>Chicago [IL]</u> <u>Tribune 08-05-61</u> | Chicago IL |
| Mitchell, Alexander M. | | 25/28 Feb 1861 | <u>Richmond [VA]</u> <u>Dispatch 03-20-61</u> | |
| Riley, A. R. | | ?? Jan 1861 | <u>Pittsburgh [PA]</u> <u>Gazette 02-05-61</u> | |

"A servant girl named Helen Anderson, was burned to death, at St. Joseph, a few days since. In order to facilitate the kindling of a fire, she commenced pouring camphene on the wood. The can contained about three quarts of the fluid, and unfortunately, there were a few coals in the stove. The coals ignited the camphene, exploded the can, and instantly enveloped the poor girl in flames. The fire was not smothered until she had been horribly burned. She lived in intense agony, for five or six hours after the accident, when death relieved her of her sufferings.—*Leavenworth Times*."

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"We regret to say that the Mayor of Elwood, Mr. G. W. Barr, has suffered a great bereavement in the loss of his wife. Mrs. Barr died last Saturday night the 2d inst. Her remains were deposited in the vault in this place."

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"Major Bartlett, one of our oldest citizens, died last Tuesday morning at two o'clock. He was a native of Maine, whence he removed to Louisiana, where he was engaged successfully for some years in the mercantile business. From Louisiana he came to this state."

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"Sarah Carlisle died in St. Joseph, Mo., recently in her one hundred and fifteenth year. Her husband was a soldier in the Revolution."

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"Rev. T. T. Castleman, formerly of Staunton, died at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 7th ult."

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"A poor Irish woman named Malony was burned to death at St. Joseph, Mo., the other day, while endeavoring to save some valuables from her burning dwelling."

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"Francis McMurry [sic], of Company C. Chicago Jackson Guards, of the Irish Brigade, died at St. Joseph, Mo., on Friday night last. Capt. McM. Was a valiant and thorough disciplined officer, who had seen service in the Mexican War, and abandoned a lucrative law business to serve in defence [sic] of his country. For several weeks he subsisted his own company, and in enlisting the company and having it accepted, encountered difficulties that would have discouraged any but those who enlist in a cause with their whole heart. In his death the Irish Brigade have lost one of their best officers, and Chicago a good citizen. His remains will be here, for interment [sic] Monday evening. Langan's Field Band have volunteered their services for the funeral."

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"Colonel Alexander M. Mitchell died on the 28th ult., at St. Joseph, Mo. The deceased distinguished himself in the Mexican war, in command of the first regiment of Ohio volunteers, and was made Governor of Monterey, having been wounded in the storming of that city."

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"*Denver, Jan. 31st.*—A. R. Riley, a money lawyer from St. Joseph, Mo., was killed at Mountain city on Monday night last by a man named Looney. Riley was destroying some of Looney's property. When told to desist he attempted to shoot Looney with a double-barrelled gun. Looney wrested the gun from him, when Riley drew a revolver and fired twice at Looney who returned the fire with the gun, killing him instantly."