

**C Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 7 June 1901

Subject: Sarah A. (Cabell) Brierly

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 12 Jun 1901, p. 7

Died—At her home in Whitesville, June 7th, 1901, Mrs. Sarah Cabell Brierly, widow of the late Captain James Brierly and daughter of John and Mary Cabell of Columbia, Kentucky, age 81 years, 4 months and 14 days. The deceased leaves four daughters Miss Emma Brierly, Mrs. J. Weddle, Mrs. Frank Fisher, of Whitesville, Mrs. Lewis Cox of St. Joseph, also two grand children, Mrs. Lavina [?] Peter and Master Paul Fisher.

In Memory of Our Mother

[Followed by a lengthy poem]

Date of death: 19 May 1902

Subject: Rachel Callahal

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 May 1902, p. 5

Rachel Callahal, aged 12 years, died at 6 p.m. Monday of pneumonia. Funeral services will be held from the residence of her father, Henry Callahal, 810 North Third street, at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 27 Dec 1913

Subject: James Callahan

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Dec 1913, p. 6

"Jim" Callahan, one of St. Joseph's most notorious and picturesque police characters, is dead. The end came last night at St. Joseph hospital, resulting from a complication of alcoholism, poisoning, and paralysis. He had lain unconscious ninety-six hours.

Callahan walked into Central police station early Tuesday night and told the officers he wasn't feeling well. He had been drinking and was locked up on a charge of vagrancy. He soon went to sleep in his cell, but the next morning he could not be awakened for police court. Police Judge J. T. Allee was told of the situation, and sentenced Callahan to ten days in the workhouse. Dr. J. T. Stam... was called to attend the prisoner, had him removed to the hospital and he ... Dr. E. S. Ballard, who also attended him, never had any hope for his recovery.

[Note: the rest of the lengthy article is illegible except for captions, as follows:]

Arrested When Only 18

Saved Policeman's Life

How He Saved Man's Life

Twice Was Nearly Slain

Headed "Kangaroo Court"

Date of death: 1 Nov 1906

Subject: John Henry Campbell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Nov 1906, p. 6

John H. Campbell, aged sixty-five years, died at 6 o'clock this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Murrell, 2403 North Seventh street. He was a life-long resident of Missouri, having been born in Andrew County. Until a year ago he lived in Albany, Mo. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Murrell, and seven sons, Charles B., James M., William F., John M., Francis N., Jesse R. and Homer D. Campbell.

Date of death: 12 Jan 1903

Subject: Paul J. Campbell

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 6 Jun 1903, p. 6

Cora A. Campbell has brought suit in the United States court here against the Wabash Railway Company for \$4,000 damages for the death of her husband, Paul J. Campbell, who sustained fatal injuries January 10, 1903, by being thrown from a handcar a short distance northwest of Maryville.

Campbell was a section hand. His widow alleges that the company was responsible for his death, because the car on which he was being conveyed to his work was overcrowded. There [were] twelve men on it, and while it was descending a steep grade Campbell was struck by the handle bar and knocked to the ground with such force as to produce injuries which resulted in his death three days later.

The amount sued for by the widow of the section employe being in excess of \$2,000, the case was transferred from the circuit court of Nodaway County to the federal court.

Date of death: 11 Jan 1919

Subject: Amanda (Canfield) Vanscoy

Source: *Bedford [IA] Times Republican*, 16 Jan 1919, p. 8

Amanda Canfield, daughter of Isaac and Priscilla Canfield, was born in Randolph County, W. Va., October 23, 1844, and passed to her heavenly heritage from the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Garnett, at Bedford, Iowa, January 11, 1919, aged 77 years, 2 months and 18 days.

She was married on March 23, 1865, to Caleb Vanscoy, to which union was born five children, three of whom survive her, namely, Luther W. Vanscoy, of Stanberry, Mo.; Mrs. Minnie P. Thomas, of Conception Junction, Mo.; Mrs. Arcelia M. Garnett of Bedford, Iowa. One daughter, Bertha, died in infancy, and one son, Bernard Emery Vanscoy, passed away Sept. 28, 1918. She

is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Malinda Schoonover of Houston, Texas, and by one brother, Marshall Canfield, of West Virginia. Thirteen grandchildren and other relatives and friends unite with these in mourning her passing.

The early life of the deceased was passed in West Virginia. After marriage she and her husband came to Illinois, later to Iowa, and then to Missouri. Most of her life she spent in Nodaway County of that state. Since the death of her husband, in 1906, she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Garnett, who has tenderly ministered to her in these declining years. For months she has been a patient sufferer but on Saturday night last, she seemed brighter and able to get around with more than customary freedom. Then, without suffering or struggle, she slipped away to that land of eternal day, where suffering never enters and parting nevermore shall come.

She was converted when 16 years of age in a Baptist church in West Virginia and joined the fellowship of that church. After moving to Missouri she and her husband became members of the Mozinga Valley Methodist Episcopal Church, in Nodaway County, where her membership remained at the time of her death. Mrs. Vanscoy was a faithful earnest Christian woman, a devoted mother and a truly noble character. Her life influence abides as sweet and precious fragrance. A good woman and true has gone to her reward.

The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, conducted by Rev. Levi P. Goodwin, who furnished us with the foregoing obituary. Burial was in Fairview cemetery.

Date of death: 22 Mar 1901

Subject: John Henry Caples

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 23 Mar 1901, p. 5

Tragic End to Duck Shoot

Young John Henry Caples Accidentally Kills Himself.

Shot in His Father's Sight

Accident Happens in Boat, While it is in Mid River About Two and One-Half Miles Above the Water Works.

[Most of the article is illegible]

...sixteen ... killed ... skiff ... half ...

... went to Nodaway ... Burlington train ... duck ... Nodaway... St. Joseph.

Father's Theory of Accident

... with No. ? shot ... fired a shot ... bar

No ... gam ... ther ... his ... saw ... facing ... were at it ... a seat ... in the stern ... in the ... them, with the ... the father was ...

... when ... for the ... The muzzle was pointed toward ... Caples.

The ... seat between himself and his father and drew the gun ... towards him. The father thinks that the stock of the gun fell from the seat and the ... by striking the bottom of the boat was so great as ... the gun to be discharged. The entire load entire the right breast of young Caples.

... son was shot ... his head and saw wh... For a few seconds ... looked straight into ... Then he slow ... warm life blood spurt... wound bathing ... The elder ... arm and caught ... fall forward dead.

Laying ... the bottom of the boat the stricken father ... the oars and rowed for the shore. He effected a landing in the Dillon creek bottom, near the Dillon creek school house, and then called for help. The body of the boy was allowed to remain in the boat, and Coroner Beaver of Amazonia was summoned ... Andrew ...

... widow ... banks ... The... gathered ... there ... med ... little pa... father ... only ..., and it ... the jury but ... return a verdict ...

The dead boy had ... years employed in ... ment of Swift and Company ... one of nine children, all of whom live at home. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

Date of death: 28 Aug 1912

Subject: Alonzo Carpenter

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Aug 1912, p. 3

Extreme heat of yesterday is given as the reason for two suicides which occurred, one in the morning and one at noon. The first came when Alonzo Carpenter, 57 years of age, swallowed two ounces of arsenic in the little house formerly occupied by Jack King, near the Gr... bridge, ... hour lat... coroner Byrd viewed the body and ordered ... the Heaton-Begole morgue.

At noon, Paule... Greek, 407 Doniphan avenue, ... of brooding over his troubles, procured a razor and slashed himself across the abdomen, inflicting a horrible wound. He lived but a few minutes. The body was also sent to the Heaton-Begole morgue by Coroner Byrd.

Date of death: 17 Nov 1904

Subject: Mrs. Heddie Carpenter

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Nov 1904, p. 6

Heddie Carpenter, aged 58 years, widow of George Carpenter, died at ... o'clock yesterday morning at the family residence, 5?? South Fourth street. Interment will be in the City cemetery.

Date of death: 30 Jun 1908

Subject: Burr (or Burl) Carriger*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Jul 1908, p. 4

Although seven boys have suffered injuries this year from explosives in premature celebration of the Fourth of July, the first fatality occurred yesterday when Burl Carriger, twelve-year-old son of Lincoln Carriger, colored, died of tetanus at his parent's home, 711 Albemarle street. The lad was injured in the hand by the explosion of a toy pistol June 21. One week later the dreaded lockjaw, as tetanus is commonly called, developed and the death yesterday was attended by great suffering. Dr. J. R. Crossland and Dr. T. E. Potter attended the lad, but the case was a hopeless one as soon as the tetanus developed. The boy's father is steward at the Columbus Club.

Date of death: 30 Dec 1906

Subject: Elizabeth V. (Carroll) Howell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 31 Dec 1906, p. 6

Mrs. Elizabeth Howell, aged seventy-seven years, widow of John D. [sic] Howell, who conducted a general store at Eighth and Olive streets many years ago, died early yesterday morning, at the home of her sister, Mrs. V. M. Blankenship, Thirty-third street and Mitchell avenue. The body was forwarded at 10 o'clock this morning to Savannah, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 10 Jun 1912

Subject: J. C. Carroll

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Jun 1912, p. 4

J. C. Carroll, a laborer, was killed yesterday morning by a passenger train on the Rock Island, a short distance south of Rushville. By order of Dr. C. E. Byrd, coroner, the body was sent to the Heaton-BeGole morgue.

Date of death: 30 Jun 1910

Subject: John Carroway*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Jul 1910, p. 3

An inquest was held by Coroner Byrd yesterday afternoon at Heaton's morgue on the body of John Carroway, a negro who was run over and killed by a Chicago Great Western freight train last week. The jury brought in a verdict that Carroway met his death by being run over by the Chicago Great Western engine.

Date of death: 2 Jun 1912

Subject: Eugene Earl Carter (or G. G. Carter)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Jun 1912, p. 5

G. G. [sic] Carter, forty years old, died Sunday morning at 2 o'clock at a local hospital. He had boarded for three months at the Windsor Hotel, Eighth and Olive streets. His mother and a sister, Mrs. Bird Hitchcock, who live at Houston, Texas, have been notified.

Date of death: 12 Nov 1908

Subject: Mrs. Lucy Carther*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Nov 1908, p. 6

Mrs. Lucy Carther, colored, aged sixty-four years, widow of A. Carther, died at noon Thursday at her home, 1723 Messanie street.

Date of death: 5 Oct 1913

Subject: Beulah M. Casebolt

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Oct 1913, p. 6

Beulah M. Casebolt, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Casebolt, died at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of her parents, 1214 Tenth street.

Date of death: 29 Nov 1923

Subject: Roy Casteel

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Nov 1923, p. 9

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Casteel died yesterday morning at the family home, 504 Dewey avenue.

Date of death: 15 Feb 1904

Subject: Moses Cessney*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Feb 1904, p. 10

Moses Cesny, a negro Baptist minister and the oldest man in Missouri, died yesterday at the county farm.

He was 103 years, 1 months and 6 days old, and had lived in the state for eighty-one years.

Death was due to old age, the old man having been very weak for the past few months.

Cesny's birthplace is given as near Morse Cave, Kentucky. As a slave he was brought to Missouri by his mother who was sold and brought west in 182?, when the earliest white settlers were making their homes in what was then a wilderness. Since that time he had not been out of the state.

Since the war the old man had lived in St. Joseph. A few years ago he became too feeble to earn a living and went to the poor farm.

Date of death: 2 Jul 1906

Subject: L. Henry "Hank" Churchill

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 03 Jul 1906, p. 6

Hopkins, Mo., July 3.—Hank C. [sic] Churchill, who was stricken with paralysis last Sunday at his home in this city, died early yesterday morning and will be buried today in the Hopkins cemetery.

Date of death: 18 Feb 1890

Subject: Alice Clark

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 19 Feb 1890, p. 3

Allie, the nineteen-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clark, died yesterday of whooping cough. The funeral will take place from the family residence, 120 Michel street, at 2 P.M. to-day.

Date of death: 22 Oct 1902

Subject: Mrs. Bell Clark

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 24 Oct 1902, p. 6

Mrs. Bell Clark, a widow, aged fifty-five years, died Wednesday at her home, 2325 South Second street. She was buried today at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 28 Sep 1904

Subject: infant daughter of T. Clark*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Sep 1904, p. 8

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Clark, colored, of Division street, died yesterday.

Date of death: 4 Jun 1919

Subject: Mrs. Nina Clark

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Jun 1919, p. 2

Mrs. Nina Clark, a white woman, was found dead in bed at 11 o'clock this forenoon, at 503 North Second street. The discovery was made by Sadie Reynolds, a negro woman, at whose home the white woman died and who occupied the bed with her.

Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, viewed the body and said that death had ensued some time during the night. He sent the body to H. O. Sidenfaden's.

According to the negro woman, Mrs. Clark appeared at her home last night and said she was ill. She says she slept until 11 o'clock, when she awoke and found that the Clark woman was dead.

The police and undertakers have been unable to learn where the dead woman had been living. She is said to have been a drug addict and was about twenty-eight years ago [sic]. Her husband, Edward Clark, was sent to the federal prison at Leavenworth three months ago to serve a three-year sentence for trafficking in habit-forming drugs.

Date of death: 30 Mar 1909

Subject: Lacy Clay*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Apr 1909, p. 7

Lacy Clay, a negro, died Tuesday at the home of relatives, 931 North Seventh street. He had been recently appointed to a government position at Junction City, Kas., and was preparing to

assume his duties when blood poisoning set in and caused his death. The body was taken yesterday to White Cloud, Kas., for burial.

Date of death: 14 Jun 1915

Subject: Henry "Harry" Clayton

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 15 Jun 1915, p. 6

Harry Clayton, eighty-two years old, a former resident of Omaha, who had been living in St. Joseph for ten years, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a local hospital, after a prolonged illness. Clayton was employed in a saloon at Second and Felix streets. So far as is known he had no relatives.

Date of death: 23 Sep 1908

Subject: Samuel Clemens

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Sep 1908, p. 1

Samuel Clemens, a teamster in the employ of Young Brothers, who operate a stone crusher north of the city was found dead in Isadora street just east of Thirteenth at 2:25 o'clock this afternoon.

Clemens' lifeless body was discovered by another teamster for Young Brothers, [*rest of article illegible*].

same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 Sep 1908, p. 1

It develops that the neck of Samuel Clemens, whose dead body was found in the street near Thirteenth and Isadore streets yesterday afternoon was broken.

Coroner Byrd will conduct an inquest tomorrow.

Same, p. 10

Samuel Clemens died September 23 aged fifty-nine years. The funeral will leave the late residence, one mile northwest of the city, tomorrow afternoon, September 25, at 1:30 o'clock for the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church where services will be held at 2 p.m. Interment at Green Cemetery.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Sep 1908, p. 6

Coroner Byrd will hold an inquest at ... o'clock this afternoon at Heaton's morgue, over the body of Samuel Clemens, who was found near Thirteenth and Isadore streets Tuesday afternoon with his neck broken, supposedly from falling out of a wagon.

Date of death: 25/28 Apr 1889

Subject: John Cline or Nettie Cline

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 29 Apr 1889, p. 4

A little four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Cline living on Fifteenth and Boyd streets, died early Saturday morning and was interred at the city cemetery yesterday afternoon.

These deaths [*more deaths in article*] were all the result of measles.

Date of death: 5 Apr 1906

Subject: Samuel C. Cline

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Apr 1906, p. 5

Savannah, Mo., April 10.—The funeral of Samuel C. Cline, who died in Albuquerque, N.M., of consumption on Thursday, was conducted from the M. E. Church yesterday afternoon at ... o'clock. The body was laid to rest in Savannah Cemetery. Mr. Cline lived in Savannah about twenty-seven years and was forty-five years old.

Date of death: [21] Jun 1902

Subject: Mrs. Elizabeth Coats*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Jun 1902, p. 1

William Coats, a negro, Friday morning made the confession to Chief of Police Frans that he killed his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Coats, whose body was found in her home near Lake Contrary last Wednesday evening. Friday afternoon young Coats denies his confession of the morning and said he did not kill his mother.

The police, however, are satisfied that the confession made by Coats is correct. They are lead [sic] to believe that James Coats, the boy's father and divorced husband of the dead woman, was not implicated in the murder, as the young man states in his confession.

Young Coats said that his father told him to kill his mother or that he would beat him to death. The confession made by young Coats follows:

["]On Saturday night, June 21, I went to my mother's house. It was about 10:30 o'clock and she was still up. We talked about half an hour when I stood up, as if to go. I struck her in the face with my fist and knocked her over on the bed. Then I choked her with my hands until I thought life was extinct. Then I put her in bed and covered her up. I went out doors and in about ten minutes I looked in at the window to see if she was dead. She was still in bed and I thought she was dead and went away.

"Next day, which was Sunday, I went to Lake Contrary and saw my father. He asked me if I had killed my mother and I told him I had. He then said for me to keep my mouth shut and not tell anyone.

"I killed her because I was afraid my father would beat me to death. He has whipped me several times, and I am not of age and must obey him. He made me swear against my mother in the divorce case against him."

The old man denied having anything to do with the murder and says he bore no ill feeling against his former wife.

The confession was obtained from Coats first by Mrs. Lizzie Smith, wife of Homer Smith who was recently sent to the penitentiary. She visited the Coats' Friday morning and to her he first told the story of the murder, afterward dictating it to Chief Frans who wrote it down.

Friday afternoon Henry Ettenson visited the station and talked with the negro regarding the murder. To Mr. Ettenson the negro told the store again, but when Mr. Ettenson said that he would be hung for it, the negro said he was under age and they could not hang him. Mr. Ettenson told him that made no difference, whereupon Coats denied having murdered his mother and still maintains that.

When asked by Chief Frans why he made the statement that he killed her, Coats said that Mrs. Smith told him to do it and that by so doing he would get out of it. Mrs. Smith was called in and denied having told Coats any such thing.

Mrs. Smith stated that Mrs. Coats had told her several times that she was afraid she would be killed by her husband and son.

Mrs. Coats applied for and secured a divorce in Division No. 2 of the circuit court in May, 1898. She did not inform her husband that she had begun proceedings and for several days after the decree stated these facts to the court and the decree was set aside. The testimony showed that he had treated her cruelly and frequently beat her.

In August, 1900, she again applied for divorce, but later dismissed the suit.

On April 10, 1901, she applied for divorce and on November 13, 1901, the suit was dismissed.

In February, 1902, she applied for divorce again and on February 13 the decree was granted on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

Date of death: 16 Sep 1903

Subject: John Cole

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 17 Sep 1903, p. 6

John, aged three years, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Cole, died at 12 o'clock yesterday at the family home, Twenty-second and Pear streets, South Park. The body was taken to Rosendale for burial today.

Date of death: 15 Feb 1905

Subject: Mrs. Nancy Cole*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Feb 1905, p. 1

"My God, Must I Die Alone," Is Woman's Cry

Aged Negress Waits on Sick Husband All Night and Falls to Floor Dead.

[*much of two paragraphs illegible*] ... in this room ... Mrs. Nancy Cole, an ... Negress, ... room of her ... o'clock ... Joseph ...

... his room shortly before ... the family lsleeping ... heard her ... for breath...

... be suffering appar... of heart trouble

... summons ... were futile.

Coroner Bansbach was immediately ... the Cole home.

After viewing the body he decided that an inquest was unnecessary and issued a death certificate, the case of death being given as heart trouble.

Mrs. Cole, familiarly known to the residents of that section of the city as Aunt Nancy, was 71 years old. Formerly a slave in Kentucky, she came north and ... Buchanan county shortly after the Civil war.

For the last fifteen years she has been a resident of St. Joseph, and has assisted with the support of the family by plying her vocation as a wash woman.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Date of death: 23 Aug 1903

Subject: infant son of John Coleman

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 24 Aug 1903, p. 6

The one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman died last night at 9:30 o'clock at the Coleman home, five miles northeast of this city. Funeral this afternoon at Fairview cemetery.

Date of death: 24 Apr 1909

Subject: Mabel Coleman*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Apr 1909, p. 6

Mabel Coleman died in Kansas City Saturday morning, the body arriving in St. Joseph at 6:15 o'clock last night and being removed to the undertaking parlors of L. F. Ramsey, Ninth and Olive streets. The funeral will be held at the Francis Street Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock this (Monday) afternoon. Burial in the City cemetery.

Date of death: 9 Oct 1908

Subject: Minnie M. (Collett) Lyle

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Oct 1908, p. 1

Summoned to his home at Amazonia by a telegram which told him of the death of his only sister, J. B. Collett, a Rock Island employe at Horton, Kas., was forced to stop over in St. Joseph for several hours last night and to drown his grief partook liberally of Second street whisky and also purchased two bottles with which to assure his sorrow on the train.

At the Francis street depot, where he awaited his train, Collett resented questions as to why tears were streaming from his eyes and indulged in sulphurous language, which was checked by the appearance of Patrolman Roderick, who arrested him on a charge of disturbing the peace. Collett spent the night in a cell wailing over his sister's death and his enforced delay in attending the funeral.

Date of death: 14 Sep 1903

Subject: Newton J. Collett

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 15 Sep 1903, p. 8

N. J. Collett, a laborer, aged fifty-one years, died at 1:45 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital. The body was taken to Amazonia, the former home, for burial.

Dates of death: 4 & 12 Dec 1918

Subjects: Edgar Colley, Mrs. Mattie Colley, Ertle Colley

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Dec 1918, p. 6

Eartle [sic] Colley, four years old, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Colley, lie side by side in coffins in the chapel at Meierhoffer's, all victims of influenza. The mother and son died several days ago, and the father died at 1 o'clock this afternoon, in a local hospital. The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the chapel, and the three bodies will be laid side by side in the cemetery. The dead man's father had been called here by his son to be at the funeral of his daughter-in-law, and he will be the chief mourner. The home is at Success, Okla. Colley was an employe at the Burlington shops. Mrs. Colley's mother, Mrs. Ida Hazelwood, lives at Horton, Kan.

Date of death: 12 Oct 1902

Subject: Charles Collins*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 12 Oct 1902, p. 6

Charles Collins, colored, age thirty-five years, died Sunday morning at his home, 211 Jule street.

Date of death: 20 Nov 1908

Subject: Howard S. Collins*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 Nov 1908, p. 1

For no apparent reason beyond pique at having lost several games of cards and an evident desire to pull off a grandstand play before a number of companions, Howard S. Collins, a negro laborer, 25 years old, shot himself through the heart in Marcham's saloon, Seventeenth and Olive streets, about 9:15 o'clock last night, with a revolver which he had borrowed from the bartender a few second before.

Death was instantaneous.

Collins, whose home was at 718 South Twenty-first street, had been in the saloon but a few minutes and was laughing and joking with a number of other negroes. He ordered a drink of whisky which was set on the bar before him.

'Let me see that gun you have,' he said to Ernest Marcham, the bartender and one of the proprietors of the saloon. Collins said it in a joking tone and after refusing him once Marcham took the gun from the sideboard and handed it to him.

Without a word Collins leaped back toward the door, pointed the revolver to his breast and fired. He sank to the floor without a sound and lay there with wide open eyes staring at the ceiling, a little trickle of blood from the wound in his breast showing that the bullet had gone true. Those in the saloon summoned Dr. J. J. Wisser. Who said that Collins was dead before he struck the floor. It was said by those in the saloon that Collins had been in a card game on Seventeenth street a short while before and seemed angry over losing, and that he had been in the habit of boasting that he would make people sit up and take notice some day.

Coroner C. F. Byrd ordered the body taken to Sidenfaden's morgue, but relatives, it is said, desired the Ramsey undertaking company, a negro firm, to have it. After a spirited argument the body was taken to Sidenfaden's place. Ramsey said that he would replevin the body today.

Date of death: 5 Mar 1906

Subject: Blanch Colyer*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Mar 1906, p. 6

Blanch Colyer, the negro girl of Elwood who was burned yesterday morning by an explosion of a gasoline stove, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was the foster child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belcher.

Dr. Ricketts of St. Joseph attended the girl. The body will be forwarded to Atchison, Kas., for burial.

Date of death: 11 Apr 1907

Subject: Charles Jackson Combest

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 Apr 1907, p. 8

Charles J. Combest, aged 47 years, died at ... o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital. ... liver trouble. Combest ... to the ... Okla. He for... Mo., and ... day.

Date of death: 4 Jul 1907

Subject: Charles Combs*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Jul 1907, p. 4

Charles Combs, a negro one hundred and seven years of age, and for sixty years a resident of St. Joseph, died yesterday at the family home, 1603 North Second street. He was born in 1800 at Winchester, Va. For a time he was a slave in the family of Dr. John S. Logan's father. Later he belonged to the Combs family from whom he took his name. He is survived by a widow, a niece, Margaret Combs, and a stepdaughter who is in Texas.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Jul 1907, p. 8

Mr. Charley Combs, aged 107 years, died of senile decay at his home, 1603 N. 2ns St. at 5 o'clock a.m., Thursday. He is survived by his wife, Martha, a niece, Mrs. Margirrett [sic] Catlett, and an adopted daughter, Enna Combs. Funeral service from A.M.E. church, 3d and Antoine Sts., Sunday, July 7, at 2 p.m. Burial at Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 5 Jul 1906

Subject: Reuben Oliver Conklin

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Jul 1906, p. 6

Reuben Oliver Conklin, aged fifty-two years, a carpenter, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, 513 Mitchell avenue. Death resulted from inflammation of the lungs, caused by a fall sustained several months ago. He is survived by his wife. The body was forwarded to Maryville, Mo., this morning.

Date of death: 16 May 1918

Subject: Santos Contraros

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 May 1918, p. 16

[Note: there was an obituary for Santos Contraros in this newspaper, but most of it is illegible on-line, the only words legible being:]

Santos Contraros ... died this morning

Date of death: 7 Dec 1906

Subject: Bartlett Livingston Cook

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Dec 1906, p. 11

Guilford, Mo., Dec. 10.—Bartlett Cook, a veteran of two wars and one of the pioneers of Nodaway County died in Humansville, Mo., December 7, and was buried at Guilford, Mo., December 9. Cook was born in Ashe County, N. C., January 13, 1828. He was a descendant of a Pennsylvania German farmer. In ... he removed with his parents to Missouri, settling in Buchanan County. He was educated in the public schools and taught many years in the schools of this state. In 1816 he enlisted and served in the Mexican War. He was at the battle of Sacramento and many other hotly contested battles. He marched into Chihuahua soon, [and] soon after the battle returned to Leavenworth, where he received an honorary discharge. After a time in the quartermaster's department, he resumed farming and in 1849 he was married to Mary Graves, daughter of Anthony Graves. He removed to Nodaway County, settling near Guilford, in

1850, where he continued to reside until 1902, when he sold his farm and removed to a farm near Humansville in the southern part of Missouri. In ... Mr. Cook enlisted in company K, Forty-third Missouri Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Harding. He was at the battle of Lexington, and his company guarded prisoners at St. Joseph. After the surrender of Lexington he went to Benton Barracks and later to St. Louis, where he was mustered out and received an honorable discharge. Mr. Cook and his wife were blessed with nine children, three of whom are dead. Mrs. Cook died in 1899 and later Mr. Cook married Mrs. Eliza McKee, who survives him. Mr. Cook is survived by four brothers and one sister, John B. of DeKalb, Mo.; T. F. of Effingham, Kan.; Rev. R. S. of Leavenworth, Kan.; J. M., of Harrisonville, Mo., and Mrs. Martha Sampson of Huron, Kan. Mr. Cook was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. In politics he was a Democrat.

Date of death: 28 Feb 1907

Subject: Herbert L. Cook

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Mar 1907, p. 3

Guilford, Mo., March 5.—The funeral of Herbert L. Cook, son of Henry Cook, six miles north of Guilford, took place here yesterday. The deceased was one of the victims of the Santa Fe wreck which occurred near Earlsboro, Okla., last Friday, caused by the bursting of a boiler. Miss Edith Cook, sister of the deceased, and brother, W. R. Cook, Miss Kelley and Conductor Ashcroft and Brakeman Dyce of the Santa Fe system, all of Shawnee, Okla., accompanied the remains to Guilford. The sermon was preached by Rev. Marion Moore of the M. E. Church, South, and the interment took place at the Guilford Cemetery. The deceased lacked five days of being thirty years old.

Date of death: 19 Mar 1912

Subject: Jacob Elliot Cook

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Mar 1912, p. 5

Jacob E. Cook, sixty-five years old, died at 9 o'clock last night at his home, Bartlett and Jackson streets, following a stroke of apoplexy. He is survived by his wife, three sons, William, Jesse and Ben, and by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Burgess.

Date of death: ca. 1890

Subject: Joe Coombs*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Jun 1908, p. 6

An erroneous account in an afternoon paper recently concerning the drowning of Joe Coombs, a negro, who was sucked in a sewer at Eighth and Felix streets, during heavy rain storms eighteen years ago, has caused many citizens who remember the incident, to criticize the article.

The account given stated that the negro's body was found in the river near Kansas City.

"The body was found in the sewer about fifteen feet from where it entered, a few months after the accident, by a gang of cleaners," said Charles Rankin, who witnessed the drowning, and who attempted to save the negro. "He did not go through to the river at all."

Date of death: 14 Aug 1914

Subject: Charles Copfer

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Aug 1914, p. 6

Charles Copfer, a section hand in the employ of the Burlington railroad, was hit by No. 23, a fast passenger train of the Burlington, two miles north of Weston, Mo., Thursday night, and died at a local hospital, where he had been brought by the train crews early yesterday morning. Both legs had been severed. He was about 25 years old and dark complexioned. The body is held at Fleeman's undertaking establishment until some of his relatives can be located. If they desire an inquest will be held as to the cause of his death. It is presumed that he had been sleeping on the track when the train hit him, as the extra gang he was working with is camping a few years from the spot where he was picked up.

Date of death: 9 Feb 1904

Subject: Sam Corbin*

Source: *St. Joseph News and Press*, 9 Feb 1904, p. 6

Tom Phillips, colored, is said to have ... several shocks ... this morning when upon waking in the servant quarters of the Metropole, discovered that his roommate, Sam Corbin, had died ...

... called. He ex... that death had ... about midnight as the result of asthma, from which the deceased had been ...

The only relative of the deceased in the city is a brother, Caesar Corbin, an employe of the Goodwin hotel.

The body was taken to Heaton's undertaking rooms. No arrangements for the funeral have been made as yet.

Coroner Doyle is investigating the case this afternoon. He is of the opinion that no inquest will be necessary.

Date of death: 19 Aug 1909

Subject: Ellen Corby*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Aug 1909, p. 6

Ellen Corby, a negress, aged 100 years, died at 8:30 o'clock last night at her home, 1422 North Eighteenth street. The body was removed to the H. O. Sidenfaden undertaking rooms. The funeral will be Sunday from the Halsey chapel, Eighteenth and Highly streets.

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Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Aug 1909, p. 4

Ellen Corby, a negress believed to be one hundred years old, died at 8:30 o'clock last night at the home of Henry Willis, 1422 North Eighteenth street.

"Aunt Ellen," as she was known, was a relic of slave days and was owned and brought to St. Joseph by the late Mrs. Sidney Harris, mother of Mrs. Zelda Forsee. She was later owned by Mrs. John Corby, with whom she lived for a number of years after the Civil War. According to several of the older negro residents, "Aunt Ellen" was the oldest colored woman in St. Joseph. She was a member of the Catholic church.

Date of death: 13 Mar 1905

Subject: Henry Corken

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Mar 1905, p. 10

One of Nodaway's oldest citizens died at the home of his daughter in Burlington Junction Monday, and was buried yesterday. The deceased was Henry Corken, and his age was eighty-five years. His death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Corken had lived in or near Burlington Junction since 1864 and was well known throughout the county. The funeral was held from the Burlington Junction Methodist Church.

Date of death: 9 Dec 1906

Subject: Eli Cornelison

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Sep 1906, p. 1

Rosendale, Mo., Sept. 10.—While enroute to Barnard yesterday in company with some ten or twelve passengers, on a handcar, Eli Cornelison, a carpenter and well-to-do citizen of this place, fell from the car and when picked up was lifeless. Cornelison made no attempt to keep from falling, but apparently let go and fell backwards.

The accident happened about one mile north of town. The body was placed on the handcar and brought back here and upon examination Doctor Ward pronounced the cause of death an apoplectic strike. If his two daughters arrive here in time he will be buried this afternoon. The dead man was fifty years old. It is the general opinion here that the deceased became overheated while working the handcar and met death by the fall, but this is disproved by the fact that there were scarcely no wounds or bruises about him.

Date of death: 20 Jul 1906

Subject: Bernit Clyde Cottrill

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Jul 1906, p. 1

Savannah, Mo., July 20.—A dispatch received here this morning states that Clyde Cottrill, the twenty-two-year-old son of ex-President L. C. Cottrill of the National Bank was killed in New York City. The dispatch failed to give any further particulars than that the young man was run over by a New York Central express.

Clyde Cottrill left Savannah for the East about two weeks ago. He later notified his parents here that he had secured employment with the New York Central lines. This is all that had been heard till the news of his death followed today.

The blow has nearly prostrated Mrs. Cottrill and the two sisters of the dead youth. Mr. Cottrill left a few days ago on a business trip to Texas. Word of the tragedy was telegraphed to him at once.

Clyde Cottrill was a brilliant student, having graduated with honors from the law department of the State University. The body will be shipped here for burial.

Date of death: 30 Dec 1902

Subject: Jemima F. (Courtney) Eppler

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Jan 1903, p. 8

George Eppler, a South St. Joseph lawyer, has returned from Union Star, where he attended the funeral of his mother, which was held on New Year's day. Mrs. Eppler was 51 years old. She had resided near St. Joseph all her life, and was descended from one of the oldest families in this part of Missouri. Her father was Alfred Courtney, one of the pioneers of the Platte purchase. Mrs. Eppler died a week ago of congestion of the brain. The interment was in Flag Springs cemetery.

Date of death: 19 Dec 1906

Subject: Ernest Craig*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 20 Dec 1906, p. 6

Ernest Craig, a negro porter in the employ of the Burlington, running between St. Joseph and Chicago, died of heart failure at 10 o'clock last night, at his boarding house, 511 Mitchell avenue. Dr. J. H. Sampson was summoned when the porter became unconscious, but Craig was dead when he arrived. Coroner Byrd was notified and the body was removed to Heaton's morgue. No inquest will be held.

Craig had been taking pills which he had purchased in Chicago. They were evidently intended as a heart stimulant, the doctors say.

Date of death: 22 Apr 1919

Subject: John Cramer

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Apr 1919, p. 4

John Chamer [headline says Cramer], 58 years old, who lived alone in a hut on the bank of the Missouri river a quarter of a mile north of the waterworks, was found dead in the hut at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. He suffered a severe attack of influenza last winter, from which he never fully recovered. For many years he was employed at the waterworks pumping station.

The body was found by workmen employed at the waterworks, and death evidently occurred during the night. The body was on a bed of straw. There is no floor in the hut and the walls are bare.

The body was taken to the H. O. Sidenfaden rooms. A brother lives in St. Louis.

Date of death: 19 Jun 1903

Subject: Noah Cramer

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 22 Jun 1903, p. 10

Maryville, Mo., June 22.—Noah Cramer, a citizen of Elmo, Mo. for nearly thirty-one years, dropped dead Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock of what is supposed to have been apoplexy, as he had suffered from apoplectic symptoms on several former occasions.

Deceased was seventy-seven years old, and leaves a widow, seventy-five years old, two sons, two daughters and other relatives. Alonzo Cramer and Joseph Cramer are his sons, and Mrs. Jack Baumgardner and Mrs. Mollie Wilson his daughters.

When found in his field he lay doubled up in a heap behind the corn cultivator he had been using, with the lines still in his hands and the team of horses standing still as though waiting his command to go ahead.

Date of death: 8 Mar 1909

Subject: John Cravens

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 9 Mar 1909, p. 4

John Cravens, sixteen years old, died at 6:15 o'clock Monday evening at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cravens, 521 South Twenty-first street, of meningitis. A brother also survives him.

Date of death: 10 May 1905

Subject: Mary Francis (Cravens) Woods

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 May 1905, p. 6

Mary F. Woods, aged 51 years, wife of P. H. Woods, five miles north of St. Joseph, died yesterday at a local hospital.

Date of death: 6 Sep 1909

Subject: Floyd Crawford*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Sep 1909, p. 1

Floyd Crawford, colored, of Kansas City, Kan., about thirty years old, was caught between a northbound and a southbound trolley car on King Hill avenue, near the Phoenix brick yards, about 7:30 o'clock last night, and was so badly injured that he died fifteen minutes later. After the man had been hurt he was placed on the car and brought to Fifth and Edmond streets. He died on the car. The body was later removed to Heaton's morgue.

It is said that Crawford was stealing a ride on the side of southbound car No. 2. When the northbound car attempted to pass the southbound car, Crawford was caught between them. The man was frightfully cut about the head and shoulders. The entire back of the head was crushed in.

Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body this morning and announced that he would hold an inquest at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The dead negro wore one of the Swift employes' picnic badges, used by those who attended the annual picnic at the Wathena Chautauqua grounds yesterday. An empty whisky bottle was found in his pocket.

Crawford was employed at the Hammond Packing Company's plant in South St. Joseph and had been in St. Joseph only a short time. His mother arrived in St. Joseph this morning and will probably take the body to Kansas City for burial.

Date of death: 21 Dec 1903

Subject: James Criss*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 22 Dec 1903, p. 4

Coroner Doyle this morning viewed the body of James Criss, colored, who died suddenly at 9:30 yesterday morning at 201 Jule street. The man had been ill only a few days. No inquest will be held. Criss was a cook by occupation.

Date of death: 21 Jan 1904

Subject: Gertrude Cross

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Jan 1904, p. 5

Gertrude, the 19-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cross, died early yesterday morning at the family home, 1514 Grand avenue. The funeral will be this morning at 10 o'clock from the home. Interment will be in the City cemetery.

Date of death: 2 Nov 1904

Subject: George Washington Crowley

Source: *St. Joseph News & Press*, 3 Nov 1904, p. 2

Savannah, Mo., Nov. ?.—George Washington Crowley, who lived about three miles north of St. Joseph and was an old and respected citizen of Andrew County, died at his home about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning, of heart trouble. He was found dead in his bed when called for breakfast, having retired the evening before feeling comparatively well. Mr. Crowley was wealthy and lived in Andrew County a number of years. He was honored and respected by everyone. The funeral took place at the Christian Church in this city today at 1 o'clock p.m., under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, of which he was a member.

Date of death: 9 Jul 1904

Subject: Irwin Crowley*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Jul 1904, p. 2

Irvin Crowley, colored, aged 52 years, died at 7 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, 622 North Sixteenth street. The funeral will be held this afternoon from the Francis street colored Baptist church. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 8 Jun 1905

Subject: Esther (Cummins) Watson

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Jun 1905, p. 6

Mrs. Esther Watson, aged 50 years, wife of James H. Watson, died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital, following an operation. Mrs. Watson had been a resident of Rosedale [sic], Mo. for some years. The body was taken to Savannah for burial yesterday.

Date of death: 1 Apr 1907

Subject: Mrs. Margaret Cunningham

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Apr 1907, p. 8

Margaret Cunningham, 64 years old, died early yesterday morning at her home, ... after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, John Cunningham, and three daughters and two sons. Her body will be taken to Easton, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 8 Dec 1908

Subject: Eliza Belle (Curd) Gassaway*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Dec 1908, p. 10

Mrs. Eliza Gassaway, wife of Whittier Gassaway, a well known local negro, died last night at her late residence, 2404 Francis street at the age of 59 years. She is survived by her husband, four daughters and three sons. They are, Mrs. Tena Braddock, Mrs. Nettie Hayes of Kansas City, Mrs. Jane Goins of Brookfield and Miss Hattie Gassaway, Tom Gassaway of Mexico, Porter Gassaway of Kansas City and Oscar Gassaway of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 3 Feb 1918

Subject: Annie R. (Cutler) Weir

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Feb 1918, p. 6

Mrs. ... S. Weir, ...ty-nine years old, the wife Thomas Weir, died last night at a local hospital. Her ...est daughter Frances A six-year-old ... in St. Joseph's hospital ... year-old son also survives. The home is in Kirschner's addition.