

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

**Date of death: 16 Aug 1902**

**Subject: Lewis J. Halfhill**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 18 Aug 1902, p. 6**

A. J. Halfhril [sic], engineer on a thresher engine, was instantly killed at 7 o'clock Saturday evening on the Alf bridge over the third fork of the Platte river, one and a half miles west of Clarksdale, by the breaking of the bridge.

Four other men, members of the threshing crew, narrowly escaped death by jumping from the falling bridge.

The man who was killed and his companions were crossing the bridge, a fifty-foot span, when it suddenly gave way, falling a distance of fifteen feet to the water below. Halfhril jumped to the south side of the bridge and was caught under the falling engine, being crushed to death. Halfhril's companions jumped from the opposite side and escapes with slight injuries.

Acting Coroner Charles F. Boyd was notified and yesterday visited the scene of the accident. It was decided that it was not necessary to hold an inquest.

Halfhril, who was thirty years of age, lived at Rosendale, where a widow and two children survive. The body was taken to Rosendale, where the funeral was held today.

**Date of death: 15 Apr 1908**

**Subject: infant son of Judd Halstead**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 15 Apr 1908, p. 6**

Born while his mother was suffering with smallpox, in a four-room house in which two families of eleven persons were quarantined, the two-weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Judd Halstead died this morning. The child was infected with smallpox at birth and suffered severely during its brief life. Halstead is a laborer at the stock yards, and he lives at 5908 King Hill avenue.

**Date of death: 1 Dec 1902**

**Subject: Hazel Ham**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Dec 1902, p. 6**

Hazel Ham, aged 1 year, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ham, of No. 906 Concord street, died at an early hour yesterday morning. The funeral will be held from the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon and interment will be made in the city cemetery.

**Date of death: 6 Jan 1902**

**Subject: Charles H. Hancock**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 8 Jan 1902, p. 7**

The body of Charles H. Hancock, aged twenty-six years, arrived in St. Joseph last night from Lane, Kan., where the young man died at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning as the result of injuries sustained while working as a railroad brakeman. It seems that while engaged in coupling cars Hancock's head was caught between the bumpers of the cars and was badly crushed. The young man was born in Andrew county, where his mother now lives, near the Union church, five miles north of St. Joseph. The funeral was held at the Union church at 10 o'clock this forenoon.

**Date of death: 16 Feb 1919**

**Subject: Sherman Lee Hanna\***

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Jan 1909, p. 1- not an obituary**

Sherman Hanna, a seven-year-old negro boy, whose parents live at 507 North Second street, was probably fatally shot early this afternoon, by his brother, William, twelve years old.

William Hanna owned a .32-caliber rifle, with which the boys were shooting at rats at their home. The younger boy dodged in front of the gun just as William pulled the trigger. The cartridge was discharged and the bullet entered the little fellow's breast, just above the heart.

The mother of the boys heard the older lad scream, and rushing to the sidewalk, she carried the wounded son into the house. Dr. E. S. Ballard, city physician, was summoned, and, at his order, the boy was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital.

**Date of death: 17 Mar 1910**

**Subject: Cora May Harris**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Mar 1910, p. 4**

Cora May Harris, the three-weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Harris, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of her parents, Third and Atchison streets.

**Date of death: 8 Feb 1913**

**Subject: Mary Cordelia Harris**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 8 Feb 1913, p. 4**

Mary Cordelia, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Harris, died this morning at 5 o'clock at the family home, 5409 Miami street.

**Date of death: 19 Jun 1906**

**Subject: Robert Harris\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 Jun 1906, p. 1**

"What is the value of a dead body?"

Two justices of the peace were called upon yesterday to determine this question and decided that it had no legal value.

Although doctors may differ on this question, Justice Walker and Justice Micholson, after mature deliberation, agreed perfectly.

After dust has returned to dust it is not "legally valuable." This important point in law was decided after an attempt had been made by L. F. Ramsey, an undertaker, to bring a replevin suit for the possession of a body.

When Mr. Ramsey called on Constable Hatfield and said he wanted to bring a replevin suit he thought he would have no trouble. After he had consulted the two judges he thought that he would have no case. So he failed to bring his suit.

The body in question was that of Robert Harris, a negro who died in state hospital for insane No. 2. He was brought here as a patient from Kansas City.

Harris died Tuesday and on order of Dr. C. R. Woodson his body was removed to an undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. Later Ramsey, who is a negro undertaker, received word from Kansas City that he should take charge of the body and he was notified that he would be given possession if he paid necessary charges. This he was not prepared to do, and he determined to bring a replevin suit.

It was then that the undertaker learned that a body is worth nothing, but he has also learned that it is sometimes hard to get possession of things that have no "legal value." So far he has failed to secure the body.

**Date of death: 4 Oct 1906**

**Subject: William Harris\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Oct 1906, p. 10**

Wm. Harris, a resident of 40 years in this city, died at his home, 917 Patee St., at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, 1906, aged 66 years 7 months and 7 days. Mr. Harris had made a large acquaintance in St. Joseph, and leaves to mourn his loss an adopted daughter, Mrs. W. B. Allen, Mr. W. B. Allen, their daughter, Elsa, and a host of friends. Deceased was a member of various benevolent organizations, namely, Wilkerson lodge No. 26, Lone Star, R.A.C. No. 18; Northwest Commandary [sic] No. 6; St. Joseph Consistory, Scottish, Moslum [sic] Temple, Shriners, Odd Fellows, No. 2424; True Reformers, No. 1950. Funeral services Sunday at 2 p.m., at Francis Street Baptist church. Burial at Oakland cemetery.

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**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Oct 1906, p. 4**

The will of William Harris, the negro janitor of the federal building, was filed yesterday for probate. The testator leaves all property to his wife and the Rev. F. ... executor, under a bond of \$1,000.

**Date of death: 19 Oct 1908**

**Subject: Andrew Hardin (or Hart)\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Oct 1908, p. 5**

Succumbing at last to the great loss of blood which he sustained from a knife wound in the right temple in a fight at Bell's saloon, 209 South Second street, last Monday night, Andrew Hart, a negro, died at St. Joseph's hospital at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The body was removed to Heaton's undertaking rooms, where an inquest will probably be held this afternoon, upon the return to St. Joseph of Coroner C. F. Byrd.

Dallas Brown, a negro desperado with police records in several cities of the middle West and who claims Kansas City as his home, is being sought by the police on a charge of assaulting Brown, which will now probably be changed to murder.

Hart and Brown were drinking in the saloon together prior to the trouble and an argument ensued, in the course of which Brown is said to have wielded a beer bottle with telling effect on Hart's head and then to have stabbed him in the temple. Hart dropped to the floor in an unconscious condition and did not revive for more than thirty-six hours. His death had been momentarily expected by Dr. E. S. Ballard, who had been attending him at St. Joseph's hospital.

Hart is unknown in St. Joseph and is believed to have come from Kansas City. For several days prior to the fight Hart was employed as a grading hand by Mike Donegan. His name was learned from an identification card which was found on the floor of the saloon after he had been taken to the hospital.

Dallas Brown, the missing negro, is well known to the Kansas City and Omaha police, where he has been frequently arrested. These cities and others have been wired to keep a lookout for him. He is known as a gambler and negro crook and is considered a 'bad man.' It is believed that he was arrested in St. Joseph under an assumed name several months ago, although no picture of him is known to have been taken at the time.

**Date of death: 9 Apr 1904**

**Subject: Albert Hartshorn\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Apr 1904, p. 6**

Albert Hartshorn, a negro, aged 72 years, died yesterday at the county farm. The funeral will be held April 11 from the family home at 915 South Fifteenth street.

**Date of death: 23 Nov 1902**

**Subject: George Hartshorn\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 25 Nov 1902, p. 5**

George Hartshorn, colored, aged fifty-eight years died Sunday afternoon at his home, No. 514 South Seventeenth street. The funeral will be held from the residence at 8 o'clock this morning and interment will be made in Antioch [sic] cemetery.

**Date of death: 14 Jun 1906**

**Subject: George W. Harvey**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 15 Jun 1906, p. 8**

Burlington Junction, Mo., June 15.—G. W. Harvey, a prominent citizen of this town and leading stockholder in the Burlington Junction roller mills, dropped dead from heart disease last night. He was standing in Corkin's hardware store, conversing with some friends, when he was suddenly stricken.

His body was taken to his home. No funeral arrangements have been made.

**Date of death: 19 Nov 1906**

**Subject: Charles Hatcher\***

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

Charles Hatcher, a negro who was employed as a porter in a South Sixth street saloon, died of tetanus, or lockjaw, at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday afternoon.

Hatcher complained of a slight stiffness of his jaw, at his boarding house, 1??? Bartlett street, last Wednesday, and soon afterward was unable to speak. He was conveyed to the hospital where Dr. J. F. Owens, county physician, attended him. He suffered terrible agony from the contractions of the muscles of his body. He was conscious until within an hour of his death. It is supposed that the disease resulted from the negro stepping on a rusty name several weeks ago.

Doctor Owens has requested the relatives of Hatcher to allow him to perform an autopsy on the body for the purpose of ascertaining the internal effects of the disease.

"Lockjaw usually is fatal," said Doctor Owens today, "and physicians avail themselves of every opportunity of furthering their knowledge on the subject."

**Date of death: 28 Dec 1912**

**Subject: Charles Hawes**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Dec 1912, p. 2**

Charles Hawes, a wanderer, whose home, it was ascertained by papers found upon his person was in South Dakota, was killed by a Burlington train at a point near the waterworks pumping station early this morning. The dead man is about thirty years old and the body is at Heaton-BeGole's.

With Hawes at the time of the accident was a man who gave his name as E. Menger, who said they had been traveling together from Omaha. They made their way to Amazonia last night on a freight train and started to walk from there to St. Joseph, a distance of ten miles.

As they neared the pumping station they heard the passenger train due here at 5:30 o'clock a.m., coming and Menger says he stepped to one side of the right of way while Hawes went in the opposite direction, where there is a parallel track. After the train had passed Menger did not see his companion and upon search found his mangled body on the track.

Two letters, indicating that he had a sweetheart at Watertown, S.D., Gertrude Gross, were found in his pocket. Coroner Lynch will conduct an inquest late this afternoon.

**Date of death: 25 Feb 1904**

**Subject: Isaac Hayden\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Feb 1904, p. 4**

Isaac Hayden, prominent in negro lodge circles, being a member of Wilkerson lodge No. 26, A.F. and A.M., died last night at a local hospital of a complication of diseases. He was 65 years old. The funeral will probably be held Sunday.

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**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Feb 1904, p. 5**

Isaac Hayden, for many years a prominent negro Mason, died Thursday night at a local hospital. The funeral will be held Sunday. Hayden was 80 [sic] years old and had lived in St. Joseph for thirty-five years. He was a barber by occupation. He was active in Republican politics and a leader among his race.

**Date of death: 27 Aug 1911**

**Subject: Dee Haynes**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Aug 1911, p. 1**

Two men met death Saturday as a result of being struck by Burlington passenger trains. The victims are D. Haynes, a Burlington trackman, and Thomas Hutchinson, concerning whom little is known here.

Haynes received his injuries when a handcar upon which he and three fellow laborers were riding was struck by the Burlington's westbound Kansas City-Seattle train, at a point two miles north of Rushville, this county, about 11 o'clock Saturday night. Death was instantaneous. He was picked up by members of the crew of the Kansas City-Omaha train, which followed immediately after, and brought to St. Joseph. The body is now at the Heaton-BeGole morgue.

... [information about Hutchinson] Coroner Byrd viewed both bodies yesterday and decided to hold an inquest over Haynes' body. There will be no inquest in the case of Hutchinson.

... Later it was learned that Haynes was a stepson of G. W. Calhoun of Altus, Okla., who has been informed of his death.

**Date of death: 2 Jul 1907**

**Subject: Abraham Lincoln Haynie**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Jul 1907, p. 6**

Abe L. Haynie, aged forty-two years, died last night at a local hospital. He is survived by a widow, one son, a mother and two brothers, Joseph and Arthur, and one sister, Mrs. Marvin

Estes. The son is Harry A. Haynie. He was a member of Shady Beach Council No. 771, Fraternal Aid Association.

**Date of death: 1 Jun 1907**

**Subject: Richard Haynie**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Jun 1907, p. 6**

Richard Haynie, seventy-four years old, formerly of St. Joseph, died of heart failure Saturday, at Moberly, Mo. The body was brought to St. Joseph last night and was placed in the Ashland cemetery receiving vault this afternoon.

**Date of death: 30 Jan 1922**

**Subject: Charles Hays (or Hayes)**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Jan 1922, p. 2**

Charles Hayes, sixty-five years old, committed suicide late last night by hanging himself at the county infirmary of which he was an inmate. Hayes was missed this morning and another inmate was sent to search for him. He was found in a toilet on the third floor, hanging from a beam. He used a piece of bailing wire in hanging himself. Dr. A. R. Timerman, coroner, after viewing the body, said Hayes had been dead about twelve hours. The body was sent to Fleeman-McNeill's. No inquest will be held.

Hayes was admitted to the infirmary in August, 1920. He is survived by two brothers, Samuel and Mike Hayes of Summerville, Ohio.

**Date of death: 9 Apr 1907**

**Subject: Ruth Hazelwood**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Apr 1907, p. 8**

Ruth, 22 day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hazelwood, died yesterday afternoon at the residence, 511 Richardson street. Burial will be this morning in the city cemetery.

**Date of death: 2 Sep 1907**

**Subject: Alma (Henderson) McWilliams\***

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Sep 1907, p. 10**

The remains of Mrs. Alma McWilliams, daughter of Mrs. Eva Henderson, who was accidentally killed by a railroad switch engineer in Denver, Colo., September 2, arrived in St. Joseph at 7 p.m. last night, September 6. The funeral will be held from Francis Street Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, September 8, at ... o'clock. Burial at City Cemetery.

**Date of death: 26 Oct 1921**

**Subject: Carlos Henderson\***

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 27 Oct 1921, p. 1**

Chief of Police Detectives Thomas L. Johnson, who was shot by Carlos Henderson, in the battle between the negro desperado and a police posse at Seventh and Sycamore streets yesterday afternoon, died of his wound at Noyes Hospital at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon.

It had been said by the attending doctors from the first that there was little chance for the officer's recovery.

With Chief Johnson when the end came were his wife; Mrs. C. H. Jones, Thomas Moore of Kansas City, former chief of police of St. Joseph, and Johnson's old running mate on the detective force; Police Capt. John Duncan, and James ...able, former police detective. The corridor was filled with old friends and associates of the dead officer.

Chief Johnson was conscious almost until the moment of his death. His last words were addressed to his nurse, whom he called to the bedside a few minutes before he expired. Mrs. Johnson was prostrated.

The body was view by Dr. A. R. Timerman, coroner, and was removed to the Heaton-BeGole undertaking establishment to be prepared for burial. The funeral arrangements, of course, have not been made.

[Personal information about Johnson's affiliations.]

Notwithstanding his weakened condition Chief Johnson had at no time since he was shot lost consciousness, and he had been able to converse with his wife, who has been constantly at his bedside.

Dr. H. S. Forgrave at noon today informed Walter P. Fulkerson, president of the board of police commissioners, that there is no chance for the officer's recovery. Mr. Fulkerson last night called at the hospital and was with Johnson a few minutes.

[More personal details on family and friends.]

Chief of Police Clay C. Macdonald and Police Detective Ed Eads, also were wounded by Henderson, but their injuries were found to be only slight.

Eads' right temple was furrowed by a bullet and he is in Noyes Hospital, but probably will be discharged today. Chief Macdonald has a flesh wound in his left arm and went home after the negro had been dispatched, but was on duty at Central Police Station this forenoon...

Hall, who was twenty-three years old and unmarried, was shot in the heart and his death followed on the way to a hospital. The bullet that hit Johnson entered the right breast and passed through the right lung, lodging in his back.

The body of Henderson, who was killed as he attempted to leap from the window of the house in which he was barricaded, was sent to Fleeman-McNeill's undertaking establishment.



The battle in which two men were killed and three were wounded, one probably fatally, was possibly the fiercest in the police annals of St. Joseph. The wonder is that in the hundreds of shots exchanged more persons were not killed or wounded.

Hundreds witnessed the shooting and many persons participated in the firing, almost every sort of firearm having been pressed into service.

Henderson had been sought by the police for several days, suspected of having committed a number of late burglaries and robberies. When the police received a tip that he was at the home of his stepfather, Adolphus Havens, a story and a half frame building at Seventh and Sycamore streets, yesterday afternoon, it was decided to take him. He saw the officers approaching and barricaded the doors. As they reached the house he began to shoot and the fire was returned.

After Hall had been killed and Johnson wounded, Chief Macdonald gave the order to "take the negro dead." It was not under the house had been set on fire and he had been smoked out that Henderson showed any sign of leaving the building, and as he attempted to escape, with a revolver in each hand, the top of his head was torn off with a ball from an army rifle.

In the attack on the house Chief of Detective Johnson was first to fall. Next Eads was hit. Then Hall dropped from a death wound. The last victim of the negro was Chief Macdonald.

The killing of Henderson came as a dramatic finale to the gun battle. When Henderson finally appeared at the window a volley of shots sounded and he toppled over the casing and rolled to the roof of the one-story kitchen on the west side.

When it was seen that the negro was dead a great cheer went up from the assembled multitude, and the throng immediately surged forward to view the body, which had been pulled off the roof and lay on the ground.

A blanket was brought from the house and the corpse rolled up in it. Finally the undertaker came and removed the body.

Henderson had been known to the police since he was a boy, and was noted for his ability to get out of tight places, thus receiving the sobriquet of "Slippery." The police had been looking for him yesterday and suspected him of having had a hand in the attempted holdup at the home of George Textor, 923 North Fifth street, last Saturday. Two negro men had entered Textor's house but were scared away. Detective Eads and Sullivan received a tip that Henderson was in the house on South Seventh street yesterday and reported to Chief of Detectives Johnson. It had been planned to surround the house, as it was expected Henderson would try to escape, so Detectives Raphael, McAllister, Sullivan and Eads, headed by Chief Johnson, went to the house about 3 o'clock. On the way Johnson made the remark to the members of the posse that "there might be some shooting."

When the officered neared the house Johnson placed his men. He stood near a north window, Eads and Sullivan were stationed on the Seventh street side, Raphael guarded the south side, and McAllister was at the kitchen door.

According to detectives, Johnson was wounded at the first shot, fired through the window by the negro. After Chief Johnson had stationed his men, the negro opened a window near where he was standing and started to go out. Johnson reached over and pulled the window down, saying:

"Get back in there, n----!"<sup>1</sup>

A moment later Henderson fired through the glass, the bullet felling the officer. Eads, who was at the northeast corner of the house, ran to his chief at the first shot and prevented Henderson from firing again. Henderson in the meantime ran to a window at the front of the house and shot Eads from it. He then ran to the south side of the house and fired at Raphael, but missed him. Two more shots were fired at Raphael, who had run around to the front. Then the negro ran back to the rear and fired at McAllister.

When Johnson fell he called to Sullivan, who was near him, to summon an ambulance and telephone Central Station for reinforcements and guns. He lay helpless under the window. When the ambulance came Sullivan directed Chauffeur Christy to drive up the alley west of the house. Johnson was still lying where he had fallen, in close range of the negro, who stood off the others of the posse.

When the wounded officer saw the ambulance, he shouted to Sullivan to "get him out" of there. As it was impossible to walk out in the open, Sullivan directed Christy to drive the ambulance to the side of the house where Johnson lay. Christy obeyed, driving the car directly past windows and doors from which the negro was firing. He was accompanied across the open space by Sullivan and Patrolman Lard. The negro did not fire at these men, and he succeeded in getting Johnson into the ambulance. Christy then drove through the front yard of the house and down Seventh street. The window under which Johnson lay was open, and it is thought he had raised it just before the negro shot him.

During all this time the officers were firing on the house and Henderson was returning the fire. Chief Macdonald had not yet arrived. In the meantime calls for more officers and ammunition had been sent in, and motor cars were sent out to gather up the traffic squad. A little later the men on duty at Central Police Station were started for the scene and it was with this squad that Hall rode to his death.

Hall and Patrolman Brinkley, upon reaching the place, advanced toward the house from the west side. This side of the house is covered with lattice work, which was of great advantage to the negro, as he was able to see the men approaching, while they were unable to locate him. Hall was carrying a revolver and Brinkley had a riot gun, which had been handed to him with the information that it was loaded.

Hall made his way to the north end of the lattice and Brinkley to a window on the west side. Peering through the window, Brinkley saw the negro pass. He shoved the shotgun through the opening, and against the negro's head, and pulled the trigger. There was no report from the gun.

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<sup>1</sup> The newspaper used the full offensive word.

It was not loaded! A second later a shot was fired from the inside and Hall fell, with a bullet in his heart.

Brinkley ran to Hall, and half carrying and half pulling, got him away from the house. Cycle Officer Buxton rushed to Brinkley's aid, and the two managed to get Hall behind a shelter. A motor car was commandeered and a start made for the hospital. Patrolman Swepston supported the wounded man in the back seat.

"Hall died in my arms at Tenth and Francis streets," Swepston said. "Several times he seemed to try to speak, but he never uttered a word."

After Hall had been shot Chief Macdonald arrived with reinforcements. The firing at this time was incessant. Taking Sergt. James Kelly and Cycle Officer Ferrell with him, Chief Macdonald, with a revolver in each hand, advanced toward the lattice work where Hall had fallen. The chief went to the door at the south side, firing from one gun. As he was trying to burst in the door, the negro fired, striking the chief in the left shoulder.

"He's got me," Macdonald remarked to Ferrell, dropping back a few steps.

Ferrell emptied his revolver through the opening in the lattice and he and Macdonald then retreated to shelter. Orders had been given by Macdonald to take the negro "dead." After this the house was fired.

Bundles of burlap were tied with baling wire and dipped in gasoline. Officers then threw the brands toward the house. The wind carried several of the torches wide, but several finally fell on the building and smoke began to curl up from the sides. Someone turned in a fire alarm, and Chief Regan and hose company No. 16 responded. The hose was connected to the hydrant, and as soon as the negro was killed a stream of water was turned on the then blazing house.

When the house was being fired the shooting was intermittent, as the police's supply of cartridges had run low. Chief Macdonald sent uptown for more guns and ammunition, and when they arrived the attack was renewed. Dr. Charles Warner, who was in the crowd, dressed Chief Macdonald's wound as they stood in the alley behind a shed.

Excitement was at a high pitch as officers raced back and forth across the open places in the alley, and notwithstanding the apparent danger of getting too close-- danger of getting in the path of a bullet from one of the officers' gun, as well as affording a fine target for Henderson-- yet the crowd of more than 1,000 surged to get by the police lines, and it was as much as the officers could do to keep the people back.

Word of the trouble spread quickly over town and it wasn't long until motor cars were lined on both sides of Sixth street and on both sides of Sycamore for several blocks. Sycamore street, from the alley east to Sixth, was a surging mass of humanity.

After the pickets had been placed the desperado had no possible chance to escape. Guns were trained on every side of the shanty and each avenue of escape was thoroughly cut off.

Henderson's best chance for a dash toward liberty was to the north, another small shanty being only a few feet from this haven. One hundred yards or so north of that is the Grand Island roundhouse, closed in by the high board fence surrounding the Grant Island shops and yards.

For blocks about the scene persons could be seen standing on houses, box cars, buildings of the Grant Island shops and every point of vantage watching the activities. One approaching the scene from the north could tell something exciting was going on as soon as Monterey was reached, men standing on box cars looking toward the Havens shanty almost a half mile distant.

Although the Grand Island coal chute, a short distance south of the roundhouse, was on a direct line with some of the police guns trained from the alley, men observing things from open windows in the chute paid little heed to police orders to keep out of the line of bullets.

A number of ex-service and American Legion men assisted the police, some helping to keep the crowd back, other[s] being armed with rifles and serving as pickets.

To persons who could not get a view of the shanty it was not difficult to tell when the negro appeared in the upstairs window after being driven from the roaring flames. In an instant a fusillade began, the rain of bullets continuing until the body had fallen mutilated and perforated like a sieve onto the stoop over the kitchen.

The besieged house faces Seventh street, and a board fence and a shed afforded shelter in this direction. Directly south is a frame dwelling and another house on the alley and Sycamore street made a good place to shoot from. Two barns on the west alley, a picket fence and several small outhouses furnished protected for the besiegers. One man, gaining access to a barn, chopped a port hole in the roof from which he fired in comparative safety.

Four bullets from the army rifles made direct hits on Henderson, according to the examination at Fleeman-McNeill's. An army bullet entered the left side of the head and tore off the right side. This bullet, from the direction of its course, was fired from the left of the house. Two bullets pierced the heart about an inch apart. These were fired from directly in front, probably from the ride side of the outhouse. Another smashed his right knee and was probably fired from the left side of the outhouse.

One of the noticeable things in the conduct of the police in yesterday's fray and which was much commented on by the crowd was the work of the newer members of the force appointed since Colonel Macdonald's appointment as chief. Practically every one of the new men was in the front of the action and distinguished himself in some phase or other. The ex-service men heeded the call to action and were quicker to adapt themselves to circumstances than many of the older officers who have never been under fire during their term of service with the force. Capt. John Duncan, Sergt. James Kelley and some of the detectives also did conspicuously fine work.

The scene of the battle was today visited by hundreds of persons, who went in motor cars, on foot and by trolley. The house was entered by numbers of the visitors. Some of the curious ones carried away splinters from the siding for souvenirs. Some who were present yesterday during the fight explained to others the details of the sanguinary conflict.

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According to Adolphus Havens, who was alone in the house with Henderson, his stepson, when the police came, the younger negro spied the officers in the yard and yelled to his stepfather to shut the outside door.

Havens said he refused the stepson's command and made a "beeline" out of the house. As he reached the open Havens says the detectives fired twice at him, but ceased when he yelled that he was not the one they were after, and he was permitted to flee unmolested.

The shanty was occupied by Havens, seventy-five years old; his son, Leo, seventeen, and Henderson, thirty. Leo, his father said, had started about ten minutes before the police arrived to pay the rest. The property is owned by Sylvester Moser, 1034 Logan street.

Henderson's father and mother, both of whom are now dead, separated twenty years ago, according to Havens, who married Mrs. Henderson a few years later.

Moser had the house, occupied by Havens, insured. There was considerable speculation as to whether Moser could collect on the policy in view of the manner in which the house was damaged. The terms of a fire insurance policy do not permit payment of loss claims where damage results from violation of the law. It was believed by many persons that the city would pay for the damage in case the insurance was not collectable.

Carlos Henderson, the dead negro desperado, had been on intimate terms with the police ever since he was a boy. On many occasions he foiled the officers by his fleetness.

At the time of the Textor robbery, for which he was wanted, the negroes wore masks. Yesterday Textor told Chief Johnson Henderson's mask had fallen off and he had recognized him. He said he had known the negro since he was a boy.

Johnson arranged with detectives to surround Henderson's home at 4 o'clock this morning, so as to catch him in bed, and give him no chance to run. However, Sullivan and Eads learned of his presence at home in the afternoon, and the plans were altered.

Henderson had a prison record. He was sent to the reform school when a boy, and later to the penitentiary twice for burglary and larceny. On many occasions Chief Johnson and his former partner, Thomas Moore, had arrested the negro. When Henderson was a boy he escaped from the police several times by jumping through a window while being booked at Central Police Station.

Once the officers were after Henderson for a robbery and had cornered him at the foot of Felix street, on the river bank. The officers were closing in on him. He backed to the edge of the water and suddenly dived into the stream. It was in March and ice was drifting. Presently Henderson came up downstream, clambered aboard a large ice cake, and waving his hand to the officers, floated away.

Another time he had been arrested for the theft of jewelry. He told the detectives that he had hidden the jewelry in a place on Prospect Hill, and if they would take him there he would point out the place. Two detectives led Henderson to the hill. Henderson took them to the edge of a thirty-foot cliff overlooking the railroad tracks. Suddenly he leaped over the embankment and escaped. Yesterday was the first time Henderson ever has shown fight.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Mar 1923, p. 6**

Word has been received from Jefferson City that a bill has been introduced in the house to pay Sylvester Moser of St. Joseph \$350 [possibly \$850]. Moser owned the house at Seventh and Sycamore streets, which was burned by the police two years ago when Chief of Detectives Johnson and Albert Hall, police clerk, lost their lives in an attempt to arrest Charles Henderson, a negro. The negro was killed by the police while emerging from a window after the house had been fired.

**Date of death: 8 Nov 1915**

**Subject: George Henderson\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Nov 1915, p. 5**

George Henderson, a negro, 214 Francis street, was found lying on the sidewalk unconscious at fifth and Jule streets about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was hurried to St. Joseph hospital in the police ambulance, where he died shortly afterward. It is the belief that he had drunk [sic] poison, for a note was found in his pocket saying, "After I am dead, notify Fannie Lamb, 625 Holman street, Kansas City, Mo."

Little is known of Henderson, and it is believed he was a newcomer to St. Joseph. The body was taken to the Ramsey undertaking rooms.

**Date of death: 20 Nov 1911**

**Subject: Edward Henry**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 21 Nov 1911, p. 4**

Believed to have been despondent over domestic troubles, Edward Henry, 33 years old, a railroad clerk, committed suicide early yesterday morning at 2412 South Eleventh street by swallowing two ounces of carbolic acid. The tragedy was discovered about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, when E. L. Kitner, an engineer who roomed in the same house with Henry, went to call him to go to work.

Henry had only been in the city a few days. He came here from Minnesota. He had obtained a position as yard clerk with the Burlington and was to go to work yesterday morning. As far as is known, Henry did not have any relatives in the city.

Kitner, who had a room adjoining the one Henry occupied, heard Henry pacing the floor in his room late Sunday night. He thought nothing about it, however. Yesterday morning he knocked on Henry's door to awaken him. He got no response and he tried to get in the room but the door

was barricaded. He finally managed to push the door open and Henry was lying on the bed, dead.

Dr. C. F. Byrd, county coroner, was called, and after an examination, he ordered the body taken to Sidenfaden's morgue. An inquest will be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Letters found in Henry's room indicate that he is married and Coroner Byrd believes that domestic troubles caused his act. Names of people at Brown Valley, Minn., and Brainard, Minn., were found among Henry's effects and they have been notified.

**Date of death: 29 Oct 1914**

**Subject: William Henry**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Oct 1914, p. 6**

Saying that he was tired of living and didn't want to "go over the hill," William Henry, better known as "Red," made an alleged attempt to commit suicide in a South Sixth Street saloon by swallowing a drug. Two men standing near summoned Dr. F. G. Beard, police surgeon. He was taken to Dr. Beard's office at the police station, where emergency treatment was administered and then sent to St. Joseph hospital in the police ambulance.

Henry has been living at the Everett house on South Eighth Street. At one time he was a cook, but of late years he has been picking up small jobs here and there and having no steady employment. It is said that he was married, but had been separated from his wife for a number of years. He is a familiar figure in the neighborhood of Sixth and Messanie streets.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Oct 1914, p. 6**

William "Red" Henry, 35 years old, who took poison in a South Sixth street saloon Wednesday night, died early yesterday morning at St. Joseph hospital. Dr. F. G. Beard, police surgeon, worked on the man for two hours in his office at the police station Wednesday night and then removed him to St. Joseph hospital. where he died about two hours later.

Henry was at one time a cook and had been living at the Everett house on South Eighth street. The body was taken to Fleeman's funeral home. He is survived by a divorced wife and his mother. Funeral arrangements have not been completed yet.

**Date of death: 11 Dec 1907**

**Subject: Joseph Hensley**

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

After living a generation and two years and apparently in good health, Joseph Hensley died suddenly yesterday morning of heart failure at his home in Helena, Mo. The body was brought to St. Joseph and removed to the home of his son, 615 North Third street.

The funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the residence of his son. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery. Mr. Hensley is survived by a widow and nine children. The sons are J. W. Hensley, Rochester, Mo.; James, San Jose, Cal.; L. C., Delhart, Texas; H. D., G. S., J. F. and Charles of this city. The daughters of Mrs. Lizzie Rigney of Manhattan, Kas., and Mrs. Lucy Keele of St. Joseph.

**Date of death: 3 Feb 1905**

**Subject: Benjamin F. Herndon**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Feb 1905, p. 1**

Parnell, Mo., Feb. 3.—B. F. Herndon, one of the prominent citizens of this place and an important factor in the upbuilding of Parnell the last four years, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself with a 38 calibre revolver.

The ball entered the right temple, passing through the head and coming out about two inches above the left temple.

No known cause is given except that he complained last night of a severe pain in the back of the head. He was very wealthy, owning nearly five hundred acres of land a few miles east of here and a number of residences in Parnell.

Herndon was a member of the Masonic and G.A.R. fraternities and served two terms as judge of the county court of Worth county.

He was 68 years old and leaves a wife and several children.

The funeral will take place Sunday.

**Date of death: 5 Oct 1917**

**Subject: Ruby Hess**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Oct 1917, p. 6**

Ruby Hess, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hess, died at the home of her parents, 2626 South Fourth street Thursday night.

**Date of death: 19 Sep 1906**

**Subject: Luther J. Hickerson**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Sep 1906, p. 6**

Luther J. Hickerson, thirty-one years old, died at 11 o'clock today at 2603 Patee street, of Bright's disease. The dead man I survived by a wife to whom he was married less than a year ago. The body will be taken to Savannah for burial.

**Date of death: 26 Jan 1903**

**Subject: Vance Hicks\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Jan 1903, p. 7**



Vance Hicks, colored, six years old, died at 10:40 Monday night at the home of his father Morgan Hicks.

**Date of death: 22 Mar 1912**

**Subject: Lenora Bell Higgins**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Mar 1912, p. 1**

Louise [sic], three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Higgins, 3021 North Ninth street, probably was fatally burned about 10 o'clock this morning while playing with matches. The child's clothing caught fire while the mother was in the back yard, and she was badly burned all over the body before the blaze was extinguished by Mrs. Higgins. Dr. J. T. Stamey attended the little girl and he says she will not recover.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Mar 1912, p. 6**

Lenora Higgins, three years old, who was burned March 4, while playing with matches, died at 12 o'clock last night at St. Joseph's Hospital. The body has been removed to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Higgins, 3021 North Ninth street.

**Date of death: 12 Feb 1914**

**Subject: Robert E. Higgins**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Feb 1914, p. 6**

Robert E. Higgins, three-year-old son of William Higgins, an engineer for the Swift Packing Company, died at 2 o'clock this morning at the home of his father, 5647 South Third street.

**Date of death: 6 Mar 1914**

**Subject: Santford Higgins**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Mar 1914, p. 6**

Santford Higgins, 4-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Higgins, died late Friday night at the home of the parents, 5647 South Third street. This is the second death in the family within three weeks. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the residence.

**Date of death: 5 May 1892**

**Subject: Joseph Hill\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 6 May 1892, p. 5**

Another Sunday killing has been added to the long list that have taken place in St. Joseph during the last few years.

Joseph Hill, a negro porter, was shot at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning by Charles Zimmer, at the latter's saloon, corner of Fifth and Angelique streets, and died at the city hospital at 6:30 o'clock this morning from the effects of the wound.

The ball entered Hill's stomach on the left side and ranged downward, producing a ghastly wound.

Immediately after the shooting the wounded man was conveyed to the city hospital and Zimmer was arrested by Officer Jack O'Meara and locked up.

While his victim was writhing in agony upon the saloon floor and before the arrival of the police, Zimmer left his place of business, walking north on Fifth the Angelique and east to Sixth. Here he was overtaken by Officer Jack O'Meara, placed under arrest and taken to the Central Police Station, where he was locked in a cell.

When Zimmer saw O'Meara approaching he made a movement as if to draw a revolver, but was quickly commanded to drop his hands from his pockets under penalty of death.

The shooting was the result of a drunken quarrel between Zimmer and Hill. The latter was in his slayer's employ and yesterday morning both were drinking freely.

After Hill had completed the work of cleaning up the saloon he asked Zimmer for his week's wages. Hill received \$4 a week and Zimmer claimed that he had drawn \$2. This was disputed by Hill and some harsh words were exchanged during which Zimmer ordered Hill to leave the house. This Hill refused to do and Zimmer walked behind the bar and placed his revolver in his pocket.

Zimmer than came close to where Hill was standing and only a few feet in front of the bar and a second time ordered the porter to quit the place. Again Hill refused to comply with his employer's command and according to the statements of Zimmer and a number of eye witnesses, Hill advanced toward him as if to strike him. Zimmer retreated until he reached the side wall and then commanded Hill to halt. Hill did not obey and without another word of warning the saloon keeper drew his revolver and fired.

Hill staggered to the bar, where he supported himself for a few seconds, then fell to the floor in a heap, exclaiming: "I am dead; oh! I am a dead man."

Marshall Smith, G. W. Anderson, William Baker and Nat Talbott were in Zimmer's place at the time of the shooting and were all eye witnesses to the tragedy. They were arrested and held at the Central Police Station for several hours to await the result of Hill's wound. Late in the afternoon all made written statements as to what they saw and heard, and were released. The statements of the four witnesses to the killing correspond with Zimmer's version of the shooting.

After Hill was taken to the hospital he suffered mortal agony, and it required the combined efforts of four men to hold him while Assistant City Physician Elam probed the wound for the ball. After an hour's work the bullet could not be located and the search for it was discontinued.

During the afternoon hundreds of Hill's friends called at the hospital to see him. Among the visitors was his wife, who insisted upon having her husband removed to his home, but was finally convinced that such action would be unwise.

Hill was about thirty years of age and was the father of three children, aged three, five and seven years.

Zimmer was also visited at the Central Police Station by a large number of friends. Mrs. Zimmer, who called at the prison at 3 o'clock, was greatly affected at first, but after an interview with her husband, who assured her that he would come out of the trouble all right, she became more collected.

At 10 o'clock this morning a warrant charging Zimmer with murder in the first degree was issued upon information filed by Officer Robert Mancy, and the prisoner was taken from the Central Police Station to Justice Mitchell's court. Owing to the fact that the coroner's inquest over the remains of Hill was to be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon and the witnesses needed at the examination in the justice court were summoned to testify before the coroner's jury, the preliminary hearing was set for 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Zimmer was turned over to the state authorities and locked up in the county jail.

Zimmer's attorneys have no idea of securing the prisoner's discharge by the justice of the peace, but hope that after hearing the evidence that officer will consent to his release upon bond.

The remains were removed to Heaton's undertaking parlors, where an inquest was held this afternoon and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts in the case.

**Date of death: 21 Apr 1909**

**Subject: William Hill**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Apr 1909, p. 3**

William Hill, twenty-six years old, died Wednesday morning, at a local hospital, of tuberculosis.

**Date of death: 2 Jul 1902**

**Subject: Edwin H. Hines**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Jul 1902, p. 5**

Edwin H. Hines, aged forty-five years, died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, at his home, 513 North Thirteenth street. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be in the city cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Jul 1902, p. 9**

Mrs. Edwin H. Hines says the report that her husband, who died July 2, was buried in the city cemetery was a mistake. The burial was at Oakland cemetery, she says.

**Date of death: 25 Oct 1907**

**Subject: Wilma Hira**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Oct 1907, p. 2**

Wilma Hira, six weeks old, who had lived more than a month without a mother, died Friday afternoon at the Sheltering Arms Home, 2711 Patee street. The baby was taken to the home about a month ago. Mrs. Leda Hall, matron of the home, had kept the baby alive in an improvised incubator of wool and cotton. The infant was buried in the city cemetery this morning.

**Date of death: 24 Nov 1907**

**Subject: Sophia (Hobson) Purviance**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Nov 1907, p. 7**

Savannah, Mo., Nov. 25.—Mrs. Sofia [sic] Purviance, aged sixty-six years, died of pneumonia, at her home in this city at 3 p.m. yesterday. She was born in Chesterfield, Ill., was educated at Jacksonville Female seminary and had lived here many years. Her husband, W. H. Purviance, who was one of the early merchants of this city, died twenty-two years ago. Mrs. Purviance, who possesses considerable wealth, was a leader in church and temperance work. Her two daughters, Mrs. Paul F. Limerick and Mrs. Walter G. Cooper, are residents of this city.

The funeral will be held from the First M. E. Church, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**Date of death: 11 Aug 1915**

**Subject: J. C. Holley\***

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Aug 1915, p. 2**

J. C. Holley, a negro, thirty-two years old, was fatally cut by another negro known as "Kentucky Slim" Woods in a row late last night at a Burlington bunk car just north of the Francis street station.

Holley's jugular vein was severed and he died within ten minutes after he was cut. Woods escaped, but a negro answering to his description is under arrest at Forest City, Mo.

The police and Dr. Thomas J. Lynch, coroner, were summoned to the scene by other negroes who had witnessed the cutting. Jesse Griffin and James Harris, negroes who were in the bunch car with Holley and Woods, told the police that all of them had been in a poker game and that Woods had asked Holley for a nickel. When Holley refused to give him any money Woods left the car and dared Holley to follow him. Holley accepted the challenge and Woods drew a knife from his pocket and stabbed Holley. In the excitement that followed Woods disappeared.

None of the negroes lives in St. Joseph. They had been employed by the Burlington at repairing flood damage. Holley's home was at Moberly, Mo.

Coroner Lynch sent the dead negro's body to Ramsey's undertaking establishment, where an inquest was announced for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

A telephone message to The News-Press this forenoon said that Fred Cook, a deputy sheriff, had arrested a negro in a box car at Forest City, Mo., at 2:30 o'clock this morning, who corresponded with the description of Woods sent out by the police. He said his name is Lawrence Hubbard and denied any knowledge of the killing.

**Date of death: 3 May 1906**

**Subject: Lewis Allen Holt**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 May 1906, p. 7**

Savannah, Mo., May 14.—Louis Holt, an old pioneer citizen of Andrew County, but late of Arkansas City, Kan., was brought here for burial Saturday.

**Date of death: 12 Apr 1920**

**Subject: Ruby E. Holt**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Apr 1920, p. 5**

Ruby, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Holt, 5204 1/2 King Hill avenue, died Monday morning of lobar pneumonia. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

**Date of death: 10 Dec 1904**

**Subject: Mrs. Alice Howard\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Dec 1904, p. 8**

Alice Howard, colored, aged 38 years, wife of Charles Howard, died at 12:15 o'clock at her home, 604 North Second street. The time of funeral has not yet been announced. Interment will be in Oakland cemetery.

**Date of death: 23 Mar 1904**

**Subject: Elizabeth Howard\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Mar 1904, p. 7**

Elizabeth Howard, colored, aged 41 years, died at 3 o'clock yesterday morning at the home, 514 Duncan street. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

**Date of death: 24 Jan 1903**

**Subject: Marie Howard\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Jan 1903, p. 7**

Marie Howard, colored, daughter of Mrs. Annie Howard, died at the family home, No. 297 North Seventh street, at 9:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. She was 19 years of age. The funeral will be held from the African Methodist Episcopal church at 2:30 p.m. today.

**Date of death: 7 Mar 1901**

**Subject: Levine L. Howell**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 8 Mar 1901, p. 7**

Levin L. Howell, age 52 years, died at the residence of John B. Howell, No. 1522 St. Joseph avenue yesterday morning. The funeral will take place from the residence Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Body will be taken to Savannah, Mo., with hearse and carriages for burial. Friends invited.

**Date of death: 5 Oct 1907**

**Subject: John M. Howendobler**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Oct 1907, p. 11**

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 5.—John Howendobler, who, until six years ago, had been engaged in the drug business in Maryville for thirty years or more, died at his home here yesterday afternoon. Mr. Howendobler was unmarried and made his home with relatives here. The funeral services will be held in Maryville tomorrow.

**Date of death: 9 Apr 1914**

**Subject: H. G. Hubbard (aka William Hubbard)**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Apr 1914, p. 6**

H. G. Hubbard, fifty-five years old and a cook, died at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a hospital. The body is held at Rock & Clark's pending word from relatives out of town.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Apr 1914, p. 6**

H. G. Hubbard, 55 years old, who lived at Fourth and Charles streets, died yesterday afternoon at a local hospital. He was taken to the hospital a week ago. Hubbard is survived by two sisters, one living in St. Joseph, and another living in Bellaire, Ohio. The body is being held at Rock & Clark's undertaking establishment until word can be received from relatives.

**Date of death: 16 Feb 1910**

**Subject: James or (Edie W.) Hubble**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Dec 1908, p. 4**

James Hubble, the three-year-old son of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Moffitt Twelfth street and Grand avenue, died at 12:30 o'clock last night from burns sustained by playing with the fire in the kitchen stove while alone in the house of William Stancliff, 1516 North Twelfth street.

Dr. B. W. Toothaker, who lives near the Stancliff home, arrived at the house ten minutes after the accident, but human aid was of no avail. The child's clothing was almost entirely consumed and its body was fairly roasted.

The mother of the little boy is a widow and there are five other children. She is employed at the Jet White laundry, and was not aware of the accident until she returned home from her day's work. After the accident the little boy, who was suffering terribly, called for his mother continuously until her arrival.

It had been Mrs. Moffitt's custom to leave the little one with Mrs. Stancliff while she was at work. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Stancliff left the child alone in the kitchen while she went into the yard on an errand. It is supposed that he went to the stove and pulled out some coals.

Mrs. Stancliff saw the little fellow run out to the kitchen porch, a mass of flames and uttering agonizing screams. She grasped a blanket and threw it about the boy, but it was too late to give much relief.

The child will be buried tomorrow afternoon in the city cemetery.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Feb 1910, p. 4**

Mrs. Elizabeth Maffit [sic], aged forty years, died at 4:05 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at her home, 1515 North Twelfth street, of paralysis. She had been sick for a year and had been confined to her bed two months. Mrs. Maffit was the mother of James Hubbel, the three-year-old child who was burned to death December 9, 1908, while playing in the kitchen at the home of William Stancliff, 1516 North Twelfth street. She is survived by four sons.

**Date of death: 7 Feb 1922**

**Subject: Robert Huddleston**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 8 Feb 1922, p. 2**

Robert Huddleston, fifty-five years old, was found dead in bed in the old Burnes home, Ayr Lawn, on the South Eleventh street road, late yesterday, by neighbors. Huddleston was employed as caretaker of the place and also had been working at wood chopping. He had not been seen since Saturday and an investigation was made.

Dr. A. R. Timerman, coroner, viewed the body and said death was due to heart disease. It was sent to Fleeman-McNeills'. He was unmarried and as far as is known had no relatives.

**Date of death: 26 May 1903**

**Subject: Milton Huff**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 27 May 1903, p. 1**

The Dead. ... Milton Huff, farmer. Gus Huff, his son....

Maryville Mo., May 27.—Eight persons killed outright ... fatally, one of whom has ... two missing marks the fatal work of a cyclone that struck ... Elmo, a town of 200 about ... west of Maryville on the Wa..., yesterday afternoon.

The giant twister came without warning out of the southwest, where it had already ... a Free Methodist church in ... district, and struck the Wabash depot at ... Agent Mc... realized ... was happening. He was sitting in his operation room [*several lines illegible*]

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**Date of death: [22] Jul 1905**

**Subject: Andrew J. "Jack" Hughes\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Jul 1905, p. 2**

Faithful Negro Janitor is Dead

"Jack" Hughes, an Old Employe of Rock Island, to Be Buried at Expense of White Men.

M. C. ... freight agent of the Rock Island yesterday received a telegram ... Denver ... Announcing the death ... Hughes, commonly known ... railroad men as Jack, an ... negro ... Rock Island.

Hughes has been in the employ of the Rock Island for the past seventeen years ... greater ... of the time engaged ... work and as general handy man ... He was a gen... employs of the office... recipient of many favors ... his strong popularity.

For ... months past he had been ... trouble. A month ago ... vacation which request ... weeks ago he returned ... apparently benefited in ... during the past week ... was evident ... Thursday for Denver.

... officers are of the opinion ... change in altitude proved ... The Denver authorities were notified ... body to St. Joseph for ...

... Hughes ... 42 years old and is survived ... and daughter, living at Twenty- ... and Jones street.

Employs of the offices have completed the funeral arrangements and services will be conducted at the family residence Monday afternoon.



**Same**

**Source:** *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Jul 1905, p. 2

The body of Andrew J. Hughes, colored, arrived last night from Colorado Springs, where he died of consumption, last Saturday, and was removed to the family home, Twenty-fifth and Jones streets. Hughes was 42 years old, and was janitor at the Rock Island freight offices for the last seventeen years. He was a familiar figure about the building, and was known personally by all of the high officials of the company. His wife and daughter survive him.

**Date of death:** 18 Sep 1901

**Subject:** William Hughes\*

**Source:** *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 20 Sep 1901, p. 5

William Hughes, ... unique negro characters of St. Joseph, died Wednesday of general debility. He was known among politicians as "Old Bill" Hughes, but he was not very old, only forty-eight years. The burial will take place today in the city cemetery ... his friends ... collected enough money to defray the funeral expenses.

Hughes was known chiefly among the politicians ... of the diligent manner in which he ... funds to bury his wife. During the past four or five years he periodically circulated a petition, stating that his wife was dead and that he wanted to get money to bury her. He would go to different politicians and with tears in his eyes and ... over his cheeks would ask for a small donation so as to be able to give her a decent burial. ... money enough to keep ... for a few weeks. Finally his wife did die. That was six months ago. There was no mistake about it and Hughes made his last melancholy trip to his pensioners. Some of them had grown wary and had refused assistance, but after being convinced that Mrs. Hughes was actually dead they subscribed enough to give her a burial.

Now 'Bill' is dead. Friends are performing a work in which he was such an adept and ... hope to get money enough to ... body out of the hands of the anatomical board.

**Date of death:** 28 May 1903

**Subject:** Gustav Hunsinger

**Source:** *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Jun 1903, p. 6

Gustave [sic] Hunsinger, a well known huckster and produce dealer, who had a stand on market square for some years, is dead at the age of 53 years. He was born in Ohio, but lived in this state for 48 years. The body was taken to Amazonia yesterday morning for burial. He was not married.

**Date of death:** 28 Feb 1901

**Subject:** Madge Hunt

**Source:** *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 03 Mar 1901, p. 2

[Savannah, Mo.]—Madge Hunt, the two-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Hunt, died of scarletina Thursday afternoon at 1:30. The funeral services were held at the home at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Rev. Chilton of St. Joseph conducting the services.

**Date of death: 16 May 1906**

**Subject: Sarah M. (Hunt) Dickson**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 May 1906, p. 12**

Savannah, Mo., May 18.—Mrs. Sarah M. Dixon [sic] died at her home, seven miles east of Savannah, Wednesday morning, aged forty-nine years. The funeral took place from the first Baptist Church in Savannah, at 11 o'clock this morning.

**Date of death: 29 Jul 1908**

**Subject: Alexander Hunter**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Jul 1908, p. 2**

Alexander Hunter, seventy-five years old, died at his home, 5812 Lake avenue, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, of a complication of diseases. He leaves a wife and daughter. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and burial will be in the city cemetery.

'Uncle Alex,' as he was called, was a familiar character in the South End and ... [*much illegible*] peanuts ... stockmen ... a purse of \$5 which they gave him as a mark of respect.

**Date of death: 26 May 1905**

**Subject: Mrs. Eliza A. Hunterson**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 May 1905, p. 6**

Mrs. Eliza A. Hunterson, aged forty-three years, died at a local hospital at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The body will probably be forwarded to Parnell, Mo., for burial.

**Date of death: 12 Dec 1915**

**Subject: Mrs. Martha Hurndal\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Jan 1916, p. 4**

Do people of St. Joseph live to be a greater age than in most cities?

Statistics of the health board for 1915 seem to indicate this. W. E. Harrington, clerk of the board, thinks that he issued one of the most unusual burial permits ever given out in the state, for Mrs. Martha Hurndal, who was 119 years and 12 days old at the time of her death, Dec. 12.

Mrs. Hurndal was born in one century, lived entirely through another and got a good start on the third, getting over a seventh of it before overtaken by death. She was born Dec. 1, 1796. She lived at 903 Douglas street at the time of her death.

Although the former slave was probably the oldest person who ever lived in St. Joseph and one of the oldest in Missouri, during the past year many persons died who were between 75 and 100 years old. [*More information on death statistics.*]

**Date of death: 11 Apr 1902**

**Subject: Mrs. Be--- Hurst\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 Apr 1902, p. 5**

Mrs. Be... Hurst, colored, wife of Alexander Hurst of 721 South Twenty-first street, died at ... o'clock Friday while attending a meeting at Queen Mary's Tabernacle ... [*two lines illegible*].

Mrs. Hurst ... a short ... being ... but in ... the door... died ... was summoned, but ... to be of assistance.

Coroner D... was called and the body was taken to ... morgue. Mrs. Hurst had been ... lately. She had been a member of ... about two years. She is survived by her husband and ...

... autopsy ... night and found that ... heart trouble. The services will be held at Heaton's morgue this afternoon.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 13 Apr 1902, p. 5**

The inquest over the death of Mrs. Be... Hurst, who died suddenly in the K...s and Daughters of the Tabor hall at Third and Michel streets Friday night was held at Heaton's morgue Saturday afternoon. The jury returned a verdict that the woman came to her death through organic heart trouble. The funeral will be held from the residence, 721 South Twenty-first street, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with interment in the city cemetery.

**Date of death: 1 Mar 1903**

**Subject: Edward D. Hurst\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 2 Mar 1903, p. 5**

Edward Hurst, colored, aged 20, died yesterday morning at the residence of his father, John Hurst, South Sixteenth street. Funeral services will be held today at Mount Mora cemetery.

**Same**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Mar 1903, p. 4**

Edward Hurst died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Edward Hurst was the son of John Hurst, No. 510 South Sixteenth street. The burial will be in Antioch, Mo.

**Date of death: Aug 1906**

**Subject: George Hurst\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Aug 1906, p. 1**

Pursued by his son-in-law, who was rapidly emptying the chambers of his revolver as he ran, George Hurst, a negro junk dealer, fell at Third and Michel streets last night with a wound in his right thigh. Five out of six shots fired by the son-in-law, William Harris, went wild and caused terror among residents of the neighborhood.

A bullet passed but a few inches over the head of the little daughter of John W. Stewart, who was sitting with her older sister on the front porch of the house, 902 North Third street, It completely destroyed the glass window of the door behind them and imbedded itself in the wall of the parlor.

Harris escaped. When he saw his father-in-law fall he shoved the smoking revolver in his pocket and started west on Michel street. He ran south in an alley and disappeared. Harris, a young fellow, is employed in a drug store.

There had been trouble between the men before. Two weeks ago they engaged in a fight on Second street and Harris was arrested by Patrolman Hetherington. He was fined \$5 for peace disturbance.

Hurst keeps his horse in a barn a few hundred feet east of Third and Michel streets and he was sitting in the place, talking to Jack Lewis, another negro, when the trouble occurred. Lewis heard somebody calling, and going out, found Harris. He said he wanted to speak to Hurst.

Returning into the barn, Lewis a few seconds later heard the firing of a gun. He ran out and saw Hurst running toward the corner, he says, with his son-in-law following and shooting. Bullets were flying about in all directions.

Hurst was struck in the thigh as he reached the corner. He turned and ran back, falling at the curbstone. Harris ran on. The wounded man was carried to the city work house and from there was taken to his home, 114 West Lewis street, in the police ambulance.

Dr. J. H. Sampson attended him and does not believe the injury will result fatally.

**same**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 9 Aug 1906, p. 1**

"George Hurst died from the shock sustained from the heavy bullet.

"He was shot through the loin on the right side, the bullet coming out in the lower part of the back.

"This would not have killed him of itself, as enough time had not elapsed for complication of diseases.

"There are many nerve ends and centers in the loin, and these being shocked severely, coupled with the natural effect fear has on a negro brought about Hurst's death."—J. J. Bansbach

Sitting at his desk at police headquarters, Inspector Kelley last night followed by telephone the flight of Will, or Jacie Harris, slayer of his father-in-law, from St. Joseph to Clarinda, Ia. Gaining almost absolute evidence that the negro and his wife were in that town, he telegraphed the city marshal to make the arrest. Reply is expected this morning.

It was learned yesterday that the wife of Harris went with him to the barn ... commenced firing at George Hurst ... night and screamed again and again ... to kill her father.

"... him," she cried, and when Hurst ... Third and Michel streets with ... in his thigh the negress ran with her husband to the dark alley down which they disappeared.

Boarding a passenger train at the Francis street station shortly after midnight, Harris and his wife went to Napier, Mo. There at 7 o'clock yesterday morning they purchased tickets to Bigelow and took a freight train for that station.

Inspector Kelley ...ed to the station... Bigelow and learned that the ... gone to Clarinda. At Clarinda ... is a Chautauqua and it was necessary for the station operator last night to go to the grounds and get the ... He said Harris and his wife ... train there.

A telegram was sent to the city ... him to put...

... .41 caliber C... it is believed ... thus obtaining ... transportation. His wife ... according to those who ... couple.

... George Hurst, 48 years old ... death from the effects of a bullet fired from a weapon in the hands of Will Harris was reached by the coroner's jury yesterday afternoon.

Trouble ... several weeks ago ... a harness was shown to have been the cause of the shooting. It was thought at first that the difficulty had ... over Hurst's daughter.

... witnesses were examined. Jack Lewis, the negro in the barn where Hurst kept his horse, gave the most important testimony, He told a story as ... in The Gazette yesterday morning, saying that Harris put Hurst to flight and then fired a chance shot as he was running, this being the only bullet to take effect.

Mrs. Addie Jackson and her daughter, Golda Jackson, testified that feeling had not been good between the two men and Harris had threatened to kill his father-in-law. William Hensley, a white shoemaker living in the neighborhood, Worley A. Stewart, Oliver Knight and James Mansfield testified as to the bad reputation of the fugitive.

Coroner J. J. Bansch is of the opinion that Hurst died as the result of fright, and not from injuries caused directly by the bullet that struck him in the right thigh.

A warrant charging Harris with murder in the first degree was issued yesterday from Justice Walker's court.

**Date of death: 23 Feb 1902**

**Subject: Josephine Hurst\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 24 Feb 1902, p. 5**

Josephine Hurst, a colored girl, nine years old, died at the family home, 721 South Twenty-first street, Sunday evening at 5 o'clock.

**Date of death: 21 Jan 1915**

**Subject: Mary (Hutchison) Jones**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Jan 1915, p. 4**

Mrs. Mary Jones, 40 years old, wife of R. M. Jones of Denver, died Thursday night at a local hospital. The body is at the Rock and Clark undertaking rooms pending funeral arrangements.