

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

Date of death: 13/14 Jan 1901

Subject: Edward J. Karrasch

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 14 Jan 1901, p. 6

Edward J. Karrasch, aged eighteen years, was fatally injured shortly before noon yesterday at his home eight miles north of this city by the accidental discharge of his own shotgun. The load took effects in the back of the head, crushing the skull and tearing away a portion of the brain. Death resulted last midnight.

Karrasch is the son of John Karrasch, a prominent farmer, and lived with his parents on the farm. Yesterday morning the young man and a hired man took their shotguns and went out hunting for rabbits. They spent the greater portion of the morning looking for game and then started toward home, stopping on the way at a country church to attend Sunday school. When the two reached the barn they stopped and began to examine their guns. In some unaccountable manner Karrasch's gun was accidentally discharged and the entire load entered his head.

Young Karrarsch was born on the Albrecht farm on Lover's Lane near this city, which his father rented. Twelve years ago the family moved to their present location. William Karrasch, an employe of the Nave-McCord Mercantile Company, is an uncle of the dead boy, and Charles Lodholz, a grocer at 2001 North Second street, is his brother-in-law. Emil Karrasch, a brother of the deceased, works for Lodholz. He was summoned to his brother's bedside before he died. Two brothers and two sisters of the deceased live with their parents on the farm.

The young man was well known in this city, where he had many friends. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at Cumberland Ridge cemetery, north of the city.

Coroner Bever of Andrew County is holding an inquest today.

Date of death: 15 Sep 1905

Subject: Isaiah A. Kearby

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

Isiah [sic] A. Kearby, aged fifty-seven years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. E. Calahan, 2504 S. 16th st., at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, of tuberculosis, leaving one son, N. H. Kearby of Lincoln, Neb., and one daughter, Mrs. A. E. Calahan of this city. Funeral services Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Remains will be taken to Union station at 9 o'clock for shipment to Bethel, Mo., via Cosby. Friends invited.

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Isaiah A. Kearby, fifty-seven years old, died yesterday at 1 o'clock at the home of a daughter, Mrs. A. E. Calahan, 2504 South Sixteenth street. The dead man is survived by a son and a daughter. The body will be taken to Cosby, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 19 May 1909

Subject: Mrs. Emma Jane Keebler*

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

Mrs. Emma Jane Keebler, colored, fifty-two years old, died Wednesday afternoon at her home, 619 Corby street.

Date of death: 30 Dec 1906

Subject: Roberta E. Keeves

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

Savannah, Mo., Dec. 31.—The infant daughter of Mr. T. [sic] Keeves and wife died Sunday morning. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3:30.

Date of death: 6 Sep 1908

Subject: Elizabeth (Kelley) Bunch

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Sep 1908, p. 6

Mrs. Elizabeth Bunch, eighty-five years old, the widow of America Bunch, died at 6:45 o'clock yesterday morning at her residence, 2412 St. Joseph avenue. The body will be taken to Amazonia, Mo., for burial, tomorrow morning.

Date of death: 26 Oct 1907

Subject: Mamie E. (Kelley) Molzahn

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Oct 1907, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 29.—The funeral of Mrs. Mamie Molzahn was held this afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Kelly [sic], in this city. The Rev. Grant Robbins of the First M.E. church officiated at the services.

Mrs. Malzahn [sic] was killed at Ravenwood Saturday night during a pistol duel between her husband, Dr. E. L. Molzahn, and Charles McElvain, in which both men were wounded, neither dangerously. Dr. Molzahn is fast recovering. McElvain is in jail.

Date of death: 24 Jun 1909

Subject: Mary S. (Kelley or Haynes) Groom

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 Jun 1909, p. 4

Mrs. Mary Groom of Clarksdale, Mo., thirty-nine years old, died at 12:40 o'clock this afternoon, at Ensworth Hospital. She was a sister of U. S. Haynes, a merchant of Clarksdale, who is a brother of William H. Haynes of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 10 Oct 1908

Subject: Charles Kelley (or Kelly)

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Oct 1908, p. 12

Charles Kelly, 76 years old, died in a local hospital yesterday forenoon of diabetes. As he has no relatives the body will be buried this afternoon in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 4 Feb 1917

Subject: F. Kelly

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Feb 1917, pp. 1 & 2

Six men were asphyxiated here yesterday morning as the result of carelessness in the use of gas stoves, and one boy was saved from death only by prompt action.

J. J. Nichols, Dick Blackstone, F. Kelley [sic], and John Wolf, laborers employed at the Hammond Packing company, all about 35 years old, were found dead in their room at a lodging house at 610 Locust street at 9 o'clock yesterday morning by Mrs. Emma Herbert, their housekeeper, and at noon yesterday, Gus Kemper, 26 years old, of Cabool, Mo., and George Payne, 17 years old, a delivery boy for the Jones drug store, were found dead in the latter's room at 417 North Seventh street, by Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, who occupies the adjoining room.

The first case was reported to the police shortly after the discovery by Mrs. Herbert. Patrolmen Bauer and Fairbanks went to the house to investigate and were almost overcome by the gas when they opened the door of the room. They had to leave the door open for a few moments before they could get to the bodies of the men, who were lying in two double beds. The bodies were still warm, indicating that the men had not been dead very long. Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, was called and after viewing the bodies ordered them sent to Sidenfaden's undertaking parlors.

When Mrs. Fitzgerald discovered the odor of gas at the Seventh street rooming house yesterday noon she called some of the other roomers and they forced the transom, which had been tightly closed. The strong rush of gas coming from the room prompted them to open the door at once and they found the bodies of the two on the bed. They were cold and had probably been dead for some time.

The coroner was called and after viewing the bodies they were sent to Sidenfaden's. It is not probable that an inquest will be held in either case, according to the coroner.

Young Payne is a son of Edward Payne, 917 Grand avenue, an employe at the Burlington freighthouse. He had been working at the Jones Drug store, Eighth and Edmond streets, a little over a month. He has no other relatives here, but a sister, Maggie, and a brother, Homer, live at Versailles, Ill. The body will be taken to Versailles tonight for burial.

Later Dr. Thomas issued a warning against carelessness to all users of gas heaters, urging that no one go to sleep in a room with one of them burning and all the windows closed.

Kemper came to St. Joseph two weeks ago and enrolled in the Gard Business college, quitting a week later and going to Maryville. He returned to St. Joseph Saturday. He was a friend of Payne's and went to spend the night at the latter's room. A letter was found in a pocket of his coat addressed to Mrs. Josie Eimers at Maryville, Mo. A telegram to her brought the information that he had a brother, Herman, at Cabool. When the brother was notified, he ordered the body sent to that place today.

Of the men found at 610 Locust, Kelley and Blackstone had been there since Jan. 29, when they started to work at the packinghouse. Nothing is known of their relations. Blackstone is a member of the Industrial Workers of the World. A card of the organization was found in his pocket. He came here from Kansas City. The other two had only been at the house since Saturday when they began working at the Hammond plant.

The room in which they were found was a small one with one large window, one door, and one small window. All of these were tightly closed and the marks left by the flames on the stove showed that it had been going full blast.

The room on north Seventh street was also a very small one with two windows and one door, all closed. The stove here had been placed at the foot of the bed and showed that the flames had been rather high.

Eli Ruth, 16 years old, living at 311 North Fifth street, was rendered unconscious at 5 o'clock last night by fumes from a gas stove in the bathroom of his home. Dr. J. L. Cox, police surgeon, was called and succeeded in reviving the lad, who soon recovered. He had been taking a bath in the tightly closed room. Persons in the house became alarmed when they detected the odor and when the boy did not answer their calls they notified the police.

The peculiarities of the six cases which proved fatal make it exceedingly difficult for the authorities to place the blame for the accidents. Apparently all six of the men had gone peaceably to bed and had fallen into a sleep in which they were not even slightly disturbed. The position of the bodies, of the bedclothes, and the expression on their faces indicated that there had been no suffering.

The theory advanced by Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, is that the gas was turned high and that the pressure later became lower, putting out the flames. Then when the pressure again became higher the gas filled the room.

Officials of the gas company say this would have been impossible, and that the pressure has not been at any time low enough to extinguish these fires.

It is the theory of these officials that, with the room closed tight, the flames consumed all the oxygen in the rooms, and that the flames were out because of lack of oxygen. They contend that the gas then filled the rooms, causing the deaths.

To support their contention, they cite several cases of gas heaters left burning all Saturday night. In these cases, they say, windows were left open, and the occupants of the rooms suffered no ill effects.

Dr. Thomas said yesterday he probably would hold no inquests, as it was his belief they were not necessary.

The condition of the bodies at the two separate houses, those at the Locust street house yet warm, and those at the North Seventh street house, found some time later, quite cold, gives rise to the belief that the deaths occurred about the same time.

Date of death: 21 Nov 1912

Subject: Henry Kelly

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Nov 1912, p. 4

Henry Kelly, fifty-six years old, a railroad laborer, died at 4 o'clock this morning in a local hospital, after an illness of two days. He formerly lived at St. Charles, Mo., and has no relatives.

Date of death: Feb 1904

Subject: Mary Anna Kelly

Source: *St. Joseph News and Press*, 11 Feb 1904, p. 6

The funeral of Mrs. [sic] Mary Anna Kelley [sic], who died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Felix Brown, seven miles east of the city Tuesday, was held this afternoon. The interment was at Crosby cemetery. Mrs. Kelley had been a resident of Buchanan County thirty-five years.

Date of death: 4 Jul 1907

Subject: Mrs. Laura Kendall

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Jul 1907, p. 1

Mrs. Laura Kendall committed suicide at 2 o'clock this morning by drinking carbolic acid. She lived at the corner of Greene and Clark avenues, one block west of St. Joseph avenue. Her husband, Ora Kendall, is a teamster employed at the Dunn quarries.

Coroner Byrd found a lengthy note in Mrs. Kendall's purse, in which she said she intended to take her life because of domestic troubles. She complained of her husband's conduct and said she could not endure life with him any longer. The note was addressed to neighbors and she implored them to look after her children. Mrs. Kendall asked that she not be buried in the city cemetery. The thought of burial in the potter's field seemed to be one of her chief concerns.

"I am informed that Mrs. Kendall's husband returned home late last night, and they quarreled," said Coroner Byrd. "She arose from her bed and said she would end it all. Her husband apparently thought she was bluffing. She drank the poison and returned to the bed. Death resulted in two or three minutes. Her mouth was terribly burned by the acid."

Mrs. Kendall attempted to take her life about a week ago by drinking carbolic acid obtained from Gardner's drugstore, 3000 St. Joseph avenue. Her daughter, Florence, saved the woman's life in that instance by snatching the acid from her hand before she could drink it. The mother then remarked:

"Well, there will be other opportunities and I can take my life one time as well as another."

Mrs. Kendall is survived by her husband, a daughter, Florence, aged fourteen years, and a son, Harry, aged ten years. The dead woman was forty-six years old. The funeral will be Saturday. Coroner Byrd decided that an inquest is unnecessary. The note found by the coroner bore no date, but Doctor Byrd thinks it probably was written last night. The note, in part, was as follows:

"Dear Friends: I guess you will think I am foolish to do such a thing as I am going to do, but I can't help it. I can't possibly stand the life Orie is leading me any longer. I am too sick and weak to have to sew all the time and be tormented like he does me. I know that no woman on this earth ever led such a life as I have lived with him, but I tried to endure it until the children got big enough to take care of themselves, but I can't stand it. It is clear out of reason.

"I want you neighbors to see that he don't let the city bury me, for I don't want to be buried in the city cemetery. I think I have enough money saved to buy me a grave in a decent place, and I know that I have a right to it, for I have worked and suffered awful hard for it. I want religious services at my funeral for I never was raised to live like I have had to live with him. I always went to church until he wouldn't allow me to go any more.

"God bless my poor little children. How I hate to leave them, for I have endured so much to try to stay with them as long as I could, but I can't endure it any longer. I want you people to see that he supports and takes care of them.

"Oh, I did want to go home so bad to get a little rest and see my poor old mother once more. I want some one to write to my mother and tell her just how I have had to live, then she will know I am better off. God bless my poor children and take care of them."

Date of death: 21 Feb 1907

Subject: Alexander Buchanan Kennard

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Feb 1907, p. 7

Alexander Kennard, forty-seven years old, a boxmaker, died of pneumonia at 7 o'clock this morning at his home, 1713 South Ninth street. He is survived by his wife and four children. The body will be taken to Savannah, Mo. for burial.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Feb 1907, p. 10

Savannah, Mo., Feb. 25.—The remains of A. B. Kennard of St. Joseph were brought here Saturday and interred in the Savannah Cemetery. He formerly lived here.

Date of death: 28 May 1903

Subject: George A. Kennard

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 May 1903, p. 2

A telegram received in St. Joseph yesterday from W. T. Van Brunt from New York stated that the body of George A. Kennard, the St. Joseph man who committed suicide in New York Thursday by shooting himself, left New York yesterday. It will arrive in Chicago today.

Mrs. Kennard and daughter, Agnes, who are accompanying the body, will be met in Chicago by W. W. Minturn, a brother of Mrs. Kennard, who will come with them to St. Joseph. The body will arrive here on the Burlington "Eli" at 7:55 o'clock tomorrow morning. The date of the funeral has not been set.

That Mr. Kennard should kill himself was a great surprise to his many friends who learned of his death yesterday morning. He was of a cheerful disposition and not given to melancholy, it is said. The news of his death prostrated Mrs. Kennard. He kissed her and their daughter good-bye an hour before he killed himself. He went to the barber shop of Paul Nocilla, where he asked to be shown to the bath room. He asked the porter for some soap, and the latter then left the room. Before he had reached the front of the building the shot was heard. The door, which was found to be locked, was broken by a policeman. Kennard was found before a mirror, dead, with the revolver still clasped in his hand.

Date of death: 30 Dec 1900

Subject: Brunice Kennedy*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 1 Jan 1901, p. 6

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon by Coroner Doyle over the remains of Brunice Kennedy, the negro girl who died Sunday at the residence of Mrs. Kate Davis, 2092 South Sixth street. The jury found that the dead girl had committed suicide by taking morphine. Lucile Peery, one of the witnesses, said the Kennedy girl and Mrs. Davis had quarreled on Thursday and that Mrs. Davis had threatened the girl. But it also developed from the evidence of other witnesses that the Davis woman had been keeping the girl since she came to the city and had not charged her for her board and was, to all appearances, treating her with kindness. The deceased tried to borrow a pocket-knife when she learned that Carl Witheral, who had taken her to the home of Mrs. Davis, was about to leave the city, threatening to take her life. It is not known when or where the dead girl obtained the morphine, but it is supposed to have been Saturday afternoon during a trip up town.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 2 Jan 1901, p. 6

The funeral of Brunice Kennedy, the colored girl who committed suicide Sunday night by taking morphine, took place this afternoon at 1 o'clock from Heaton's morgue. The deceased had no friends here and interment was at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 10 Feb 1905

Subject: James Henry King

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Feb 1905, p. 6

James H. King, formerly a salesman for the A. J. August wholesale house, died at the Hesse house last night of pneumonia, He had been sick for about three weeks. He was 45 years old. He had been in St. Joseph about one year. The body will be sent to Savannah for burial.

Date of death: 21 Jan 1903

Subject: John Wesley King*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Jan 1903, p. 7

John Wesley King, a well known colored porter, formerly employed at the ... Light saloon, corner 6th and Messanie, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Louise Gordon. King is the stepson of Ralph Gordon, of the city street sweeps. Funeral will be held from the Francis street Baptist church, Friday afternoon at ... o'clock.

Date of death: 18 Oct 1907

Subject: Cyrus J. Kinnison

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Oct 1907, p. 9

Bolckow, Mo., Oct. 19.—The funeral of C. J. Kinison [sic], who died here Friday morning will be held tomorrow afternoon, from the Methodist Episcopal church. The burial will be in Bolckow cemetery.

Mr. Kinnison, who was the father of W. S. Kinnison of St. Joseph, was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in the Twenty-ninth Iowa infantry. He was born in Jackson county, Ohio, January 10, 1835, and was married to Miss Abigail Jones in Iowa in 1856. In 1865 he moved to Andrew county, where he continued to live until his death.

Date of death: 11 Sep 1905

Subject: Mrs. Elizabeth A. Kirkpatrick

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 12 Sep 1905, p. 8

The funeral of Mrs. E. A. Kirkpatrick will be held today at 2 p.m. from the family residence, 1 1/2 mile north of St. Joseph. Interment at Greenwich [sic] cemetery. Friends of family invited.

Date of death: 21 Jul 1901

Subject: Amaza Oretta (Kline) Houk

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 22 Jul 1901, p. 2

Mrs. Rose [sic] Houk, thirty-six years old, died at 901 North Sixth street at 6:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon after an illness of several days. She was not considered serious until during the afternoon when the extreme heat affected her condition and she died in a few hours.

Mrs. Houk was a sister of County Collector J. W. Kline of Andrew county, Postmaster T. E. [sic] Kline of Cosby and Mrs. A. Nash of this city. The funeral notice will appear later.

Same

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

The funeral of Mrs. Maza O. Houk, 901 North Sixth street, wife of Robert S. Houk, who died from the effects of the heat Sunday, will be held this afternoon.

Date of death: 27 Mar 1907

Subject: Charles W. Knight

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Mar 1907, p. 6

Charles W. Knight, aged 17 years, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Knight, East Hyde Park and King Hill avenues, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Death was due to an attack of pneumonia, with which he had been ill only two weeks. The funeral will be from the family residence at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery on the Rochester road.

Date of death: 8 Jul 1901

Subject: Frank V. Koch

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 11 Jul 1901, p. 8

Maryville, Mo., July 19.—Frank Koch, youngest son of Dr. C. D. Koch of this city was buried in Miriam cemetery this afternoon. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Maryville and was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Koch, Mr. and Mrs. John Koch, Victor and Bismarck Koch and Mrs. Pfeiffer of St. Joseph. Frank was taken sick Saturday at noon and died Monday noon. Death was caused by a clot of blood on the brain resulting from a broken blood vessel. It is supposed that the trouble was caused by the extreme heat. He was making preparations to enter a school of pharmacy this fall in Chicago. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and stood high in this community as a model young man. The floral pieces were said to be the most beautiful and costly of any that have ever been seen here. Floral offerings were sent here from St. Louis, St. Joseph, Council Bluffs and Mound City.

Date of death: 26 Dec 1907

Subject: Ellen E. (Krauth) Bell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Dec 1907, p. 2

Mrs. Ellen E. Bell, forty-seven years old, a resident of Cosby, Mo., died at 3 o'clock this morning at a local hospital. She is survived by her husband, William Bell, two daughters and two sons. The body was taken to Helena, Mo., this afternoon.

Date of death: 4 Mar 1907

Subject: Maria (Krull) Zimmerman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Mar 1907, p. 8

Mary Zimmerman, aged 68 years, wife of Henry Zimmerman, died March 4, at 2 a.m., at the family residence, near Cosby, Mo. Funeral from residence Tuesday, March 5, at 1:00. Services

at the German Evangelical church, near Cosby, at 1:30. Friends invited to attend. Deceased is survived by her husband, three sons, one daughter, Frank of California, William of Brewster, Kan., Henry of Sheridan, Wyo., Anna Ford of Cosby, Mo.

Date of death: 25 Jun 1913

Subject: Louise Krumrei

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Jun 1913, p. 4

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krumrei died yesterday afternoon at their home 620 Green street.

Date of death: 15 May 1911

Subject: Marguerite (Kuhner) LaFave

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 15 May 1911, p. 4

Mrs. Marguerite LaSave [sic], aged thirty-four years, of 1014 Douglas street, died at 12 o'clock today at St. Joseph's Hospital, as the result of over a year's illness with tuberculosis. She is survived by a daughter, Mabel; her mother, Mrs. Victoria Kuhner; two sisters, Mrs. George Steivel of St. Joseph and Mrs. Ella Snell of Atchison, and one brother, William Kuhner of St. Joseph.

Date of death: 12 Jan 1917

Subject: Albert Kuppel

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Jan 1917, p. 6

The body of Albert Kuppel, found dead in the alley back of the Green Tree Hotel at Sixth and Locust streets, yesterday morning, will be buried in the potters' field. Efforts to locate relatives of the dead man have been futile. An autopsy late yesterday developed that death was due to apoplexy.