

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

**Date of death: 16 Apr 1911**  
**Subject: Charlotte E. Lackey**  
**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 17 Apr 1911, p. 4**

Charlotte E., the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Lackey, 3220 Locust street, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

**Date of death: 26 Apr 1917**  
**Subject: Howard Lafavor**  
**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Apr 1917, p. 6**

Harvard [sic] Lafavor. 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lafavor, 21?? South Eighth street, died of pneumonia at 2:40 o'clock yesterday morning at his home. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at his home. Burial will be in Ashland cemetery.

**Date of death: 7 Oct 1917**  
**Subject: Robert Laird**  
**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Oct 1917, p. 5**

Robert Laird, 66 years old, died at a farm north of the city yesterday. He had been ill for several days. Laird was born in St. Joseph and made his home here during his entire life. No relatives survive.

**Date of death: 6 Dec 1908**  
**Subject: Michael Lally**  
**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Dec 1908, p. 4**

Michael Lally, aged seventy-five years, died at a local hospital last night of tuberculosis. He was a resident of Clinton County, Mo.

**Date of death: 30 Jun 1907**  
**Subject: Floyd Lamaster\***  
**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 1 Jul 1907, p. 8**

Floyd Lamaster [sic], aged thirteen years, died of uremic poison at Ensworth Hospital at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, June 30. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Lamaster, 715 Powell street; three brothers, Eugene, James and Herman, and one sister, Gladys. The remains will be taken from the home at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, July 2, for shipment to Fillmore, Mo.

**Date of death: 31 Mar 1906**  
**Subject: Vivian Beatrice Lamaster\***  
**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Apr 1906, p. 6**

Vivian Beatrice Lamaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Lamaster, 715 Powell street, died at the family home at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The body was taken this morning to Rosendale, Mo., for burial.

**Date of death: 1 Aug 1907**

**Subject: Ira E. Lambert**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 Aug 1907, p. 4**

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 2.—Ira E. Lambert, manager of the Lambert Brick Company, was found death from the effect of a bullet wound in the mouth, supposedly inflicted by himself, in a small shed near the brickyards east of the city, last evening at 8 o'clock. At his side lay a 32-caliber revolver. The attending physician who is also the coroner, stated that life had been extinct about an hour and that the man had come to his death at his own hand. Lambert had been acting strangely since about two weeks ago when he became overheated on two successive days, and his friends had been watching him. He was prominent in business and social circles of the city and much regret is expressed for his untimely death. He was the son of Ephraim Lambert, with whom he lived, and with whom he was associated in business. He was thirty-eight years of age and unmarried.

**Date of death: 5 May 1917**

**Subject: Frank Landa**

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

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Blow on Head Fatal

Mexican Passed Away at Hospital—Does Not Reveal Attacker

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Landa's brother said ... then ... lay ... time who struck him. He went to bed. Yesterday morning he was found to be unconscious and the police were notified.

**Date of death: 3 Apr 1912**

**Subject: Laura (Landon) Warhurst**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Apr 1912, p. 4**

Mrs. Laura Warhurst, a widow, seventy-six years old, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning in a local hospital. The body is at H. O. Sidenfaden's undertaking rooms, and burial will be tomorrow morning.

**Date of death: 27 Mar 1904**

**Subject: Mrs. Mary Lang\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Mar 1904, p. 10**

Mary Lang, negro, wife of George Lang, died Sunday morning at the family home, 829 South Eighth street. The funeral will be at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be in Oakland cemetery.

**Date of death: 7 May 1917**

**Subject: Levi Langston\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 May 1917, p. 5**

J. W. Wilson, a negro, 43 years old, was arrested yesterday morning and taken to central police station, charged with shooting another negro, Levi Langston, twice, once through the left ankle and then through the right side. Dr. L. J. Dandurant, who attended Langston, says there is danger that the bullet went through the kidneys, in which case he is in serious condition. Langston was taken to St. Joseph's hospital.

The police say that there has been bad blood between the two for a long time, and that they had exchanged words with each other earlier in the morning before Langston was shot.

**Date of death: 30 Apr 1909**

**Subject: John O. Larson**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 May 1909, p. 4**

J. Larson, an unknown man, was run down and instantly killed by a Burlington passenger train at the Florence crossing late last night. Switchmen in the yards found the mangled body, which had been dragged some distance under the wheels of the train. Coroner Byrd was notified and he had the body removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue.

An inquest will be held some time today. No details could be learned last night. Papers found in the dead man's pockets revealed his name, which is the only clue to his identity.

**Date of death: 3 Jul 1902**

**Subject: George Lee\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Jul 1902, p. 4**

George Lee, a negro fifty-six years old, died suddenly about 11 o'clock Thursday night at his boarding house, 514 North Third street. An undertaker was not called until ... o'clock Friday morning. Coroner Doyle viewed the body, but it is not likely that an inquest will be held. He had been ill for some weeks and was attended by Doctor Carrion. He was able to be about until Thursday night. He was a very large man weighing about 300 pounds.

**Date of death: 31 Jan 1902**

**Subject: Leah Elizabeth Lee\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 31 Jan 1902, p. 6**

Leah Elizabeth Lee, a negro girl six years old, died at the family home, 2017 Chestnut street, at 3 a.m. today.

**Date of death: 16 Feb 1902**

**Subject: Susie Leslie\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 17 Feb 1902, p. 6**

Susie Leslie, colored, aged eighteen years, died Sunday night at her home, 602 North Second street.

**Date of death: 23 May 1904**

**Subject: John William Leidy**

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

John W. Leidy, an aged man who lived at Crosby [sic], died at the Ensworth hospital yesterday as the result of injuries received on the Burlington railroad several days ago. His foot was badly crushed and it was necessary to amputate it. Mr. Leidy did not recover from the operation. Mr. Leidy was about 75 years of age and he leaves several relatives in Crosby. His body will be shipped there this morning for interment.

**Date of death: 24 Nov 1913**

**Subject: Fred Lentz**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Nov 1913, p. 7**

Fred Lentz, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lentz, died at 10 o'clock last night at the home of the parents, 2536 Bartlett street.

**Date of death: Feb 1901**

**Subject: Katherine Nancy Lewellen**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 14 Feb 1901, p. 19**

Savannah, Mo.—Mrs. John Crosby returned to her home in Maryville, Mo., Monday evening, having been called here on account of the death of her niece, Katie Lewellen.

**Date of death: 11 Jan 1919**

**Subject: Charlotte Marie Lewis**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 Jan 1919, p. 6**

Charlotta [sic] M. Lewis, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis, died this morning at the home of her parents, 201 South Twenty-second street.

**Date of death: 30 Aug 1908**

**Subject: Cynthia Lewis**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Sep 1908, p. 5**

Cynthia Lewis, 1 year old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis, 1701 South Eighth street, died at their home at 8:20 o'clock Sunday night. Death was due to fever. The body will be taken to Helena, Mo., today for burial.

**Date of death: 16 May 1909**

**Subject: infant of Grace Lewis\***

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 May 1909, p. 3**

Kirksville, Mo., May 24.—Grace Lewis, a mulatto wamon [sic], about twenty-nine years old, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary here Saturday in the circuit court for drowning her new born baby in a cistern a week ago last night. She came here May 4 from St. Joseph, her home, and was staying with her sister.

**Date of death: 10 Apr 1906**

**Subject: Herbert J. Liesch**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 Apr 1906, p. 4**

Nodaway, Mo., April 11.—Dr. H. J. Liesch, for a long time clerk in the drugstore owned by Louis Brown, was found dead in his little room on the outskirts of the town. He had reported for duty as always and spent the day at the store, but left earlier than usual. His disappearance did not occasion any surprises, but when during the evening he did not take his accustomed place at the village corner a search was made, which terminated in the finding of his body.

Little was known of the eccentric old man, who often spoke of his family in Pittsburg, Pa. No funeral arrangements have been made.

**Date of death: 21 Dec 1903**

**Subject: Edward Lincoln\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 22 Dec 1903, p. 6**

Edward Lincoln, a well-known colored man, died last night at his home, 617 Lincoln street. Typhoid pneumonia with complications proved fatal. Lincoln was thirty-five years old and was an attache of the Hotel Metropole. He was a brother-in-law of Steward Abe Quarles of the Commercial Club.

**Date of death: 19 Sep 1902**

**Subject: Arthur O. Lindley**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 22 Sep 1902, p. 1**

Savannah, Mo., Sept. 22.—Arthur Lindley, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Lindley, met with a terrible death last Saturday. He was sitting on one of the fences surrounding the street ... grounds, watching the men at work. He held in one of his hands a stick which was sharpened on one end. He lost his balance and fell from the fence, and in doing so the blunt end of the stick struck the ground and the sharp end entered the right side of his neck, almost piercing it through. The jugular vein was severed and the carotid artery punctured. He died in ten minutes after the accident.

After the accident the boy got up and pulled the stick from his neck. He then ran about thirty feet to where John Graff, superintendent of the work, was standing. He never spoke a word, but held his little hands over the wound which was spurting blood profusely. Mr. Graff carried him to a drugstore and a doctor was called, but the boy died without having spoken a word.

**Date of death: 2 Jun 1901**

**Subject: Martha (Lindsay) Taylor**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 9 Jun 1901, p. 19**

The funeral services of Mrs. John Taylor, who died Sunday, were held at the Sixth Street M. E. church Tuesday at 11 a.m.

**Date of death: 23 Jul 1915**

**Subject: William Link**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 Jul 1915, p. 6**

William Link, a laborer in the employment of the Union Terminal railway, was found dead at his home, 1919 South Fourth street, at 12:30 o'clock today.

A bottle of strychnine at his side indicated that he had committed suicide. He had been alone in the house, his wife having left him last Monday.

The body was discovered by James Henderson, a carpenter who was making some repairs on the house. Henderson happened to glance through a window as he was climbing a ladder and saw the body lying on the floor. He summoned J. Poore, a neighbor, and they forced an entrance to the house.

Dr. Thomas J. Lynch, coroner, was notified and after viewing the body he said that Link had died last night. Mrs. J. Poore, who lives next door, said that the last time she saw the dead man was yesterday morning. He was sixty years old and a native of Germany. He had been a resident of St. Joseph for twenty years. There are no children. Emil Stock, 906 South Twenty-third street, is his brother-in-law.

**Date of death: 8 Sep 1902**

**Subject: Mary A. (Little) Greenlee**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 11 Sep 1902, p. 10**

Savannah, Sept. 10.—Mrs. Mary Greenlee, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Cooper, Monday evening at 9:30, at the age of seventy-seven [sic] years.

**Date of death: 5 Apr 1917**

**Subject: Ullisess Grant Loafman**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Apr 1917, p. 6**

Grant Loafman, fifty-two years old, a laborer, who formerly lived at Howard, Kan., died at 7 o'clock this morning at a local hospital. The dead man and his brothers, Daniel and Spencer Loafman, were traveling overland in a wagon and when they reached St. Joseph he became ill. Burial will be in the city cemetery. He was unmarried.

**Date of death: 30 Aug 1902**

**Subject: Mrs. Matilda Logan\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 01 Sep 1902, p. 6**

Mrs. Matilda Logan, colored, aged forty-four years, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 615 Highland avenue.

**Date of death: 28 Jan 1885**

**Subject: Henrietta (Long) Scott**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 29 Jan 1885, p. 4**

Officer Fred. Henry was yesterday detailed to visit the residence of Mrs. Serrilda Long, an aged widow lady, whose daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Scott, died during the forenoon, aged twenty years. A reporter for the Gazette accompanied the officer, and never will the scene that presented itself be forgotten by the writer.

Entering the basement of a residence on the north side of Edmond, between Ninth and Tenth streets, the visitors found two christian ladies engaged in laying out the body of Mrs. Scott, the remaining occupants of the room being the three-year-old son of the deceased and the aged mother. To the latter Officer Henry delivered \$5 which had been sent by Mayor Hartwig from the charity fund, when the bereaved lady made the following statement in relation to her condition:

'My daughter was a widow and had been ill since August last. She has been growing gradually worse for two weeks past, and at 10 o'clock this morning she died. She leaves a little son only three years old, and what is to become of us God alone knows. The mayor sent me half a cord of wood this morning, and now he has sent me \$5, for which I am indeed thankful.'

As the lady related her sad story the tears streamed down her withered cheeks, and it seemed that her burden was greater than she could bear. Here is a case that should command the sympathies of the christian ladies and gentlemen of St. Joseph. Left with her little grandchild to provide for, Mrs. Long's condition is indeed deplorable, and it is to be hoped that a helping hand will be extended to her in her double affliction.

**Date of death: 26 Aug 1917**

**Subject: Paul T. Long**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Aug 1917, p. 5**

Paul T., 5-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Long, 2914 South Eighteenth street, died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at a hospital here. No funeral arrangements have been made.

**Date of death: 16 Sep 1908**

**Subject: William A. Long**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Sep 1908, p. 1**

Not having seen her brother, William A. Long, for nearly forty years, Mrs. Clara A. Burgess of Topeka came to St. Joseph yesterday to arrange for his funeral. She refused to look at the face of her dead relative, stating that she preferred to retain the memory she had of him. Long died

yesterday morning of typhoid fever in a local hospital, where he had been taken from the Salvation army home August 30.

Long, who was 49 years old and a machinist by trade, was a native of Ohio. He drifted west many years ago and his family lost ... of him. Mrs. Burgess stated that she had not heard from him for about fifteen years.

About three weeks ago Long became ill and went to the Salvation army home. While there he wrote to his sister, Mrs. Burgess, who is a widow, asking her for aid. She assisted him as much as she could at the time. Long was removed to the hospital, where he was under the care of Dr. D. S. Ballard, city physician. Tuesday afternoon his condition changed for the worse and he died a few hours later. Interment will be made in the city cemetery, but the body may later be removed to Ohio.

**Date of death: 22 Feb 1920**

**Subject: John Looker**

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Feb 1920, p. 5**

John Looker, 40 years old, died at a local hospital at 6 o'clock last night. The body was taken to the Meierhoffer Undertaking company's parlors.

**Date of death: 30 Jul 1914**

**Subject: Clemmie Love\***

**Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 31 Jul 1914, pp. 1 & 9**

Clem Love, 32 years old, a negro, died yesterday afternoon at a local hospital from a bullet wound through the abdomen, received at 1 o'clock yesterday morning in a struggle with William Zimmerman, 19 years old, a friend of his, who attempted to wrest a revolver from him.

An autopsy will be held this morning by T. J. Lynch, coroner, and an inquest at which Dr. J. A. Crossland, a negro physician, will be summoned as a witness will be held this afternoon.

Love was removed to the hospital early yesterday morning by Dr. Lynch and Dr. F. G. Beard, police surgeon, after lying for five hours in his room at 1009 South Eighth street with but little medical attention. Although the two physicians operated, and did all they could do save him, Love was past recovery.

According to Love's dying statement, given to Doctors Lynch and Beard at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the story told by Zimmerman, Dr. Crossland was summoned immediately by Zimmerman, but at first refused to take the case unless he was guaranteed \$60. Zimmerman assured the physician of the money, he says, and when Dr. Crossland arrived, he says he paid him \$56.50.

The statement of both Love and Zimmerman is that Dr. Crossland then removed the bullet, which was just under skin, and, after placing cotton over the two wounds, departed. Early in the



morning Love was suffering so intensely that Crossland was again summoned and collected a small fee.

At about 5 o'clock other roomers in the house put in a call for Dr. Beard and Dr. Lynch. When they arrived they ordered Love to the hospital and operated immediately. They found that Love's intestines were severed in several places, but that he had been so long without attention that he could not live.

In his dying statement Love exonerated Zimmerman. He said he and Zimmerman were intoxicated, and that he started out onto the street with a loaded revolver which he had just purchased. Zimmerman attempted to dissuade him, but he persisted, and his friend tried to take the revolver away from him.

In the scuffle that followed the revolver was discharged, and Love told the doctors it was his own finger that pressed the trigger.

Love also told the physicians the story that he and Zimmerman went to Chillicothe a short time ago, and while there he married a negro woman who owned a small home. A few days ago she sold the house for \$200, and he says that Wednesday he took \$150 of the money and came to St. Joseph, bringing Zimmerman with him. Zimmerman and Love came from Oklahoma and had been friends for a long time.

Zimmerman was placed under arrest shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday morning by Patrolmen O'Brien and Wykert.

**Date of death: 3 Oct 1909**

**Subject: Hugh Lucas**

**Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 4 Oct 1909, p. 1**

Barnard, Mo., Oct. 4.—When Nannie Keenan went to visit her grandfather, Hugh Lucas, who lived alone near here, Sunday afternoon, she discovered that he had been dead several hours.

Mr. Lucas, who was eighty-one years old, was somewhat of a recluse and had little association with his neighbors or Barnard people, except his relatives.

Heart failure is supposed to have caused Mr. Lucas' death.

**Date of death: 6 Feb 1902**

**Subject: Mary (Lutel) Moser**

**Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 10 Feb 1902, p. 7**

Amazonia, Feb. ?—Mrs. Moser of Nodaway station, died Wednesday and was buried in the Germany cemetery Friday, February 7.