

**P & Q Obituaries pre-1923, not previously shared
(from Monica Schirmer Eshelman)**

Date of death: 3 Sep 1912

Subject: Mrs. Nan Parker

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

Mrs. Nan Parker, forty-four years old, died last night at 8 o'clock at a local hospital. St. Joseph was her home.

Date of death: 28 Oct 1903

Subject: Thomas K. Parker

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Oct 1903, p. 4

Thomas K. Parker, a well known farmer died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of his brother, James M. parker, in Avenue City. He was about 57 yeasers [sic] of age. The funeral services will occur at 11 o'clock this morning with interment in Mount Mora cemetery. He is survived by his brother James M. Parker, John Parker of Wathena, Mrs. A. Page of South St. Joseph, Mrs. H. Miller of Hyde Park, and Mrs. Mary Miller of Hyde Park.

Date of death: 28 Jan 1907

Subject: Amelia Parks (or Parker)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Jan 1907, p. 6

Amelia Park..., eighty-seven years old, died at the county farm yesterday morning. She was buried in the city cemetery this morning.

Date of death: 14 Oct 1909

Subject: James Robert Parnell

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Oct 1909, p. 1

James R. Parnell, about thirty-four years old, died at St. Joseph's hospital last night, and Coroner C. F. Byrd will make a post mortem examination at the morgue of H. O. Sidenfaden.

Parnell was arrested Tuesday night by the police, for being drunk. Wednesday morning he complained of being sick and was treated by City Physician Ballard, who said the man was suffering from paralysis. The police did not know Parnell's real condition as he had been under the influence of liquor and it was presumed that he was suffering from extreme weakness.

The dead man had a wife who is employed in a hotel.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Oct 1909, p. 5

That James R. Parnell, who was found by the police at Sixth and Angelique streets Tuesday night, was the victim of a blow on the head is the conclusion reached as the result of an autopsy help last night by Coroner C. F. Byrd.

It was shown that death was due to a hemorrhage into the brain. There was a wound an inch and a half long and three-fourths of an inch wide just above and in front of the right ear, the injury showing both on the inside and outside of the skull. The injury was too severe, in the opinion of the coroner, to have been received from an ordinary fall. There were also abrasions on the fingers, forearm, wrist and elbow of the right arm.

Parnell was a plumber and came here recently from Atlanta, Ga. He had lost a leg and his wife told the police that he had been warned by doctors that unless he would quit drinking he would die of hemorrhage of the brain or boweys [sic]. He was picked up, apparently dead drunk, Tuesday night. The police say they did not observe any marks of injury about him. He was removed to the hospital where he died Wednesday night.

Date of death: 16 Jul 1900

Subject: William Henry Patterson

Source: *St. Joseph Herald*, 18 Jul 1900, p. 5

William Henry Patterson, the five-months-old adopted son of F. P. Patterson and wife died at their residence, 1224 South Fifth street Monday evening. Interment in city cemetery.

Date of death: 17 Mar 1907

Subject: Amanda M. (Pattison) Rea

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 18 Mar 1907, p. 6

Savannah, Mo., March 17.—Mrs. Claud Rea died yesterday at noon at her home in this city. She was thirty-two years, eight months and seven days old. She leaves her husband, little daughter, Ruth, and son, Clifford, besides a host of relatives and friends. Mrs. Rea but recently returned from El Reno, Okla., where she had been in the hope of benefiting her health. She was an ideal wife and mother, a true home-maker, and will be greatly missed by all who claimed her as a friend.

Date of death: 10 Feb 1904

Subject: Edward Patton

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Feb 1904, p. 9

Edward Patton, 82 years old, died early yesterday morning at his home, eight miles northeast of the city. He had lived for forty years in the neighborhood and was one of the best known men in the community.

He is survived by six sons, William, Thomas, Edward, Albert, George and Charles, and two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Horton and Mrs. Sarah Keepers. Albert Patton and Mrs. Keepers live in Nodaway county, the rest living north of St. Joseph. Thomas Patton of the central fire

department, is a nephew. The funeral will take place Friday morning at the home, the Rev. John Kirby of Savannah conducting the services. Interment will be in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Date of death: 2 Jun 1901

Subject: Mary Virginia (Paulette) Bulmer

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

Savannah, Mo.-- Mrs. Joseph Bulmer died at her home Sunday afternoon. The funeral services were held at the Christian church Tuesday morning, after which they were taken to Savannah cemetery for interment.

Date of death: 15 Nov 1908

Subject: Watson Payne*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Nov 1908, p. 1

Following a dispute over a dime in a craps game in the home of Frank Browning, 1501 Holman street, yesterday afternoon, Matt Payne and John Harris, both negroes, engaged in a duel with knives, and as a result Payne's corpse now lies on a slab in Sidenfaden's morgue, and Harris occupies a cot at Central police station, and is in a precarious condition from the loss of blood.

The battle was the bloodiest and fiercest fought of any ever waged in the city. The two started to hack at each other, first one retreating and then the other until they had gone a block, the fight ending at Sixteenth and Holman streets. The end came when Harris sank his knife into Payne's neck three inches and swiped it down toward his chin, completely severing the jugular vein, and nearly cutting Payne's head off his shoulders.

Harris, bleeding profusely from a gash on his head, one on his cheek, and a wound that had nearly severed his left wrist from his arm, walked to his home, 410 Albemarle street, where he was later arrested by Cycle Officer Wilson, Chief Cycle Officer Wheeler and Police Detective 'Tug' Wilson. Besides his wounds from a knife, Harris sustained a dislocated shoulder. He was attended at Central police station by Dr. E. S. Ballard, city physician. He made a statement, saying that Payne started the fight, first saying that 'some carving would be done around here,' and later by pulling out his knife and attacking Harris.

Payne died almost immediately after Harris slashed his jugular vein. He was carried from the street to his home, about a block distant. Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body, and then ordered it sent to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue. An inquest will probably be held this afternoon. Payne was slashed in several places, a long cut one inch deep extending half way around his body on the right side.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Nov 1908, p. 4

Watt Payne and John Harris, negroes, fought with knives and razors Sunday afternoon, in a running battle on Holman street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth. Harris plunged his

pocketknife into Payne's neck, severing the jugular vein, and Payne sank to the sidewalk a corpse.

Harris was arrested by Police Officers Wilson, Danne and Wheeler, at the home of his mother, 410 Albermarle street, where he was receiving treatment from Dr. J. R. A. Crossland for a dislocated shoulder, sustained in the beginning of the fight and razor wounds inflicted by the man he killed. The trouble started over a craps game, in which a part of negroes, including Payne and Harris, was participating, at the home of Frank Browning, Fifteenth and Holman streets.

In the craps game, it is said, Payne charged Harris with using loaded dice. Payne drew a razor and slashed Harris across the right ribs. Harris pulled a big pocketknife and the two clinched and fell to the floor. Harris broke loose and ran to the street pursued by Payne. Payne overtook Harris and they made at each other with razor and knife, Harris retreating as they fought.

Payne cut Harris across the left side, at right angles with the wound first inflicted, and it looked as though Harris would get the worst of it. The next pass Payne made laid Harris' left cheek open, but Harris side-stepped and, as Payne lunged forward, his adversary plunged the knife to the hilt into Payne's neck, and the fight was over.

George Turner, Frank Browning, Lou Tillman and Louis Bevins, all witnesses to the fight, carried Payne's body to Browning's home, and later it was taken to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue, after having been viewed by Coroner C. F. Byrd. Besides the wound in the neck, Payne sustained a long cut extending around the body from the right shoulder across his breast, to the left hip.

Harris said to a News-Press reporter this morning: "I used a knife while Payne used a razor. I don't know just how my shoulder was dislocated. In fact I don't know how the fight began. Payne struck at me with a razor and I ran. I fell across the table, with Watt on top of me. I did the best I could to run away, after I found that he was in earnest, but nothin' doin'. He ran faster than I could. Then it was up to me to fight or be sliced. I fought."

Harris denies that the negroes were shooting craps. He says they were just having a friendly talk, when Payne began to cut. He thought Payne was joking at first, he says.

Harris is pretty badly used up, but his condition is not serious. The doctor says he will recover. He has a bad wound in the wrist and a dent in the skull.

Others in the party at Brunnin's [sic] say there was a craps game and that a dispute between Payne and Harris took place.

Payne was about nineteen years old and lived with his mother at 1316 North Eighteenth street. Harris is twenty-one, and lives with his mother. Both were packinghouse laborers.

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Wattie, son of Mrs. Renner Payne, aged nineteen years, died at the residence, 1316 N. 18th st., Nov. ... The funeral services will be ... C.M.E. Church, 18th and ... tomorrow afternoon, Nov. 17., at ... Interment at Oakland Cemetery

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Nov 1908, p. 10

Owing to the absence of important witnesses the coroner's inquest over the body of Matt Payne, the negro whose head was almost severed from the body Sunday night in a bloody fight with John Harris, another negro, over a craps game, was yesterday postponed until 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Harris, who was badly cut in the scrap whom the physicians said would probably die, was resting easily at police headquarters and it is expected that he will live. He had so far recovered yesterday as to express a desire for oyster soup, which was brought to Central station for him by relatives. Harris declines to say much about the battle except that it was a case of kill or get killed with him, as Payne had attacked him first.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 Nov 1908, p. 10

That Watson Payne, a negro, died from a knife wound inflicted by John Harris was the verdict returned by a coroner's jury which yesterday sat at the inquest conducted over the body of Payne at H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue.

Contrary to report, none of the witnesses to the battle with knives in which Payne's throat was cut from ear to ear and Harris received dangerous injuries, had left the city or failed to appear at the inquest. Although still fearful that the police would arrest them because of the craps game which preceded the killing, all the witnesses appeared at the inquest and gave clear testimony as to what occurred. With one exception the witnesses, among them Louis Bevins, brother-in-law of the dead man, gave it as their opinion that Payne had started the fatal fight. The one witness who did not agree with them said that he thought both men had started to cutting at the same time. Payne's body was buried yesterday.

John Harris, the wounded slayer, was yesterday turned over to the state authorities on a warrant charging murder in the first degree. He had been held at Central police station since Sunday and seemed to be improving rapidly. The ride to the county jail in the patrol wagon, however, seemed to aggravate his wounds and he was in bad shape when Dr. L. J. Dandurant examined him and ordered him removed to St. Joseph's hospital. Notwithstanding his cuts are healing, he is still in serious condition and may die should complications arise.

Date of death: 31 Jul 1909

Subject: Jane (Peebles) Popham

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

Maryville, Mo., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Jane Popham, eighty-eight years old, widow of the late Henry Popham, died Saturday night at the home of her son, Edward Popham, ten miles southwest of Maryville.

Mrs. Popham, whose maiden name was Jane Peebles, was born January 11, 1821, in Ireland. When eight years of age she came with her parents to Montreal, Canada. She was married June 19, 1839, to Henry Popham. In May of 1881 they came to Nodaway County and have since resided at or near Maryville.

Mr. Popham died November 14, 1908, since which time the aged woman made her home with her son, Edward Popham. She is survived by six sons and one daughter, William H., Nathaniel and Edward Popham of Maryville, Charles Popham of Selkirk, Manitoba; John Popham of Upton, Wyo.; George Popham of Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs. Sarah G. Disbrow of Giants Pass, Ore.

Funeral services were held at the Popham home yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. W. Wiley, pastor of the Methodist church of Graham. Interment was in Miriam Cemetery at Maryville.

Date of death: 10 Oct 1918

Subject: William Pepper

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Oct 1918, p. 1

William Pepper, whose home was in Kansas City, was picked up unconscious at Eighth and Sylvania streets at 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with a hole in his head. He was sent to Noyes Hospital, where he died early this morning without having regained consciousness.

James Doran, alias Ford, an ex-convict who formerly was employed as a barkeeper at the notorious Linton & Connors dive, Lake Contrary, is held at Central Police Station, and it is expected that he will be formally charged with the murder of Pepper before the end of the day.

Doran was arrested by Detectives Grabel and White, following information that he had been seen yesterday afternoon in the company of Pepper. Whether Pepper was robbed is not known. One Gene Hess is said to have witnessed the assault upon him. The wound indicates that he was struck with a blackjack.

Doran admitted to the police this afternoon that he had struck Pepper, but he denied that he used any instrument other than his fist, and says the blow followed a dispute.

Doran was at liberty at the time of his arrest on bond, pending the trial of a case in the criminal court in which he is charged with robbing John W. Dittmore, a Buchanan County farmer, at the Linton & Connors joint June 30, last.

Doran's case was called at the opening of the criminal court last Monday and set for trial at a later date. When Otto Theisen offered himself as surety on the \$5,000 bond, Prosecuting Attorney Bothwell objected, on the ground that Theisen was surety on another bond which had

been declared forfeited, but had not been paid. However, Judge Utz accepted Theisen and Oscar D. McDaniel, Doran's attorney, as sureties for Doran.

Prosecuting Attorney Bothwell went to Central Police Station this afternoon to question Doran.

Pepper was clad in overalls at the time of the assault, and is presumed to have been a laboring man. Upon his person was a registration card issued by board No. 16 at Kansas City.

The body was removed to Meierhoffer's, and efforts to locate the dead man's relatives are being made. He was forty years old.

Date of death: 3 Aug 1907

Subject: Henry L. Perman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Aug 1907, p. 6

Henry L. Perman, an infant, died Saturday afternoon at Second and Atchison streets. The cause of death was pneumonia. Burial was in the city cemetery this morning.

Date of death: 20 Feb 1919

Subject: Joseph Perman

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Feb 1919, p. 6

Joseph Perman, sixty-eight years old, died at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a local hospital. He is survived by a brother, Charles Perman of Hartley, Texas.

Date of death: 2 Apr 1913

Subject: Mary M. Perske

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Apr 1913, p. 4

Mary M., the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Perske, 907 North Sixth street, died yesterday morning. The funeral will be held from the family home at 2:30 oclock this afternoon.

Date of death: 7/8 Nov 1908

Subject: Rufus Peter

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

Rufus Peter, age 32, son of Jesse C. Peter, died in Los Angeles, Cal., after a brief illness, Nov. 7. The body will be shipped to this city and will arrive Wednesday evening. Funeral Thursday afternoon at Fairview Church. All friends invited.

Date of death: 23 Jul 1901

Subject: Fred Pettis

Source: *St. Joseph Herald-Gazette*, 25 Jul 1901, p. 5

Fred Pettis, twenty-four years old, died from being overcome by gas which accumulated in a well which he was cleaning Tuesday afternoon near Avenue City. He was working in the bottom

of the well and before the workmen above knew anything was wrong he had fainted away. He was drawn to the surface but died before a physician could arrive. An inquest was held by Coroner Beaver of Andrew county. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon.

Date of death: 26 Feb 1918

Subject: Rebecca (Pettit) Worth

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Feb 1918, p. 6

Mrs. Rebecca Worth, ninety years old, died this morning at 1 o'clock at a local hospital. A sister, Mrs. F. L. Brodbeck lives at Chillicothe, Mo.

Date of death: 22 Sep 1918

Subject: William Pettit

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Sep 1918, p. 5

William Pettit, 66 years old, was found dead in his room at the W... hotel yesterday afternoon by attendants of the hotel. Heart disease had apparently been then cause of death. He had been seen Friday night for the last time by men around the hotel. He is survived by two ..., N... Pettit of St. Joseph and W... Pettit of Vinton, Iowa.

Date of death: 3 Feb 1909

Subject: Mrs. Amanda Phelps*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 3 Feb 1909, p. 4

Amanda Phelps, colored, 102 years old, died at 7:30 o'clock this morning at her home in the rear of 402 South Sixteenth street. She had lived in St. Joseph forty-nine years and was a member of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church for forty years. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Eliza Clark of St. Joseph, a son, Clifton Gilbert of Richmond, Ky.; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 4 Feb 1909, p. 5

Having lived to the ripe old age of 102 years, Amanda Phelps, a negress, died yesterday morning at her late residence, 603 South Sixteenth street. She is survived by one son and one daughter, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. 'Aunt Mandy' as the aged negress was known, was very familiar with events which happened long before the civil war and up to the day of her death delighted in telling stories of her younger days.

Date of death: 25 Aug 1905

Subject: Eugene Clifford Phelps

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 25 Aug 1905, pp. 1 & 2- *not an obituary*

Fusillade by a Negro Will Result in Death

Assailant Says He Acted in Self Defense

Each Man Alleges that Opponent was Aggressor in Affair

Trouble Occurs Over Note

Formerly Partners in South St. Joseph Negro Gambling House.

One man lies dying at Ensworth hospital while his assailant occupies a cell in Central police station, the result of a shooting which took place on Missouri avenue about ... o'clock last night.

The w... Clifford Phelps, proprietor of a ... at 320 West Missouri ... which pla... shooting...

A ... man ... Flynn ... the Ban... Phelps ... door of ... battle ... as badly ... of his wound ... Phelps attempted to ... after he had sunk ...

The police were ... which Phelps is said to have carried. This caused some to doubt the version of Flynn ... Patrolmen Schaffer who investigated the case said last night that from what he could learn the story told by Flynn was correct.

A partner of Phelps was in the shop at the time the shooting occurred. Mrs. Hattie Tillman, who runs a negro boarding house at Colorado and Pryor avenues, is said to have been talking with Phelps when the trouble occurred.

Phelps was pierced through the left lung, the blood spurting from his mouth ... He also had three fingers ...

To Doctor Ladd, one of the attending physicians, Phelps admitted that he had shot Flynn, but he said that he fired only once and that was after Flynn had begun shooting him. The... by Phelps thought ... have been put away ... friend of the bartender ... will be ... to occur ... today.

Two revolvers ... were ... by Flynn. He fired rapidly and did not cease the volley until all chambers of both weapons were emptied.

After the shooting Flynn went to his home, 222 Clay street, where he procured a Krag-Jorg... rifle. He also reloaded his revolver. He then went to a drug store where he notified police headquarters of the shooting.

In his conversation with the police over the telephone he indicated a willingness to give himself up and asked whether the officers desired that he go to police headquarters voluntarily, or whether to remain in South St. Joseph until an officer should be sent for him.

He was advised to remain at the corner of Missouri and Lake avenues until a patrolman could be sent there. Before patrolmen from up town arrived, however, he met Officers O'Brien and Schaeffer and gave himself up.

In the meantime Phelps was rapidly losing strength from blood. Dr. Fred H. Ladd and Dr. William Carrion arrived and temporarily dressed the wounds. Phelps was then conveyed to St. Joseph's hospital in the police ambulance.

In his cell at the central police station ... [*several paragraphs illegible*]

He ... sent the receipt ... Phelps. He ... the bank ... he had given the receipt to Phelps. He was advised to get it back.

He said he ... Phelps at the barber shop last evening and approached ..., "Mr. Phelps, I would like ... receipt. I want ..."

The ... the street and Phelps, turning on his heel, is alleged to have replied, "All right, Mr. Flynn. I'll go right in and get your receipt."

Upon gaining the door of the barber shop, Phelps is said to have turned and said, "Yes, I'll get the receipt. This is your receipt." Then he fired, it is alleged. He is said to have been carrying the gun inside his waistband.

"What are you trying to do, man?" Flynn remonstrated. "Would you kill me?"

"No, I wouldn't kill you, I would just give you that ... receipt, you ...," Phelps is alleged to have said at the same time, taking another shot at Flynn.

"If that is your game I had better get in," Flynn said, drawing a revolver from his front trousers pockets [sic].

After shooting Phelps to the floor, Flynn drew a second revolver from his pocket and emptied both at the prostrate negro, shooting first one and then the other.

Flynn is a special officer around the bank. At an early hour this morning Phelps was in a precarious condition.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Aug 1905, p. 1

Negro Shot in Duel Succumbs to His Wounds

Fatal Termination of Trouble Which Took Place Over \$100 Note

[*Several paragraphs illegible*]

It was found that the bullet grazed the left ring finger ... left middle finger breaking ... and puncturing the ... of the index finger. Another bullet entered the left side of the chest below the seventh rib, passed through the chest ... entered the pleural cavity and lodged in the spinal column.

No ... has been set ... the inquest ... Prosecuting Attorney McNeely ... name the hour this morning.

The revolver used by Phelps was se... from A. H. Hines by Patrolman ... Weber yesterday morning. Three ...

[*Note: there are other articles through 1905 and 1906 about this case. Flynn was acquitted for self-defense, but later killed by Eugene Clifford Phelps' son.*]

Date of death: 16 Jul 1901

Subject: Major Phillips*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 17 Jul 1901, p. 3

Major Phillips, twenty-three years old, a colored man living at 517 North Second street, was drowned in the Missouri river at the mouth of Roy's branch at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The body was recovered several hours later by some of his friends. It was removed to Heaton's morgue, and an inquest will be held this morning by Coroner Doyle.

Phillips, George Curtis and Sam Ellington, colored, both of 517 North Second street, and Harry Seay, white, with several small boys, were in swimming. Phillips was in the water a short time when he appeared to be stricken with cramps. His body became rigid. His companions saw his plight, and Curtis went to his assistance. Curtis grasped the body of Phillips and tried to reach shore with it, but he became exhausted and had to let go, narrowly escaping drowning himself. Seay saw the body of Phillips rise three times and then disappear.

The swimmers left the water as soon as they could and walked to the Francis street station, where they related the story of the drowning. Later a number of men and boys went to the swimming place, where the water is deep, but there is hardly any current, and recovered the body.

Phillips was a laborer. He lived with his mother and step-father at a colored boarding house. About four years ago he was badly hurt by being hit in the head with a revolver in the hands of Fred Gibson, a colored boy. It was alleged that he had started after Gibson with a revolver, but that the latter took the weapon from Phillips and struck him on the head. The skull was fractured, and the brains began to ooze from the wound. Part of the gray matter was taken out at the Central police station. The wounded man was removed to the city hospital, where more brain matter was removed, but he recovered in a few months and did not appear to be any worse for having parted with a portion of his brains.

Date of death: 22 Feb 1904

Subject: Malinda Phillips*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Feb 1904, p. 10

Malinda Phillips, a negress aged 77 years, died at 6 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 1825 Holman street. The funeral will be held from the A.M.E. church, Third and Antoine streets, tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be at Oakland cemetery.

Date of death: 14 Dec 1903

Subject: Mrs. Mollie Phillips*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 14 Dec 1903, p. 2

Mrs. Mollie Phillips, a negress, died suddenly in the street, near Eighth and Pendleton, about 9 o'clock Sunday night. Mrs. Phillips, who lives at 813 Pendleton, was returning from the business part of town and had almost reached her own door when stricken.

She died before she could be carried into the house. Coroner Doyle was summoned and made an examination of the body. He decided that no inquest was necessary, death having resulted from natural causes.

Mrs. Phillips was 43 years old. She is said to have suffered from heart disease.

Date of death: 16 Nov 1907

Subject: Samuel J. Phillips

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Nov 1907, p. 11

Samuel Phillips, aged 42 years died at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning at a local hospital. The body was sent to his ... in Barnard, Mo. last night

Date of death: 18 Jul 1915

Subject: Mrs. Belle Piper

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Jul 1915, p. 6

Mrs. Bell [sic] Piper, forty years old, wife of J. M. Piper, 917 Jackson street, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a local hospital. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Brock, Fort Smith, Ark., and Mrs. Hattie Fleming, St. Joseph.

Date of death: 4 Dec 1889

Subject: Kate (Pitt) Dameron

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 5 Dec 1889, p. 5

Mrs. Katie Dameron, wife of G. M. Dameron of Kansas City, died at Asylum No. 2 at 7 o'clock yesterday morning of typhoid fever. The deceased had been suffering from acute mania for some time, and it was at last decided to have her treated at the asylum. She was brought to St. Joseph Thanksgiving day. She was immediately taken down with the fever and yesterday morning death relieved her of her sufferings.

Mrs. Dameron was a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of the Platte Purchase, she being a daughter of the late John E. Pitt of Platte City. Her brother, James F. Pitt, is the prominent young attorney of this city, and she has a married sister living in Kansas City. Mrs. Dameron was the mother of three children, two of whom are dead, and one, a boy of 10 years, is living. The remains will be taken to Platte City to-day for burial.

Date of death: 10 Nov 1907

Subject: Charles J. Pixler

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Nov 1907, p. 1

Maryville, Mo., ... The body of C. J. Pixler, ... business man and former ... of Maryville, who mi... at Denver, Col., Sunday night shooting, is expected to arrive tomorrow morning. Interment will be ... Thursday afternoon ... auspices of the Elks and Knights of Pythias lodges, of which he was a member.

Mr. Pixler, who was formerly identified with local business interests and owned considerably farm land in this section, left Maryville with his family in August, expecting to spend a year in Denver. His health had been bad and he went to Colorado seeking its improvement.

According to ad... from Denver Mr. Pixler committed suicide at the family home by sending a bullet into his heart.

His wife and three children were in an adjoining room when he fired the fatal shot, and when they reached his side he had breathed his last. Mrs. Pixler called physicians, but their services were not needed. For several days Pixler had been acting strangely.

Date of death: 21 Nov 1907

Subject: George Pollard*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Nov 1907

[*Note: The article itself is illegible. Only the headlines can be read on-line.*]

Negro Dies Suddenly.

Body of George Pollard, an Ex-Slave Found in a Shed at Tenth and Sylvania Streets.

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Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Nov 1907, p. 3

Lying on his back on the floor of a small shack in the rear of a boarding house at Tenth and Sylvania streets, George Callard [sic], 53 years old, a negro, was found dead at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. When found, Callard had been dead for several hours.

Callard had made the shack his home for many years. For the last nine years he had been employed by Mrs. Emma Mast, 503 South Ninth street, in the capacity of general helper about the house and Mrs. Mast has nothing but words of praise to speak for the old darkey.

"If ever a negro was faithful, he was," she says.

Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body, and ordered it taken to Sidenfaden's morgue. Callard had no relatives living, so far as is known.

An autopsy will be held this morning.

Little is known of Callard's history, except that he was born in slavery and was taken away from his mother and brothers by some slave traders. He lived at one time near Centralia, Mo., but later moved to Savannah, where he lived for several years.

Date of death: 20 Jan 1886

Subject: Israel and Mrs. Nancy Pollard*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Jul 1883, not an obituary

At No. 1216 North Sixth street resides an old negro woman, perhaps seventy years of age, who is affected with leukoderma, and is gradually turning white. Her name is Pollard, and she came to this county from Old Virginia before the war. Her old man is dying with the consumption. She cannot be convinced that her trouble is a disease, but believes that the "Good Lawd" is turning her white as a reward for her goodness. She commenced getting white in spots about ten years ago, and if she lives a few more years she will be white all over.

Date of death: 26 Aug 1902

Subject: James Pollard

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 27 Aug 1902, p. 5

J. Pollard, a mulatto laborer, Hal... on King Hill road south... died suddenly at 12 o'clock last night in the engine room of the plant. Coroner Doyle was notified and removed the body to Heaton's morgue, where an autopsy was held this morning, with the result that marks of violence were discovered on the body, indicating a conflict resulting in death.

Pollard, who has been employed at the yards as a laborer, entered the engine room at 11 o'clock, apparently in good health. He took a seat upon a heap of coal and without doing anything to attract attention, fell over and expired.

The autopsy by Coroner Doyle this morning revealed two bruises, one upon the right cheek and one on the forehead above the right eye which were evidently made by a blunt heavy instrument.

An inquest will be held tomorrow.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 30 Aug 1902, p. 6

The coroner's jury in the case of James Pollard, the negro found dead in a South St. Joseph brickyard, the fore part of the week, has returned a verdict to the effect that death was due to congestion of the brain.

Date of death: 8 Sep 1909

Subject: Mrs. Lucy Potts*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Sep 1909, p. 18

Mrs. Lucy Potts, aged 83 years, died in rear of 808 N. 4th st. Wednesday morning at 7:15 o'clock. She is survived by two sons, Wm. Potts of Chicago and Ben Potts of St. Joseph. Funeral from A.M.E Church, 3d and Antoine sts., Friday at 2:30 p.m. Burial at city cemetery.

Date of death: 21 Nov 1906

Subject: Martin Luther Poulsgrove

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Nov 1906, p. 10

Martin L. Paulsgrove [sic], aged 54 years, died Wednesday at 10:45 a.m., at the residence of Frank S. Philo, 2412 Duncan St. Funeral from there at 9 a.m. Friday. Funeral services at Long Branch church at 12 m. Interment at Long Branch cemetery.

Date of death: 19 Nov 1903

Subject: Franklin Powell*

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 20 Nov 1903, p. 14

Franklin Powell, colored, aged sixty-five year [sic], died at 9:10 o'clock yesterday morning at his home near Twenty-second and Commercial streets. The funeral will take place from the A.M.E. Church at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Interment at the city cemetery.

Date of death: 30 Nov 1907

Subject: John William Powell

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

John W., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Powell, died at 8 o'clock Saturday night at the family residence, Second and Atchison streets.

Date of death: 8 Jul 1889

Subject: Emsley R. Pryor

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 9 Jul 1889, p. 4

Emsley R. Pryor, proprietor of the Diagonal house at the corner of Second and Michel, died yesterday 8 a.m. He was 57 years of age, and died of paralysis. The funeral will take place today at 3 p.m. The remains will be interred in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 4 Dec 1903

Subject: Mrs. Martha E. Purviance

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Dec 1903, p. 7

Mrs. Martha E. Purviance, widow of George Purviance, died at 6 o'clock last evening at the family home, 210 South Eleventh street. She was 66 years old. The body will be taken to King City for burial at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Date of death: 14 Dec 1908

Subject: Abraham Quarles*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 11 Dec 1908, p. 1

Lying sick in bed, his life despaired of, Abe Quarles, for seventeen years steward of the St. Joseph Commercial club, is unable to partake of the 'possum [sic], which now reposes in the larder at his home. The 'possum is the gift of one of the editors of the Northwest Missouri Press association, which recently held its convention here.

Quarles is one of the best known negro citizens of St. Joseph. He is also one of the best citizens. The business men of the city, members of the Commercial club, all swear by Abe. He has served them faithfully and conscientiously for many years and they repose trust and confidence in him.

Several weeks ago his health began to decline. Last week he was suddenly stricken with Bright's disease in deadly form. Now he is not expected to live.

The friendship of the Northwest Missouri editors for Abe Quarles has grown to be a matter of more than sentiment. Each year when they meet here they give him some present as a token of their appreciation of his services in his [sic] behalf.

Two or three days ago one of them sent Abe a 'possum. But he has been unable to eat it, and it is feared, never will be. During Abe's absence from the Commercial club his brother, Free Quarles, is attending to his duties as steward.

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Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Dec 1908, p. 8

After an illness of several weeks during which little hope of his recovery has been held out by the attending physicians, Abe Quarles, for seventeen years steward of the Commercial club, died yesterday at his late residence, 617 Lincoln street. Bright's disease was the cause of death.

Quarles, who was perhaps the best known negro in St. Joseph had lived in this city forty-three years. He was 47 years old. All but one year of his residence in this city he spent in the home where he died.

Quarles belonged to the negro Knights Templar, Royal Arch Masons and Shriners. Wilkinson Lodge No. 25 A.F. and A.M. will have charge of his funeral, which will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Francis street Baptist church, interment being made in Mount Mora cemetery. His wife, a daughter, one brother and four sisters survive him.

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Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 14 Dec 1908, p. 3 [with photo]

Abe Quarles is dead.

The faithful colored steward of the Commercial Club, who assumed his post the day the Clubrooms were opened, seventeen years ago, and who never was absent except when sick, succumbed to a long siege with Bright's diseases, last night at 10:40 o'clock, at his home, 617 Lincoln street. He was forty-seven years old, and had lived forty-two years of his forty-three

years' residence in St. Joseph in the house where he died. From there were buried his father, mother and brother, Anderson Quarles, for ten years a mail carrier.

Abe Quarles was regarded as one of St. Joseph's best colored citizens. He ever was identified with the movements to uplift his race, and he was prominent in lodge, church and political work. Every business man knew him, at least by sight. He was an invaluable assistant to F. W. Maxwell, commissioner of the Commercial Club, who often remarked, "Abe knows how to receive visitors and look after business men who call here, better than I do." In his well-brushed Prince Albert coat, or snowy white jacket he donned for state occasions, it was difficult to imagine a better factotum to assume the duties which Abe discharged so easily.

His wife, a daughter, Marie, one brother, Fremont, and four sisters survive. Fremont Quarles, who acted as steward for his brother after Abe became ill, formerly was a member of the police force.

Abe Quarles' death came after a long fight against the disease which finally brought about his end. Kidney trouble is chronic in the family, and Fremont Quarles' life was given up several years ago by physicians. That fact encouraged Abe, but the diseases became worse than ever after he submitted to an operation for another trouble several years ago, and when he left his post about ten days ago, it was believed that he never would return.

The funeral will be at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Francis Street Colored Baptist church, with interment in Mount Mora cemetery. The obsequies will be under the auspices of Wilkinson Lodge, No. 26, A.F. and A.M., and the Knights of Tabor. Abe Quarles was a member of the negro Knights Templars, Royal Arch Masons and Shriners.

Abe Quarles' full name was Abraham Lincoln Quarles, and he told an interesting story about the facts surrounding his christening.

"I was born in Platte County, on a farm where my mother and father worked for a Southern family. The farmer's wife wasn't very popular with the colored folks, she was so mean, and after I was born my mother met her one day.

"What are you going to name the baby?" she asked.

"That was in 1861, when Lincoln was getting talked about by everyone, and my mother just flared up and said, 'I'm going to name him Abraham Lincoln.'

"And she did too."

Addressed to Abe Quarles, a postal card was delivered this morning at the Commercial Club. It was from F. W. Maxwell, commissioner, who left last Tuesday for Washington, and Commissioner Maxwell wrote that he would return Wednesday. A telegram was sent to him, in Chicago, telling of his steward's death, and he is expected home tomorrow.