

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

Date of death: 6 Aug 1907
Subject: Clifford Elmer Talbot
Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 8 Aug 1907, p. 10

The ... Clifford Elmer Talbot, the ... of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Talbot, ... South Twelfth street, who died Tuesday night ... yesterday afternoon at the ... Interment was in Long Branch cemetery.

Date of death: 21 Jan 1913
Subject: George Dee Tarter
Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 22 Jan 1913, p. 4

George Dee, 1 month old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Tarter, died yesterday at the family home, 2695 South Twelfth street and burial was made in the city cemetery.

Date of death: 16 Oct 1901
Subject: Ann Taylor*
Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 17 Oct 1901, p. 5

"White Folks" Will Bury Her

Aunt Ann Taylor Dies at the County Infirmary

Age was Hundred and Nine

Oldest Woman in the State Breathes Her Last—Body Will Be Laid to Rest at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

"When I'se dead I know ... white folks will bury me."

When her rheumatism was unusually severe and when her strength seemed to be gradually leaving her shriveled little body, the foregoing was a favorite expression of Aunt Ann Taylor, who died at the county ... Wednesday morning at ... [*Much of several paragraphs is illegible*]...

Five Years at the Farm.

Her... safe to allow... [*paragraph illegible*]

... She often ... would all be ... the ...posal of her "white folks."

The pension never came but the old woman imagined it did. She drew gilded pictures of ease and luxury in her day dreams. She was always in the background and her "white folks" were enjoying themselves ... her pension.

Smoked in Bed.

... she became ... inmate of the county farm, she ... most of her time upon ... the wards. Her pipe was her only companion much of the time and she smoked it when she was too weak to raise her head from her pillow. Her balm in time of sickness, be the ailment every so slight, was a drink of whisky.

A Gazette-Herald reporter visited the county farm a few weeks ago and exchanged a few words with the old woman ... an interrogation, she said:

... Virginia ... from ... Virginia."

"Did you know George Washington?" was asked jestingly.

"... wif him ... he died."

Date of death: 27 May 1909

Subject: Henry H. Taylor*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 May 1909, p. 6

Henry Taylor, colored, aged 62, died in Leavenworth, May 27, after a short illness. He was a member of Co. B, 65th regiment U.S. (colored). Funeral at 3 p.m. tomorrow from family home, 3024 Penn st. Interment in Mount Mora Cemetery.

Date of death: Oct 1903

Subject: John Clayton "Clate" Taylor

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 20 Mar 1904, p. 4

Through the identification of a bandit killed in a battle following the holdup of an electric train in the suburbs of Aurora, Ill., on the night in last October, as Clate Taylor of Nodaway Station, by Chief Frans and local detectives yesterday, it is believed that the responsibility of many of the holdups in the neighborhood of St. Joseph during the past year and of several near Council Bluffs and Lincoln, have been definitely placed to the credit of Taylor, Pate Crowe and their gang.

Although being suspected of complicity in nearly every train robbery in this part of the state and of many in adjoining states for a period of something like eight years, always escaping without arrest because of an apparent alibi, Clate Taylor, known to be a close friend of Pat Crowe, was nevertheless, for all that the Pinkertons could prove, a peaceful hard working farmer of Nodaway station. He met his death while attempting a job that the Pinkertons and the local officers believed too small for him to bother with.

With two other men, Thomas and James Conway, well known to the police of Chicago, Taylor held up the electric train just outside Aurora. They believed [sic] the passengers and the crew of all their valuables and returned to Aurora. A little later they boarded a train for Chicago. The

train was overtaken by an electric car in charge of a squad of police at a substation and in the battle that took place, Taylor was killed.

Since that time the police in Aurora had been trying to secure an identification of the dead man whom his captured pals refused to identify.

Several days ago, Detective Pat Ryan, of the St. Joseph force, heard that Clate Taylor, well known to the police here, had been killed in Chicago.

Chief Frans at once began going through the files of the "Detective," a police and secret service journal published in that city.

In the November issue he found a picture of the dead bandit, connected with the Aurora robbery. Ryan and the other detective pronounced it to be the picture of Taylor.

In the information accompanying the picture of the dead bandit was the fact that the revolver taken from the body was a blue steel 41-calibre Colt's of improved pattern. It was also stated that the underwear of the man was marked "Reaner." This convinced the officers more than ever that the man was Taylor. Charles Renner, for whose name "Reaner" might be a misspelling [sic], was known to be a close friend of Taylor's and had frequently stayed at his home. The gun answered the same general description as that of the one taken from Renner. Chief Frans remembered that he had taken the number of the revolver carried by Renner at the time the latter was being held here for investigation in connection with the murder of James Piles, a Frederick Avenue saloon keeper several years ago. The number of the revolver was found to be 160,685. Chief Frans then wrote to Chief Charles Michels of Aurora, asking for the number of the revolver, and a reinspection of the name on the underclothing. Chief Michels was still convinced that the name on the garment was "Reaner" but gave the number of the revolver as 160,685, thus establishing beyond doubt that the gun was the one carried here by Renner.

Unconvicted of any crime, having been arrested, but never for a ... offense, Clate Taylor, the farmer of Nodaway Station, was known to the Pinkertons as a ... man. It was thought that he would not engage in a small undertaking. W... crime, it is believed, ... Crowe. ... [*Several lines illegible*] the "French Bottoms" ... In ... served a term in the state penitentiary for burglary of a st... Blockton. At that time he did ... Pat ... criminal used it.

When he settled at Nodaway Station, he married and ... he met Pat ... believed that Crowe ... train robbery from ... the country ... man of ner... [*Quite a bit of paragraph illegible*]

It was not ... Crowe would ... Other persons sup... of the gang would ... up saloons, and go after ... Taylor, however, kept ... crimes ... occur.

Taylor, upon which ... [*paragraph illegible*].

Same

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

The relatives of Clate Taylor will claim the body, which is now buried in a cemetery at Aurora, Ills.

George C. Taylor, a brother of the dead bandit, who lives in the French Bottoms, yesterday went over the descriptions and photographs of the man in the possession of Chief Frans, and said that he no longer doubted that the man was Clate Taylor.

Last night Chief Frans sent a telegram to Chief Michels of Aurora asking if the relatives might have the body.

If the reply is affirmative, George C. Taylor will probably start for Aurora today.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Mar 1904, p. 5

Chief of Police Frans yesterday received a telegram from Chief Michaels [sic] at Aurora, Ill., stating that relatives of Clate Taylor, the bandit killed while engaged in the robbery of an electric train near that place last October, could secure the body by claiming it.

George T. Taylor, a brother of the dead man left today for Aurora. Whether the body will be brought here for burial he did not know. The parents of the dead man are anxious that the son be buried near St. Joseph. Before he left, Taylor was shown a photograph of the dead man and stated that without a doubt it was his brother.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 19 Apr 1904, p. 5

Brothers of Clate Taylor, who was shot at Aurora, Ill., while attempting to hold up a street car, yesterday secured a permit from Clerk Hartigan of the board of health to have the body brought to this city from Aurora. The laws of Illinois require such a permission, which was known at the time the body was exhumed about two weeks ago. The body will be brought here as soon as possible. Taylor was formerly a farmer in French Bottoms.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 24 Apr 1904, p. 4

The body of Clate Taylor, the bandit killed while attempting to hold up a street car in Aurora, Ill., reached the city yesterday and was buried in the afternoon from Heaton's morgue, interment taking place in Green cemetery.

Taylor and a number of his relatives lived at the French bottoms and those who survive the bandit are respected citizens. When Taylor was killed at Aurora he could not be identified and it was not until his picture appeared in a police department publication [and] was recognized by some of the local patrolmen that it was known who he was.

His body had been buried at Aurora but his relatives immediately made preparations to have it exhumed and brought here.

Date of death: 15 Feb 1907

Subject: Ruth E. Tee

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 16 Feb 1907, p. 7

Miss Ruth E. Tee, aged 16 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tee and niece of Chief of Police Frans, died ... midnight yesterday morning at the home of her parents. The father is the superintendent of the city cemetery and has his residence there. Miss Tee died ... after a short illness.

She was a stenographer employed by a commission firm in the stock exchange of South St. Joseph. She recently graduated from a commercial college. She was taken ill last Sunday night and rapidly grew worse, losing consciousness on Wednesday. The funeral will be held from the family residence at ... o'clock ...day afternoon.

Date of death: 6 Apr 1909

Subject: Aaron A. Teegarden

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 7 Apr 1909, p. 4

Aaron A. Teegarden, sixty-two years old, died at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, at his home, two miles north of the city. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter, E. C. Teegarden of St. Louis and Mrs. S. R. Gaines of Andrew County. The body will be forwarded to Hopkins, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 25 Jan 1905

Subject: Clarence Terrell*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Jan 1905, p. 6

Clarence Terrell, colored, aged 12 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Terell [sic], died of tuberculosis at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the family residence, 814 Sacramento street.

Date of death: 20 Oct 1902

Subject: Flora Isabelle (Terrell) Clarke

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

Savannah, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Flora Isabella [sic] Clark [sic], wife of William D. Clark, died at their home in this city Monday, October 20, at the age of fifty-six years, ten months and thirteen days.

Date of death: 6 Nov 1905

Subject: George Terry

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 21 Nov 1905, p. 6

'Money is the God of many,' is an expression as old as the hills, but it probably never was better exemplified than in the case of George Terry, the farmhand who was killed by a Burlington freight train near Dug Cut two weeks ago last night.

Terry's body lay on a slab in the undertaking establishment of Faris & Barber four days before it was identified. Then a man was found who had known Terry in the days when he was prosperous. This man told the undertakers Terry's divorced wife lives at Albany, Mo., and that he had a daughter in St. Louis. The daughter, Mrs. A. Ferrell, finally was located, and she came to St. Joseph last Saturday and arranged for the burial of her father yesterday.

Before the daughter had been located a former friend of the dead man called at the undertakers' and told Frank Faris that Terry soon would have come into possession of an estate valued at \$6,000. This was published in The News-Press and a few days later inquiries began to pour in on the undertakers and the coroner from almost every quarter of the globe. Coroner Bansbach began to believe that Terry had been a great man once and that he had relatives in many places.

Every person who made inquiry concerning the dead man was more anxious to know the value of his estate, whether cash or realty, than how he met death, or to know the expenses of the funeral. A physician at Parnell, Mo., came to St. Joseph and identified the body as that of a relative of his wife. He was sure Terry was an uncle or a cousin of his wife, but when he was asked to pay the expenses of burial, he refused.

'I'm positive the body is that of a relative of my wife,' said the physician.

'Then you will arrange for its burial,' suggested Faris.

'H-m-m, hardly,' replied the physician. 'I was anxious to learn about the estate.'

Faris said today that the next mail brought three or four letters from persons in Kansas and Nebraska, inclosing clippings from The News-Press. A few days later a telephone message was received from Barnard, Mo., from an unknown person, wanting to know about the estate Terry is supposed to have left. Today two men from Moray, Kan., called to inquire about the estate and were told that the body had been buried in the city cemetery yesterday; that it had been identified by the man's daughter, who lives in St. Louis, and that the expenses of burial were paid from insurance which Terry carried.

Terry's daughter said he would soon have come into possession of an estate value[d] at about \$6,000. He had an interest in about 500 acres of tobacco and coal land in Virginia that will soon be sold and the proceeds will be divided among a dozen heirs. Mrs. Ferrell will receive her father's share.

Date of death: 23 Jul 1914

Subject: Antonio Teson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 24 Jul 1914, p. 2

Anton Teson, sixty-five years old, a former resident of St. Joseph, died suddenly yesterday morning at his home in Kansas City of apoplexy. He was born in St. Louis and was of French descent. He located in St. Joseph in 1864 and was a driver for Dave Holliday, who operated the famous overland line. He gave up driving and served on the police force under the old system, and when the metropolitan system was introduced in 1887 he dropped out.

For many years thereafter he drove his own hack and was a familiar figure on Third street and about the old Pacific House, where he "stood." Nine years ago he removed to Kansas City.

Besides his wife Teson is survived by two sons, Benjamin and George of Kansas City. The body was brought to St. Joseph last night and taken to the Meierhoffer undertaking parlors, where the funeral service was said at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Burial was at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Date of death: Mar 1901

Subject: Alexander A. Thomas*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 20 Mar 1901, p. 2

The funeral of Alexander Thomas, colored, aged twenty years, will take place this forenoon from his late home, 515 South Sixteenth street. The burial will be in Antioch cemetery.

Date of death: 14 Dec 1903

Subject: Mary Thompson

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 15 Dec 1903, p. 9

Mary Thompson, 17 years old, died shortly after midnight yesterday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. ?. Thompson, 2020 Charles street, of consumption. Funeral services will be held at the home at 9 o'clock this morning, after which the body will be taken to Flay Springs, Mo. for burial.

Date of death: 20 Jul 1903

Subject: Squire M. Thompson

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 23 Jul 1903, p. 3

Maryville, Mo., July 22.—Squire Thompson, born in Greencastle, Ind., December 16, 1832, died at his home near Bedison, Mo., July 20. He was prominently identified with the Christian Church in Nodaway County, having been connected with its management since 1871. The decedent had thirteen children, nine boys and four girls, two of whom are now dead. Of the remaining children, all except John F. Thompson, Minot, N.D., and Mrs. Cynthia Edwards, Miami, I.T., attended the funeral, which was held in the Lone Branch Christian Church, near Bedison, burial being in the Swinford cemetery.

Date of death: 9 Dec 1912

Subject: Mrs. Synthia Thompson

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 Dec 1912, p. 4

Mrs. Cynthia [sic] Thompson, seventy years old, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the county farm, where she had been for two weeks with her husband, Thomas Thompson. They had lived many years near Lake Station, this county. Besides the husband, a son survives. The body is at H. O. Sidenfaden's, and funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Date of death: 17 Nov 1908

Subject: Anne Thurman*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Nov 1908, p. 7

Anne Thurman, colored, aged eighty-six years, died at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night at the county farm.

Date of death: 5 Feb 1918

Subject: Bertha L. Timmons

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 5 Feb 1918, p. 7

Bertha L., the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben P. Timmons, died this morning at 2 o'clock at the family home, 614 Angeliqye street.

Date of death: Aug 1906

Subject: Robert W. Tinsley

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Aug 1906, p. 7

Robert W. Tinsley, aged 1 year and 9 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Tinsley, Bartlett and Monterey streets, will be buried at the city cemetery at 9 o'clock this morning.

Date of death: 6 Dec 1923

Subject: Harold Titus

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Dec 1923, p. 5

Harold Titus, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Titus, died at 4:30 o'clock Thursday morning at the home, 2407 South Third street.

Date of death: 5 Apr 1909

Subject: Dan Tivis*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Apr 1909, p. 4

Dan Tivit [sic], a negro horse trader, fifty-two years old, was found dead about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in his room at 2213 South Sixth street. Tivit did not leave his room yesterday morning because one of his knees was swollen from a slight sprain. The injury was not considered serious, however. When a colored woman, who lives at the same number, entered the house about 5 o'clock in the afternoon she heard a noise in Tivit's apartment, and, running to the room, she found him on the floor, dead.

It was said by Dr. C. F. Byrd, coroner, who viewed the body that Tivit probably died of bloodpoisoning.

Tivit lived in St. Joseph about four years. His father lives in California and he has brothers and sisters here. The body was taken to Ramsey's undertaking establishment.

Date of death: 25 Nov 1917

Subject: John Tobin (or Toblin)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Nov 1917, p. 5

John Toblin, fifty-five years old, was found dead in bed in his room at the Green Tree Hotel, 703 South Sixth street, last night. Toblin had been ill for several days, and a physician attended him yesterday. Dr. Forrest Thomas, coroner, viewed the body and sent it to H. O. Sidenfaden's. The man had been living at the hotel a year, but nothing is known of his antecedents.

Date of death: 28 Mar 1909

Subject: Mrs. Bell Todd*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 26 Mar 1909, p. 8

Charging that her husband was lavishing his affections upon another woman, Belle Todd, a negress, living at 823 Lincoln street, attempted to kill herself about 10:15 o'clock today by shooting herself in the right side.

The bullet entered the abdomen a few inches above the point of the hip bone, penetrating and tearing the intestines. According to the physicians, the wound is a fatal one.

At the time of the shooting the woman was alone in the house. After the shot was fired she ran into the street, moaning and screaming.

Dr. S. E. Cloud chanced to be passing and he led her back to the house, and Cycle Officer Wilson was called from central police station. Dr. E. S. Ballard, city physician came a few minutes later, and called the police ambulance. Drs. George Senn and J. R. A. Crossland also were called.

A letter written by the would-be suicide said she was going to kill herself because her husband was too fond of other women.

The woman's husband, William Todd, conducted a saloon at 627 South Sixth street. Officer Wilson located Todd, in bed, in a room on South Fifth street. When informed by the officer of what had occurred, he remarked that he "couldn't do any good now," and refused to get up.

same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 27 Mar 1909, p. 8

Mrs. Belle Todd, a negress 51 years of age, and wife of William Todd, shot herself about 10:20 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 823 Lincoln street, and at a late hour last night was in critical condition, with slight hopes of recovery.

The woman shot herself while at the telephone talking to her daughter. The revolver was found lying near the instrument, but when ... Officer Wilson arrived the woman was in the yard. Dr. S. E. Cloud, who was passing, assisted the officer in getting the women into the house, and the police ambulance was called to take her husband, one for her daughter who had arrived objected, and called Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, who with Dr. George Senn took charge of the case. [sic]

It was found that the ball had penetrated the right side just above the hip joint and passing through the intestine had fallen into the left groin whence it was removed about 4 o'clock. The woman was resting easily last night but the chances are against her recover, the intestines having been penetrated in ... a dozen places.

Mrs. Todd left three letters, one for her husband, one for her daughter, Viola, better known as 'Sophy,' and one ... In the latter she ... woman ... having ... her husband's affections and says that ... Todd, wa... only ... love... led her ...

It is said ... [*two paragraphs mainly illegible*].

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 29 Mar 1909, p. 6

The condition of Mrs. Belle Todd, the negress who shot herself Friday, was slightly improved last night. Mrs. Viola Phelps of St. Paul, Minn. is with her mother. She says the report that Mrs. Todd was ever jealous of her daughter is unfounded.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Mar 1909, p. 1

Bella Todd, the negro woman who shot herself Friday morning, at 823 Lincoln street, died at 10 o'clock Sunday night. Before firing the fatal shot, the woman wrote three notes, one to her husband, William Todd, a saloon keeper, another to her daughter, and one addressed to the public. In these she said that another woman had robbed her of the affections of her husband, and that she had nothing to live for.

Date of death: 21 Oct 1906

Subject: Henry Toel

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 22 Oct 1906, p. 8

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 22.—Henry Toel, one of Maryville's oldest and best respected citizens, died at his home on West Fourth street at 3:30 Sunday morning. Mr. Toel has been connected with many enterprises in this city and of late years has conducted a collection and insurance office. He was [a] highly respected and progressive citizen.

Date of death: 19 Jul 1913

Subject: Michael Toohey

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 19 Jul 1913, p. 4

Michael Toohey, forty-five years old, died at 5 a.m. today at a local hospital.

Date of death: 16 Nov 1917

Subject: Peter Toothman

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Nov 1917, p. 6

Peter Toothman, 62 years old, died last night at the home of Albert Green, 1802 Bartlett street. He is survived by one son, Russel Toothman of St. Joseph. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Date of death: 9 May 1907

Subject: Cora L. (____) Lewis Trimble

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 10 May 1907, p. 6

Cora L. Trimble, wife of W. M. Trimble, died at 9:40 o'clock last night, at a local hospital. The body will be taken to Union Star, Mo., for burial.

Date of death: 28 Nov 1907

Subject: Alexander Trosper*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Nov 1907, p. 3

The body of Alexander Trosber [sic], who was found dead in his house on Elk street in Florence addition Thursday morning, seems to be a bone of contention just at present. Coroner Byrd, after viewing the remains, ordered the body removed to the Rock undertaking parlors in the South End. Shortly after the body had been removed, I. F. Ramsey, a negro undertaker, came to the house with his wagon and wanted the body. Coroner Byrd told him that he had ordered the body removed to the Rock parlors and that was where it had to remain.

Yesterday morning Ramsey called at Rock's and presented an order from the officers of a lodge to which Trosber had belonged and stated that he wanted the body. He was told he could have the body if he would pay the expenses already incurred, which were for an ambulance call and embalming. This amount Ramsey refused to pay. He was then told that he could not have the body.

Last in the day Ramsey appeared and, armed with a writ [sic] of replevin, took the body. Mr. Rock said that he would endeavor to get what expense he had already incurred. In all probability an interesting case is in store for the curious.

same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 28 Nov 1907, p. 11

Alex Crosby [sic], a negro, sixty years old, who was employed as a janitor by the Hammond Packing Company, was found dead at 9 o'clock this morning, in his home at 102 East Elk street, where he lived alone. A rag was tied about his neck and it is supposed that a hemorrhage caused his death.

When found, Crosby was lying on his side in the middle of the floor of the front room of the two room house.

Crosby told his foreman last Tuesday that he was not feeling well and went home. He had not been seen by his neighbors for two days and some negroes who occupy the adjoining house became alarmed this morning and investigated. They peered through a window and saw the body of the janitor lying on the floor. Patrolmen Cunerty and Van Meter were summoned and they forced open a door. Coroner C. F. Byrd was notified and he viewed the body at 10:30 o'clock.

Crosby's body was removed, by order of the coroner, to Rock's undertaking establishment.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 29 Nov 1907, p. 10

Coroner Byrd held an autopsy on the body of Alex Trasper [sic], the old negro, who was found dead in his home in Florence addition Thursday morning, and pronounced death due to the rupturing of a blood vessel of the heart. The autopsy was held at the undertaking rooms of Thomas Rock. Burial will not take place until after the arrival of a sister from Chicago.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 30 Nov 1907, p. 1

When Alexander Trosper, an old negro recluse, died at 103 Elk street ...day, he raised a legal question ... involve several fine points ... rival undertakes profess to ... upon the body, and their ... adjudicated in Justice Nies' ... December 9.

One question to be settled ... is: Has a dead body a pro... Another is: Has a secret fraternity any legal claim upon the body ... member?

The case is entitled, "Dr. W... et al against Thomas Rock." ... white undertaker is I. F. Ramsey... Carrion is an officer of the ... Tabor, a negro organization, of which the dead man was a member ... contends that, in default of any relatives, the society has the right... the body. Trosper is underst... died possessed of some property.

The Trosper case originally ... for the coroner, as no one ... at the time of his death, a... was found after life had ... several days. After viewing ... the coroner sent it to Rock ... instructions to embalm it, and ... word could be obtained from ... any existed.

"I did so," said Rock, ... "and next day Ramsey called ... said he was coming for the ... '... right,' I says, 'but I have a ... against it, and after you've ... you may take it.' I never ... to do anything to that body, ...sey, 'and I am coming to...'

"Well, Ramsey came, acc... several other negroes, who ... were officers of a lodge of which ... had been a member, and the ... me an order from the lodge ... the body. I told them the ... look good to me. Then they ... the body, and it's now at Ramsey's. But I haven't got my money yet."

Rock has retained Elliott ... to represent him, and Ramsey ... will be defended by L. C. ...

"My position is," said Spalding, "that a dead body has no property value, and so is not subject to replevin. I expect to recover possession on that ..."

Meanwhile the body will ... Ramsey's place, where the ... embalming fluid used by Rock ... put to a crucial test.

Negroes who knew Trosper ... time say he has a sister in Chicago ... efforts are now being made ... her address.

Two other cases very similar ... have been in the justice court ... last few months, and Ramsey ... both of them. As the issues ... exactly the same, however, the ... precedent to guide in the present ... last previous instance of a ... corpse, the value was fixed ... Ramsey was required to give ... in the sum of \$100 to obtain po....

Same

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 9 Dec 1907, p. 6

The attachment suit of Willis Williams, Dr. W. S. Carrion and Matt Tillman, officers of the Knights of Tabor, a negro secret society, against Thomas Rock, undertaker, to get possession of the dead body of Alexander Crasper [sic], negro hermit, was dismissed by the plaintiffs in Justice Nies' court this morning, and the question of whether a corpse has property value must go unanswered for the present.

The corpse was buried by I. F. Ramsey, a negro undertaker, about a week ago. Thomas Rock, a white undertaker, had the body originally, having received it from the coroner. He embalmed it. The negro undertaker, through the officers of the society of which the dead man was a member, replevined the body, giving bond to the justice. Elliott Spalding, attorney for Rock, says his client will now collect from the bondsmen the amount of his claim for embalming.

Date of death: 17 Feb 1903

Subject: Peter Turner*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 18 Feb 1903, p. 4

Peter Turner, colored, aged 80 years, died at Lake Station at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral was held at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Date of death: 22 Nov 1908

Subject: Wilson (or William) Turner*

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 23 Nov 1908, p. 4

William Turner, colored, aged seventy-seven years, died yesterday at the home of his son-in-law, George LeMaster, 608 Pendleton street.

Date of death: 10 Dec 1918

Subject: Helen M. Twyman & Susan Prysila Twyman
Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 11 Dec 1918, p. 6

Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Twyman, 3903 North Eighth street, died of influenza last night at the home. Susan, three years old, died at 9 o'clock, and Helen, one year old, followed her sister at 10:30 o'clock. Both were buried this afternoon, when the two coffins were conveyed to the cemetery in one hearse.

Date of death: 1 Feb 1901

Subject: John Tyler*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 2 Feb 1901, p. 5

John Tyler, colored, aged thirty-five years, an employe of the Burlington Railroad Company and member of the Volunteer Relief Association of that road, died at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, 1717 Messanie street. The funeral will take place from the Francis Street Baptist Church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The burial will be in Mount Mora cemetery.