

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

Date of death: 10 Oct 1908

Subject: Anthony Wayne Umbanhower

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

Wayne Umbanhower [sic], 64 years old, died in a local hospital yesterday morning. The body was taken to Hopkins, Mo., last night for burial.

The body is at the Heaton-Bowman mortuary.

Date of death: [found 2 Jun 1907]

Subject: unknown infant

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Jun 1907, p. 1

Its head crushed, apparently with a blunt instrument, minus arms and lower limbs, the body of an infant was found on the city dump yesterday afternoon by George Roberts, a youth sporting with his playmates on the river bank. Coroner Byrd was called. An investigation will be inaugurated today.

The skeleton was found in a pile of cinders, delivered to the dump Saturday by C. A. Odell and J. A. Moore, garbage haulers. The refuse was collected in the rounds of the Patee Park district in the morning. The body will be buried today in the city cemetery. The find is believed to be a medical specimen.

Date of death: ca. 29 Jan 1913

Subject: unknown infant female

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Jan 1913, p. 5

Wrapped in an old shirt, a piece of toweling, and a newspaper, dated Jan. 7, the dead body of a girl baby was found yesterday morning on the river bank at the foot of Jule street by Louis Montez, a Mexican. Montez, after telling George Norris, an engineer at the street railway company's power house of what he had found, went to the courthouse, where he told Sergeant C. E. Smith and Detective A. B. Cooper of the corpse, and guided them to the place.

Cycle Officer Deaton was there by the time the others arrived and the coroner was notified. He views the body and ordered it sent to H. O. Sidenfaden's, where an inquest will be held today.

From all appearances the body had been lying where found for several days. Coroner Lynch is positive that the infant was alive when thrown away and said, while it was hard to tell, he thought it had been discarded soon after birth. It is the body of a well formed child and one that would weight about ten pounds. At first it was thought to have been of Mexican parentage and Montez was held several hours for investigation, but was released late in the afternoon.

Date of death: (found 6 Nov 1907)

Subject: unknown infant female

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 7 Nov 1907, p. 3

Rushing up to [a] crowd of men standing in front of a store yesterday, Sam Jones, a youngster, explained in accents wild the discovery of a baby in a bunch of weeds in a lot between Second and Third streets and between East Hyde Park avenue and Vassar streets. The police were notified and Patrolmen O'Brien and Davis were detailed to the spot to guard the find until the arrival of the coroner, who had been notified.

Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body and ordered it removed to Rock's morgue. The child had been wrapped up in a bundle of newspapers and was about ten inches long. Coroner Byrd will make a thorough investigation of the case today.

Date of death: ca. 16 Jun 1913

Subject: unknown infant male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 16 Jun 1913, p. 1

The naked body of a boy baby about four days old was found in the sand on the bank of the Missouri River, at the foot of Francis street at 7 o'clock this morning, by John Hoberstock, 103 Francis street.

Hoberstock, who is an engineer on a sand boat, noticed something white at the water's edge, and an investigation revealed that it was the partially decomposed body of an infant.

Central Police Station was notified, and the body of the infant was taken to the Rock and Clark morgue by Cycle Officer Rostetter, where Coroner Lynch, after an autopsy, said death was due to drowning. There were no marks of violence on the tiny body, but the head was wrapped up in a white cloth, which indicated premeditated murder.

The police have been investigating, but have no clue yet to the guilty person or persons.

The infant will be buried in the city cemetery this afternoon.

Coroner Lynch said:

"It is certainly a diabolical crime to murder infants, and there has been too much of it in St. Joseph lately. Whenever possible, I intend to make every investigation to apprehend the guilty parties. This case, however, is one which I am afraid will always be a mystery. The body was found just at the outlet of Blacksnake sewer and probably was thrown into one of the many manholes."

Date of death: ca. 12 Mar 1913

Subject: unknown infant male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Mar 1913, p. 1

A boy baby, weighing ten pounds, with the back of its head crushed and partly wrapped in a copy of The News-Press dated March 3, was found in one end of a long shed in the rear of the home of Henry Bauman, 732 South Sixteenth street, at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

The tiny corpse, naked except for the paper in which it was wrapped, was discovered by a number of boys who were playing about the shed. Bauman's six-year-old son, Irvin, was leading in a chase after a cat that had hidden among a lot of timbers used by his father in house-moving and stored in the shed, when the grewsome [sic] find was made. The boys told Bauman, who notified the police, and Detectives Linck and Reichen were detailed on the case.

Coroner Thomas J. Lynch, after viewing the body, said that the child was of natural birth and that it undoubtedly had been murdered. He found that the newspaper had been pressed tightly about the baby's neck, probably to keep it from making a noise, and that death had resulted from the wound on its head which he thought had been caused by throwing it on the timbers, as the edge of one of the planks indicated. It is the coroner's opinion that the child had not been dead more than two days, and said that the guilty person or persons live not far from where the body was found, as one not familiar with the premises probably would have selected a more out-of-the-way place.

A crowd of women gathered at the scene this morning and expressed their horror and indignation. They said they know of no one in that neighborhood who was likely to have committed the deed, but said that they would spare no pains to find out who it was if possible. Coroner Lynch suggested the forming of a committee to probe the case. He said this was the fifth case of the kind since Jan. 1 and urged that everything possible be done to expose the culprit. He sent the body to Ross & Clark's and held an autopsy there this afternoon. An inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

"This is a plain case of murder and we propose to keep at work until we can find the guilty persons," W. P. Gibson, inspector of detectives, said this afternoon. "While we have no definite clew, we are in possession of certain facts that assist us, and it would not surprise me if arrests were made within a few hours."

Date of death: [found 22 Aug 1907]

Subject: unknown infant male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 23 Aug 1907, p. 4

The dead body of a baby, presumably about five months old, was found yesterday morning in the high weeds, near where the old horse and mule market was situated. The body was found by J. F. Parker and William Cain, laborers in the employ of the Stock Yards company. They were engaged in cutting the weeds when they made the discovery.

Coroner Byrd was notified. He ordered the body removed to the Rock morgue, where he viewed it.

No clue has yet been obtained regarding the identity of the parents of the child.

Date of death: ca. 2 Sep 1921

Subject: unknown male¹

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Sep 1921, p. 1

The body of an unidentified man about 35 years old, believed to have been a dope fiend, was found in an unused areaway of the old Board of Trade building basement, Third and Edmond streets, at 11:05 o'clock last night by Detectives Raphael and McAllister. There was nothing about his person to indicate his identity. A needle, obviously used in administering dope, was found on his person.

Raphael and McAllister were passing the place and noting a broken window, turned a flashlight on it, revealing the body lying on the floor. They investigated and found that the man was dead, and called Fleeman-McNeill's. Coroner A. R. Timmerman viewed the body at the undertaking rooms. He said that he thought the man had been dead from 36 to 48 hours. His theory is that the man took a shot of dope and went in the place to sleep, dying from the effects of the drug.

The man wore overalls with trousers underneath. An inquest will be [*end of article*]

Date of death: ca. 14 May 1917

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 May 1917, p. 1

The body of the man which was seen floating down the river near the Mitchell avenue sewer last Thursday afternoon, by an Elwood man, was recovered yesterday evening at the Grand Island bridge by men guarding the structure.

The body was taken to the H. O. Sidenfaden undertaking rooms where it was examined for marks of identification. No laundry marks could be deciphered as the body had been in the mud and water for two weeks or more, but a day book of the Newark Shoe company was found in a pocket containing an envelope from the Schollhamer Drug company at Eighth and Locust streets, with the name "T. H. Holm" on the back.

The man is described as being between 50 and 55 years old with gray hair and mustache, about 5 feet 8 inches in height, and weighing about 165 pounds. He had on an ordinary cloth coat over an overall jumper with overalls over trousers.

Date of death: 8 Apr 1917

Subject: unknown male*

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 10 Apr 1917, p. 6

With nothing on his clothing by which he could be identified, an unknown negro was found in the Burlington yards, near Missouri avenue, with his head severed. The body was viewed by Coroner Thomas. It was then sent to Ramsey's undertaking rooms. It is thought the man was killed Sunday morning by a yard engine. The negro was about 25 years old. The body was found by M. E. Loyd, a Burlington car inspector.

¹ Not in MSE Database, but in City Cemetery Project

Date of death: 25 Mar 1915

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 26 Mar 1915, pp. 1 & 2

After buying a complete outfit of new clothing ... day, a man about ... years ... went to ... house at ... wood street and ... [*several lines illegible*] before sunrise.

The man apparently had planned his death deliberately and made ... his identity. The only things which would indicate who he was were a copy of the new ... had started to write ... postcard accident policy issued at Salt Lake City last Sunday. In ... the initials "D. E. S." ... in referring to the writer.

He had \$69.77? ... a diamond stickpin, and ... he wore were purchased ... from the Ideal Clothing ... 16-18 Edmond street.

Besides the ... postcard ... only ... paper ... circular letter issued ... St. Joseph March 6... But ...

The ... morning in ... where he ... saw him ... street. Apparently ... picked ... the house in which he wanted to die and went away to make his other arrangements.

He next appeared ... Ideal Clothing company store... told ... Just ... wanted ... He ... \$60... suit... two collars, necktie ... and white plaited bos...

He had little to say while making his purchase. The attempts of the clerk to engage him in conversation were rebuffed, and he would speak only when it was necessary to indicate what he wanted to buy.

The only provision he made was that the suit and coat be black. The trousers of the suit were a little too long, and he asked that they be altered while he was picking out the furnishings, so that he could take the whole order with him.

The attention of Mr. E. H. Lahrer, the manager of the store, was attracted by the manner of the stranger ... although he says the man appeared sane, and did not seem to be mentally oppressed. "We got the impression that he was from the west," said Lahrman, "and that he was about to be married. I didn't talk to him ... Mr. Just, who waited on him, told me he said nothing that did not ... the act... goods.

About ... man appeared ... carrying a ... and the ... cording ... across the street ... street. He came ... minutes, and asked if he could borrow a shovel.

He spent ... the shovel clearing ... of plas... [*the rest, on p. 2, is illegible except for the headline "Tidy Stranger Tries Suicide in a Vacant House."*]

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 30 Mar 1915, p. 3

'D. E. S.' is to be given a Christian burial and will not have to rest in the potter's field.

The affairs of 'D. E. S.' were taken up yesterday in the probate court by Judge A. B. Duncan, who put the estate in charge of Miss Mary A. Williams, public administrator.

'D. E. S.' is the man who committed suicide in a vacant house on Elwood street last week, after buying a new suit of clothes, an overcoat and a pair of shoes.

The identity of the man has not been established, so he appears on the court records as 'D. E. S.,' initials found on his clothing.

The estate consists of \$69.75 in cash, an overcoat which cost \$20 and was never worn, a pair of shoes which cost \$5 and have not been worn, a second hand revolver with which the shooting was done which ended his life, and an old suit bag, each worth possible \$1.

The burial has not yet been ordered by the administration, but there will be money enough to buy a grave and have the body put away decently.

Date of death: [17] Apr 1914

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Apr 1914, p. 6

The body of the man who was found on the river bank at the foot of Messanie street April 15 [sic] by William Marsh was buried at the city cemetery this afternoon.

Date of death: 12 Aug 1911

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Aug 1911, p. 1

An unknown man was found dead in a second story room at 812 1/2 South Sixth street about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, by John West, a barber, whose shop is on the ground floor. The dead man had occupied the room three days, during which time he apparently was under the influence of liquor. No letters or other means of identification were found in his clothes. West discovered the corpse when he went to collect rent for the use of the room.

Patrolmen Van Hoozier and Smith were sent to take charge of the body until Coroner Byrd arrived. A box containing morphine was found in the room, and it is the theory of the police that the dead man, who evidently was a laborer, and about sixty years old, committed suicide.

Date of death: 26 Jun 1911

Subject: unknown male² (possible J. Hillman)

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 27 Jun 1911, p. 1

² Not in MSE Database, but in City Cemetery Project

An unknown man was instantly killed by a southbound Burlington passenger train at a point about a mile and a half north of the city at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The man is said to have stepped from the northbound track, upon which a freight train was approaching, in front of the passenger on the southbound track. The train was running about fifty miles an hour, and the stranger was hurled more than a hundred feet. Members of the train crew placed the corpse in the baggage car, and it was brought to the Francis street station. At the order of Mrs. C. F. Byrd, acting coroner, the body was removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's. There will be no inquest.

Two linen collars found on the dead man bore the name "J. Hillman," and the letter "H" is stamped in his hat. Two pairs of shears, needles, and other articles used by tailors were found in his pockets, also cards from tailor shops in Topeka, Wichita and other Kansas towns. H. O. Sidenfaden has written to the proprietors of several of the shops in an effort to learn the man's identity. He was about fifty-five years old, five feet four inches in height and weighs almost 175 pounds. He has dark brown hair and a mustache.

Date of death: 4 Sep 1911

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 5 Sep 1911, p. 1

Dragged for more than two blocks under the wheels of a swiftly moving southbound Rock Island passenger train, an unidentified man was ground and torn to death near the Illinois crossing at 8 o'clock last night. The train was stopped at the South End station, when the firemen said that he thought a man had been hit, and upon investigation the mangled body was found just under the front truck of the baggage car.

One leg was severed from the body, and the other was hanging by only the skin. The corpse was generally bruised and mutilated and there were deep jagged cuts in each side. Coroner Byrd was summoned and had the body removed to Rock & Clark's undertaking establishment. When the man's clothing was searched no clue to his identity was found.

No one saw the man before he was hit, except the fireman. It was growing dark, and according to the fireman's story he saw a form on the tracks just as the train reached the spot. He was given no opportunity to have the engine stopped in time, he said, but did not explain why he did not have the train stopped sooner than it was. The engineer said that he had not seen anyone.

It was impossible to exactly locate the spot on the tracks where the man was hit. Little blood was found but at intervals for more than a block and a half bits of clothing, a sock, a bit of flesh, and the like were strewn.

The train was Rock Island No. 24, and was in charge of Conductor B. L. Magie and Engineer Walker. It is probably that an inquest will be held.

Date of death: 19 Mar 1889

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Daily Gazette*, 20 Mar 1889, p. 5

An unknown man was killed by an incoming St. Joseph, St. Louis and Santa Fe passenger train yesterday morning about 7 o'clock. The accident occurred just beyond the stockyards, where the Rock Island track runs alongside the track of the Santa Fe. The engineer noticed the man walking on the Santa Fe track, and when the engine was almost to him, he stepped across in front of it and was killed instantly. Whether he intended to commit suicide or thoughts [sic] the train was on the Rock Island track, will never be known. The trainmen who were the only witnesses to his death, believe he intended committing suicide. The man was about 30 years of age, and dressed in workingman's clothes. The body was removed to Dible & White's undertaking establishment and Coroner Whittington held an inquest. The verdict of the jury was that the man came to his death by his own negligence in stepping upon the wrong track. The remains were viewed by many but not recognized.

Date of death: 23 Aug 1907

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 25 Aug 1907, p. 4

The body of the unknown man who was found near the Burlington tracks south of Cosby Friday morning was buried yesterday morning in city cemetery. He was supposed to have been a tramp from his appearance and no one claimed the body.

Date of death: unknown

Subject: unknown [male]

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 3 Oct 1907, p. 10

Decay, and wrapped in a gunny sack, lying near a box containing bones from a human body, a part of a trunk of a body was unearthed on the lot just north of the Ensworth hospital at noon yesterday by workmen who were engaged in excavating for the new addition.

Dr. H. S. Forgrave, acting coroner, was notified and after viewing the bones and body decided that they had been buried there by students from the medical college after having been used in the dissecting room.

The college ...ty says that no bodies from the college are ever buried in the lot but are always taken to the city cemetery for interment. The body was turned over to the college authorities to be taken to the city cemetery.

Date of death: 16 Oct 1907

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Oct 1907, p. 8

[Note: article is illegible except for headlines]

Train Hits, As Man Dons Coat

Unknown Victim Dies in Hospital—Delay in Removing Him.

Date of death: 1 May 1908

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 2 May 1908, p. 4

An unknown man, evidently a laborer, was found about 10 o'clock last night under a coal chute in the Terminal yards, at Seventh and Sycamore streets. He was unconscious and seemed to be badly injured. The police were notified and Dr. L. A. Todd was summoned, but the man died before the physician arrived.

William Geiger, a trackman, and Van Hagen, a switch tender who found the man, were attracted by his groans. Coroner C. F. Byrd viewed the body and ordered it removed to H. O. Sidenfaden's morgue. There were no wounds or marks on the body that would lead to a supposition of foul play. It is thought the stranger may have been drugged and taken to the railroad yards and robbed.

There is no clue to the identity of the dead man. His clothes are very old and bear the tag of a clothing house which five years ago became the Derge-Bodenhausen Clothing Company. The initials L. P. D. appear upon his underwear. He was about thirty-five years old, five feet eight inches in height and weighs about 150 pounds. The only articles in his pockets were an empty vial, a medicine dropper and a box of capsules. An autopsy to determine the cause of death will be performed this afternoon.

Date of death: 7 Jan 1903

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 17 Jan 1903, p. 8

The unknown young man who was killed by a Burlington passenger train near Rushville on the evening of January 9, was buried yesterday afternoon in the City cemetery. Many people have called to see the dead man but no one has been able to identify the body. Considerable mystery surrounds the case. A note was found upon his person addressed to 'Riley,' but the signature was illegible. The note referred to an occurrence at 'Miller's rooming house' in Kansas City.

An investigation was made in that city, but no light was shed upon the identity of the dead man.

Date of death: 22 May 1901 (found)

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 24 May 1901, p. 4

The body of the unknown man, found Wednesday near Francis street station was buried in the city cemetery Thursday morning. There were no means of identification. An inquest was held Thursday afternoon by Coroner Doyle. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.

Date of death: unknown

Subject: unknown male, female and child

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 28 Sep 1906, p. 4

The bodies of three persons were unearthed yesterday in a lot near Tenth and Richardson streets by F. R. Bullock, in charge of a grading gang at work at that place. The position of the bodies indicates that they were regularly prepared by an undertaker, the hands being folded across the breast and on the hands of one of the corpses gloves were found. It is supposed that they were left there in the early days in some private burying ground. No one has yet furnished any information which will disclose the identity of the bodies.

They were evidently the remains of a man, woman and child. The bones were encased in coffins of black walnut, which crumbled, easily indicating a long period of time since they were placed there. Coroner Bansbach was notified and the bones will be buried in the city cemetery. The lot where they were unearthed is owned by James F. Wright.

Date of death: [17] Apr 1914

Subject: unknown male

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 25 Apr 1914, p. 6

The body of the man who was found on the river bank at the foot of Messanie street April 15 [sic] by William Marsh was buried at the city cemetery this afternoon.

Date of death: 24 Aug 1903

Subject: Cinderella V. (Upp) Chittenden

Source: *St. Joseph Daily News*, 24 Aug 1903, p. 6

Mrs. A. S. Chittenden, aged sixty-four years, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning of peritonitis at her home, 2001 Mulberry street. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, as follows: T. M. [sic] and W. D. Chittenden, and Mrs. Irene Bucklin of St. Joseph and T. Annie Chittenden of Kansas City. The remains will be taken to Savannah tomorrow afternoon for interment.

Date of death: 11 Jul 1906

Subject: Mrs. Almyra VanCuren

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 12 Jul 1906, p. 6

Mrs. Almyra Van Curen, aged thirty-three years, died at 10 o'clock last night at the family home, 817 North Main street. She is survived by her husband, C. C. Van Curen, four sisters and two brothers. The body will be forwarded to Maryville, Mo., tomorrow evening.

Date of death: 8 Sep 1901

Subject: James W. Vanlaningham

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 8 Sep 1901, p. 3

James W. Vanlaningham, who lived with his wife at 1012 North Thirteenth street, had his skull fractured and Rev. D. D. Monfort was internally injured, at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night, by being thrown from a wagon driving by Mr. Vanlaningham, who was delivering groceries in South St. Joseph.

The accident occurred in the rear of police sub-station No. 1, in the alley between Missouri and Colorado avenue near Park avenue. The wagon was being driven west. It is not known just how the runaway was caused but it is believed the horse stepped in a lot of wire which frightened it.

Vanlaningham [sic] was thrown in front of the house of A. Schism and struck his head on a stone step leading to the door. A deep gash was cut above the right ear and he was rendered unconscious. Rev. Mr. Monfort, who is a well known city missionary, was bruised about the body, and was probably internally hurt. No bones were broken, but as he is an old man the result of his injuries cannot be predicted. He lives in Fleeman addition to South St. Joseph. He was carried into the Schism house. It was thought best not to move him to his home Saturday night.

Patrolmen Weber and Gordon and citizens carried Mr. Vanlaningham into the police station and Dr. J. L. Byrne was called. He pronounced the injury of Mr. Vanlaningham dangerous and said there were indications of a fractured skull. The injured man was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in the police ambulance.

Vanlaningham has been a grocery clerk in St. Joseph for five years, having come here from Graham, Mo. He was working for S. S. Allen until Friday when he quit to become a partner with G. B. Collier on Missouri avenue in South St. Joseph, under the style of G. B. Collier Grocery company. He is about fifty years old.

Mrs. Clarence W. Christian of 1302 North Twenty-first street, is a daughter of Mr. Vanlaningham.

At an early hour this morning the injured man was reported as very low.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette-Herald*, 10 Sep 1901, p. 5

Coroner Doyle has decided that it will not be necessary to hold an inquest on the body of James W. Vanlaningham of 1013 North Thirteenth street, who was injured in a runaway Saturday night and died twenty-eight hours later.

Date of death: 5 Nov 1905

Subject: Holland (Vanschoiack) Ridgeway

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 6 Nov 1905, p. 8

Ridgeway ... widow of Thomas Ridgeway ... 8:35 a.m., aged 54... take place from ... Joseph avenue ... at 1 o'clock. Interment at Vanschoiack cemetery.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Nov 1905, p. 8

Mrs. H. D. Ridgeway, aged 50 years, died at 8:35 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Winters, 2317 St. Joseph avenue. The body will be forwarded to Ridgeway, Mo., for burial.

Same

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 6 Nov 1905, p. 9

Mrs. Holland D. Ridgeway, widow of Thomas Ridgeway, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. D. Winters, 1317 St. Joseph avenue, at 8:35 o'clock Sunday morning, aged fifty-three years, after a brief illness. The interment will be in Vanskoick [sic] Cemetery, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Date of death: 29 Nov 1907

Subject: Amelia C. Veraguth

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 1 Dec 1907, p. 5

Aurelia [sic] Veraguth, aged 20 years, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Veraguth, died Friday at the residence of her parents, near Cosby, Mo. Death resulted from consumption. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at the Evangelical church, near Cosby.

Date of death: 30 Oct 1904

Subject: Marie M. Veraguth

Source: *St. Joseph Gazette*, 31 Oct 1904, p. 3

Cosby, Mo., Oct. 30.—While watching her young brother who was shooting rats, little Marie Veraguth, aged 2 years, daughter of a prominent farmer living near this place, sustained a wound from a rifle bullet yesterday afternoon, which results in her death this morning.

Young Veraguth was firing at the barn on the premises, and his sister was playing nearby. He fired at a rat, and killed it, and without noticing that his baby sister had approached, fired at another.

At that moment, however, the child darted into range and received the bullet.

Date of death: 12 Apr 1908

Subject: Emily (Vessar) Roberts

Source: *St. Joseph News-Press*, 13 Apr 1908, p. 9

Mrs. Emily Roberts, eighty-four years old, died Sunday evening at 9:15 at the home of Mrs. J. B. Coleman, Ninth and Garden streets, Hyde Park. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Coleman, and a son, Isaac Roberts.