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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Theo B. Abell

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, August 25, 1966, front page: Rites held for Mrs. Theo Abell; Funeral services were held Saturday morning in the Johnson Funeral Home chapel here for Mrs. Theo B. Abell, 83, a native of Stanberry, who was taken by death last Thursday at the Gentry County Memorial hospital at Albany, where she had been a patient nearly six weeks.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Keith Markham, pastor of the Stanberry Baptist church and burial was in High Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Survivors include a niece, Mrs. Fred A. Heyde of St. Joseph, a nephew, George E. Hayett of Kansas City, Six great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. For the last few years she has been very close to her next door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Frederick and children.

Mrs. Abell, the daughter of the late Charles E. and Ella May Butler, was born January 31, 1883, in Stanberry, where she resided until she married C. M. Pierce, a dispatcher here for the Wabash railroad.

She and Mr. Pierce later lived in Canada, Old Mexico and made five years' proof on 320 acres of land four miles from Nara Visa, NM. After having been a widow for six years, she married Wilbur L. Abell in January 1920. they lived on the Abell farm near Stanberry until his health failed in 1934 and they moved to their home in Stanberry. Mr. Abell preceded her in death in 1936.

Mrs. Abell was a member of the Stanberry Baptist church and was very active in the church as long as her health allowed.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Wilbert L. Abell

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, June 18, 1936, Front page: W. L. Abell Died Here Saturday: Well Known Stanberry Citizen Died at His Home Here Saturday, Following Four Strokes of Paralysis: W. L. Abell, well known Stanberry citizen, died at his home here at 8:26 o'clock Saturday night. His death came rapidly after he had sustained four strokes of paralysis last Wednesday. Mr. Abell had been in failing health for the past 2 1/2 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Abell moved from their farm, southeast of Stanberry, to town one year ago last April. They had continued to live here, but Mr. Abell's health did not improve. Following the strokes last Wednesday, he lapsed into unconsciousness 1st Thursday morning at 5 o'clock and remained in a state of coma until his death.

The following obituary has been furnished this office:

Wilbert L. Abell, son of Homer and Cynthia Ann Abell, was born near St. Joseph, Mo., January 14, 1873, and died at his home in Stanberry, Mo., June 13, 1936, at the age of 63 years, four months and 29 days.

When less than a year old, he moved with his parents to Colorado, where he spent his boyhood and young manhood days. Afterwards he moved to California, where he resided for 17 years, with the exception of three years spent in Alaska.

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While in California, Mr. Abell was employed in a saw mill camp in the wonderful redwood district. He followed this occupation until his return to Missouri in 1911.

Mr. Abell was married twice. His first wife was Mrs. Nora Cogdill Abell, with whom he was united in marriage in 1911. They lived together for four years, until her death in May, 1915.

He was united in marriage in January, 1920, with Mrs. Theo Butler Pierce, who survives him. Besides his faithful wife there are left to mourn his departure, his aged mother, Mrs. Cynthia Ann Abell, of Buhl, Idaho; one sister, Mrs. Mary McPherron, of Buhl, Idaho; an aunt, Mrs. Frances Pettepier, of St. Joseph; an uncle, H. E. Harrington, of St. Joseph; two nieces, Mrs. Frances Whitby, of Berkeley, Calif., and Mrs. Nora McPherron of Twin Falls, Idaho. There are also other relatives and a host of friends.

On account of failing health, Mr. and Mrs. Abell moved from the country to Stanberry a year ago last April.

Early in life, he united with the Christian church. In January, of this year, he united with the Baptist church of Stanberry. He was always deeply interested in all of the affairs of the church and was much loved by his pastor, the members and even the children of the congregation.

We shall miss him from the services but we believe that he has entered into that heavenly home, where there is no sorrow, no sickness, no disease, no death, the Rev. Bolton said.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. B. V. Bolton, pastor of the church and interment was in the High Ridge cemetery. The funeral was in charge of J. E. Johnson, funeral director.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: A. J. Adams

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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 20, 1990, page 4:

A. J. Adams, 66, Stanberry, died July 13, 1990 at an Albany hospital, following a brief illness.

Mr. Adams was born in King City and had been a resident of Stanberry where he was foreman of the former Stanberry Cap Factory for 20 years. He was a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Adams was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, and three brothers, Bod, Wilbur and James (Jake) Adams.

Survivors are two sisters, Mary Fletcher and Veda Sollars, both of St. Joseph; four nieces and two Nephews.

Graveside services and burial were held on July 16 at High Ridge Cemetery at Stanberry with flag-folding ceremonies by King City American Legion Post No. 132. Service arrangements were under the direction of Bram-Clark Funeral Home in King City.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Harry Adams

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, February 3, 1972, front page: Harry Adams Is Found Dead in His Stanberry Home: Well Known Stanberry Citizen Is Found Dead and Mrs. Adams Found in Dazed Condition - Harry L. Adams, 79, a well known Stanberry citizen, was found dead at his home at about 5:20 oclock last Saturday afternoon and Mrs.

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Adams was found in a dazed condition by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Earl Lawson.

Neither Mr. Adams nor Mrs. Adams had been in very good health and Mr. Lawson tried to visit them each day. He had gone to the Adams home about 5 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. He could not rouse anyone and the doors were locked.

Lewis Messner had a key to the garage at the home and Mr. and Mrs. Lawson entered the garage, then broke the screen door to enter the house. Both Mr. and Mrs. Adams were in their night clothes, Mr. Adams in the hall of their home and Mrs. Adams in the living room.

Dr. A. L. Carlin was called at once. It was his opinion that Mr. Adams had been dead for several hours. Mrs. Adams was taken in the community ambulance to the Gentry County Memorial hospital at Albany. It is believed she may have suffered a light stroke.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in the Johnson Funeral Home chapel for Mr. Adams. The rites were conducted by the Rev. George Meyer, pastor of the Stanberry United Methodist church, and burial was in High Ridge Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eula Lawson Adams, of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Alma Lovett, Rolla, Mo., and Mrs. Paul Hutton of Columbus, Ohio; a stepson, Charles Lawson of Stanberry; and two step grandchildren.

He also is survived by three nieces, Mrs. Velma Adams Yeager of Agency, Ia., Mrs. Helen Hutton Beach of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Harriet Love Beach of Bay Village, Ohio.

Mr. Adams, son of the late John Scott and Sarah Frances Compton Adams, was born August 10, 1892, on a farm near Stanberry. He was educated in schools in this community and as a young man joined the Pattonsburg Methodist church.

He and the former Miss Ruth Jane Cameron were united in marriage February 25, 1919, in Kansas City, Mo., and spent their married life in this community. She preceded him in death May 25, 1968. He and Mrs. Lawson were married March 10, 1969, and continued to make their home here.

For many, many years, Mr. Adams, a master plumber, was associated with the Big 4 Hardware firm here. Before his retirement approximately 18 years ago, he was happy to teach many young men his trade.

In his younger days, Mr. Adams was exceedingly interested in civic and community affairs in Stanberry and served as mayor of this city for four terms in the late 30's and early 40's.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: J. Scott Adams

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The Stanberry Herald, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, February 18, 1915, front page: A Sudden Death: Sunday morning our people were shocked when they word went over town that J. S. Adams had died that morning. He had been in his usual health up to a short time of his death. His death was caused by heart failure.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30, conducted by Revs. Sturges and Barnum, and the remains were laid to rest at High Ridge cemetery.

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While we regret the death of a friend and neighbor of many years, it is a great pleasure to state that Scott Adams was one of our best citizens and neighbors, and a man who believed in the application of the golden rule and used it in his daily walks. He was widely known and loved by all who knew him, and his sudden death will be mourned by many. No better man in our opinion has lived or died in Stanberry. - The Editor. (V. T. Williams)

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: May Hastings Adams
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, 21 Oct. 1976, page 2:
Rites Held For Mrs. Adams: Funeral services for Mrs. May Adams, 76, of Stanberry, who died Monday at the Gentry County Memorial hospital in Albany, were not known as this paper was preparing to go to press late Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Adams had been in failing health for several months. She had been a patient in the Albany hospital since September 14.

She had been a resident of Stanberry since 1938. She worked as a bookkeeper for the Krey Packing Co., that had a hog buying plant in Stanberry.

Mrs. Adams was the daughter of John and Minerva Frances Harris Hastings and was born at Springfield, Mo., on August 14, 1900. She was a graduate of the Springfield high school and of the University of Missouri, Columbia. She was a member of the Springfield Baptist church.

She was married to A. J. Adams of Stanberry on September 22, 1952. He survives her. She also is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ruth Hurst of Lockhart, Tex., and a niece, Mrs. Hilda H. Lassen, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Martin V. Adams
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The Stanberry Headlight; Thursday, January 31, 1985:
Martin V. Adams, 87, died Saturday, January 26, 1985 at Colonial Manor in Albany, Mo. Martin was born March 12, 1897 at Martinsville, Missouri the son of the late Clark and Robelle Adams. Martin was active in agriculture work, having been on a combine crew in Kansas, Colorado, and Oklahoma, as well as farming in Gentry county.

He was united in marriage to Edith N. Shoemaker, who preceded him in death on October 12, 1977, as well as mother, father, six brothers, Elmer, Jessie, Walter, Fred, John and Charles; also two sisters Ida and Mamie.

Martin attended and was converted to Christianity at the Ridgeway Christian Church as a young man and was a member of the Albany First Christian Church.

He is survived by one brother, Arvol Adams of California; one nephew, Arvol Adams, Trenton, Mo.; several nieces, and a host of friends and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Monday morning, January 28, 1985 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Albany, Missouri with the Rev. John Yarosevich officiating.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ruth Adams

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, May 30, 1968, front page:
Rites Held For Mrs. Ruth Adams: Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Johnson Funeral Home chapel for Mrs. Ruth J. Adams, 74, Stanberry, who was taken by death Saturday evening at the Gentry County Memorial hospital in Albany following a lingering illness.

The rites were conducted by a former Stanberrian, the Rev. Frederick Lawson, pastor of the Macon, Mo., United Methodist church, and burial was in High Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Harry L. Adams, of the home; a brother, Mark Cameron, Alhambra, Calif.; an aunt and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jay Cameron.

Mrs. Adams, daughter of the late Allen B. and Anna Mendenhall Cameron, was born January 27, 1894, at Rothville, Mo. She and Mr. Adams were united in marriage February 25, 1919, in Kansas City, Mo. They had resided in and near Stanberry during their entire married life.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Larry Dean Adcock

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The Ledger-Headlight; Wednesday, April 27, 1994, page 12:

STANBERRY - Larry Dean Adcock, 39, Stanberry, died Saturday, Apr. 23, 1994, at a Kansas City hospital.

Mr. Adcock was born at Gentryville. He was a member of the Stanberry First Christian Church.

He was employed as a sheetmetal worker with Temperature Industries of Albany.

Mr. Adcock was a Vietnam Navy veteran.

He married Patricia Preston in 1973 at Stanberry. She survives.

Mr. Adcock was preceded in death by his father, Junior, and a daughter, Angel D.

Additional survivors include a son, Eldon D., of the home; his mother, Ruth, Stanberry; and two brothers, Terry, Savannah, and Randy, Darlington.

Services were Apr. 25 at First Christian Church, Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, with military honors under the auspices of American Legion Post No. 106, Albany; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2176; and American Legion Post No. 216, Bethany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Buell Ray Agee

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, November 3, 1966, front page:
Buell R. Agee Taken By Death: Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the Johnson Funeral Home chapel for Buell Ray Agee, 63, who was taken by death Monday morning at the St. Francis hospital, Maryville, where he had been a patient six weeks.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Floyd Kolb, Vienna, Mo.; the Rev. Charles Gash, Ravenwood, and Stanberry Lodge, No. 19, A.F. & A.M., and burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

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Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Alean Miller, Stanberry; Mrs. Ina Lee, Madison, Mo., and Mrs. Adelia McCuley of Independence, Kan., and a brother, Herman Agee, Stroud, Okla.

Mr. Agee son of the late Joseph Boone and Mary Josephine Gearhart Agee, was born March 8, 1903, in Vinco, Okla. He and his family moved to this area in 1916, when he was 13 years old. He had resided in the Stanberry and Ravenwood communities since that time. He lived with his sister, Mrs. Miller.

Mr. Agee was a retired farmer and stockman. Until several months ago, he was in charge of the city scales for several months. In addition to being a member of the Stanberry Masonic Lodge, he was a member of the Moila Temple in St. Joseph and was very active in that organization's events, especially parades, as long as his health permitted.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Judge John Akers
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, January 4, 1951:

Judge John Akers dies suddenly:
Presiding Judge of County Court dies suddenly at farm home:

Relatives and friends of Presiding Judge John F. Akers were shocked and grieved Saturday morning when it became known that he had died very suddenly at his home southwest of Albany.

John Floyd Akers, son of Jas. and Electro Ann Moore Akers, was born in Tazewell county, Va., on Jan. 19, 1882. He passed away at his farm home Dec. 30, 1950, at the age of 68 years, 11 months and 11 days.

Judge Akers came to Missouri when he was 18 years old and he had spent the rest of his life within the confines of this county.

He was united in marriage on Apr. 27, 1904, to Fannie Vance, who survives him. To that union the following children were born: Lewis H. and Ermal Akers of Marshalltown, Ia., Vernon Akers of Des Moines, Ia., and Mrs. Fred Newman and Mrs. Homer Taylor, both of Albany.

He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. There are three sisters and one brother, who are: Mrs. Grace Rose, McDowell, W. Va.; Mrs. Ollie Armstrong, Banner, Va.; Mrs. Nellie Davidson, Logan, W. Va., and Henry Akers, Slab Fork, W. Va. Carol Akers of east of Albany is a cousin.

Twenty-seven years ago, Judge Akers united with the New Castel (?Castle) Christian church. The day he was baptized he was ordained an elder by the Rev. J. T. Alsup. He had remained an elder ever since and served his church faithfully. He had attended Sunday school on the Sunday before his death.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock-Sunday afternoon from the Christian church in Albany, conducted by the Rev. O. D. Hedges of Martinsville and the Rev. Geo. W. Manning, pastor of the Albany Christian church. Interment was in the Grandview cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Rosa A. Albrecht

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Stanberry Headlight, 30 September 1971:
Services held for Rosa A. Albrecht:

Funeral services were held Sunday (26 September) afternoon in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel here for a former resident, Mrs. Rosa A. Bauer Albrecht, 85, who was taken by death last Thursday (23 September) at a hospital in Jefferson City, MO., where she had been a patient a week.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Lawrence Matlock, paster of the Stanberry Baptist church, and burial was in High Ridge cemetery here.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Helen York of Osage Beach, MO., Mrs. Joan Weant of Kansas City and Mrs. LoDaiska Bethel of Camdenton, MO.; a son, Charles Shelton, jr., of Tacoma, WA.; a half-sister, Mrs. Mollie Sullivan of Independence, MO.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Albrecht, daughter of the late Andrew J. and Mary Ellen Gillett Wright, was born in Stanberry Dec. 25, 1885. She and Charles Shelton were united in marriage June 16, 1906. Mr. Shelton preceded her in death. She and John Bauer were married in 1932 and he preceeded her in death in 1942. Mrs. Bauer and John Albrecht were married in 1954 and he also preceeded her in death July 25, 1956.

Mrs. Albrecht resided in Kansas City, MO., for 16 years, but was living recently in the home of her daughter, Mrs. York, in Osage Beach. She was a member of the Independence Avenue Baptist church in Kansas City.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Forest Carter Alldredge
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The Tri-County News, Friday, October 13, 2000:
Forest C. Alldredge:

Forest C. Alldredge, 86, Stanberry, died October 8, 2000, at his residence.

Mr. Alldredge was the owner and operator of Alldredge Feed and Grain until retiring.

Born Oct. 7, 1914, in Gentry County, he was a graduate of Stanberry high school and served in the Army during World War II.

Mr. Alldredge was a member of the First Christian Church, where he served in the board of trustees and was a past elder; Chamber of Commerce, of which he was a former president; Board of Public Works and former board member of the Pine View Manor, all of Stanberry.

On May 6, 1937, he married Erma E. Jennings. She died in 1998.

Mr. Alldredge also was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Vernon Alldredge and a grandchild.

Survivors include three daughters, Carol Jean Osborn, Stanberry; Judy Landes, Gladstone and Donna Charles, Springfield; a sister, Ruby Talmadge, Stanberry; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Funeral services were held Oct. 11 at the First Christian Church with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, both in Stanberry. Memorials may be made to the Stanberry First Christian Church. Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Juanita M. Allenbrand

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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 8, 2005, page 28:

Juanita M. Allenbrand, 84, died July 1, 2005 at a local health care center.

Mrs. Allenbrand was born Oct. 30, 1920 in New Hampton. She lived in Albany before moving to St. Joseph in 1973.

She was married to Gerald "Keith" Allenbrand on March 1, 1944. He preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 2001. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Rufus and Maude (Hills) Williams and two sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen McCrary, St. Joseph and Frances Proctor, Olathe, KS.; a sister, Emma Pitts, Syracuse, NY.; a brother, Noel Martin, Kansas City, KS.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on July 5 at the King City cemetery, with Sister Susan Holmes officiating.

The family has suggested memorials be given to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements were handled by Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel in St. Joseph.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Edward William Allen

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, November 7, 1968, front page: Edward W. Allen Dies in Arkansas: Funeral services were tentatively scheduled to be held at 2:30 o'clock today (Thursday) in the Johnson Funeral home chapel for a former Stanberry resident, Edward William (Bill) Allen, 43, who died Monday in Jacksonville, Ark.

The rites will be conducted by the rev. Lawrence Matlock, pastor of the Stanberry Baptist church, and burial will be in the High ridge cemetery.

Survivors include five sons, Edward W. Allen jr., Charles Allen, George Allen and Lloyd Allen, of the home, and Robert David Allen with the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Allen's wife, the former Miss Helen Marie Cummings, daughter of Mrs. Walter E. Cummings of Stanberry, and the late Mr. Cummings, preceded him in death on July 13, 1967.

Mr. Allen, a native of Lansing, Kan., was a carpenter. He served with the U. S. Navy during World War II. He and his sons moved from Omaha, Nebr., to Jacksonville five months ago. He had been in ill health for several years.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Oren John Allen

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, January 13, 1972, front page: Oren John Allen Taken By Death: Graveside services were held Saturday afternoon at High Ridge cemetery here for Oren John Allen, 65, a former Stanberry resident, who was found

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dead in his room in an Independence, Mo., hotel last Thursday. Funeral rites were held that morning at the Carson Funeral Home in Independence.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Susie Allen of Stanberry; sister, Mrs. Irene Allen of Kansas City; a brother, Cleo C. Allen of Independence; three nephews; and three nieces.

Mr. Allen, son of the late Cleo C. Allen, sr., and Mrs. Allen, was born July 11, 1928, in Stanberry. He received his education in the Stanberry school system and later served eight years in the U.S. Army, six years being spent over seas. He had been a resident of the Kansas City area for a number of years. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Herbert Allison

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The Tri-County News; Friday, July 4, 2003

Herbert Allison:

Herbert Allison, 91, Stanberry, died June 26, 2003, at an area nursing home.

Born Feb. 19, 1921 in Phelps County, MO., he was the son of Albert and Rhoda Adeline (Rhoads) Allison.

On Dec. 30, 1933, he was united in marriage to Helen Ann Barnes. She preceded him in death April 27, 1983. He married Hazel Wharton Poff on June 29, 1985.

He was an elementary and high school teacher in Stewartsville, McFall and several South Missouri schools. He also owned and operated Allison Concrete Products before his retirement. He was a member of the Alanthus Church of Christ.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Allison; sister, Margaret Carson and a granddaughter, Rebecca Lindeman.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Allison, Stanberry; a son, Laton Allison, and wife, Janet, Stanberry; daughter Melba Gail Lindeman, and husband, Doug, New Bern, NC; step-son, Lloyd Poff, Stanberry; two step-daughters, Joyce Wiederholt, Stanberry, and Dolores Wallace, Gentry; three grandchildren, Tracy Boone, and husband, Tom, St. Louis; Scott Lindeman and wife Stacey, Olathe, KS. and Tyler Allison and wife, Marci, Rogers, AR.; four great-grandchildren, Sally, Jane, Henry and Charles Boone, St. Louis; several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were held June 29 at the Alanthus Church of Christ with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the King City Manor Service Unit or a memorial of their choice. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Laura Anderson

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, February 19, 1976, front page: Final Rites for Laura Anderson: Funeral services for Miss Laura Anderson, 71, who died Monday morning at 9:45 o'clock at the King City Manor, will be at the gravesite in the High Ridge cemetery at 2:30 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon. The Rev. George Meyer, pastor of the United Methodist church of Stanberry, will conduct the service.

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The remains were taken to the Johnson Funeral Home here. A visitation was held at the funeral home at 7:30 o'clock last night.

Miss Anderson died at the King City Manor, where she had been a resident since 1966. She was born near Guilford, the daughter of John and Ida Mattson Anderson.

Miss Anderson had lived in Stanberry for many years. She was a member of the United Methodist church of Stanberry.

Her survivors include five brothers. They are Rolland and Gotfried Anderson of Stanberry; Chester Anderson of Canon City, Colo.; Glenn Anderson of Fort Collins, Colo.; and John Anderson of Cameron.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mary L. Anderson
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 1, 1928:
Mary L. Anderson, Brought here for burial:

The remains of Miss Mary L. Anderson were brought to Stanberry Tuesday night for burial. Miss Anderson, who was 78 years old, died last Sunday (26 Feb.) at Bristol, CO. Her death was due to heart trouble.

Miss Anderson formerly lived in Pattonsburg, but had lived in Colorado for the past 25 years.

She was a member of the M. E. Church at Bristol and a funeral was held there Monday before the body was sent here.

The body was taken to the Pennington Undertaking Co. parlors Tuesday night and the remains were buried at the High Ridge Cemetery yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

Miss Anderson was a sister of Mrs. Miller Ward, who lived in Stanberry for many years. Mrs. Ward was unable to be here on account of illness. Mrs. D. H. Stratton of Norborne, MO., and Mr. Ward of Salisbury, MO., were here for the funeral yesterday.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: William D. Anderson
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The Tri-County News, Friday, February 18, 2005:

William Donald "Mike" Anderson, 87, Stanberry, died Feb. 9, 2005, at a Maryville nursing home.

He was born Oct. 31, 1927, in Alanthus Grove; the son of Claude and Cora (Medsker) Anderson.

Mr. Anderson was a truck driver and a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanberry.

On Jan. 3, 1948, he was united in marriage to Laura Gail Lewis, who preceded him in death. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Delbert, George, Eldon, Ward and Ray Anderson and three sisters.

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Survivors include one daughter, Sheryl and husband, Rick Smith, Maryville; one sister, Dorothy Trump, four grandchildren, Pam & husband Greg Osborn, Stanberry; Chuck and wife, Amy Harkrider, Kansas City, Scott and wife, Tina Harkrider, Maryville, Amy and husband, Brad Adwell, Maryville and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Feb. 12 at First Baptist Church Stanberry. The body has been cremated. Interment will be held at a later date at Jennings Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ada Beatrice Angle
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, November 24, 1966, Front page: Mrs. Ada Angle Taken By Death: Final services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today (Wednesday, Nov. 23) at the Weatherby Methodist church for Mrs. Ada Beatrice Angle, 72, who was taken by death Sunday while attending services at the Weatherby church.

The rites will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Harold Johnson and burial will be in the High Ridge cemetery here, under the direction of the Bram Funeral Home, Maysville.

Mrs. Angle, who had spent most of her life in the Stanberry and King City communities before moving to Weatherby in 1960, is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Frances Parkhurst, Weatherby; a son, Oscar K. Angle, Jr., St. Louis; a brother, Harvey L. Gillett, St. Joseph, and 10 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two half-sisters, Electa McNeil and Grace Duvall.

Mrs. Angle, daughter of the late Fred and Turrissa Ann Johnson Gillett, was born June 11, 1894, near Island City. She lost both parents at an early age and was reared in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Gillett, and uncle, Pearl Gillett. She confessed her faith at an early age and was a member of the Stanberry Christian church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Delores Ann Angle
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The Stanberry Headlight, May 1942:
infant Angle, Dead at birth:

The infant daughter (Delores Ann) born last Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Angle at the St. Francis hospital in Maryville was dead at birth. The condition of the mother who has been returned to her home in Stanberry, is considered to be satisfactory.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: John Edward Angle
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St. Joseph News-Press; Wednesday, December 28, 2005; B3 & B4
John E. Angle 1935-2005; STANBERRY, Mo. - John Edward Angle, 70, of Stanberry, passed away Monday, Dec. 26, 2005, at the St. Joseph, Mo., hospital.

John, the son of Lawrence and Letha (Edson) Angle, was born Dec. 22, 1935, in Darlington, Mo. On Sept. 20, 1957, he was united in marriage to Bonnie Hall. She preceded him in death June 26, 1990.

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He also was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Clarence and Arthur; and a fiancée, Charlotte Lincoln.

John was an auto repairman and vehicle inspector, owning Angle Auto Repair for several years. He was a Korean Army veteran and a member of the Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260.

Survivors: son, Mike Angle, Holt, Mo.; daughter, Debbie Angle, Stanberry; companion, Patty Masters of the home; sister, Gertrude Ragland, Council Bluffs, Iowa; brothers, Ernie, Waco, Texas; Harold, Gentryville, Mo.; Paul, Albany, Mo.; and Jim, Stanberry; grandchildren, Judy Angle, Shantel Scrogin, Travis Angle, Stacy Foster, Trevor Angle, Alissa Ray, Austin Ray and Kaitlin Ray; and great grandchildren, Brianna Foster, Jena Baumli and Skyler Brown.

Graveside service and burial: 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, with military rites by Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260, Stanberry; and Tri-C Memorial Post No. 464, Conception, Mo. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, where friends may call after 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Clifford Armstrong
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The Tri-County News, Friday, November 21, 2003:
Clifford Armstrong:

Clifford Armstrong, 93, Stanberry, died Nov. 11, 2003, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Mr. Armstrong was born Aug. 23, 1910, near Conception, MO. and had lived near Stanberry all of his adult life. He was the son of Andrew and Esta Stuart Armstrong and was a graduate of Stanberry high school in 1929.

He was a member of the Stanberry First Baptist Church and the Stanberry Senior Center. Clifford was a conductor for the Wabash Railroad and belonged to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Mr. Armstrong married Marie Swinford on Feb. 2, 1935. She preceded him in death in 1992. He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Rev. Edmond Armstrong; a half-sister, Cecile Wood Cook and a half-brother, Ezra Wood.

He is survived by a daughter, Rita Case and husband, Virgil Lee, of King City; a granddaughter; Cindy Neidinger, St. Joseph, and two great-grandsons.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 15 at the First Baptist Church, Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stanberry Senior Center. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Opal May Armstrong
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The Stanberry Headlight, August 1965:
Mrs. Armstrong:

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Johnson Funeral Home

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chapel for Mrs. Opal May Armstrong, 61, Stanberry, who was taken by death Sunday morning in the Gentry County Memorial hospital, Albany, following a long illness.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Charles E. Chandler, pastor of the Stanberry Christian church, and burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Mrs. Armstrong, daughter of William H. and Minnie Summa Karr, was born Feb. 6, 1904, on a farm near Gentry, MO. She was a lifelong resident of Gentry county. The only immediate survivors are her parents. Her mother is presently a patient in the Gentry County Memorial hospital. Mr. Karr, who is recovering from a recent serious hip injury, is at home and manages to get to town frequently.

Married in 1929:

The former Miss Opal May Karr and Harry D. Armstrong were united in marriage Sept. 28, 1929, in Albany. Mr. Armstrong, a retired Wabash Railroad Co., conductor, preceded her in death here Sept. 26, 1964.

Mrs. Armstrong, who was member of the Stanberry Christian church, was employed by the South-western Bell Telephone Co. here as an operator for many years. She had been a patient in the Albany hospital and St. Joseph hospitals for nearly a year.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Carmeta Arnold

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, 23 January 2004:
Carmeta Arnold, 85, Albany, formerly of Stanberry, died Jan. 19, 2004, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

She was born Nov. 17, 1918, in Worth County; the daughter of Elmer and Ruth (McMichael) Sharp. She lived in Albany and attended school there after attending four years at Howell Country School.

On Aug. 25, 1934, she married Earl G. Arnold in Stanberry. They were members of the Stanberry Baptist Church, where they were baptized together by Rev. Don Stanley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, on March 2, 1968 and also by her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold farmed in the Stanberry area for several years and operated a flower shop there for four years. In 1970, Mrs. Arnold became a Nurse's Aid. After completing training at the Colonial Manor in Albany, she worked at the hospital and rest home in Albany. In later years she moved to Albany and became a member of the Albany Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Madonna Carroll, Stanberry; Carleta Foreman, Mercer; one son, Dr. Earl L. Arnold, Old Hickory, TN.; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today, Jan. 23, at the First Baptist Church, Stanberry, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

She requested that memorials be given to the Stanberry and Albany Baptist

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Churches. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Maxine Ayers

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The Tri-County News; Friday, December 28, 2001:

Maxine (Rethford) Ayers, 71, King City, died Dec. 19, 2001 at a St. Joseph Hospital.

Mrs. Ayers, a homemaker, was a nurse's aide in various nursing homes, including King City Manor.

Born Sept. 20, 1930, in Buffalo, Mo., she graduated from Fordland, Mo. high school. She moved to King City in 1960.

Mrs. Ayers was a member of the Hammer Memorial United Methodist Church, King City.

On Jan. 10, 1948, she married Carl D. Ayers in Harrison, AR. He survives at the home.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Kathy Harris, Maysville; a son, L. D. "Short" Ayers, Cameron; two sisters, Gerry Snapp, King City and Bobbie Foster, St. Joseph; a brother, Robert Rethford, Carson City, CA.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Audie L. and Freda O. Rethford and an infant brother.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 21 at the Gibson Funeral Home in King City, conducted by Rev. Travis Reames. Burial was in the King City Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home, P. O. Box 552, King City, MO. 64463.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Gertrude Freeman Badami

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The Stanberry Headlight, December 31, 1959:

Mrs. Gertrude Freeman Badami:

Graveside rites uner the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home were held in the High Ridge cemetery here last Thursday afternoon for a former Stanberry resident, Mrs. Gertrude Freeman Badami, 73, who died the preceding Tuesday at her home in Kansas City.

Survivors include her husband, Anthony Badami, of the home; a son, Edward Weil, Kansas City, and three grandchildren.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Charlotte May Bailey

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, February 8, 1951, page 8:

Double Funeral held on Thursday for Bailey family:

Mrs. Charlotte May Bailey dies before entering church to attend husband's rites:

A double funeral service was held last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Christian church here for Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey. Rites for Mr. Bailey, who died Sunday of last week, were originally scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. However, Mrs. Bailey died at about 2:28 o'clock as she was entering the church to attend the services.

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The double service was conducted by the Rev. Charles R. Hagee, pastor of the church. The Rev. J. Frederick Lawson, pastor of the First Methodist church here, assisted at the rites. Burial for Mr. and Mrs. Bailey was in the High Ridge cemetery here.

Mrs. Bailey died outside the church before a physician could be summoned. When the physician reached her, she was pronounced dead. Services for Mr. Bailey were then postponed until the following day.

The following obituary for Mrs. Bailey has been furnished The Headlight by members of the family.

Charlotte May Runyan, daughter of Charles H. and Nora Rodgers Runyan, was born Apr. 20, 1890, and passed away at 2:28 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 28, 1951, at the age of 60 years, 10 months and eight days.

On Feb. 14, 1912, she was united in marriage to Lewis H. Collier of Emporia, Kan., by the Rev. A. W. Luce, minister of the Stanberry Christian church.

To this union were born two children; Mrs. Evelyn Collier Arnburg and Richard Collier, both of Omaha, Neb.

She was united in marriage on June 16, 1928, to George Bailey. To this union were born three children; Mrs. John Messner, Mrs. Lee Graves and Mrs. Leland Boatwright, all of Stanberry.

Mrs. Bailey had spent most of her life in this community and was an active member of the Order of Eastern Star. She was a member of the Methodist church here. Mrs. Bailey had been employed at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. here for several years.

Besides her children, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Nora E. Runyan of Omaha, Neb.; two brothers, Earl Runyan of Council Bluffs, Ia., and Fred Runyan of Omaha, and a sister, Mrs. A. E. DeWaal, also of Omaha. She also leaves six grandchildren.

A complete obituary of Mr. Bailey appeared last week in the Headlight.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: George Bailey
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 1, 1951:

Wednesday rites for George Bailey:

Well known Stanberry resident died Sunday night at home; was a bridge foreman:

George W. Bailey, retired Wabash Railroad Co. bridge foreman and a well known Stanberry resident, died suddenly about 7:30 o'clock Sunday night at his home here. Bailey, who suffered a stroke about 11 years ago, had been in his usual state of health until the fatal attack.

Funeral services were held for him yesterday afternoon at the First Christian church here, with the Rev. Charles R. Hagee, the pastor, officiating. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

(NOTE: see obituary of Mrs. George Bailey .. funeral held on Thursday)

A native of the Island City community, much of this active life had been spent there and in Stanberry. He entered the employ of the Wabash as a bridge carpenter in 1910, and later became a bridge foreman with the company. Among the more important pieces of work

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he was employed on by the Wabash, was the wrecking of the old Eads bridge after the completion of the new bridge over the Mississippi river at St. Louis.

He was the son of the late James and Hester A. Bailey, and was born April 26, 1876, near Island City. Had he lived until Next April 26, he would have been 75 years old.

The family lived for a few years in Nebraska, but later returned to the Island City vicinity, where he was married to Mrs. Tressa Gillett in 1902. She die about 45 years ago.

On June 16, 1928, he was married to Mrs. Lottie Collier in Council Bluffs, Ia., and they made their home there until they came to Stanberry nearly 19 years ago. Since that time Stanberry has been their home.

In early life he united with the Island City Christian church and never transferred his membership from that church.

He is survived by his wife of the home; three daughter, who are Mrs. John Messner, Mrs. Lee Graves and Mrs. Leland Boatwright, all of Stanberry; two daughters by his first marriage; they are Mrs. Grace DuVal of Richmond, Mo., and Mrs. Electa McNeill, of Graham, Mo.; two step-children, who are, Mrs. Overlin Arnburg and Richard Collier, of Omaha, Neb.; two sisters, who are, Mrs. Josephine Macey, of Ogallala, Neb., and Mrs. Florence Johnson, of Stanberry; two step-children, Mrs. Ada Angle of King City and Harvey Gillett of St. Joseph; six grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: John and Guy Bailey
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, February 9, 1956:
Fire takes lives of Fred and Guy Bailey:

Early morning blaze, starting in mattress, also threatens the life of Mrs. Mary Bailey, who is still in hospital:

John Bogart (Fred) Bailey, 81, a retired wabash railroad employee, and his son, Guy F. Bailey, 56, met death as a result of an early morning fire last Friday in the family home at 415 North Locust street.

The father's death occurred during the fire and was due to suffocation, according to the county coroner, Dr. C. N. Williamson, Gentry. Guy Bailey, suffering from acute burns about the face, arms and body, was rushed to the St. Francis hospital in Maryville, where he clung to life until Sunday morning.

Only the younger man was burned. Mrs. Mary Bailey, 77, wife and mother of the two men, a semi-invalid, suffered from shock and the smoke and also was taken to the Maryville hostpital in a Johnson Funeral Home ambulance. Her conditions was still considered critical when this was written. The fire apparently started in the bed of Guy Bailey in the northwest corner of the wooden frame bungalow. Firemen could not estimate how long the fire had smoldered in the two mattresses before spreading to other parts of the bedroom. The volunteer department contained the fire damage to the bedroom and ceiling and roof above it.

On way to work; The fire was observed shortly before 7 a.m. by Mrs. Curtis Quinn and Mrs. James Williams, neighbors on their way to work at the StanberryManufacturing Co.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Samuel Bailey

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The Stanberry Headlight, (probably Thursday, March 9), 1933:

Died in chair as brother is near:

Samuel Bailey died at home here while seated in a chair and as brother watched:

Samuel and Thos. Bailey have lived in a little home in norhtwest Stanberry for several years. The two have been close companions and the two brothers lived in each other's company. They were what might be termed almost constant companions.

Samuel Bailey took ill last week and last Friday, as he sat in a chair in the kitchen at their home, death claimed him while his brother sat only a few feetaway. So calmly did he die even his brother was at first unaware of his death.

Bailey had been ill for two or three days but it was not believed his condition was serious. He arose last Friday morning as usual and went out into the kitchen of their home and seated himself on a chair. Thos. Bailey advised his brother that possibly he should go back to bed, but the brother refused to go. A few minutes later he was dead.

Fred Miller had called at the Bailey home that morning and he came into the kitchen just at the time that Thos. Bailey noticed his brother was not moving. Miller was sent to call Dr. S. E. Simpson to the home but there were no signsof live when he arrived. Bailey's death occurred about 9:30 o'clock.

Dr. C. I. Pray, county coroner, was called from Albany and he pronounced death as being due to enlargement of the heart.

The following obituary has been furnished this office:

Samuel L. Bailey, son of John and Sarah Bailey, was born near Bolckow, in Andrew county, MO., October 27, 1873, and died at his home in Stanberry March3, 1933, at the age of 59 years, five months and six days.

He was married to Stella Alkier, who preceded him in death about eight years.

He is survived by his mother, three sisters, Mrs. Jincy Kimbrell, Mrs. John Murry, both of Stanberry, and Mrs. William Neeley of Bolckow; four brothers, Thomas and Fred of Stanberry, Caleb of Kansas City and William of Fort Worth, TX.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Pennington Undertaking Co. Parlors, conducted by the Rev. N. O. Rogers, pastor of the Christian Church. Interment was in the High Ridge Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Daniel Scott Baker

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, November 22, 1946:

Infant buried here:

Daniel Scott Baker, 2-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Baker of St. Joseph, died Nov. 14 at the Missouri Methodist hospital in St. Joseph of a heart disease.

Graveside services were conducted last Saturday afternoon in the High Ridge Cemetery here, with the Rev. Hauser F. Winter, pastor of the Huffman Memorial chruch in St. Joseph, officiating. The funeral was under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

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The baby is survived by his parents; one brother, William Carl, 6; and one sister, Nancy Jean, 2, all of the home; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rucker, Stanberry; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman, Los Angeles, CA.; his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Neal, Stanberry, and James Baker, St. Joseph.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Samuel Nelson Baker
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, February 7, 1957:
Samuel Baker Taken by Death: Final services were held Monday afternoon in the Stanberry Methodist church for Samuel Nelson Baker, 80, long-time Stanberry resident, who was taken by death early Sunday morning, following a long illness.

The rites were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Richard Davis, assisted by the Rev. R. T. Ware, pastor of the Stanberry Baptist church. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery, under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Fannie Baker, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Wade Dorsey, living in California, and Mrs. Lloyd Slagle, Stanberry; a brother, Isaac Baker, Stanberry; two sisters, Mrs. Bert Malson, Albany, and Mrs. George Umphry, Stanberry; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Baker was a member of the Hugginsville Methodist church and the Stanberry Masonic lodge. Until a year or so ago, when he quit to take a trip to the West coast, Mr. Baker served as weigh master at the city scales.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Thomas F. Baley
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, August 3, 1944:
Thomas F. Baley died last Friday:

Funeral services were held here Sunday Afternoon for Resident who had lived here for 30 years.

Thomas F. Baley, a resident of Stanberry and vicinity for the past 30 years, died at 1:30 o'clock last Friday afternoon at his home in west Stanberry. He had been in failing health for the past several years and had been seriously ill for several weeks.

His death was attributed to the infirmities of old age. Mr. Baley was 86 years, one month and seven days old at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon at the Phillips Mortuary, conducted by the Rev. Albert W. Blood, pastor of the Methodist church. Interment was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Mr. Baley was of pioneer Nodaway county parentage. The son of John and Sarah Brown Baley. It was his grandfather, Thomas A Brown, who was the first representative elected in Nodaway county. He was born on a farm between Barnard and Bolckow, MO., and spent his early life there.

Prior to coming to Stanberry, he was an engineer for the old Hannibal & St. Joseph Railway Co., which later became the C. B. & Q. Railway Co., for a period of about 30 years. During his employment on this railroad, he made his home in Brookfield, MO.

While living there, Mr. Baley was married to Miss Mary Bowlen, who preceded him in death more than 40 years ago. Her death occurred at Brookfield.

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Upon his return to this vicinity, Mr. Baley farmed near Stanberry, was employed on the bridge crew for the Wabash Railway Co., for a time and for the past ten years had not engaged in any regular employment.

Surviving him are two brothers and two sisters, who are; Wm. Baley, of Ft. Worth, TX., J. B. "Fred" Bailey, of Stanberry, Mrs. John Murry, of Stanberry, and Mrs. Jincy Kimbrell, of St. Joseph.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Doris M. Ballard
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The Tri-County News, Friday, June 9, 2000:
Doris M. Ballard:

Doris M. Ballard, 92, St. Joseph, died May 30, 2000, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Born in Stanberry on June 16, 1907, Mrs. Ballard had been a resident of St. Joseph since 1936.

She was a former homemaker and a member of the Savannah Avenue Baptist Church in St. Joseph.

On May 19, 1929, she married Ed C. Ballard in Troy, KS. He survives at a health care center in St. Joseph.

Mrs. Ballard was preceded in death by her parents, Carl Moore and Blanche Moore Stephenson; two brothers, John A. and George A. Moore and two grandchildren.

Additional survivors include three sons, John Ballard, Ashland; Gary Ballard, Bel Air, MD. and Lynn Ballard, Greenville, SC.; three daughters, Barbara Rose, Albuquerque, NM.; Marilyn Drannan, St. Joseph and Carolee Frakes, Kansas City; 21 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held June 1 at Gladden-Stamey Funeral Home, St. Joseph, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be sent to her church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ed Clayton Ballard
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The Tri-County News, Friday, April 27, 2001:
Ed C. Ballard:

Ed Clayton Ballard, 97, St. Joseph, died April 18, 2001 at a health care center in St. Joseph. Mr. Ballard had been a sheet metal worker at the Quaker Oats Co. in St. Joseph for 26 years until retiring in 1968. Prior to that, he was a ward attendant at St. Joseph State Hospital and a custodian at Humboldt Elementary School in St. Joseph.

Born in Lamar, on Oct. 4, 1903, he lived in Stanberry, before moving to St. Joseph.

Mr. Ballard was a graduate of Stanberry high school and served in the Missouri National Guard 128th Field Artillery of Maryville, of which he played in its band.

He was a member of the Savannah Avenue Baptist Church, St. Joseph, where he served as deacon. He was the editor of the Young at Heart tabloid, which is geared toward senior citizens and published monthly by the St. Joseph News-Press. He also served on the Social Welfare Board and Excise Board.

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On May 19, 1929, he married Doris M. Moore in Troy, KS. She died in 2000.

Mr. Ballard was also preceded in death by his parents, William and Anna Ballard; a brother, William F. Ballard; three sisters, Marguerite Stafford, Lottie Heckenlively and Corliss Cole; two grandchildren; a great-grandchild and a great-great-grandchild.

Survivors include three sons, John Ballard, Ashland; Gary Ballard, Bel Air, MD. and Lynn Ballard, Greenville, SC.; three daughters, Barbara Rose, Albuquerque, NM.; Marilyn Dranan, St. Joseph and Carolee Frakes, Kansas City; 21 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were held April 21 at Savannah Avenue Baptist Church in St. Joseph with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be made to the Baptist Children's Home in care of the funeral home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: William P. Ballard
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, May 3, 1956:
W. P. Ballard taken by death:

Final services were held Sunday afternoon in the Stanberry Baptist church for William P. Ballard, 85 year old retired Wabash employee, who had been a resident of Stanberry for 60 years.

The rites were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. R. T. Ware, and burial was in the High Ridge Cemetery, under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary.

Death came last Thursday morning for the veteran Stanberrian. He was a patient in the Harmony Haven rest home at the time of his death, where he had been taken several weeks before, after he suffered serious injuries in a fall in the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cole, with whom he lived. He had been in failing health for several years.

Born in Iowa: Bill, as he was better known, was born April 6, 1871, in Marshall county, IA. He was the son of the late Charles and Delilah Ballard. A railroader by occupation, he moved to Stanberry some 60 years ago. He and Miss Anna Bell Riley were married at Alanthus Grove on Mar. 27, 1895. She preceded him in death on Aug. 11, 1950.

To this union were born eight children, four of whom survive; Mrs. Seth Heckenlively, Ventura, CA.; Mrs. Lloyd Stafford, Pendleton, OR.; Mrs. Don Cole, Stanberry, and Ed Ballard, St. Joseph. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; one brother, E. F. Ballard, Sioux City, IA., and other relatives.

Mr. Ballard became a Christian and was baptized in the Stanberry Baptist church on Oct. 12, 1901. He remained a faithful member all his life and was active in the church until his age and health prevented him doing so.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: John Henry Bauer
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, May 14, 1942:
John Bauer died early Tuesday:

Funeral services held yesterday at his home southeast of town, burial in High Ridge.

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Funeral services were held for John Henry Bauer at 2:30 o'clock yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at his home, conducted by the Rev. Frank Groom, Baptist minister of Darlington. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery.

Bauer, a widely-known farmer, and resident of this vicinity the past 58 years, died at 1:40 o'clock Tuesday morning at his farm home 4 1/2 miles southeast of town, following a two weeks' illness. His condition was not thought to be serious but a few hours before his death, which was attributed to pneumonia. Bauer first became ill with what was apparently a severe cold. While suffering from the cold he contracted the measles. Less than 24 hours before his death, pneumonia developed from which he did not recover.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bauer, he was born at Muscatine, IA., on January 13, 1878, and was 64 years old at his death. At the age of six he came with his parents to Gentry county and settled southeast of Stanberry, where he had since made his home. During his early life he was associated with his father in general farming. He also followed the carpenter trade in his spare time, and was known to have patented several inventions of unique farm gates.

On May 25, 1932, he was married to Mrs. Rosa Shelton of Stanberry. Their married life has been spent on their farm southeast of town. In early life he united with the Methodist church in Muscatine, and retained his membership there throughout his life.

In addition to the widow of the home, he is survived by four step children, Mrs. Ivan Switzer and Mrs. Daryl York of Kansas City and Chas. Shelton jr., and Joan Shelton of the home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Juanita I. Borman Beal
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The Tri-County News, Friday, January 19, 2001:
Juanita I. Beal:

Juanita I. (Borman) Beal, 83, Stanberry, died Jan. 15, 2001, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Mrs. Beal was born in Papillon, NE., on July 18, 1917, and had lived in Omaha, NE., area before moving to Stanberry in 1997.

She was a homemaker and was a graduate of Papillon high school. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church at Papillon.

On Nov. 26, 1941, she married Austin V. Beal in Stanberry. He preceded her in death in 1998. Mrs. Beal was also preceded in death by her parents, Elmer F. and Ada B. Borman; two brothers, Jack and Bill Borman; and a sister, Edna Windels.

A sister, Shirley Borman of Stanberry, survives. Funeral services were held Jan. 17 at the Johnson Funeral Home, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mrs. Roy Bentley
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 29, 1951:

Mrs. Roy Bentley buried Tuesday:
Dies Sunday at her home north of city after long illness:

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Funeral services were held for Mrs. Roy Bentley Tuesday afternoon at the Church of Christ at Alanthus, conducted by the Rev. Edward Andrews of Ottawa, Kan. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery here.

Mrs. Bentley, age 49, a resident of Worth and Gentry counties all her life, died about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the the family home about five miles west of Gentry. She had been in failing health for four years and was seriously ill the past six months.

The daughter of the late Jasper and Josephine Barnes, she was born Aug. 16, 1901, north of Albany. Her early life was spent in that section.

She was married to Mr. Bentley Sept. 1, 1920. Much of their married life was spent in the Gentry and Alanthus vicinities. More than 30 years ago she united with the Church of Christ at Alanthus and remained a member of that church throughout the remainder of her life.

Surviving are her husband, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Maxine Graham, Stanberry; two sons, Robert and Ellis Bentley, Gentry; three sisters, Mrs. Herbert Allison and Mrs. Henry Pierce, Stanberry, and Mrs. Chester Gray, Carrollton, Mo.; four grandchildren and other relatives.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mrs. Roy (Deva G. Barnes) Bentley
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 29, 1951:

Mrs. Roy Bentley buried Tuesday:

(Deva G. Barnes) Dies Sunday at her home north of city after long illness:

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Roy Bentley Tuesday afternoon at the Church of Christ at Alanthus, conducted by the Rev. Edward Andrews of Ottawa, Kan. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery here.

Mrs. Bentley, age 49, a resident of Worth and Gentry counties all her life, died about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the family home about five miles west of Gentry. She had been in failing health for four years and was seriously ill the past six months.

The daughter of the late Jasper and Josephine Barnes, she was born Aug. 16, 1901, north of Albany. Her early life was spent in that setion.

She was married to Mr. Bentley Sept. 1, 1920. Much of their married life was spent in the Gentry and Alanthus vicinities. More than 30 years ago she united with the Church of Christ at Alanthus and remained a member of that church throughout the remainder of her life.

Surviving are her husband, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Maxine Graham, Stanberry; two sons, Robert and Ellis Bentley, Gentry; three sisters, Mrs. Herbert Allison and Mrs. Henry Pierce, Stanberry, and Mrs. Chester Gray, Carrollton, MO.; four grandchildren and other relatives.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Vasta Bentley
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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005:

Vasta Bentley 1923-2005; ALBANY, Mo. - Vasta Bentley, 82, of Albany, passed away Monday, Dec. 5, 2005 at the Albany hospital.

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She was born May 4, 1923, in Alanthus, Mo., the daughter of Cleo A. and Laura (Yadon) Pierce. Vasta attended eight years of grade school at Alanthus and four years of high school at Stanberry, Mo., and graduated in 1941.

She helped with the family farm and worked for Old American Insurance Co. She married Robert Lavelle "Bud" Bentley, Dec. 31, 1943.

Together they partnered with Andy and Mildred Ettleman owning and operating lumber yards in Gentry, Sheridan and Hopkins, Mo. In 1961, they sold these lumber yards, and bought a larger lumber yard and added a concrete ready-mix plant in Bedford, Iowa. They called their business the County Boys Lumber and Concrete. They added another lumber yard and ready-mix plant one year later in Mount Ayr, Iowa. Then in 1963, they purchased another lumber yard and grain elevator in Lenox, Iowa.

Vasta was a homemaker and bookkeeper for their lumber yards, and a faithful member of the Alanthus Church of Christ.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and husband, Robert "Bud" Bentley, in 1972. She also was preceded in death by brother, Garland B. Pierce; nephew, Lloyd E. Pierce; niece, Linda Lou Pierce; and great-nephew, John A. Wilson.

Survivors: bother, Harland C. Pierce, Albany; sister-in-law, Margaret Elizabeth Pierce, St. Joseph, Mo.; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Vasta's family was very important to her, both immediate and extended. Her home was always open - for many large home cooked meals. She was a loving, kind and generous person, and will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Funeral service: 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Alanthus Church of Christ. The family will receive friends 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany, where friends may call anytime after 4 p.m. on Tuesday. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice in care of the Roberson-Polley Chapel, 403 N. Hundley, Albany, Mo., 64402.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Betty Benton
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The Tri-County News, Friday, January 14, 2005:
Betty Benton:

Betty Benton, 83, Stanberry, died Jan. 3, 2005, at Pine View Manor.

She was born Aug. 30, 1921 in Malvern, IA.; the daughter of Tom and Florence Caudell.

On April 19, 1939, she was united in marriage to Hurlbert H. Benton, who preceded her in death in November, 1997. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Benton was a home maker. She worked for Dr. Kimbell and Dr. Steve Nickell of Stanberry.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church and the AGT Club, both of Stanberry.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Young and husband, Wilbur, of Castle Rock, CO.; tow grandsns and two great-grandchildren.

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Funeral services were held Jan. 7 at the Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the Stanberry United Methodist Church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: George R. Berg
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The Tri-County News, Friday, August 30, 1994:
George R. Berg:

George Robert Berg, 67, Stanberry, died Aug. 21, 1994 at a St. Joseph hospital.

Mr. Berg retired from the Navy after serving from 1938 to 1968 and participating in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

A native of Omaha, Nebr., he had lived in Maryville, MO., and Bellflower, CA., prior to moving to Stanberry. Mr. Berg was a high school graduate and attended college for two years. He was a member of Stanberry Lodge No. 109, A.F.&A.M.

In 1948 he married Joan E. "Jody" Dodge of Omaha. She survives at King City. Mr. Berg was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Berg. Additional survivors include a daughter, Maliheh Berg, Sunderland, Mass. and a brother, Thorval L. "Bud" Berg of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held Aug. 23 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Stanberry with burial in the High Ridge Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lester Ray Birbeck
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The Tri-County News, Friday, October 5, 2001:
Birbeck leaves positive mark throughout area:

Lester Ray Birbeck was what you might call a man of the world, in the truest sense of the word.

He spent most of his 76 years working, living and traveling in many countries throughout the world and yet his thoughts never strayed far from home, the place where he was born, grew up and possibly loved the best, the King City and Island City areas of Northwest Missouri.

Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Birbeck on Sept. 24 at the Island City Christian Church, where he still remained a member, by his cousin, Rev. Russell Evans. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry.

Lester was born March 1, 1925, the first child of Ray and Mollie Evans Birbeck. Other siblings include two brothers, Herbert Birbeck, Mankato, MN. and Robert Birbeck, Springfield; two sisters, Mary June Birbeck Bush, Dallas, TX. and Virginia Birbeck Howe, Hays, KS.

The family lived in the Beggs community, north of King City, and that is where Lester grew up and attended grade school. He was a 1942 graduate of King City high school.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Charles "Jack" Birdsell
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, March 1, 2002:

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Charles Jackson "Jack" Birdsell:

Charles J. "Jack" Birdsell, 70, died February 20, 2002, at a Kansas City hospital.

The son of the late Glen and Elsie Dalbey Birdsell, he was born August 23, 1931, in Gentry County.

A farmer and retired member of the board of directors of Grand River Mutual Telephone Company, he was a deacon and member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry.

On July 26, 1952, he married Lois Maxine Reynolds. She preceded him in death.

Other preceding him death were two sisters, LaRue Winegardener and Vivian Messner, and one brother, Glenn Birdsell, jr.

Survivors: four sons, Steven Birdsell, Plano, TX., Clifford Birdsell, Carmel, IN., Bob and Carl Birdsell, both of Stanberry; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were February 23, 2002, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, with burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lois Reynolds Birdsell
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The Tri-County News, Friday, December 21, 2001:
Lois Maxine (Reynolds) Birdsell:

Lois Maxine Birdsell, 67, Ravenwood, died Dec. 14, 2001 at her home.

She was born Sept. 20, 1934 at Island City, the daughter of George and Bertha (Stuart) Reynolds.

Mrs. Birdsell was a home maker and bookkeeper for the family farm. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry, where she taught Sunday School; worked with the children of the church on Wednesday nights and sang in the choir.

She married Jack Birdsell on July 26, 1952. He survives at the home.

Additional survivors include four sons, Steven Birdsell, Plano, TX.; Clifford Birdsell, Carmel, IN.; Bob Birdsell and Carl Birdsell, Stanberry; two brothers, Gerald Reynolds, King City and Larry Reynolds, Round Rock, TX.; two sisters, Lorraine Taylor, Maysville and Lila Hinkle, St. Joseph; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Birdsell was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Arlene Scott.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 17 at the First Baptist Church in Stanberry under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to First Baptist Church, Stanberry or the SSM Hospice of N. W. MO., Maryville.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: A. S. Bleish
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, July 28, 1966, front page:
A. S. Bleish Dies Tuesday Night: A. S. Bleish, 79, prominent Gentry county citizen and former probate judge of Gentry county, passed away Tuesday night at about 7 o'clock at the Gentry County Memorial hospital in Albany.

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His death was due to a stroke which he sustained at his home about 9 o'clock Monday night. Mrs. Bleish summoned Dr. Bernie Parsons to the Bleish home and he was taken immediately to the hospital.

Shortly after being admitted to the hospital, Judge Bleish lapsed into a coma. He never regained consciousness.

Judge Bleish had been in failing health for the past eight or 10 years. Ill health forced him to resign his post as probate judge back in October, 1958. Following his resignation from the office, Governor James T. Blair, Jr., named Judge Milton Hull to the probate post in this count.

Judge Bleish was one of the fine probate judges who had served Gentry county. Conscientious in every decision he made, he was truly an outstanding official. He had a wide circle of friends over Gentry county.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bleish and was born at McFall, Mo., on Apr. 7, 1887. He attended the grade school at McFall and took his high school courses at the Welch Military Academy at Columbia, Mo.

Following his graduation from the military academy, he entered the law school at the University of Missouri and received his law degree in 1914. He then returned to gentry county and was associated with his father in the operation of an outstanding store known as "The Beehive" at McFall.

When World War I developed, Judge Bleish served in the United States Army. He served in the armed forces for one or two years and received an honorable discharge.

He and Miss Louise Marshall of Mound City, Mo., were married in November, 1919. To that union were born two children, William M. Bleish of Leawood, Kan., and Mrs. Barbara Hoffman of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Besides the widow of the home and the two children, Judge Bleish is survived by five grandchildren and by one sister, Mrs. Paul Eastman of Pattonsburg. There are other relatives and many friends.

Judge Bleish was a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the Donald Holden Post of the American Legion at Albany.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Brooks-Cochell Funeral Home in Albany. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Brentwood Bryant, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Albany. The body will lie in state until the time of the funeral. Interment will be in the Grandview cemetery at Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mrs. Priscilla Blincoe

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, April 30, 1953:

Tuesday services for Mrs. Blincoe:

Former Stanberry Businesswoman, a resident of this city for 53 years, dies at home here.

Mrs. Priscilla Blincoe, a resident of Stanberry for more than 53 years, and long identified with the business live of this city, died at her home here early Monday morning. She had been in ill health for some time and seriously ill for more than a month.

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In the death of Mrs. Blincoe, Stanberry lost one of the few remaining pioneer business citizens of the city. She had her late husband, W. E. Blincoe, opened a drug store here in 1899, and they continued its operation until his death in 1926. After his death she continued the active management of the business until her health failed and she sold the store to J. T. Norment and Mrs. Norment and Miss Bonnie DePriest in December, 1945. Thus for 46 years she was a distinct part of the business life of Stanberry.

She was a charter member and the first president of the Business and Professional Women's club in Stanberry. She had been a member of the Hunter chapter of the Order of Eastern Star here for 44 years.

Mrs. Blincoe, who died Monday at the age of 83, was the daughter of Alexander and Mena Meyer Haas and was born in Bowling Green, Ind. She was married to Mr. Blincoe in 1895. Prior to coming to Stanberry 1899, they had been in business in Marceline, MO., and in Canon City, Colo.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Edna Halstead, of Los Angeles, Cal., and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral Services were held for her Tuesday afternoon at the Phillips mortuary here with the Dr. Myron Meyer, rabbi at Adath temple in St. Joseph, officiating. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery here.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Welthy Berniece Boley

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The Tri-County News, Friday, September 26, 2003:

Welthy Berniece Boley:

Welthy Berniece Boley, 89, Stanberry, died Sept. 20, 2003, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Berniece was born in Stanberry on Jan. 11, 1914; the daughter of Otha J. and Isadore Keller Reece.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Herbert H. Boley; six brothers, Willis, Odel, Virgil, Clayton, Vernon, and Martin Reece; two sisters, Olive Reece Boley and Sarah Reece Danner Ross.

In 1978 Berniece retired from Stuart Hall in Kansas City after working 22 years. Following her husband's death she returned to her hometown of Stanberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Boley enjoyed St. Louis Cardinal baseball, fishing in Grand Lake in Colorado; visiting the Branson area, country music and car races at KC International Raceway.

Graveside services and burial were held Sept. 23 at High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Pine View Manor Auxiliary.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mrs. Sallie Boner

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, April 27, 1950:

Monday Rites for Mrs. Boner:

Mrs. Sallie Boner, a local resident for many years, died on Saturday after short illness.

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Mrs. Sallie Boner, a resident of Stanberry and vicinity through much of her life, died at about 11:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Reece, after a prolonged illness. Her condition had been critical for the past three weeks.

Funeral services were held for her a 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Stanberry Christian church in Stanberry, conducted by the Rev. Charles R. Hagee. Interment was in the High Ridge cemetery.

She was 78 years old and had been a resident of Stanberry and this vicinity for nearly 47 years. She was born the daughter of Jacob and Martha Montgomery, near Gower, MO., on Feb. 19, 1879. When she was about seven years old, the family moved to a farm in the McClanahan school district, located northwest of Alnathus, where her early life was spent. She was married on May 7, 1903, to George W. Boner, and they moved at once to a farm three miles west of Stanberry, where they made their home until they came to Stanberry eight years later.

Lived with her daughter:

In her early life she united with the Christian church at Alanthus and remained a member of that church throughout her life.

Surviving her are three daughters, who are; Mrs. Reece, at whose home she died; Mrs. Fay Anderson, of Guilford; and Mrs. Vada Smith, of Butler, MO.; one sister, Mrs. Harriett Buckles, of Sterling, Colo.; and five grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: W. F. "Bud" Boner

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, January 8, 1959:

W. F. (Bud) Boner dies in Maryville:

Final services were held Monday afternoon in the First Christian church in Maryville for William F. (Bud) Boner, 55-year-old native of Stanberry, who died early Saturday morning following a heart seizure he suffered while working in the state highway maintenance barn in Maryville.

Services for the Maryville resident were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. George Barger, and burial was in High Ridge cemetery, Stanberry, under the direction of the Price Mortuary, Maryville.

Mr. Boner, a state highway department employe 33 years, had been working with snow trucks for about four hours and was trying to attach a v-type plow to a truck when he was stricken.

A state highway department official said that Mr. Boner had been working only the day shifts because of his health, but that a result of heavy snows he had been called in for night work.

Mr. Boner was born Mar. 27, 1903 at Stanberry, the son of the late Homer Boner and Nora Hermann Boner. He was married Sept. 19, 1926 to Lottie Mattson, who survives. He was a member of the First Christian church of Maryville. He had lived in Maryville nine years.

Survivors include his widow, of the home, a daughter, Mrs. Edwin L. Baker, Maryville, three grandchildren, two brothers, Wesley Boner, Albany, and Walter Boner of Stanberry, and two sisters, Mrs. Rufus Marsh, Albany and Mrs. Ivan Murray, Taft, Calif.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Shirley Darlene Borman

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The Tri-County News, Friday, November 2, 2001:

Shirley Darlene Borman, 73, Stanberry, died Oct. 25, 2001, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Born in Papillion, NE., on March 28, 1928, Miss Borman later moved with her family to a farm near Alanthus Grove, north of Stanberry.

A homemaker, she was of the Baptist faith and attended rural schools.

Miss Borman was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer F. and Ada B. Borman and two sisters, Juanita Beal and Edna Windels. Survivors include tow nieces and six nephews.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 27 at the Johnson Funeral Home, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, all in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Colleen Bottorff

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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 28, 2000, page 12:

Colleen Bortorff, 69, Stanberry, died July 23, 2000, at Pine View Manor, Stanberry.

Mrs. Bottorff was born Oct. 18, 1930, at Pattonsburg and had worked for two veterinary offices before retirement. She was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Helena.

Mrs. Bottorff was united in marriage to Leroy Bottorff on May 28, 1948. He survives at the home.

Additional survivors include a son, Max Bottorff, Stanberry; a daughter, Ruth Ann Pierce, Mexa, AZ.; a brother, Paul Lowary, Kansas City; two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild, several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Thelma (Scott) Lowary; one son, Jimmy Wayne Bottorff and one granddaughter, Mindy Bottorff.

Funeral services were held on July 27 at Roberson-Polley Chapel with burial in Grandview Cemetery, Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ame Branson

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Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 1, 1951:

Hold Sunday rites for Ame Branson:

Stanberry garage mechanic, fireman, died last Thursday, after illness of several weeks:

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Ame Branson, 61 years old, local garage mechanic and fireman. The last rites were held from the First Christian church here and were conducted by the Rev. Chas. R. Hagee, pastor of the church. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Branson died last Thursday at his home here, after an illness of several weeks. He had been under the constant care of a physician since Christmas.

He had been a member of the Stanberry fire department for several years and members of the fire organization served as pallbearers Sunday.

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Born near Denver, Mo., he was the son of Joe and Martha Black Branson. He attended school near Denver and lived there during his early manhood. Before moving to Stanberry, he had also resided at Fairfax, Mo., and St. Joseph.

A resident of this city for more than eight years, he had organized the Poe and Branson Body and Fender works. Later he was employed as a mechanic at the Gilliland garage here.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alma Branson, of the home; three sons, Homer Branson, of Shreveport, La.; Cleo Branson, San Diego, Calif., and J. W. Branson, Denver, Colo.; and three daughters, Mrs. Mazie Boyer of Fairplay, Colo., and Rachel and Wanda Branson of the home.

Survivors also include three step-daughters, Mrs. Maxine Craven of Genoa, Colo.; Mrs. Audrey Parks of Albany and Mrs. Betty Wiederholt of Stanberry; and two stepsons, James Ballard of Albany and Dwane Ballard of Omaha, Neb.

He also leaves 16 grandchildren.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Beulah Evelyn Branstetter
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Stanberry Headlight, November 1, 1962:

Tractor Accident:

Graveside Rites Held Here Tuesday for Mrs. Clifford Branstetter of Nerar Peculiar, MO.

Approximately 100 persons attended graveside services Tuesday afternoon in the High Ridge Cemetery for Mrs. Beulah Evelyn Branstetter, 37, who was killed instantly last Saturday afternoon in a farm tractor accident at her farm home near Peculiar, MO.

The rites here and the services Tuesday morning at Coleman Baptist church in Peculiar were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Robert Easton.

It was reported that Mrs. Branstetter was helping her husband dig post hole with a power drive tractor when the fatal accident occurred. Her scarf became entangled in the power drive and pulled her into the machine, killing her instantly.

Survivors Listed: Survivors include her husband, Clifford Branstetter, of the home; two daughters and two sons, Judith, Rita, Marlin and Curtis Branstetter, all of the home; her parents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Slagle, of near Ravenwood.

She also is survived by four sisters and two brothers, who are Mrs. John Shanks, Gentry; Mrs. Harold Adwell, Ravenwood; Mrs. Merlin Osborn, Savannah; Mrs. Leland Messner, Kansas City; Roy Slagle, Kansas City, MO.; and Vilas Slagle, St. Joseph. Two grandmothers, Mrs. Lillie Morrow, Stanberry, and Mrs. Florence Slagle, Ravenwood, also survive, as well as a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Branstetter was born at Ravenwood on June 18, 1925. She attended the Stanberry high school. She and Mr. Branstetter were united in marriage on Nov. 15, 1945.

Mrs. Branstetter, who was converted in her early teens, was a member and very active in the Coleman Baptist church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Claude N. Brashears
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Claude N. Brashears, 1918 - 2005:

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Claude N. Brashears, 86, St. Joseph, passed away Thursday, March 3, 2005, at a St. Joseph health-care center.

Mr. Brashears, a farmer and carpenter, was born in Bertrand, MO., on Oct. 12, 1918. He had resided in Stanberry, MO., for 50 years and St. Joseph for several years.

He was a member of the Hillcrest Bible Church.

Mr. Brashears was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; parents, Henry and Rosalie Brashears; son, Ronald Brashears, killed in the Vietnam War; six brothers; and six sisters.

Surviving: sons, Lowell Brashears, and wife, Alice; Robert Brashears, and wife Sue; and Tony Brashears, and wife, Karolyn, all of Cameron, MO.; daughter, Sue Fannon, and husband, Max, St. Joseph; 15 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

The service will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 7, at Rupp Funeral Home, St. Joseph. Burial will be in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 6 at the funeral home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Clyde Brown

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The Stanberry Herald, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, February 18, 1915, front page: Death of Clyde Brown: Clyde Brown was born May 18th, 1889, and died February 15th, 1915, age 26 years, 8 months and 27 days.

Clyde was the son of James Brown and wife, living north of Stanberry. He was married to Miss Florence Pierce December 12th, 1908. To this union three children were born: Eva, Neva and Mona Frances.

Clyde made the good confession in Stanberry in 1907 during the revival meeting of Evangelist W. S. Lockhart and was a member of the local congregation.

He leaves to mourn: His parents, a wife, three children, four brothers, Leonard, Paul and Dale, and one sister, Mona Brown.

Clyde had been in poor health for a number of years and spent a great part of his time in the west.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Eld. Lee H. Barnum, and the remains were laid to rest in High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Frank W. Brown

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, November 10, 1966, Front page: Rites Today For Frank W. Brown: Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Stanberry Christian church for Frank W. Brown, 86, a long-time Stanberry resident, who was taken by death late Monday afternoon at his home here, following a long illness.

The rites will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Donald Tiller, and the Rev. Russell Evans of the Island City community. Burial will be in the High Ridge cemetery, under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

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Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maude Brown, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Bert Alcorn, Stanberry; a son, Dean Brown, Denver, Colo.; two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Brown, son of the late J. C. and Amelia Ward Brown, was born September 8, 1882, in Gilman City, Mo. He and the former Mrs. Maude Dean were united in marriage February 24, 1907, in the home of her parents in Altamont, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown farmed in the Gilman City area from their marriage day until 1937. They then operated a restaurant in Gentry for two years. The Browns entered the restaurant business in Stanberry in 1930.

Their son-in-law and daughter, Bert and Audree Alcorn, joined them in the food-serving business here in 1947 at their cafe location in the old bank building. The Browns and the Alcorns moved to the Midway cafe in 1949 and operated that establishment until it was sold in October, 1964. Mr. Brown was a member of the Christian church.

Most downtown business firms have indicated they will be closed for the funeral from 2 to 3 p.m. today, according to J. T. Norment, president of the Stanberry Luncheon Club.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: James Brown

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The Stanberry Herald, Wednesday, January 11, 1899:

The Grim Reaper, death claims well known citizens:

James Brown passes away at his home in this city on Wednesday evening, January 4, 1899. James Brown passed peacefully away at the age of 65 years, 5 months and 5 days. He had been sick with la grippe for a few days, but was confined to his bed only a portion of the time. On Wednesday morning he arose and sat up for a time, but was seized with pleuritic pains, and grew rapidly worse. He passed into unconsciousness, from which he aroused only a few minutes before his death. He died about 8 p.m., surrounded by his family and relatives.

James Brown was born in Scotland, but in infancy was brought by his parents to the United States, settling at Pittsburg, PA. He had six sisters and four brothers, six of whom are still living, namely; John Brown of Canada; Wm. Brown of Alleghany county, PA.; Mrs. Ann Martin of Pittsburg, PA.; Mrs. Agnes Brown of Alleghany City, PA.; Mrs. Sarah Hazelton of Pittsburg, PA.; and Samuel Brown of near Holton, Kas.

In 1858, Mr. Brown left Pennsylvania and came to Piatte county, MO., where he resided until 1861, when he came to Gentry county, where he resided continuously until his death, and where his life was an open book to his friends and neighbors. Here on February 19, 1863, he was married to Lucinda J. Norman, who still survives him. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. S. K. Davidson, and an adopted son, G. B. Brown. He had been a member of the Baptist church for 32 years, and was always consistent and loyal. He was also a member of the Masonic order. His funeral took place Saturday at the family residence, the services being conducted by Dr. J. T. Hanna, who spoke from the text, Rev. 21:7. The burial was at High Ridge cemetery.

James Brown had been identified with the history of Gentry county for many years, and with Stanberry since the foundation of the town. Forty acres of his farm went into the tract bought by the Western Improvement Company which founded the town. This ground comprises what is known as the Eastern addition, and includes the ground on which the Normal building stands. Brown's addition; which was platted by Mr. Brown a few years ago, is also a part of his original farm. In the earliest days of Stanberry Mr. Brown erected the Commercial hotel, which he conducted until the spring of 1880, when he sold it to Fogg & Booze. Later he was engaged in the grocery business for a number of years.

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He has been intimately connected with the upbuilding of Stanberry, and has ever been regarded as an upright, honest man.

He was plain and unpretentious, and was valued as a friend and neighbor for his simple worth and kindness. His hosts of friends lament his death and extend sympathy to his family in their sorrow.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Paul Brown

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, February 7, 1957:

Judge Paul Brown Taken by Death: Paul Brown, former sheriff of Gentry county and former probate judge and magistrate of the county, died last Wednesday evening at the Gentry County Memorial hospital in Albany. He was past 67 years of age.

Judge Brown had been in failing health for the past eight years. He had been a resident of Albany for many years.

Brown, a lifelong Republican, was appointed sheriff of this county early in 1920 to serve out an unexpired term. He was elected to the office for a 4-year term in 1924. He later served six months as probate judge under an appointment in 1944 and later was elected to the office. He held that post until Jan. 1, 1949.

He was the son of Jim and Ida (Bright) Brown and was born near Stanberry on Mar. 2, 1899. He grew to manhood in this community. He was married to Miss Margaret Mae Ficklin, also of Stanberry, on Feb. 2, 1922. Two sons, Eugene and Max, were born to this union.

Judge Brown was a distributor of Sinclair products for many years. He was living in Albany at that time and built up a wide acquaintance over that entire area.

He was a member of Athens Masonic Lodge, No. 127.

He is survived by the widow, of the home; the two sons and their wives and children, Eugene, Joyce and Gregg Brown, of Kansas City, Mo., and Max, Marietta and Larry Brown, of Des Moines, Ia.

Judge Brown also is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ted (Mona) Groat of St. Langley, British Columbia, and a brother, Mervin Brown, of Denver, Colo. He was preceded in death by three brothers.

Memorial services were held last Saturday afternoon at the Brooks-Cochell Funeral Home in Albany. The service was conducted by the Rev. George Manning of Albany and interment was in the High Ridge cemetery here.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Orlando C. Bullock

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, August 6, 1953:

Retired Wabash agent dies after being ill several years:

Orlando C. Bullock, station agent for the Wabash Railroad Co. here for 22 years, died at his home in Stanberry about 4:30 o'clock Friday morning. He had been in ill health for a number of years and in a serious condition for a week prior to his death.

Mr. Bullock, who retired as station agent here in 1937, had seen 44 years service with railroads. He had served as a station agent at Carrollton, MO., and Coin, IA., before coming to Stanberry in 1919. His loyalty to his work was long recognized here. For many

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years he was a member of the Masonic order, but of recent years had not remained active in the work of the organization.

Born in Illinois:

Mr. Bullock was born Nov. 21, 1871, at Arthur, Ill., and was 81 years old at the time of his death. He was married to Miss Tabitha Turman on Sept. 30, 1909. She survives him as do three sons, Orrin C., of San Diego, Calif.; Jesse of Campbell, Calif.; and Paul of Kansas City. He also is survived by one sister, Mrs. Flossie Cox, of Decatur, Ill., and 11 grandchildren. One son, Cecil, died Jan. 6, 1950.

Funeral services were held for him Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church here with the Rev. Bob Beesley, pastor of that church, officiating. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Chuck Burton

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Grandview Cemetery, Albany:

The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, April 14, 1993, Page 10:

Chuck Burton, 24, Albany, died Wednesday, April 7, 1993, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Mr. Burton was a welder for Tempmaster in Albany. He was a lifelong Gentry County resident.

He was preceded in death by twin brothers; paternal grandparents; and maternal grandfather.

Surviving are a daughter, Tarci Burton, Albany; his parents, Charles and Hazel, Albany; two sisters, Debbie K. Burton, Albany, and Barb Adcock, Stanberry; a brother Ron Lininger, New Hampton; and maternal grandmother, Ava Boulting, New Hampton.

Services were Apr. 10 at Roberson-Polley Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Grandview Cemetery, Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Willis "Bill" Butrick, Sr.

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The Tri-County News, Friday,

Willis Marvin (Bill) Butrick, Sr.:

Willis M. (Bill) Butrick, Sr., 82, died March 29, 2004, at Locust Grove, OK., and was cremated under the direction of Shipman Funeral of Pryor, OK.

He was born Oct. 24, 1921; the son of George W. and Lula (Fultz) Butrick, in Stanberry. Mr. Butrick served his country in the United States Army. He was a carpenter most of his life.

He was a member of the American Legion of Pryor and the VFW. He spent his retirement caring for unwanted cats and dogs at the Lake Hudson reservoir in Salina, OK.

He is survived by a daughter, Judy Kay, and husband, Terry Shepherd, of Papillion, NE.; a son, Willis Marvin (Tom) Butrick, Jr. of Omaha, NE.; four grandchildren; two step-children and eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, John Butrick, and wife, Alyce, Kansas City and Hugh Butrick and wife, Lucille, of Albuquerque, NM.; four sisters, Mary and husband, Harley Weigart and Margaret Lambing of St. Joseph; Gayle and husband, Don Reynolds, Brookfield and Shirley Redden of Salina, KS.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Kenneth "Butch" Butt

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, March 12, 2004:

Kenneth E. "Butch" Butt, 82, Tarkio, died Feb. 27, 2004 at his home, following a battle with cancer.

He was born Feb. 4, 1922 in Stanberry; the son of Thomas H. and Amy Rote (Howard) Butt. He was a 1940 graduate of Stanberry high school.

In October of 1942, Butt entered the United States Air Force and served in the Aleutian Islands. Upon receiving his honorable discharge in December of 1945, he returned to Stanberry and resumed work at the Vogt Poultry Co.

He was united in marriage to Elise Robertson at the Stanberry Christian Church parsonage. They made their home in Stanberry where he continued to work for the Vogt Co. for 19 years and then worked at the Just Right Dairy Co. for six years. In 1961, they moved to Tarkio, where they owned and operated the El Ray Motel until retiring in 1983.

Mr. Butt was a former member of the Stanberry American Legion and was a life member of the VFW of Tarkio.

He is survived by his wife, Elise, of the home; three sisters, Maxine Bales, Excelsior Springs; Genevieve Young, Louisville, KY. and Mary Jean Butt, St. Joseph; two brothers, Tom Butt, Jr., Stanberry and William Butts, Kansas City; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Donnie Butt.

Funeral services were held on March 1 at the Davis Funeral Home in Tarkio. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry; with graveside military services under the auspices of the Allen-Schiffer American Legion Post #199.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mary Jean Butt

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, April 9, 2004:

Mary Jean Butt, 78, St. Joseph and formerly of Stanberry, died April 2, 2004, at a St. Joseph nursing home.

Born Oct. 2, 1925, in Stanberry, she was the daughter of Thomas and Amy (Howard) Butt. Her parents preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Donnie and Kenneth Butt.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry.

Survivors include two sisters, Maxine Bales, Excelsior Springs and Genevieve Young, Louisville, KY.; two brothers, Tom Butt, Jr., Stanberry and William Butts, Kansas City. Several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and burial were held on April 5 at the High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: A. B. Cameron

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, July 7, 1932:

A. B. Cameron Died of Injuries From Accident:

Veteran Railroad Conductor Died Early Saturday Morning at Hands Memorial Hospital in Shenandoah, Iowa, From Injuries Received in Railway Yards in Shenandoah:

Citizens in Stanberry were shocked and grieved Saturday morning, when it became known that A. B. Cameron, veteran Wabash Railway conductor, had died at the Hands Memorial Hospital in Shenandoah, Iowa, early that morning.

Mr. Cameron's death was due to injuries received while switching cars in the yards at Shenandoah. After being taken to the Shenandoah hospital, an operation was preformed in an attempt to save his life. His injuries were such that the operation was of no avail.

The accident happened there in the Shenandoah yards at 9:05 o'clock on Friday night. Three cars had been set out there, but the trainmen discovered they had not been set back far enough for the track to be cleared. The engine was brought back and the cars were given another shove.

Mr. Cameron was between two of the cars, attempting to make a coupling at the time. He did not realize that the engine was coming down to hit the cars again and was caught between the two cars and dragged several feet.

He remained conscious for some time after the accident and during those few hours his thoughts were more of his family at home than his own welfare.

Jack Vorman was engineer of the train; John Osborn, fireman; Mr. Cameron was conductor and Clarence Hughes and Fred Bailey, brakemen.

The Cameron family has lived here almost continuously for more than 30 years and they have a wide circle of friends over the entire community, who ?????????? with the family in a expression of sorrow over the unfortunate affair. Mr. Cameron is the father-in-law of Mary Harry Adams of Stanberry.

The following obituary has been furnished this office:

A. B. Cameron, son of Felix and Camille Cameron, was born in Jolietville, Ind., on September 12, 1869, and died at the Hands Memorial Hospital in Shenandoah, Iowa, at 12:30 o'clock Saturday morning, July 2. He was 62 years, nine months and 20 days old at the time of his death.

Mr. Cameron moved with his parents to Rothville, Mo., when he was only two years old. He grew to young manhood in Rothville, living there for 27 years.

Going to Brookfield, Mo., Mr. Cameron was united in marriage with Miss Anna Mendenhall. To this union, three children were born, Mrs. Harry Adams of Stanberry, Jay Cameron of Brighton, Colo., and Mark Cameron of Alhambra, Calif., all of whom are living.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron lived for almost a year in Brookfield and in 1899, they moved to Stanberry, where they had since made their home.

Five years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron moved to Excelsior Springs, Mo., where they resided for about 3 and one half years. They returned to Stanberry a year ago last August.

Mr. Cameron began his railroad career at Brookfield, working in the shops there. When they came to Stanberry, Mr. Cameron worked for what was then the O. & St. L. Railway and continued after the property was taken over by the Wabash. He was promoted to the position of conductor in 1906.

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Mr. Cameron is survived by his devoted wife, the three children, his aged mother, Mrs. Camille Cameron of Rothville, three brothers and one sister. They are Mrs. A. S. Dean and Frank and Ora Cameron, all of Rothville, Mo., and Lee Cameron of Ft. Madison, Iowa.

Mr. Cameron was a member of the Methodist Church, having joined that church at Rothville 37 years ago. He had always retained his membership there. He was also a member of the O. R. C. and was a member of Stanberry Lodge No. 109, A.F. & A.M.

Funeral services were held here on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Morgan, presiding elder of the Brookfield district. Interment was in the High Ridge Cemetery. The funeral was in charge of the Pennington Undertaking Co.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Doris Camp

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, December 12, 2003:

Doris Camp, 90, Stanberry, died Dec. 9, 2003, at a Stanberry nursing home.

Born Aug. 22, 1913, in McFall, she was the daughter of Ben and Lucy (French) Newman.

On Oct. 15, 1937, she was united in marriage to Ralph Camp in Castle Rock, CO. He preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Darlington Baptist Church.

Survivors include nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Services will be held today, Dec. 12, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the Darlington Baptist Church or the donor's choice. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ocie Ola Carlock

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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, January 19, 1994, Page 10:

Ocie Ola Carlock, 87, Albany, formerly of Grant City, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1994, at GCMH. (Gentry County Memorial Hospital)

Mrs. Carlock, a retired waitress, was born at Grant City and lived in Albany most of her life.

She married Cleo Carlock in 1930. He is deceased.

Mrs. Carlock also was preceded in death by two sisters, Ethel Craven, and Nellie Wynn; and four brothers, Charles, Volley, Joe and Jess Wynn.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

Graveside service and burial were Jan. 14 at Mount Vernon Cemetery, west of Grant City.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Althea Carroll

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, June 28, 2002:

Althea Carroll, 94, Stanberry, died June 21, 2002 at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

She was born Nov. 16, 1907 in Mount Grove, MO.; the daughter of Elmer and Maude (Kale) Newby.

She was united in marriage to George E. Carroll in 1925.

Mrs. Carroll was a homemaker; a member of Mount Zion Church and the Older Adults Transportation Service bus board in Stanberry.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Frank Carroll; four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, George Carroll, Jr., Grant City; a daughter, Lena Mastin, Stanberry; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services and burial were held on June 23 at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be given to the Senior Citizens Center or the Oats bus, both of Stanberry, in care of Roberson-Polley Chapel, 5th & N. Alanthus, Stanberry, MO. 64402, who handled arrangements.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Frank E. Carroll

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The Tri-County News, Friday, November 12, 1999:

Frank E. Carroll, 73, Stanberry, died Nov. 10, 1999, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Mr. Carroll owned and operated the Carroll Chevrolet dealership in Stanberry for 21 years, until his retirement. He was still engaged in farming at the time of his death.

Born in Isadora on April 28, 1926, he served in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Carroll was a member of the First Christian Church, where he served as an elder; the Stanberry Masonic Lodge No. 109, A.F. & A.M. and Hunter Chapter No. 238, Order of Eastern Star, also of Stanberry; Moila Shrine Temple, St. Joseph and Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260, Albany.

Survived by his wife of the home. Additional survivors include his mother, Althea Carroll, Stanberry, a brother, George Carroll, Jr., Grant City and a sister, Lena Mastin, Stanberry.

Funeral Services were held Nov. 21 at the First Christian Church in Stanberry with burial in Highridge Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, Stanberry or Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital in care of the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, which handled arrangements.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mark D. Chambers

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The Tri-County News, Friday, October 10, 2003, page 29:

Mark D. Chambers, 47, Stanberry, died Oct. 6, 2003, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

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Mr. Chambers was born Oct. 18, 1955, in King City. He was the son of Samuel H. and Barbara Ann (Oyler) Chambers. He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Susan Chambers.

He was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry.

On Nov. 8, 1975, he was united in marriage to Eileen Peery. She survives at the home in Stanberry. Other survivors include two sons, Troy Chambers, and his wife Mandy, Savannah; Travis Chambers, Maryville; his mother, Barbara Chambers and a brother, Geary Chambers, both of Rea.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 9 at First Baptist Church in Stanberry. Interment was in the Whitesville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Stanberry First Baptist Church in care of Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry, who were in charge of service arrangements.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Beverly Ann Chaney
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, April 27, 1950:

Graveside services were held Thursday afternoon at the High Ridge cemetery for Beverly Ann Chaney, the infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Chaney, of Maitland, MO. The maternal grandparents of the small child, who died two days after birth, are Mr. and Mrs. John Malson. The infant child died last Wednesday night at 11:45 o'clock at the Missouri Methodist hospital at St. Joseph. The services were held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock and were conducted by the Rev. Charles R. Hagee, pastor of the Stanberry Christian church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Rex Allen Chaney
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The Tri-County News, Friday, March 10, 2000:

Rex Allen Chaney, 48, Stanberry, died March 6, 2000, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Chaney had been employed at Altec in St. Joseph until leaving three years ago do to ill health.

Born in St. Joseph on Aug. 28, 1951, he was a lifelong resident of Stanberry. Mr. Chaney attended a high school and welding trade school. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry.

Mr. Chaney was preceded in death by his father, William E.; a brother, Johnny Baker; and an infant sister, Beverly Chaney.

Survivors include a son, Joseph A. Chaney; a daughter, Desree J. Chaney, King City; his mother, Waunita B. Chaney, Stanberry; a brother, Bill Chaney, Stanberry and a sister, Martha Kirk, Stanberry.

Funeral services were held on March 8 at First Baptist Church with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mrs. Willis, Cora Ann Houston Chapman
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Tri-County News, Friday, January 25, 1963:
Rites at Stanberry for Mrs. Willis Chapman, 81:

The funeral of Mrs. Willis Chapman, 81, who died Saturday morning at her home in Union Star, was held Monday at the Christian church in Stanberry, conducted by the Rev. Charles E. Chandler, and burial was in High Ridge cemetery at Stanberry.

Mrs. Chapman's maiden name was Cora Ann Houston. She was born Feb. 28, 1881, on a farm near Union Star, a daughter of John W. and Laura Ophelia Saunders Houston. She and George Willis Chapman were married Oct. 4, 1899. To them was born one daughter, who survives.

Residents of the Stanberry area many years, the Chapmans moved to Union Star in August 1961. She was a member of the Stanberry Christian church.

Surviving are her husband, of the home; the daughter, Mrs. Wilma Miller of Union Star; two granddaughters, Mrs. Doris Guzley of Kansas City and Mrs. Dorothy Simerly of Union Star, and five great-grandchildren.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: R. P. "Price" Chapman
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, February 26, 1953:
Rites yesterday for R. P. Chapman:

Former Stanberrian, 86, died Monday at a Butler, MO., nursing home following illness.

R. P. (Price) Chapman, 86, a resident of Stanberry and the Alanthus area for most of his life, died Monday morning at a Butler, MO.; nursing home where he had been cared for during the past several years. He had suffered a stroke about four years ago and had been in ill health from that date.

Funeral services were held for him yesterday afternoon at the Phillips mortuary, with the Rev. Don Stanley, pastor of the First Baptist church here, officiating. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Mr. Chapman, during his residence in this city, operated a dray business and for a number of years was employed as a mechanic in the Wabash Railroad Co. shops.

He was the son of the late Thomas and Hannah Chapman, and was born near Alanthus. He was married in 1890 to Miss Lottie Powers. She died in 1917. During their earlier married life, they had farmed in the Alanthus community.

He had been a member of the First Baptist church here for many years.

About seven years ago he left Stanberry for Kansas City where he resided with a granddaughter for a time, until the condition of his health made it necessary to provide care for him in a nursing home.

Surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Cox, of the state of California; and Mrs. Irene Cooper, of Butler, MO.; two brothers, Willis Chapman and M. M. Chapman, both of this city; one sister, Mrs. Julia Gage, of Alanthus; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Laura T. Chilton
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thrusday, April 26, 1951:
Laura T. Chilton buried yesterday:

Mrs. Laura T. Chilton, 93, one of this community's older residents, died quietly at the Munro Rest home here about 7 o'clock Monday morning. She had entered the rest home about a year ago, but had remained relatively active until only a few weeks ago, when relatives and friends realized that her sturdy strength was rapidly slipping away.

Of one of the pioneer families of the section, she had seen much of the development of the Stanberry community. She was born near Plattsburg, MO., on June 26, 1857, and lacked only about two months of being 94 years old.

She was the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Daniel. Her father was one of the circuit riding Baptist ministers of this section of Missouri. When she was a child, the family moved to Old Mt. Pleasant, and she was married there to Fortunatis Chilton on Feb. 29, 1872. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to the Chilton farm adjoining the Wilson rural school, about three miles northeast of Stanberry. This farm was her home until her husband retired and they came to Stanberry more than 38 years ago. Since that time Stanberry had been her home.

At the age of 11 years, she united with the Baptist church and remained a loyal member of that church throughout her long life. She had been a member of Hunter chapter of the Order of Eastern Star for a number of years.

Surviving are one son, Ora D. Chilton, of McCook, Neb.; one daughter, Mrs. Lou Brown, Stanberry; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, besides many other relatives.

She was an aunt of Dr. C. M. Chilton, a prominent retired minister of St. Joseph.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Stanberry Baptist church. Last rites were conducted by the Rev. Dr. C. M. Chilton of St. Joseph and Elder Horace Munro assisted. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Elaine Dorothy Christenson
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, December 12, 1963:

Final rites for Mrs. Lawrence Christenson, who died last Friday in Kansas City, were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Church of God here. The service was conducted by Elder Stanley Kauer, assisted by Elder Clifford Tuttle of Kansas City.

Interment was in the High Ridge cemetery here under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

The following obituary has been furnished this newspaper:

Elaine Dorothy Langville was born at Winter, Wis., Apr. 28, 1913, and died at Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 6, 1963, having attained the age of 50 years, seven months and eight days. She was the daughter of Clarence and Martha Langville.

She married to Lawrence Christenson on June 10, 1934, at Bruce, Wis. They made their home at Stanberry, where he was employed at the Church of God Publishing House. A daughter, Helen, was born to them here on June 20, 1936.

The family moved to Marion, Ia., in January, 1944, and Elder Christenson pastored the church there for six months before moving to Rice Lake, Wis. Sister Christenson, with her husband and daughter, lived there for two years while he was pastor of the Church of

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God at Chetek, Wis. The family moved to Cedar Rapids, Ia., in 1946 and Sister Christenson aided her husband in his work as pastor of the Marion, Ia., Church of God.

Due to the illness of Elder Christenson in 1952, the family moved to Stanberry to the home of his parents. There Sister Christenson stayed at his side, nursing him back to health. Following his recovery, Elder and Sister Christenson were again employed for a time at the publishing house here.

The family moved to High Point in 1957 and then to Farmville, N.C., where he was pastor of the Church of God.

Elder and Sister Christenson in 1961 accepted the call to pastor the Church of God at Kansas City, MO., where they had since remained. Sister Christenson had always been very active in assisting her husband in the work of the church and in the women's activities of the church. In addition, she has served as editor of the young people's paper of the church, then called the Christian Youth Herald and Gospel Call. Also for a time she edited the children's paper, the Sabbath School Missionary.

In addition to her husband and daughter, Helen, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Martha Langville, of Winter, Wis., four brothers, Earl, Glen and Walter, of Winter, and Lester of Loretta, Wis., and by one sister, Mrs. Morris Moon of Viroqua, Wis.

Sister Christenson was a faithful and devoted wife, a dedicated mother and dear sister in the faith. Her untimely passing leaves us with a feeling of loss, but also with the consolation of the example of a beautiful life lived for Christ.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Dan Christian
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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, January 23, 1911:
Death From Consumption: Dan Christian died at the home of his brother, Lew Christian, near Gentryville, Tuesday morning, aged about 22 years. Deceased was born in this county, and for three or four years had been working on the railroad and in the shops at Stanberry. Some three months ago he was compelled to give up this work, and with his mother went back to Gentryville. He became rapidly weaker under the ravages of consumption, but had continued to get around until the day of his death.

Deceased had been for several years a member of the Baptist church and he was known as a steady, Christian young man. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Sill at Gentryville yesterday morning, after which interment was in the Gentryville cemetery. - Albany Capital.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Leroy "Roy" Clemmons
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, October 29, 1953:
Retired Island City farmer dies suddenly in St. Joseph home:

Leroy (Roy) Clemmons, 69 year old retired farmer from the Island City community, died unexpectedly about 9 o'clock last Wednesday night at a St. Joseph rest home.

Clemmons, apparently in about his usual state of health, ate a normal supper and had been watching a TV program in the living room of the home. About 9 o'clock he went to a nearby room, where he was cnversing with a friend when he suddenly collapsed and fell from his chair. Death came soon afterward.

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He and his family were well known residents of the Island City, Lafayette and Guilford communities for many years. He was the son of the late Marion and Catherine Clemmons and was born near Guilford. The family later lived near Island City.

He was married to Miss Anna O'Neale, who died Jan. 4, 1911. During much of his earlier life he farmed in the section southwest of Stanberry.

Surviving him is one son, Verlin Clemmons, Stanberry; two sisters, Mrs. A. P. Laughlin, Stanberry, and Mrs. Willie Russell, King City. Also surviving are four grandchildren and other relatives.

The body was brought to the Phillips mortuary last Thursday afternoon and funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Island City Christian church, conducted by the Rev. Chas. R. Hagee. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Buford "Jack" Cochran
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King City cemetery:

Buford "Jack" Cochran, 77, Warrensburg, died Jan. 8, 2004 at Western Mo. Medical Centery in Warrensburg.

He was born on April 2, 1926, in Osborn; the son of the late Ralph and Sally Lee Cochran.

Mr. Cochran began working for the Rival Co. in Albany in 1975. He was employed there until 1987, at which time he moved with the company to Warrensburg, where he retired in 1991. He also farmed in the King City area for many years. He was a member of the Stewartsville Baptist Church.

On Dec. 10, 1952, he married Margaret Marie Pearce. She preceded him in death on Sept. 5, 1953. He was also preceded in death by one son in infancy; four brothers, Charles, Guy, Lester, Lewis and Gail Cochran; four sisters, George Anna Cochran and Margaret Cobb and two in infancy.

On June 12, 1955, he married Edna Hatcher in Cameron. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include four sons, Robert Cochran, Raytown; Stevie Cochran, Warrensburg; Jack Cochran and Gary Cochran, both of King City; three daughters, Peggy Cochran and Beverly Cochran, both of Warrensburg and Carol McLeod of Albany; five brothers, Cecil Cochran, Joe Cochran and Harold Cochran, all of Osborn; Donald, Amity and Frank Cochran, Wathena, KS.; one sister, Harriette Harris, St. Joseph; nine grandchildren; a mother-in-law, Virginia Hatcher, Cameron; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and burial were held on Jan. 12 at the King City Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Geo. L. Coffey
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, July 26, 1945:

Well known resident of Stanberry and Alanthus succumbed last Friday. Funeral here Sunday.

Geo. L. Coffey, for many years a well known resident of Stanberry and Alanthus, died last Friday at St. Joseph. He had been in ill health for several years.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Phillips Mortuary, conducted by the Rev. Lawrence H. Cox, pastor of the Stanberry Baptist church. Interment was in the High Ridge cemetery.

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Mr. Coffey, the son of Lawson and Eliza Ann Coffey, was born on May 26, 1863, at Alanthus Grove, MO. He was 82 years old at the time of his death. He was a member of one of the pioneer families of Gentry county and, with the exception of a few years spent in Oklahoma, the greater part of his life was spent in this county.

In early life, Mr. Coffey united with the Christian church and remained loyal in that faith throughout his life. For many years he was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and he had many friends and acquaintances in this and the Alanthus vicinity.

He was married on May 24, 1894, to Miss Gertrude Dorr. They were the parents of one son, Earl, who lived in Oklahoma.

He was married on Aug. 12, 1907, to Miss Elsie Randleman. They are the parents of two sons, William Lawson and Otto Marion. Both are in service in the Navy, the former being stationed at a California camp and the latter serving in the South Pacific.

In addition to the three sons, Mr. Coffey is survived by one brother, Lawson L. Coffey, of Los Angeles, and by several nephews and nieces. There are numerous other relatives and friends left to mourn his death.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ruth Ellen Cogdill
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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Saturday, January 28, 2006:
Ruth E. Cogdill 1913-2006; STANBERRY, Mo. - Ruth Ellen Cogdill, 92, of Stanberry, passed away Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at the Albany, Mo., hospital.

Ruth Ellen was born on Nov. 27, 1913, in Stanberry to Elmer and Irene (Perrett) Shisler.

On Dec. 24, 1936, she married Clarence Earl Cogdill. He preceded her in death in 1988.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Carol Sue Ross; and grandson, David Cogdill.

Ruth Ellen, a homemaker, devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother, was a member and pianist of the Mount Zion Church of Stanberry.

Survivors: two sons, Thomas M. Cogdill, Stanberry; and Clarence E. Cogdill Jr., Cameron, Mo.; sister, Lois M. Pickerel, Stanberry; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren and five step great-grandchildren.

Funeral service: 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the chapel, where friends may call after 2 p.m. Saturday. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Tellitha Short Cogdill
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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, May 12, 1932; front page:
Funeral services were held here last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Battist Church for Mrs. W. A. Cogdill, who died at her home in Norwood, Mo., last Tuesday. The funeral servies here were conducted by the Rev. Jas. B. W. Moore and interment was in the High Ridge Cemetery.

The following obituary has been furnished this office:

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Tellitha Short, daughter of Abner and Margaret Ann Short, was born in Platte county, Mo., March 11, 1871, living there with her parents until about 11 years of age. The family then moved to Gentry county, where she spent her girlhood days. It was here she met and married W. A. Cogdill, on March 6, 1887.

To this union six children were born: Mattie Lee, Harry Earl, Fredrick William, Lois Dell, Goldie May and Albert Leslie. Although the family was widely scattered, in Iowa, Missouri and Texas, when the call came that mother was ill, all were able to be at her bedside at the last.

Our mother was a true Christian, lovin and kind, ever ready to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate.

At the age of 15 years, she united with the Missionary Baptist Church at Stanberry, Mo.

With her family she lived in and near Stanberry until 1913, when they moved to Royal, Iowa. They made their home there until February, 1922, when they moved to Norwood, Wright county, Mo. She united with the Norwood Baptist Church by letter.

She became seriously ill with pneumonia on April 27 and passed away on May 2, 1932, at her home in Norwood, at the age of 61 years, one month and 21 days.

She leaves to mourn her going, besides her devoted husband and children, 13 grandchildren, two sisters, one brother and a host of other relation and friends. Short services were held at Norwood.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: William Cogdill

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, April 30, 1953:

William Cogdill, 86-year-old former resident of the Stanberry area, died last Thursday morning at his home in Everly, IA., following a stroke suffered earlier. Mr. Cogdill was a well known farmer of the Stanberry area for a number of years before the family moved to Iowa.

He was married here to Miss Tillitha Short and they were the parents of six children. Mrs. Cogdill died shortly after leaving this vicinity.

The body was brought to the Phillips mortuary here Sunday morning and funeral services were held that afternoon at the Stanberry Baptist church, with the Rev. Don Stanley officiating. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery.

Surviving him are his widow and the six children: Mrs. Mattie Terry and Mrs. Goldie Jacobs, Spencer, IA.; Mrs. Lois Williams, Cherokee, IA.; Harry Cogdill, Royal, IA.; Fred Cogdill, Kansas City, and Albert Cogdill of the state of California. Ira and Harvey Short of Stanberry are nephews of Mr. Cogdill.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ruth Coil

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, November 10, 1966, page 4:
Mrs. Ruth Coil Taken By Death: Funeral rites are tentatively set to be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Johnson Funeral Home chapel here for Mrs. Ruth Coil, 73, of Guilford, who died Tuesday at a St. Joseph convalescent center.

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The rites will be conducted by the Rev. Russell Evans and burial will be in High Ridge cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Sid Coil of the home; four sons, Howard Coil and Wilbur Coil, both of the home, Marion Coil of Phoenix, Ariz., and Robert Coil of St. Joseph; four daughter, Miss Frances Coil of the home, Mrs. Mildred Bastian of Phoenix, Mrs. Violet Duley of Cloverdale, Ore., and Mrs. Mary Wilson of St. Joseph; two sisters, Mrs. Bell Blair of Clarinda, IL., and Mrs. Verda Welch of Des Moines, Ia.; one brother, Hugh Wilson, living in California, 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Coils lived southwest of Stanberry until moving to Guilford recently. Mrs. Coil was born at Whitesville, Mo.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Estyl Colville
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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 28, 2000, page 12:

Estyl Colville, 104, King City, formerly of Union Star, died July 18, 2000, at King City Manor.

Mr. Colville was born Jan. 6, 1896, northwest of Union Star in Andrew County and had lived in that area most of his life. He moved to King City Manor in 1997.

Mr. Colville worked as a mechanic for many years and owned and operated Colville Implement in Union Star for 30 years.

He was a Navy veteran of World War I and had been a member of the King City American Legion Post #132 since 1921. He was also a member of the Union Star United Methodist Church and the former Union Star Lions Club.

On Dec. 12, 1922, he married the former Esther Garretsen; who died on Feb. 20, 1942. He then married Bertha Johnson on Nov. 17, 1945, she preceded him in death on Oct. 24, 1964. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Charles Orr and Della Munger Colville; a brother, Robert Colville; two half-brothers, Ira and Henry Cook and a sister, Lottie Swan.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on July 22 at the United Methodist Church in Union Star, with Rev. Cleo Colville, officiating. Music was provided by Mike Tritten, organist. Pallbearers were Darrell Colville, Charles Curran, Tyler Evans, Dean Johnson, Gordon Howitt and Dick Pulley. Military services were under the auspices of King City American Legion Post #132. Arrangements were handled by Gibson Funeral Home, King City. Interment was in Star Chapel Cemetery, north of Empire Prairie. Memorials may be given to the United Methodist Church, Union Star in care of Gibson Funeral Home, P. O. Box 552, King City, MO. 64463.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ruby Fern Combs
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The Tri-County News, Friday, April 5, 2002:

Ruby Fern Combs, 86, Stanberry, died April 1, 2002, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Mrs. Combs was born July 3, 1915, in the Island City community, near Stanberry.

She attended Beggs Grade School and graduated from King City High School at the age of 16. She attended Northwest MO. State Teachers College in Maryville, where she earned a

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teaching certificate and then returned to Beggs Grade School, where she taught before her marriage.

On Sept. 30, 1933, she married Henry Hance (H. H.) Combs in Leavenworth, KS. She spent her entire married life on farms near Stanberry, and the last 60 years on the "Mule Shoe Ranch." She and her husband owned and operated a Grade "A" dairy farm for many years.

Mrs. Combs preceded in death by her husband, Henry Hance (H. H.) Combs in 1974 and an infant son, Gregory L. Combs. She was also preceded in death by her parents, George F. and Dollie L. (Miller) Evans; two brothers, Homer H. G. Evans and J. Bob Evans and a sister, Leona Maxwell.

Survivors include a daughter, June Marlene McKenny, St. Joseph; two sons, Larry M. Combs and his wife, Karen, Stanberry, and Roger E. Combs and his wife Gloria, King City; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on April 3 at First Christian Church in Stanberry, conducted by Rev. Russell Evans. Music was provided by Betty Wilson, organist and Debbie Nickell and Paula Sager, vocalists. Pallbearers were grandsons, Pat McKenny, Mike McKenny, Jim McKenny, Lance Combs, Matt Combs and Ryan McKenny. Interment was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be made to Pine View Manor Nursing Home Auxiliary in care of Gibson Funeral Home, P. O. Box 552, King City, MO. 64463, who also handled arrangements.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mary Conover

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 5, 1953:

Mrs. Mary Conover dies:

Mrs. Mary Conover, a resident of Stanberry and vicinity for many years, died Sunday morning at the St. Francis hospital at Wichita, Kan., where she had been a patient for about two weeks, suffering from a heart ailment. She had resided here from 1903 until about two years ago, when she went to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ersel Stephenson, at Wichita.

Mrs. Conover was born Nov. 16, 1872, at Chrisman, ILL., the daughter of Noah and Sarah Boston. She was married in Illinois to Charles E. Conover. After leaving Illinois, they farmed for a time at Clarinda, IA., and then came to Stanberry in 1903, where they farmed until his death Aug. 7, 1920.

She was a member of the Stanberry Methodist church and of the Royal Neighbors lodge.

Surviving her are the one daughter, Mrs. Stephenson; two sisters, Mrs. George Staggs of Savannah, MO. and Mrs. Ocie Haley of Escondido, Calif.; one brother, Ward Boston, Moberly, MO.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. One son, Arthur Conover, died in 1942 at Martinsburg, MO.

The body was brought to Stanberry Monday and funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Phillips chapel, with the Rev. J. Frederick Lawson officiating. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Gary "Buzz" Cooper

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Friday, November 04, 2005:

Gary Cooper 1937-2005; STANBERRY, Mo. - Gary "Buzz" Cooper, 68, of Stanberry, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, at the St. Joseph hospital.

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Gary was born July 6, 1937, in Gentry County, Mo. He was the son of Ross and Viola Marie (Shanks) Cooper. They preceded him in death.

On April 2, 1961, he was united in marriage to Margaret Ann Shisler. She survives of the home.

He also is survived by four daughters, Ellen Wulf, and husband, Tom, Ashland, Va.; Diane Rice, and husband, Troy, Roswell, Ga.; Janet Stoll, and husband, Mike, Stanberry; and Kristan Schettler, and husband, Joe, Carlisle, Iowa; son, Curtis Cooper, and wife, Regina, Marietta, Ga.; three sisters, Dolores O'Neal, Colleen Lane and Carol Evans, all of Stanberry; brother, Jerry Cooper, Jefferson City, Mo.; and 13 grandchildren.

Gary was a farmer and member of the First Baptist Church of Stanberry.

Funeral service: 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at First Baptist Church, Stanberry. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, where friends may call after 2 p.m. Friday. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Memorial contributions; American Cancer Society for Lung Research or Stanberry First Baptist Church in care of the Roberson-Polley Chapel, P.O. Box 153, Stanberry, Mo., 64489.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Marvin Lester Copeland
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, October 15, 1953:

Former Gentry countian drowned Friday near Cedar Rapids, IA.:

Final services were held Tuesday afternoon at the King City Methodist church for Marvin Lester Copeland, 41, Palo, IA., who drowned last Friday night while fishing near Cedar Rapids, IA.

Rites were conducted by the Rev. Ned Hill, pastor of the church, and burial was in the King City cemetery.

Mr. Copeland is survived by his wife, Harriett, of the home; his father, Albert R. Copeland, King City; four brothers, Albert R., Jr., Holden, MO.; Gene, Kansas City; Dan, Des Moines, and Robert L., Fairbanks, Alaska, and a sister, Mrs. Ruby Neal, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Dr. Coppersmith
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 22, 1951:

Dr. Coppersmith succumbs Sunday:

Well known resident of this area had practically retired from practice of dentistry here:

Dr. A. W. Coppersmith, a Stanberry dentist for nearly 50 years, died early Sunday morning at the St. Francis hospital in Maryville, where he had been a patient the past week. He had been in failing health for three years and had been practically retired from his profession the past year.

Dr. Coppersmith, age 73, was born on the Coppersmith farm, one-half mile north of Stanberry and practically , his entire life had been spent in this vicinity.

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He attended the old Stanberry normal and, in 1901, was graduated from the Western Dental college in Kansas City. Soon after his graduation, he returned to Stanberry and until 1904 was associated as an assistant in the dental offices of the late Dr. R. R. Dunshee. He then opened offices here and also did dental work on certain days in Clyde and Ravenwood.

In early life he united with the Baptist church here. He also had been a member of the Northwest Missouri Dental society for many years.

Dr. Coppersmith was the son of the late Anthony and Catherine Coppersmith early settlers in this vicinity.

Surviving are one sister, Miss Emma Coppersmith of Stanberry, one brother, Leo C. Coppersmith, North Hollywood, Calif., and other relatives.

Funeral arrangements are still incomplete, pending information from Chief Engineer Harold Schubert, a nephew, who is on sea duty with the U. S. navy.

Services will be held at the First Baptist church here, with the Rev. Don Stanley, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in the High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Margaret F. Corley
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, October 30, 1952:

Mrs. B. F. Corley:

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Margaret F. Corley at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Stanberry Methodist church, with the Rev. J. Frederick Lawson officiating. Interment was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Mrs. Corley, age 79, a resident of Stanberry and vicinity for most of her life, died last Wednesday afternoon at a St. Joseph hospital, where she had received care and treatment for more than a year.

The daughter of the late Abraham J. and Sarah Groom, she was born in California. After the death of her mother, when she was about five years of age, she came with her father to the Alanthus vicinity, where she was reared.

She married to B. F. Corley on March 8, 1893, and for many years they farmed in the Stanberry area. Mr. Corley died April 13, 1939. Mrs. Corley had been a member of the Stanberry Methodist church for more than 50 years.

Surviving her are one daughter, Miss May Corley, of Albany; two grandsons, Guy Corley of Los Angeles, Calif., and Harold Corely, Ravenwood; two great-grandsons and other relatives.

The funeral services were under the direction of the Johnson mortuary.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Rachel Ann Couch
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The Stanberry Herald, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, February 18, 1915, front page: Rachel Ann Gumm was born March 28, 1835, in Fayette county, Ohio, near Washington court house. When about 10 years of age she, with her parents came to Green county, Mo., and then came with her parents to Andrew county, Mo., about the year 1846.

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She was married on March 28, 1855, to Samuel R. Couch, who died 8 years ago, and was the mother of 3(sic) children, 4(sic) of whom are still living: J. J. Couch of King City, Mo.; Mrs. I.N. O'Neale of near Island City, Mo., Mrs. Ed. Walters, of St. Joseph, Mo., and Mrs. C. E. Savage, the youngest with whom she made her home for many years.

In early life she united with the M. E. church, but later she became a member of the Baptist church, being a true Christian woman.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mildred Leona Lockhart Craven
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The Tri-County News, Friday, January 16, 2004:

Mildred Leona (Lockhart) Craven, 87, Albany, and formerly of Stanberry, died Jan. 12, 2004, at an Albany nursing home.

Born July 28, 1916 in Wilcox; she was the daughter of Dillard Evans and Margaret Belle (Irby) Lockhart.

She attended school in the Wilcox area and Washington high school in Maryville. She was a homemaker and a cook at the Seth Redmond Lunchroom and Grocery Store in Stanberry for over 20 years.

Mrs. Craven was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanberry. She moved to Albany in the fall of 1987.

On April 6, 1935, she was united in marriage to Henderson A. Craven in Grant City. He preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 1983. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Charlene Blevins and Ethel Netherton; three brothers, Verlin, Hubert and John Lockhart; two step-sons, William L. and Robert L. Craven and two step-great-grandsons.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law; five step-granddaughters; 11 step-great-grandchildren; three step-great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held Jan. 15 at the First Baptist Church, Stanberry, with interment in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial donations may be made to the Stanberry First Baptist Church; Hands of Hope Hospice; Beverly Health Care Activity Department or a charity of your choice. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Claude Orton Crow
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The Stanberry Headlight; April 1951:

Gentry Countian Dies: Claude O. Crow, Albany, Was a Brother of Robert Crow:
Claude O. Crow, 81, Albany, lifelong Gentry county resident, died Sunday night at a St. Joseph nursing home.

The following obituary has been furnished this newspaper:

Claud Orton Crow, son of Martin and Mary Jane Givauden Crow was born in Gentryville, Mo., on Aug. 28, 1869. He departed from this life April 15, 1951, at St. Joseph, Mo, where he had been receiving treatment for the past three months.

He united with the church at the age of 15 and throughout his life was active in church work in the community where he resided. In later years, the memory of service as a Sunday school teacher brought him great pleasure.

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He was united in marriage on Oct. 27, 1889, with Anna Eliza Fugett. Three children were born to that union. A son died in infancy and two daughters.

At the time of their marriage, they established a home in the Gentryville - Darlington communities. They moved in 1894 to the McFall community and in 1898 moved to the farm which was their home for 47 years. The house on the farm was destroyed by fire in 1945 and they then established a home at Albany.

Mrs. Crow preceded him in death, having passed away suddenly at the home on Jan. 20, 1951.

He leaves to mourn his death two daughters, Mrs. Carloyn Fitzgerald of Valley Center, Kan., and Mrs. Marion Kunse of Los Angeles, Cal. He also is survived by one brother, Robert B. Crow of this city; two grandsons; two great-granddaughters; several neices and nephews, and many friends.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Brooks mortuary at Albany, conducted by the Rev. George W. Manning, pastor of the Albany Christian church. Burial was at the Grandview cemetery at Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mary Doshia Crow
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The Stanberry Herald, Thursday, February 12, 1914:

Mrs. Mary Doshia Crow, 75 years old, a resident of Gentry county all of her life, died at her home here at 12:50 o'clock Sunday morning. She had been in failing health for several years.

Mrs. Crow suffered a stroke at her home here about one week prior to her death. It was realized then that her condition was critical and little hope was held for her recovery.

She was the widow of R. B. Crow, and had lived in Stanberry for the past 26 years.

Mrs. Crow was the daughter of Armstrong and Elizabeth Floyd and was married to John C. Swearingen in 1890. He died in 1922. She then was married to Mr. Crow on Sept. 3, 1943.

Mrs. Crow had no children, but took her nephew, Otha Swearingen, when he was 11 months old, reared him and later adopted him as her son.

She is survived by the husband, of the home, the adopted son, of St. Louis, and two step-daughters, Mrs. Marie McMullin, of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Mrs. J. T. Cummings, of San Diego, Calif. There are other relatives and many friends.

The remains were taken to the Phillips Mortuary pending funeral arrangements.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. Lee Lewis, pastor of that church. Interment was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Spencer Brown Dakan
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Spencer Brown Dakan, the son of John and Rachel Dakan, was born August 21, 1853 and died April 8, 1923, aged 69 years, 7 months and 17 days. He made his home near Savannah, MO., until about nineteen years ago when he moved to a farm west of Stanberry.

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On December 26, 1875 he was married to Miss Elsie Jane Watson.

His wife died September 30, 1915.

He is survived by eight children, two girls and six boys; O. H. DeMoss of Turney, MO.; Carl S. of Portland, Oregon; Clyde O. of Rock Island; Evertt L. of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. R. E. Shelby of Maysville, MO.; Hollis G. of Kansas City; Charles L. and Clarence S. of Stanberry. There are twenty grandchildren. He is also survived by four brothers.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. C. C. Davis. Interment at High Ridge.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Samuel Kenneth Danford

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The Ledger Headlight, 6th or 7th of January, 1994:

Kenneth (Samuel Kenneth) Danford, 84, Bethany, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 1994 at a hospital in Bethany.

He was born in Albany.

Mr. Danford was a superintendent for Light & Power at Bethany and Albany. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine (Ruth Maxine) in 1974.

Surviving are two sisters, Opal McConkey, St. Louis, and Ruby Miller, King City.

Graveside service and burial were Jan. 4 at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: James F. Daniel

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, June 27, 1940; Front page:

James F. Daniel Funeral Monday:

Young farmer died last Saturday in State Sanatarium at Mt. Vernon following major operation:

James F. Daniel, young farmer of this community, died last Saturday in the state sanatorium at Mt. Vernon, MO., following a major operation from which pneumonia resulted. He had been a patient in the sanatorium for the past 18 months. Daniel was believed to be improving and the operation was said to have been necessary for further improvement.

Funeral services were conducted Monday in the Baptist church her by the Rev. Robert Turner of Albany and the Rev. P. O. Nystrand of the Stanberry Christian church. Interment was in the High Ridge cemetery north of town.

The following obituary has been furnished this office.

James Forrest Daniel was born November 18, 1906, and passed away June 22, 1906, and passed away June 22, 1940, at the age of 33 years, seven months and four days.

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He was born at the family home, where he resided until his marriage. He was united in marriage to Miss Arlene Motzkus on February 14, 1935. To them two children were born, Martha Charlene, age 4 years, and Annetta Joyce, 20 months.

He attended the Wilson grade school and was graduated from the Stanberry high school in 1925. He spent all of his life on the farm. For the past 18 months he was a patient in the state sanatorium at Mt. Vernon, MO., where he underwent a major operation last Wednesday, resulting in pneumonia.

His father, A. K. Daniel, preceded him in death April 4, 1940.

He was baptized at the age of 11 years into the First Baptist church of Stanberry, where he was a member until his death. He was a good Christian and a kind and loving husband and father. He was always very patient and always willing to help everyone. He was very devoted to his wife and children, and asked only to be with them and to serve God. He, his wife and children held bonds of love and companionship that never can be broken. He will be sadly missed by his family and everyone who knew him.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves to mourn his departure his mother, Mrs. A. K. Daniel; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth King of Stanberry and Mrs. Vern Workman of King City; two brothers, Paul and Robert, of Stanberry; his grandmother, Mrs. Martha Larison, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Paul E. Daniel

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Paul E. Daniel, 89, Stanberry, died Thursday, May 20, 1993, at Pine View Manor.

Born near Stanberry, Mr. Daniel lived all his life in the area.

He attended the Wilson School, northeast of Stanberry, and the Stanberry high school.

Mr. Daniel was a merchant in Stanberry from 1927 until retiring in 1969. During World War II, he was employed by North American Aviation.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church at Stanberry.

He married the former Cloretta L. Sager at Atchison, Kan. in 1927. She died in 1992.

Mr. Daniel also was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Robert.

Surviving are two sisters, Ruth King and Naomi Workman, both of Stanberry.

Services were May 23 at the Johnson Funeral Home, Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Julia David

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, January 13, 1972, front page: Rites Held For Mrs. Julia David: Final services were held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon in the Cochell Colonial Chapel here for Mrs. Julia David, 79, a native and long-time resident of this community, who was taken by death Monday at the Gentry County Memorial hospital in Albany.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Richard Thomas, pastor of the Christian church at New Hampton, and burial was in High Ridge cemetery here.

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Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Merle Crane of New Hampton, Mrs. Della Miller of Missouri Valley, Ia., and Mrs. Velma Butt of St. Joseph; one sister, Mrs. Lena Cooper of Maryville; six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. David, daughter of the late Peter and Mary K. Nielsen Sorenson, was born August 21, 1892, on a farm west of Stanberry. She and Claude L. David were united in marriage and spent most of their married life in this community. He preceded her in death November 20, 1970.

Mrs. David has been in ill health for several years and had been living in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Crane, in New Hampton, it was learned. She had been a member of the First Christian church in Stanberry for many years.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Florence B. Sybert Davis

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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, April 14, 1993:

Florence B. Davis, 66, Conception Junction, died Friday, April 9, 1993, at her home.

Mrs. Davis was born in Conception Junction and lived there most of her life.

Besides working at the Conception Abbey Press for 10 years, Mrs. Davis also owned and operated B.B.'s Tavern in Clyde, MO. for several years.

She married her first husband, Herschel Sybert, in 1942. He died in 1969. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Judy K. Sybert; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the Conception Junction United Methodist Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Susie Eckstein, Clyde; Boots Eckstein, Stanberry; and June McCrary, Maryville; two stepsons, Rick Davis, Grant City; and John Davis, Kahoka; two stepdaughters, Brenda Thurman, Grant City; and Susie Fletchall, Clearfield, Iowa; three sisters, Ida E. Cooper, Conception Junction; Roxie McManus, Marshalltown, Iowa; and Marie Hutchinson, Kansas City; 10 grandchildren; and six stepgrandchildren.

Services were Apr. 12 at Roberson-Polley Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Erma Myerf Dawkins

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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, October 12, 1994:

Erma (Myerf) Dawkins, 88, Stanberry, died Oct. 7, 1994, at a Stanberry health care center.

Mrs. Dawkins was born in Queen City, MO., and lived in Columbia, Kansas City and Shell Knob, MO., and Wichita, KS., before moving to Stanberry 19 years ago.

A homemaker, she attended the United Methodist Church in Stanberry.

Mrs. Dawkins was preceded in death by her husband, J. O. Dawkins and two brothers and a sister.

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Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Hall of Stanberry and Pat Foster of Lenexa, KS.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services and burial were held on Oct. 10 at High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Margie Evelyn Deering
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St. Joseph News- Press; Tuesday, December 27, 2005:

Margie E. Deering 1918-2005; SAVANNAH, Mo. - Margie Evelyn (Walker) Deering, 87, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, in a Savannah nursing home.

Margie was bom March 12, 1918, in Gentry County, Mo. In addition to being a home-maker, she sold Avon for 38 years.

A graduate of Stanberry High School, Margie was a member of the Helena United Methodist Church; and the Order of Eastern Star. She also enjoyed quilting.

On Feb. 16, 1946, she married Herschel Deering in Troy, Kan. He preceded her in death Nov. 28, 1983.

Her parents, Anthony "Tuff" and Laura (Richards) Walker; infant daughter, Linda Rae Deering; son, Lloyd Deering; and brother, Rex Walker, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Dan Bayer of Savannah; six grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren.

Service: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, Breit-Hawkins & Gladden Funeral Home, Savannah. Interment: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, Mo. Public visitation and family receiving 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the funeral home. Memorials: Hands of Hope Hospice.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: James W. DeMoss
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Stanberry Owl Headlight January 15, 1925:

J. W. DeMOSS DEAD:

W. S. Harden received a wire yesterday that his step-father, J. W. DeMoss had died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. T. Black, at Los Angeles, Tuesday morning at eight o'clock. His death was due to a complication of diseases.

Mr. DeMoss had been living with his son, O. H. DeMoss, at Tourney, Mo., but about three months ago went to Los Angeles. He had been ill for the past two years. He was over 78 years old.

The remains will be brought back to Stanberry and Mr. Harden believes the funeral party left yesterday for Stanberry. The funeral arrangements have not been completed, but the services will be held at the Christian church, where Mr. DeMoss was a member.

Mrs. DeMoss died in 1916, and the children left to mourn the loss are; Mrs. Black, Fred DeMoss of Excelsior Springs, O. H. DeMoss of Tourney, and Chas. DeMoss of Denver, Colo., and Mr. Harden. There are two sisters living in Illinois.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: infant Denham
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The Stanberry Headlight, January 4, 1934:

Death of baby boy:

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Denham have the sympathy of the entire community in the death of their baby son last week. The little fellow was born last Thursday night and died the following night. The boy was never healthy in the short time he lived. Dr. J. A. Crockett was the attending physician. The tiny body was interred in the High Ridge Cemetery last Thursday.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: George Cyrus DePriest

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, October 29 and November 5, 1953:

George Cyrus DePriest, son of John and Mary DePriest, was born at the old DePriest homestead in Mt. Pleasant, MO., Feb. 8, 1873, and died Oct. 25, 1953, at the age of 80 years, eight months and 17 days.

He was a member of the old Mt. Pleasant Christian church and later transferred his membership to the Stanberry Christian church.

He was married Jan. 14, 1897, to Estella M. Wilson and two daughters were born to them, Bonnie L. DePriest and Opal F. DePriest Norment.

Mr. DePriest was engaged in farming until the death of Mrs. DePriest, Jan 14, 1921. He then moved to Stanberry and served one term as city marshal here. In 1927, he went to Anaconda, Mont., and made his home there until 1942, when he returned to Stanberry and made his home here with his daughters.

He suffered a stroke of paralysis in February, 1952, and had been in failing health since that time, being critically in for four weeks.

Besides the two daughters, he is survived by one brother, Ed E. DePriest, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Mrs. Rosella Cofer, and by five brothers, Cleo, Noah, John W., Barney and Clarence.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Callie Lee Derks

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The Tri-County News, Wednesday, February 3, 1999:

Callie Lee Derks, infant daughter of Eric and Jamey Derks of Plattsburg, was stillborn Jan. 26, 1999, at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Additional survivors include a brother, Paul, of the home. Paternal grand-parents, James and Carolyn Derks, Stanberry; maternal grandparents, Jim and Ginger Bartlett, Harrisonville; maternal great-grandparents, Harold and Meta Rhoades and maternal great-grandmother, Martha Bartlett, all of Lee's Summit.

Graveside services were held on Jan. 28 at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Arrangements were handled by the Cox Funeral Home, Plattsburg.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Dorothy Anna (Wade) Derks

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The Tri-County News, Friday, April 16, 1999:

Dorothy Anna (Wade) Eiberger Derks, 88, died April 7, 1999 at a health-care center in Stanberry.

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Mrs. Derks, a homemaker, also had taught at the Liggett School in Gentry County and had been a dental assistant in Stanberry.

Born in Granger, MO., on Oct. 3, 1912, she had lived most of her life in the Stanberry area. She graduated from the Stanberry high school and earned a teaching degree from Northwest Mo. State University at Maryville.

Mrs. Derks was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, where she was active in St. Ann's Altar Society and Sunshine Club, all of Stanberry.

She married Leo Eiberger and they resided on a farm west of Stanberry. He died in 1958. Then she married Lucien Derks. He also preceded her in death. Mrs. Derks also was preceded in death by an infant son, Francis; her parents; a brother, Willis Wade and a sister, Lenora Griffin.

Survivors include two sons, John Eiberger, Maryville and Kenneth Eiberger, Stanberry; a daughter, Lois Rooney, Prairie Village, KS.; a brother, Woodrow Wade, Wichita, KS.; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial was held on April 10 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Stanberry, with burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Maude H. Johnson Derks
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Maude H. Derks, 87, Stanberry, died Sunday, April 3, 1994, at Pine View Manor.

Born in Stanberry, Mrs. Derks was a lifelong resident. She graduated from Stanberry High School.

Mrs. Derks was a homemaker and member of the Stanberry First Christian Church.

She married Paul G. Derks in Stanberry in 1929. He died in 1962.

Mrs. Derks also was preceded in death by two sisters, Opal Alsbury and Berniece Johnson; and three brothers, Merle, Max and Wilmer Johnson.

Surviving are a son, James L., Stanberry; a sister, Halie Maple, Stanberry; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The body has been cremated. Inurnment will be in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Dica E. Saffer Dillon
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In Memorium: Mrs. Dica E. Dillon

Dica E. Saffer, the daughter of Rev. James Saffer and wife, was born near Fulton, Illinois, February 16, 1854. She died at the family residence in Stanberry, Missouri, April 12, 1923, aged 69 years, 1 month and 26 days.

At about the age of ten her parents settled in Harrison county, Missouri and there at the old Saffer homestead a few miles southwest of Bethany, she grew to womanhood.

When about seventeen or eighteen years of age she became a Christian, uniting with the old White Oak Baptist Church in White Oak Township Harrison county.

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She was united in marriage to N. G. Dillion March 20, 1873, and to this union five children were born, two of whom are dead.

One son, Jesse D. of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Bessie Revanough of Fairfax, Mrs. Grace Evans of Stanberry and a step-son, Walter W. of LaHunta, Colo., are left to mourn her departure together with the husband and three brothers, J. R. Saffer of Luray, Kansas, George of Oklahoma, Charlie of Bethany, also two sisters, Mrs. Moilie Miller of Matkins, and Mrs. Susan Clark of Bethany.

There are sixteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

For some thirty years Mr. and Mrs. Dillon have lived in Stanberry. Upon their arrival here they united with the First Baptist Church and have lived in the church these years.

The funeral services in memory of sister Dillon were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. J. B. Hyde. Music was rendered by a quartett from the church. Interment was in High Ridge Cemetery.

Early and late I watch and wait at Memory's gate.
As I peer through, Friends I once knew throng the dim view.
Far down the way wee children stray, and talk and play;
they seem so near I almost hear the words they say.
I know I trace each tiny face.
O moments rare.
Dear vision fair loved ones are there.
Some day, I know that I shall go to where they dwell -
till then Ah! well -
early and late I'll watch and wait at Memory's gate.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Hazel Owens Dodge
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, March 25, 2005:
Hazel Owens Dodge, 84, King City, died March 20, 2005 at King City Manor.

She was born Sept. 16, 1920, northwest of Albany; the daughter of Edward and Tuleta (Grace) Manion.

She lived most of her life in Gentry County and was a homemaker.

On Sept. 24, 1938, she married J. B. (Pat) Owens. He preceded her in death in 1979. On April 21, 1983, she married Cleo Dodge, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents, five sisters, one brother and three grandsons.

Survivors include two daughters, Tuleat Gilcrist, Yucaipa, CA. and Patresa Stockton, Centralia, IL.; a son, John Ownes, King City; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on March 23 at Gibson Funeral Home, with Pastor Ken Jameson, officiating. Music was provided by Geraldyn Herbster, Organist; Norma Clark and Alice Barker, vocalists. Pallbearers include Walter Miller, Harlen Stegman, Rick Rainey, Dick Piper, Wyatt Burch and Larry Dodge.

Interment was in the Berlin Cemetery, east of King City. Memorials may be given to the Hammer Memorial United Methodist Church Building Fund or the Jeff Owens Scholarship Fund, in care of Gibson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 552, King City, MO. 64463.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mary Ellen Duley

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, May 7, 1964:

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel for Mrs. Mary Ellen Duley, 80, of Stanberry who was taken by death Monday in the Noll Memorial hospital at Bethany. She had entered the hospital only a few hours before her death.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Robert P. Quinn, pastor of the Stanberry Baptist church, and interment was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Survivors include one son, Roy Duley, of Osceola, Mo., one daughter, Mrs. Elsie Mae White of Golden, Colo., one sister, Mrs. Minnie Riley of Weatherby, Mo., seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Duley, daughter of the late John Dale and Sarah Alice Young Riley, was born near Stanberry on Apr. 6, 1876, and spent her entire life in this area. She and Victor D. Duley were united in marriage on June 30, 1892. He preceded her death in 1933.

Mrs. Duley, who was a member of the Stanberry Baptist church, also was preceded in death by a daughter, Cora, who died in infancy, and eight brothers and sisters.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Marjorie J. Duley

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Friday, September 23, 2005:

CLARINDA, Iowa — Marjorie J. Duley, 65, of Clarinda, formerly of Stanberry, Kansas City, and Liberty, Mo., died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Duley, Clarinda, Iowa; nieces and nephews.

Service: 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at Walker-Merrick Funeral Home, Clarinda, Iowa.

Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, Mo. Family visitation: 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at the funeral home. Memorials: American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ora F. Duley

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, April 11, 1968, front page: Services Held For Ora F. Duley, 63: Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Johnson Funeral Home chapel for Ora F. Duley, 63, of Darlington, who died Sunday morning at a St. Joseph hospital.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. John D. Galloway of Kansas City and burial was in the High Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Alvis Duley, of the home; two daughters and a son, Mrs. Gladys Hatheway of Grandview, Mo., Mrs. Opal Wood of Gentry and Ora J. Duley of St. Joseph.

Mr. Duley also is survived by a sister and six brothers. They are: Mrs. Hazel Redden of Falls City, Nebr., Sherman Duley, Charles Duley and Ray Duley, of Stanberry, Logan Duley of St. Joseph and Virgil Duley and Russell Duley both of Darlington. There are also nine grandchildren.

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Mr. Duley, the son of the late John H. and Clarinda Yount Duley, was born December 14, 1904, in Stanberry. He and the former Miss Alvis Collins were united in marriage on August 2, 1927, in Arabi, Ga. Mr. Duley operated a sawmill in the Darlington area for many, many years.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Scott Leroy Eckard
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The Tri-County News, Friday, September 21, 2001:

Scott Leroy Eckard, 52, Stanberry, died Sept. 15, 2001, at his home following a six month illness of pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Eckard was co-owner of Eckard's Home Improvement stores in Stanberry, St. Joseph, Bethany, and Carrollton, MO.; Des Moines, Clive, Creston and Cedar Rapids, IA. He had been associated with the business since he was 12 years old.

Mr. Eckard was currently serving and had been serving as Mayor of Stanberry for 17 years. Elected in 1984, he was actively fulfilling his duties as mayor until just a few weeks before his death.

Mr. Eckard was born Nov. 3, 1948 in Westfir, Oregon. He was a 1966 graduate of Gentry County R-II high school in Stanberry. He attended Clarinda Junior College, Clarinda, IA. and Northwest MO. State University in Maryville. He served two years (1969-1971) in the United States Army, doing a 16 month tour of duty in Baumholder, Germany as a Company Clerk for C Battery, Sixth Artillery.

Mr. Eckard was a member of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, where he was serving as an Elder. He was also a past treasurer and Sunday School Superintendent of the Church. He was a 26 year member and past Fire Chief of the Stanberry Volunteer Fire Dept.; a life-time member of the Stanberry Golf Club; a member of the Stanberry Chamber of Commerce; the Wing Nuts Flying Club; the Raymond Sager American Legion Post #260, Stanberry and the C&S Club, also of Stanberry. In 1991, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Missouri Municipal League.

Mr. Eckard was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ralph and Stella Wood Geary, formerly of Allendale and Murray and Ethel Eckard, Hatfield.

He untied in marriage with Susan D. Bruster of LeGrand, IA., at the Iowa River Church of the Brethren in rural Marshalltown, IA. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include a son, Blake S. D. Eckard, of the home; a daughter, Natasha S. Eckard, of the home and also Columbia; his parents, Rex L. Eckard and H. Kathleen Eckard, Stanberry; a brother, Stephen R. Eckard, St. Joseph; a sister, Ann M. Bayliss, Katy, TX.; nieces, nephews and other relatives along with the Bruster family in Iowa.

Funeral servies will be held on Sept. 22 at 11:00 a.m. at the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Stanberry, conducted by Rev. Neil Blair and Rev. Frank Sherard. Music will be provided by Andy and Tammy Heath. Pallbearers include Laton Allison, J. L. Edson, jr.; John Groomer, Larry McCarty, Brad Noble, Max Bottorff, Steve Gage, Steve Lockhart, Greg McQuinn and Robert Schieber. Interment will be in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. this evening at the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Stanberry. The body will be taken to the church in Stanberry on Friday where friends may call after 9:00 a.m.

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Military services at the grave will be conducted under the auspices of the Raymond Sager American Legion Post #260, Stanberry.

Memorials may be given to the Stanberry Volunteer Fire Dept., in care of Gibson Funeral Home. P. O. Box 552, King City, MO. 64463, who are handling funeral arrangements.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Edward Echterling
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The Tri-County News, Friday, May 27, 2005:

Edward E. Echterling, 78, Albany, died May 18, 2005 at Northwest Medical Center in Albany, following a battle with cancer.

He was born March 14, 1927 in Parnell; the son of Julius and Marie (Brown) Echterling. He graduated from King City high school in 1945 and was a World War II and Korean War Navy veteran. He was a lifelong farmer in Gentry County and raised horses.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Betty Lewis, Denver, CO.

In 1957, Mr. Echterling married Arlene Uthe. Additional survivors include two daughters and their spouses, Becky and Stu Wertenberger, Tulsa, OK. and Cathy and Kurt Huffaker, Maysville; four grandchildren, Jessica and Amanda Wertenberger and Hannah and Abby Huffaker; three sisters, Helen Welch, Parnell; Mary Lewis, Stanberry and Sister May Phyllis Echterling, OSB, Colorado Springs, CO. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian burial was held on May 23 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Stanberry. A prayer service was held on May 22 at Roberson-Polley Chapel in Albany. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Ford City, with military honors by King City American Legion Post #132. Memorial contributions may be given to Gentry County Cancer Fund or St. Patrick's Cemetery, Ford City.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Charley Edwards
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 13, 1958:

Funeral services were held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon in the Stanberry Christian church for Charley Edwards, 66, who was taken by death Monday afternoon at his farm home northeast of Stanberry.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Charles R. Hagee, Mound City, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. O. Glenn Crosby. Interment was in the High Ridge cemetery, under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ethel Edwards of the home; four daughters, Mrs. Flossie Hewitt, King City; Mrs. Claudine Redmond, Stanberry; Mrs. Laverna Gladman, St. Joseph, and Mrs. Marcella Frakes, Kansas City; a brother, Frank Edwards, Gaynor, MO.; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Murphy, Stanberry; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Edwards, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marion Edwards, was born Aug. 15, 1891, near Stanberry and spent all of his life in this community.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Rebel J. Ellis
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The Tri-County News, Friday, December 29, 2000

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Rebel Jean Ellis, 63, Osage Beach, died Dec. 24, 2000, at an Osage Beach health care facility.

Born April 8, 1937, in Bigalow, Ms. Ellis was an ordained pastor in the Assembly of God church, having been ordained on Nov. 20, 1992.

Ms. Ellis attended Elementary and secondary school in King City, CA. and Salinas, CA., and received her G.E.D. in 1985.

She was formerly employed as a PBX operator at Old American Nut Co. in Bellflower, CA. and was manager of convenience stores in Downey, CA. and Stanberry, MO. Most recently she was employed as a social worker in Huntsville, MO.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leon Smith.

Surviving are her mother and step-father, Winnie and Alva Stanley, Bonners Ferry, ID.; a daughter, Debbie McCarty, Stanberry; a son, Curt Ellis, Jefferson City; two brothers, Jim Smith, Bryson, CA. and Gordon Stanley, Bonners Ferry, ID.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services and interment were held on Dec. 28 at the High Ridge cemetery in Stanberry.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Hodges Funeral Home, Osage Beach.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Bonnie Elseman
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The Tri-County News, Friday, April 2, 1999:

Bonnie Elseman, 86, of Stanberry, died March 30, 1999, at the Pine View Manor.

Mrs. Elseman was born on Jan. 15, 1913, to Andrew Byrd and Martha Lee (Lawson) Lockhart in Jonesville, VA.

She owned and operated Bonnie's Beauty Shop in Stanberry for 15 years and owned and operated B&C Cafe there for six years. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Stanberry.

On Oct. 10, 1944, she married Jacob Elseman. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1989. She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, John, Andrew and Gene Lockhart and one sister, Virginia Phillips.

Survivors include a sister, Maude Wilson, Ravenwood and several nieces and nephews.

Services are to be today, April 2, at Roberson-Polley Funeral Chapel, Stanberry, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to the United Methodist Church, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Wray Eugene Emrich
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The Tri-County News, Friday, November 12, 2004:

Wray Eugene Emrich, 77, Carson City, NV., died Nov. 2, 2004, at Reno, NV.

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He was born Sept. 15, 1927 in Stanberry; the son of Mark and Elsie Emrich. They preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Mark Earl Emrich.

Mr. Emrich was raised in Stanberry and had resided in Carson City, NV. for 13 years. He was a retired Chief Petty Officer in the U. S. Navy, serving during World War II and the Korean War. He was an aviation machinist in the Navy and later for McDonald Douglas Aircraft. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve.

He is survived by his wife, Molly Emrich, of the home in Carson City; three children, Wray Emrich, Jr., Charleston, SC.; Linda Blake, McCook, NE. and Wayne Emrich, Culbertson, NE.; two brothers, Harold Emrich, Ft. White, FL. and Robert Emrich, Cameron; numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 10 at Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Military rites were by Missouri Funeral Honors team.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: C. L. "Peck" Enyart
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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, April 28, 1993, Page 12:

C. L. "Peck" Enyart Jr., 79, Jefferson City, formerly of Stanberry, died Sunday, April 18, 1993, at a health care center here.

Mr. Enyart retired as the owner of Enyart Lumber Co. in Stanberry. He also served as mayor of Stanberry for several terms, on the city council and board of public works.

He was a Missouri delegate to National Democratic conventions and received the Jerry Litton Award from the 6th District of Missouri.

Mr. Enyart, born Sept. 29, 1913, the son of Claude L. and Harriet (England), lived most of his in Stanberry, where he was graduated from high school. He attended the University of Kansas at Lawrence and University of Missouri at Columbia.

He was a member of the First Christian Church at Stanberry; Stanberry Lodge No. 109, A.F. and A.M.; Stanberry Chamber of Commerce; Stanberry Development Industry Board; Scottish Rite Bodies, of which he was a 32nd degree, and Moila Temple Shrine, both of St. Joseph; and Albany Commandery No. 60 and Albany Chapter No. 116.

He married the former Ivy M. Thompson in 1941. She died in 1984.

Mr. Enyart also was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence E.

Surviving is a sister, Louisa A. Hansman, Arlington, VA., and two nephews.

Services were Apr. 23 at the Johnson Funeral Home, Stanberry, with Masonic rites by members of the Stanberry Lodge No. 109, A.F. and A.M. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Wilbur Eulinger
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The Tri-County News, Friday, September 15, 2000:
Wilbur Eulinger, 81, Lawson, died Sept. 8, 2000, at a Liberty hospital.

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Mr. Eulinger was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps. He also worked for Boeing in Wichita, KS., during World War II. He served in the Army Air Corps., during the latter part of the war.

In 1946, he began farming in DeKalb County. From 1964 to 1971 he and his wife owned and operated the Western Auto Store in Maysville. He retired in 1978.

Born Jan. 15, 1919, near Fairport; he was a graduate of Grandview high school near Berlin. He lived most of his life in the Fairport and Maysville communities and was a member of the National Rifle Assoc.

On July 4, 1941, he married Lois E. Pittsenbarger in Troy, KS. She preceded him in death in 1999. Mr. Eulinger was also preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Grace Eulinger; a brother, Willis Eulinger and a sister, Doris M. Eulinger.

Survivors include two sons, Ron Eulinger, Lee's Summit and James Eulinger, Maysville; a daughter, Cheryl Kennedy, Lawson; two sisters, Gladys M. Morris, Maysville and Carol J. Ebel, Overland Park, KS.; six grandchildren; a step-grandchild and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 11 at the Bram Funeral Home, Maysville, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, south of Albany. Memorials may be sent to the senior citizens center in Maysville.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lorene Evans
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Albany Ledger, Wednesday, July 12, 2000:

Lorene Evans, 92, died at Pine View Nursing Home, Stanberry, July 5, 2000.

Born May 1, 1908, she resided in Phoenix until moving to Stanberry in 1999. She taught in elementary schools in Ill., Calif., Ore., Morenci and Phoenix, AZ., until retiring.

She was a graduate of NW Missouri State Teacher's College, Maryville, and did graduate work at University of Colorado, Boulder. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Phoenix.

Preceding her in death was her father and stepmother, Homer and Angie Evans; her mother; her grandmother who raised her, Mary Stuart Francis; and two half-brothers, Vernon and Harold Evans.

Surviving is two half brothers, Russell Evans, Stanberry, and Kenneth Evans, Russell, Kan.; a half sister, Margie Duley, Lawson; nieces and nephews; and several cousins.

Graveside services and burial were July 7, 2000, at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mabel Irene Evans
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, November 22, 2002:
Mabel Irene Evans, 91, Stanberry, died Nov. 12, 2002, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Mrs. Evans was born Dec. 10, 1910, near Clarksdale; the daughter of Garfield and Anna Kemp Darnell. They later moved to the Prairie Flower community, northwest of King City,

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where Mabel grew up. After finishing grade school at Prairie Flower, she graduated from Lafayette high school, five miles away, after completing the two year course.

She married J. Bob Evans on April 27, 1929, and they resided on a farm near Island City until his death in 1978. Mabel lived at Friendly Heights Apts. in Stanberry until her failing health made the move to Pine View Manor necessary.

Mrs. Evans was a member of the Island City Christian Church and Ladies Aid Society; a former member of the Beggs and Island City Community Clubs and the Island City Rebekah Lodge.

Mrs. Evans was also preceded in death by one brother, Glenn Darnell; two sisters, Verna Delphenick and Agnes Oliver; twin daughters, Sandra Joyce McDonald and an infant, Sondra Fern Evans and one grandson, Bret Michael McDonald.

Survivors include a son, Gene Evans, Stanberry; a daughter, Carolee Rose Riley, Bashor, KS.; a brother, Lloyd Darnell, King City; 10 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 15 at Johnson Funeral Home, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society or her church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Thelma (Napier) Evans

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The Tri-County News, Friday, April 16, 1999:

Thelma (Napier) Evans, 93, Albany, died April 6, 1999, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital in Albany.

For over 37 years Mrs. Evans was a teacher in rural schools, and at the Stanberry and Albany junior high schools.

Born in Siloam Springs, on June 24, 1905, she graduated from the Albany high school and earned a bachelor of science degree in education from the Maryville State Teachers College, Maryville.

Mrs. Evans was a member of the Albany United Methodist Church, of which she had held various offices and was active in United Methodist Women; Retired Teachers of Mo. and Gentry County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Albany.

On Feb. 21, 1926, she married Walter Evans. He preceded her in death in 1969. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mary E. Dalrymple, and her parents, W. H. and Edna E. Napier.

Surviving is a grandson, William Dalrymple, San Diego, CA.

Graveside service and burial were held on April 9 at High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry. Memorials may be sent to the United Methodist Church, Albany, in care of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Edgar I. Farnsworth

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The Albany Ledger, Wednesday, October 10, 2001:

Edgar I. Farnsworth, 83, died October 3, 2001, at a King City nursing home.

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The son of the late Ira and Lilly (Waugh) Farnsworth, he was born December 29, 1917, at Torrington, WY.

He was a member of the Church of Christ Church, Mondamin, IA., and had been a sawmill operator for Bunch & Sons Stave Mill before retiring.

On March 21, 1941, he married Aletha Fern Salsman. She preceded him in death.

Others preceding him in death was a daughter, Carolyn Sue Griffit; on sister, Ruby Paxton; and three brothers, Cleo, Gale and Virdo Farnsworth.

Survivors: Five sons, Larry Edgar, Stanberry, Roger Laverne, Omaha, NE., Gary Lee, Gentry, Richard Eugene, Indianola, IA., and Donald Ray, Grant City; one daughter, Donna Mae Geist, Holt, KS.; 29 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services and burial were October 8, 2001, at Darlington Cemetery, Darlington, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Maude Farr

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, August 13, 1953:

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Stanberry Baptist church for Mrs. Maude Farr, 68 years old, who died Sunday at the home of a son, Vincent Farr, in Shelby, IA.

Also surviving are other sons, Roy Farr, Worth; Wade Farr of Shelby, and C. E. Farr, Stewartsville, MO.; three daughters, Mrs. Marie Snodgrass, Darlington; Mrs. Vica Thompson, Belton, and Mrs. Virginia Cressman, Hickman Mills, MO.; a sister, Mrs. Ona Bateman, St. Joseph, and a brother, Fred Burroughs, Darlington.

Prior to the services the body was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Ray, near Gentry. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery at Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Wilbur L. Ferguson

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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 14, 2000, page 12:

Wilbur L. Ferguson, 90, King City, died July 6, 2000, at his home in Berlin, MO.

Mr. Ferguson was born on the family farm, west of Berlin on Dec. 22, 1909, the son of Isaiah and Malinda (Rainey) Ferguson. He was the youngest of five children and was six months old when his father died. He was also preceded in death by his mother in 1959 and three brothers, Maurice, Lawrence and Gerry Ferguson, and a sister, Velma Stegman.

Mr. Ferguson was a retired farmer and had lived in the Berlin community all his life. He was the 1927 Valedictorian of Grandview high school near Berlin. He served in the Navy Air Corps in World War II in San Diego, CA., and Corpus Christi, TX.

He married Dorothea Hardwick on Dec. 22, 1945, in Kansas City. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1995. She preceded him in death on June 20, 1996.

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Mr. Ferguson was an active life-long member of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Berlin and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Berlin Cemetery from the time of its incorporation.

He was a member of the King City American Legion Post #132, King City. His farm was recognized by the University of MO. Extension as a MO. Century Farm in 1992. He served for 35 years as a member of the board of directors of the Gentry County Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Carol Ferguson and her husband, Ralph Klapis, of Valparaiso, IN.; a son, John Hardwick Ferguson and friend, Kate Hall, King City; two grandchildren, Justin and Shannon Ferguson, both of Kansas City; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on July 10 at Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Berlin, conducted by Rev. Doug Delaney. Music was provided by Ralph Klapis, soloist and Steve Bryson, organist. Pallbearers were M. L. McCrea, Rich Rainey, Jerry Gilbert, Harlen Stegman, Walter R. Miller and James Burks.

Military services were under the auspices of the King City American Legion Post #132. Arrangements were handled by Gibson Funeral Home, King City.

Burial was in the Berlin cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Berlin cemetery or the Mount Moriah Baptist Church in care of Gibson Funeral Home, P. O. Box 552, King City, MO., 64463.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: George T. Fisher
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George T. Fisher dies in St. Joseph:
Funeral services were held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon in the Johnson Funeral Home chapel for George Theodore Fisher, 64, a former Stanberry, who was taken by death early Monday morning in a St. Joseph hospital, where he had been a patient since 1928.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Richard Ezell, pastor of the Stanberry Methodist church, and burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Mr. Fisher, son of the late Fred and Sarah Hager Fisher, was born Oct. 21, 1899, in Stanberry. He resided here until he entered the hospital 36 years ago. A twin brother, Frank Fisher, died about seven years ago. His closest living relative, Mrs. Mabel Rogers, a cousin, is visiting in Seattle, Wash., and was unable to attend the services.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lena Fisher
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, June 8, 1944:

Miss Lena Fisher died last Friday:
Funeral services for Miss Lena C. Fisher were held Sunday afternoon at the Phillips mortuary, conducted by the Rev. Albert W. Blood, pastor of the local Methodist church. Interment was in High Ridge cemetery.

Miss Fisher, age 35, died last Friday morning following a major operation she had undergone several days before at the state hospital in St. Joseph. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher and was born here on March 25, 1905. At the age of two years she suffered an attack of infantile paralysis and was a semi-invalid the remainder of her life.

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Shortly after her childhood illness, she was taken into the home of her uncle and aunt, the late W. A. VanHook and his wife, Mrs. Minnie VanHook, who reared her and gave her all the care and consideration any parents could give, until she was admitted to the St. Joseph hospital two years ago.

Survivors include three brothers, Lee and Frank Fisher of Stanberry and George Fisher of St. Joseph, her aunt, Mrs. VanHook, and other relative.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Athol Ayers Fitzsimmons

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The Albany Ledger, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001:

Athol Ayers Fitzsimmons, 88, died December 5, 2001, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home, Albany.

The son of the late Franklin Max and Daisy (Dean) Fitzsimmons, he was born June 1, 1913, in Gentry County.

He was a lifelong farmer, and had worked some winters at Missouri Methodist and Sisters hospitals, St. Joseph.

In 1932 he married Juanita Wave Walker. She preceded him in death. In 1965 he married Rama Smith Kirschner. She survives of the home at Albany.

Besides his parents and first wife he was preceded in death by two brothers, James Franklin and Hilbert Max; and one sister, Daisy Thelma Messner.

Additional survivors: one son, Robert Max Fitzsimmons, Albany; one step-daughter, Delores Jean Muce, Searcy, AR.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were December 10, 2001, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany, with burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Hazel Marie Fletchall

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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 21, 2000:

Hazel Marie (Devers) Fletchall, 89, Stanberry, died July 15, 2000, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

She was born Aug. 22, 1910, at Hatfield. Mrs. Fletchall, a homemaker, was a member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry, where she also served as a Sunday School teacher for many years.

On Sept. 23, 1929, she married Keith Fletchall. He survives at the home. Additional survivors include two daughters, Colleen Duley, Stanberry and Janet Newman, Platte City; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fletchall was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ida May Butler Devers.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Stanberry, under the direction of the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, on July 18. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Keith C. Fletchall
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, July 22, 2005:
Keith Fletchall, 96, Stanberry, died July 16, 2005, at a Platte City nursing home.

He was born July 25, 1908, in Hatfield, the son of Lenord and Sarah (Jones) Fletchall.

Mr. Fletchall worked as a barber for 61 years in Stanberry, before his retirement. He also served as a State Barber Inspector. He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry.

On Sept. 23, 1929, he was united in marriage to Hazel Marie Devers. She preceded him in death on July 15, 2000. He was also preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include; two daughters, Coleen Duley and husband, John of Stanberry; Janet Newman and husband Larry, Platte City; one sister, Nadine VanSwearingen and husband, Paul, Bethany; five grandchildren, Susan Shisler and husband, Kevin, Albany; Tia Bigus and husband, Mike, Platte City; Tessa Rhodus and husband, Aaron, Kansas City; Scott Lawson and wife, Dianna, Cameron; Thad Newman and wife, Zenith, Kansas City; and nine great-grandchildren, Vince, Abby and Steve Shisler; Zackary Lawson; Brandy, Kristy and Kelly Thompson; Mannon Bigus and Aadyne Rhodus.

Funeral services were held on July 19 at the First Baptist Church in Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be given to the First Baptist Church, Stanberry. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: George Ralph Fredericks
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The Tri-County News, Friday, October 9, 1992, page 14:
George Ralph Frederick, 79, Stanberry, died Oct. 3, 1992, at Gentry County Memorial hospital in Albany, following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Frederick was born near King City, where he grew up and graduated from high school in 1930. A banker for over 50 years, Mr. Frederick owned and operated the Farmers' State Bank in Stanberry, where he had resided since 1946.

He was an army veteran of World War II, having served in Europe as a staff sergeant in field artillery. Mr. Frederick belonged to the First Christian Church of Stanberry, where he was a member of the church board and served as an elder. He was also a 32nd degree mason and had been recognized and honored by local organizations for many years of service as a community leader.

In 1938, he married the former Mildred Blessing. She survives at the home. Mr. Frederick was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Frederick, in 1949; and a sister Ruth Rainey, in 1989. Additional survivors include a son, Karl Frederick of King City; a daughter, Marcia Hagee of Lawton, Okla.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 5 at the First Christian Church in Stanberry conducted by Rev. Russell Evans. Burial was in the King City Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Barbara J. Frisbie
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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, January 17, 1911:
An Old Resident Passes Away: Barbara J. Frisbie, who has been making her home with her son, A. C. Frisbie, and family in Kansas City, died Jan. 15, 1911, aged 80 years, 2 months and 15 days. The body was brought to this city, her former home, this morning, and the funeral services was held at the Christian church, at 2 p. m., conducted by Eld. H. P. Tandy. Burial at High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Vonda Louise Frizzell
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The Tri-County News, Friday, October 13, 2000:

Vonda Louise (Miller) Frizzell, 79, Grant City, formerly of Kansas City, died Oct. 6, 2000, at a Worth County health care facility.

Born July 25, 1921, in Island City, Mrs. Frizzell was a dry cleaning hand presser and finisher for 45 years.

On May 28, 1962, she married Edgar F. Frizzell in Kansas City. He preceded her in death in 1965. Mrs. Frizzell was also preceded in death by her parents, Henry W. and Blanche D. Miller and two sisters, Annabelle Yount and Ellenor A. Smith.

Survivors include a step-son, Ed Frizzell, Kansas City; two sisters, Byrdene Martin, Grant City and Ruth Guidice, New York City; three nieces, Darma Hoskins, Cameron; Carolyn Tollard, Springfield and Shirley L. Smith, Grant City; two nephews, Kenneth D. Smith, Springfield and Charles H. Guidice, New York City; 22 great-nieces and nephews.

The body will be cremated with a private memorial service at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, on Oct. 21. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Norma Lovella Fulton
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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, May 25, 1994, Page 12:

Norma Lovella Fulton, 89, Stanberry, died May 21, 1994, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital.

Born Sept. 6, 1904, at Stanberry, she lived most of her life in that city. She was the daughter of the late Dan Miller and Mary Ellen Swearingen Pierce. She attended Fairview School and was a member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry.

She married Claude Leslie Fulton Dec. 18, 1926, at Albany. He died Sept. 26, 1963. Survivors include a son, Zell W. Fulton, St. Joseph; a sister, Velma Wharton, Stanberry; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were May 23 at Johnson Funeral Home Chapel, Stanberry, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Harlan J. Funk
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ST. JOSEPH (MO.) NEWS-PRESS; SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2005; B3
Harlan J. Funk 1910-2005; KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Harlan J. Funk, 94, Kansas City, formerly of Albany, Mo., died Friday, Sept. 2, 2005, at North Kansas City Hospital.

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Born in New Hampton, Mo., on Nov. 14, 1910, Mr. Funk lived on a farm outside of New Hampton for most of his life before retiring in Albany. The last two-years he lived with his son and family in Kansas City.

He was a member of the New Hampton United Methodist Church, where he served on the administrative board and the board of trustees.

On Jan. 24, 1934, he married Alice Forbis. They were married for 63 years. She preceded him in death on Sept. 4, 1997.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph C. and Ethel (Ogbum) Funk; and his brother, Harry Funk.

He is survived by a son, James and his wife, Cris, of Kansas City, Mo.; three grandchildren; a step-grandchild; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral service: 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 5, at the Roberson-Poley Chapel, Albany. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Monday at the chapel. Friends may call after 8 a.m. Monday at the chapel. Burial: Grandview Cemetery, Albany. Memorial contributions: New Hampton United Methodist Church in care of the Roberson-Poley Chapel, 403 N. Hundley, Albany, MO 64402.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Alice A. Gage
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The Tri-County News, Friday, April 16, 1999:

Alice A. (Pippett) Gage, 88, Stanberry, died April 7, 1999, at a health-care center in Stanberry.

Mrs. Gage had been employed as a dietician at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. She also had been a teacher at the West Sager Rural School in Gentry County.

Born in Randolph, Iowa, on Jan. 8, 1911, she lived in Branson and Springfield before moving to Stanberry. She was a high school graduate and attended college for two years. Mrs. Gage was a member of the First Baptist Church, Rebekah Lodge, TLC Club and the board of the Senior Citizens Center, all of Stanberry.

On Dec. 22, 1933, she married William H. Gage in Alanthus. He preceded her in death in 1988. Mrs. Gage was also preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin D. and Jessa L. Pippett; two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include three sons, Rev. William K. Gage, Humboldt, KS.; Larry Gage, Sacramento, CA., and Tom Gage, Columbia; a brother, Gene Pippitt, Twin Falls, ID.; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on April 10 at the Johnson Funeral Home, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be sent to Pine View Manor or First Baptist Church, both in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Garry W. Gage
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The Tri-County News, Friday, June 21, 2002:

Garry Wayne "Drawbar" Gage, Stanberry, died June 19, 2002, at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

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A lifelong Stanberry resident, he was born Dec. 3, 1941, at Maryville, to Elmer and Florence Boatwright Gage. In 1961 he married Sharon Kay Umphry.

A truck driver, he was of the Baptist faith, and was a former member of the Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Marvin, Rex, Bobby, and Woodson.

Survivors include his wife, Kay; daughters, Sharon Lynn Bond and Tammy Armfield; grandchildren, Joseph Bond, Dillon Bond, Kenneth Gage Armfield, and Gillian Grace Armfield; brother, Max Gage, all of Stanberry; sister, Frieda Duley, Maryville; nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held June 15, at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Kelsey Ann Gage
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A local newspaper clipping:

Kelsey Ann Gage, daughter of Bradley M. and Tammy L. Gage, Stanberry, was stillborn Saturday, Sept. 24, 1994, at a Kansas City hospital.

Additional survivors include paternal grandparents, Steve and Luann Gage, Stanberry; maternal grandmother, Karen Klemme, Maryville; paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Gage, Stanberry; Mr. and Mrs. Lou Meinke, Fayette; and paternal great-great-grandparents, Mrs. Lucille Wilson, Stanberry; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Reece, Smithville and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Parrish, Unionville.

Private graveside services were held Sept. 27 at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Arrangements were by Johnson Funeral Home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Rex Arlind Gage
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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 6, 1990, page 16:
Rex Arlind Gage, 58, Stanberry, died June 29, 1990 at a Kansas City hospital.

Mr. Gage was born in Pattonsburg, Mo. and lived most of his life in the Stanberry area. he attended Stanberry public schools and was a self-employed long haul truck driver.

Mr. Gage served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanberry and the Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260 of Stanberry.

In 1953, he married Norita Arnold in King City. She survives of the home. He was preceded in death by a brother.

Additional survivors include one daughter, Cindy Lane of Stanberry; two brothers, Garry Gage and Max Gage of Stanberry and a sister, Fredia Howard of Stanberry.

Funeral services were held July 1 at the First Baptist Church in Stanberry with burial in the High Ridge Cemetery there.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ricky Lynn Gage
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, October 15, 1953:

Infant dies:

Graveside services were held Friday afternoon at High Ridge cemetery for Ricky Lynn Gage, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Gage. The baby was born last Thursday at the Mercy hospital at St. Joseph and passed away there that evening. The services were conducted by the Rev. Robert Beesley.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Catherine Gehring

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, December 31, 1959:

Rites held here for Miss Gehring:

Graveside services were held at High Ridge cemetery here Monday afternoon for a former Stanberry resident, Miss Catherine Gehring, 70, Moberly, who was taken by death Saturday morning in St. Mary's hospital, Jefferson City.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Charles E. Chandler, pastor of the Stanberry Christian church, and burial was under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary.

Survivors include two sisters, Miss Julia Gehring and Mrs. Clarence Hardin, both of Moberly.

Miss Gehring, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gehring, was born Dec. 18, 1889, in Stanberry. She resided here until about 30 years ago when the family moved to Moberly. She was a member of the Stanberry Christian church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Virgil Myron Gibson

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The Tri-County News, Friday, October 10, 2003, page 29:

Virgil Myron Gibson, 95, King City, died Oct. 3, 2003, at King City Manor.

Virgil was born Sept. 29, 1908, in the Empire Prairie community, west of King City. He had farmed in the King City area all of his life and was a member of the Star Chapel United Methodist Church on Empire Prairie.

He loved baseball and had served as the catcher for the former Empire Prairie baseball team. He also enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting, trap shooting and fishing.

Virgil married Beatrice V. Boley on Oct. 11, 1931. She preceded him in death on April 9, 1984. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Myron and Emma (Holeman) Gibson; two brothers, Charlie and Lloyd Gibson and two sisters, Lena Mae Gibson and Bonnie Abbott.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Burch and her husband Wyatt, King City; a son, Eddie Gibson, and wife, Annie, Lake Ozark; two sisters, Isabell Van Gilder, Lee's Summit and Betty Ebersold, Union Star; five grandchildren, Joni (Burch) Brewer and husband, Dan, Manchester; Cyndi (Gibson) Gamble and husband, Bill, Jefferson City; Jack Burch, King City; Chuck Gibson and wife, Tammy, King City and Jerry Burch and wife, Diane, Leesburg, VA.; five great-grandchildren, Ashley and Colby Gibson, Patrick Brewer and Katie and Jack Gamble.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 6 at Gibson Funeral Home in King City, with Pastor Ken Jameson officiating. Music was provided by Mike Tritten. Pallbearers included Jack Burch, Jerry Burch, Dan Brewer, Patrick Brewer, Bill Gamble, Jack Gamble, Chuck Gibson and Colby Gibson. Honorary pallbearers were Kenton Ebersold, Kendall Ebersold, Melvin

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Gibson and Gene Cotter. Interment was in the King City cemetery. Memorials may be given to Hands of Hope Hospice or the King City Summer Youth League Baseball Assn., in care of Gibson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 552, King City, MO. 64463.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Everett C. Grantham
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The Albany Ledger, Wednesday, September 11, 1991:
Albany - - Everett C. Grantham, 94, Albany, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 1991, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital, Albany.

Grantham was a life long resident of Gentry County.

He was a farmer and a member of Alanthus Grove Church of Christ, serving as an elder.

He married Elsie Yadon in 1920. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Donald Grantham, Ravenwood; two daughters, Twila Morrow, Albany; and Joan Misemer, Stanberry; seven grandchildren; and 13 (great) grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 10 at Alanthus Grove Church of Christ. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Margaret Ellen Grantham
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The Owl-Headlight, Stanberry, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, January 15, 1925:
MRS. L. O. GRANTHAM DEAD:

After an illness that had been existing for about nine years, Mrs. L. O. Grantham died at her home in north Stanberry Saturday evening at seven o'clock. Mrs. Grantham had suffered a stroke Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and had gradually grown weaker.

The first stroke was sustained nine years ago, and since that time Mrs. Grantham had been weak. For the past three years she had been very bad, and at times her heart almost refused to function. Heart failure, coupled with stroke, caused her death.

The following obituary has been handed to this office.

Mrs. Margaret Ellen Wharton was born near Marshalltown, Iowa, May 4, 1869, and died at her home in Stanberry, Mo., January 10, 1925, age 55 years, eight months and six days.

Her parents moved to Enyart, Mo., when Mrs. Grantham was a year old, where she grew to womanhood. In the year 1887 she moved with her parents to Pasadena, California, where they resided about one year, returning to Missouri and locating in Stanberry.

She was united in marriage to L. O. Grantham in February, 1890, by Rev. Tandy, and moved to a farm with her husband in 1892, where she remained until 1923, when they moved to Stanberry, where she lived until God called her from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant. She united with the Christian church when a young girl. IN the year 1895 she, with her husband, united with the Methodist church at Alanthus, and remained faithful to time of her call to that greater life.

She was a kind and loving wife and mother and friend, and loved by all who knew her. She was a great sufferer, but never complaining. Her life was one of service to her family.

She leaves to mourn her departure to that great beyond, a husband, L. O. Grantham, six children, Blanch Richardson of Alanthus; Roy O. and Everett C. Grantham, who live on the

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home farm; Nevia Fryar of Ravenwood, Mo., and Marrella Benard of Stanberry, Mo.; besides nine grandchildren, an aged mother, one sister, Maude Schofield, on brother, John M. Wharton, of Enyart.

The funeral was conducted by the Pennington Undertaking Co.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Bertha Gillette Crutchelow Richards
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The Stanberry Herald, May 18, 1922:

Bertha Gillette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gillette, was born near Stanberry June 22, 1883; died at the Noyes Hospital, St. Joseph, MO., May 12th, 1922, aged 38 years, 10 months, 20 days.

She was married on Dec. 26th 1900, to Sherman Crutchelow. To this union two children were born, Nellie and Guy. After the death of her husband on May 11, 1914, she moved to a new house on her father's farm where she tenderly cared for her daughter and son.

On Feb. 18, 1918, she was married to W. H. Richards of Lafayette. To this union one son was born, who died in infancy.

In September, 1901, she confessed her faith in Christ and united with the Island City church, where she remained a faithful member until her death.

Her husband, daughter and son, father, mother, brothers and sisters, besides many other relatives, and friends remain to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were conducted at Lafayette church Sunday, May 14, 1922 at 2:30, by W. C. Whitehouse of King City, after which the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery there. (Lafayette Baptist Church cemetery)

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Opal Gillett
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The Tri-County News, Friday, January 7, 2005, page 11:

Opal Gillett, 96, St. Joseph, died Dec. 29, 2004, at her home.

Born May 11, 1908 in King City, she was the daughter of George and Rosa (Pickard) Ginter. She was a homemaker and member of the Island City Christian Church.

On March 1, 1928, she was united in marriage to Harvey Gillett, who preceded her in death in 1995. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, on brother and one great-grandson.

Survivors include a son, J. F. Gillett and wife, Geraldine, St. Joseph; a daughter, Geraldine Mollus and husband, Frank, St. Joseph; seven grandchildren; many great and great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 2 at Robersn-Polley Chapel in Stanberry, with burial in High Ridge, Stanberry.

Memorials may be given to the Island City Christian Church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Jeffery Lawrence Ginther
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The Tri-County News; Friday; January 2006; page 18:

Jeffery Lawrence Ginther, 21, Stanberry, died Jan. 18, 2006 at his home.

The son of Ronald and Betty (Schwebach) Ginther; he was born Sept. 18, 1984 in Maryville.

Jeffery was a farmer and a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Stanberry and the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, William Schwebach.

Survivors include his parents, Ronald and Betty Ginther, Stanberry; sisters, Sherri Redden and husband. Randy, Conception Jet.; Jessica Martin and nephew, Dustin, Stanberry; brothers, Chris and Travis Ginther, both of Stanberry; paternal grandparents, Lawrence and Viola Ginther, Stanberry; maternal grandmother, Marie Schwebach, Stanberry; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mass of Christian burial was held Jan. 21 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Stanberry. A prayer service and rosary were held on Jan. 20 at the church. Burial was in the St. Columba Cemetery, Conception. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: J. A. Gould

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The Stanberry Headlight, September 27, 1956:

J. A. Gould dies:

Rites held Saturday from Phillips Chapel for retired farmer:

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon from the Phillips Mortuary chapel for James A. Gould, 65, a retired farmer, who was taken by death last Thursday in a St. Joseph hospital.

The services were conducted by the Stanberry Christian church pastor, the Rev. O. Glenn Crosby. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

The life-long Gentry county resident is survived by one brother, Clarence E. Gould, and one sister, Miss Effie P. Gould, both of the home in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: George J. Graham

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; January 2, 2006:

George J. Graham 1918-2005; LIBERTY, Mo. - George J. Graham, 87, of Liberty and a former resident of Alanthus Grove, Mo., passed away Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at his home.

George, the son of Lee Murl and Maggie Ellen (Yount) Graham, was born Jan. 10, 1918, northwest of Alanthus.

He served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945, including a year spent on the island of Saipan in the South Pacific.

On Feb. 21, 1944, he married Maxine Bentley; and they began their married lives in Stanberry, Mo. In 1949, they moved to a farm south of Alanthus and farmed until 1975.

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In the mid 1950s, he chaired the Gentry County ASCS committee, resigning in 1963 to purchase the grocery and feed store in Alanthus Grove. They moved from the farm to Alanthus in 1964 to be near the store. The family-owned business was operational for approximately 10 years. He then operated a road grader and bulldozer for Wilson Township until 1984.

He was a member of the Alanthus Church of Christ for 52 years and then became a member of the Claycomo Church of Christ after moving to Liberty in 2000. He also was a member of the Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260, Stanberry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Marvin Graham; and sister, Wanda Fern Scott.

Survivors: wife, Maxine of the home; sons, Ron, and wife, Sharon, Stanberry; and Jim, and wife, Karen Lynn, Liberty; daughters, Anita Gail Buelow, and husband, Mark, Kearney, Mo.; and Karen Elaine Graham, Liberty; sisters, Vonciel Gillespie, St. Joseph; and Maxine Weatherd, Darlington, Mo.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral service: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at the Alanthus Church of Christ. The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, where friends may call anytime after 2 p.m. Monday. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, with military rites: Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260, Stanberry; and Tri-C Memorial Post No. 464, Conception, Mo. Memorials: Liberty Hospice.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Hattie Graham

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The Stanberry Headlight, October 4, 1956:

Final Rites for Mrs. Ira Graham:

Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon at the Stanberry Baptist church for Mrs. Hattie Graham, 76-year-old lifelong resident of the Stanberry community, who was taken by death early Wednesday morning in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Baker.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Don Stanley, Polo, MO., assisted by the pastor, the Rev. R. T. Ware. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery, under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary.

Mrs. Graham, the widow of the late Ira Graham, was a member of the Stanberry Baptist church. She was born Mar. 13, 1882, near Alanthus. She was the daughter of the late Calvin D. and Mattie C. Lyman.

She is survived by the daughter in whose home she resided until her death.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Maxine Graham

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Saturday, March 18, 2006

Maxine Graham 1921-2006; LIBERTY, Mo. - Maxine Graham, 84, of Liberty and a former resident of Alanthus Grove, Mo., passed away Friday, March 17, 2006, at her home.

Maxine, the daughter of Roy Everett and Deva Gladys (Barnes) Bentley was born July 16, 1921, in Worth County, Mo.

Maxine was a 1941 graduate of Stanberry, Mo., high school and taught at the Jennings School northeast of Alanthus in 1943 to 1944.

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She was a member of the Alanthus Church of Christ for many years and then became a member of the Claycomo Church of Christ after moving to Liberty in 2000. She was elected republican committeewoman for Wilson Township for many years and served in the republican women's organization for Gentry County, Mo.

On Feb. 21, 1944, she married George J. Graham in Atchison, Kan.; and they began their married life in Stanberry. In 1949, they moved to a farm south of Alanthus. In 1963, they purchased a grocery and feed store in Alanthus Grove, and in 1964, they moved from the farm to Alanthus to be near the store. The family-owned business was operational for approximately 10 years.

She was a homemaker all her life, and enjoyed music, cooking, and being with family and friends.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband, George; her parents; and her brothers, Robert "Bud" Bentley and Ellis Bentley.

Survivors include daughters, Karen Graham, Liberty; and Anita Gail Buelow, Kearney, Mo.; sons, Jim Graham, Liberty; and Ron Graham, Stanberry; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral service: 10 a.m. Monday, March 20, at Alanthus Church of Christ. The family will receive friends 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, where friends may call after noon Sunday. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Chester E. Grantham
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, December 27, 2002:
Chester E. "Gene" Grantham, 81, Sibley, formerly of Stanberry, died Dec. 21, 2002.

He was born Aug. 27, 1921, in Stanberry to James and Daisy Grantham.

Mr. Grantham worked at the Lake City Ammunition Plant for 28 years, retiring in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise, and a son.

Survivors include a daughter, daughter-in-law, six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Chester R. Greer
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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, January 19, 1994, Page 10:

Chester R. Greer, 83, Stanberry, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 1994, at a health-care center.

Born in East Prairie Nov. 23, 1910, the son of Robert and Edna Dorothy (Harris) Greer, he moved to King City in 1970, Stanberry in 1978 and Gentry in 1984. He returned to Stanberry in 1988.

He was a farmer and was of the Baptist faith.

He married the former Norma Winfield at New Madrid in 1937. She died in 1984.

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Mr. Greer also was preceded in death by a son, Charles, in 1968; and four brothers, Leslie, Clyde, Bill and Monroe.

Surviving are two sons, Marvin, Pattonsburg, and Glen, Stanberry; two daughters, Christine Greer, Gentry, and Nadine Greer, Stickney, Ill.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside service and burial were Jan. 17 at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Marvin Greer

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Marvin Greer, 51, Gentry, died Aug. 4, 1995, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Mr. Greer had been a maintenance employee for the Missouri Highway Department in King City, Sikeston, Rockport and Coffey.

He was born Dec. 6, 1943 and was a member of the Eagles Lodge. Mr. Greer was a Baptist.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Chester and Norma (Winfield) Greer, and a brother, Charles, in 1968.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond and Patrick, both of Sikeston; a daughter, Leeann Greer of St. Louis; a brother, Glen Greer of Stanberry; two sisters, Christine Greer, Gentry and Nadine Greer, Stickney, Ill.

Graveside services and burial were held on Aug. 7 at High Ridge cemetery in Stanberry arrangements were handled by R. Miller and Sons Funeral Home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Granville M. Gregory

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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 8, 2005, page 32:

Granville M. Gregory, 82, Gentry, died June 28, 2005 at his home.

Mr. Gregory was born Dec. 6, 1922 near Stanberry; the son of Joe and Liza (Boatwright) Gregory.

He was a member of the Alanthus Grove Chruch of Christ, serving as a Deacon. In 1940, he graduated from Stanberry high school. Mr. Gregory was a farmer and a laborer for Lehr Construction. He also worked for Kerr Glass in California for three years. A fall on a construction site left him disabled since 1966.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Gladys Wiliams and Joyce Craven; an infant grandson, Timothy Zook and a son-in-law, Rob Zook.

On Feb. 26, 1950 he was united in marriage to Mary Malaney. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include three daughters, Karen Smith (Bill), Stanberry; Kathy Zook, St. Joseph and Kay Patterson (Darrell), Savannah; five grandchildren, Doug Smith (Darlene), Albany; Richard Zook (Tracy), St. Joseph; Shawn Smith (Sarah) Denver; Melissa Gregory and Tammy Zook, St. Joseph; six great-grandchildren, Ryan, Coltin, Callie and April Smith and Kayla and Michael Zook. Two step-great-grandchildren, Mike Tyson and Torrie Ruyan.

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Funeral services were held on July 1 at Alanthus Grove Church of Christ, Stanberry, with interment at Old Brick Cemetery, Albany. Memorials may be given to Old Brick Cemetery in care of Roberson-Polley Chapel, 5th and North Alanthus, Stanberry, MO. 64489, who had charge of arrangements.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: H. C. "Cully" Grimsley
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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; April 1951:
Grimsley Service Held Here Sunday:

H. C. (Cully) Grimsley Died on Saturday at Age of 75:

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock for H. C. (Cully) Grimsley, Stanberry resident for the past 19 years. Last rites were held at the Phillips mortuary, with the Rev. Charles Hagee pastor of the Stanberry Christian church, officiating. Burial was at the Rouse cemetery at Darlington.

He was 75 years old at the time of his death.

H. C. Grimsley, familiarly known as "Uncle Cully," son of John and Elizabeth Grimsley, was born on a farm near Darlington Apr. 15, 1875, and passed from this life at Albany Apr. 14, 1951, lacking only one day of reaching the age of 76.

He was married to Sadie Yates of Darlington. Mrs. Grimsley died in 1905. After her death, he went to California, where he remained 30 years, coming to Stanberry about 19 years ago. Since he returned here, he had been engaged in farming.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. J. P. Haight, of Denver, Colo., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Burial was in the Rouse cemetery at Darlington.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Dwight W. Groom
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ST. JOSEPH (MO.) NEWSPRESS; SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2005; B2

Dwight W. Groom 1934-2005

VICTORVILLE, Calif. - Dwight W. Groom, Victorville, formerly Albany, Mo., died Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, at home of Leukemia. He was born Sept. 25, 1934, in Denver, Mo.

Survivors are his wife of 40 years, Frances Groom; sons, Steven Groom, Hesperia, Calif.; and David Groom, Peoria, Ariz.; daughters, Susan Groom and Sharon Sena, Apple Valley, Calif.; and Carolyn Cook, Lodi, Calif.; foster daughter, Shawn Long, Gait, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and sisters, Thadrel Weddie, Firth, Neb.; Opal Booth, Carmichael, Calif.; Pam Sprague, Seattle, Wash.; and Ruby Mooney, Cameron, Mo.

He was preceded in death by father, Solomon Riggs Groom, Sept. 15, 1982; mother, Alta Groom, Oct. 7, 2003; brothers, Alva Groom, in Rhine, Germany in 1946; and Ivan Groom, in Korea (POW) in 1951; and sister, Dolores Wright, Dec. 22, 1995.

A private memorial service was held Sept. 4. Arrangements are by the Victor Valley Mortuary, Victorville.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: William "Bill" E. Groomer
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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Wednesday, February 1, 2006

William E. Groomer 1922-2006; STANBERRY, Mo. - William "Bill" E. Groomer, 83, Stanberry, passed away Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at the Albany, Mo., hospital.

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Bill, the son of Claud and Gertrude (Starmer) Groomer, was born Sept. 15, 1922, in Pattonsburg, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Opal, Helen, Jewell, Mildred, Ruby and Wanda.

On April 13, 1947, he married Lela Dollars in King City, Mo. She survives of the home.

He also is survived by his daughter, Joyce (Gary) Howren; and son, John (Debbie) Groomer, all of Stanberry; and four grandsons, Bret and Clint Howren; Jared (Theresa) Groomer and Nicholas Groomer.

Bill co-owned the Skelly Service Station and later co-owned Dollar's Clothing Store. He had contracted the Stanberry school busses for 28 years at the time of his retirement.

He was a WWII Army Air Corps veteran. He was a member of Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260, Stanberry; and Stanberry First Baptist Church.

Service: 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the First Baptist Church, Stanberry. There is no scheduled family visitation; however, friends may call after 2 p.m. Thursday at Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial: Stanberry First Baptist Church in care of Roberson-Polley Chapel, P.O. Box 153, Stanberry, Mo., 64489.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Frank L. Groom
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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, May 25, 1994, Page 12:

Frank L. Groom, 86, Albany, died May 20, 1994, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital.

He was born Aug. 18, 1907, at Alanthus. He graduated from Albany High School in 1927 and attended Palmer College in Albany and Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, where he received degrees in mathematics, general agriculture and physical education. He also attended the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Mr. Groom taught in Gentry County rural schools, the Stanberry public schools, St. Joseph and Albany schools. He was superintendent of Denver High School for two years. After retiring from education in the 1970's, he farmed and was involved in other business.

He married Irene Neal Sep. 1, 1934 at Stanberry. She survives.

Other survivors include a brother, Lewis, Meridian, Idaho, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were May 23 at Roberson-Polley Funeral Home, Albany, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. The family suggests donations to the Albany Cancer Fund.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Irene Wave (Neal) Groom
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The Albany Ledger, Gentry County Missouri, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2002, page 16:
Irene Wave (Neal) Groom, 86, died August 16, 2002, at Colonial Manor, Albany.

The daughter of the late Lloyd Efton and Minnie Ellen (Walker) Neal Austin, she was born May 21, 1916, near Gentry.

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On September 1, 1934, she married Frank Lafayette Groom at Stanberry. He preceded her in death.

A member of the Stanberry Church of God (Seventh Day), she attended rural schools in Gentry County, was a 1933 graduate of Stanberry High School, Northwest Missouri State College graduate in 1952, Maryville, and earned a master's of science degree in Library Science from Emporia State Univeristy, Emporia, KS. She also completed courses at the post-master's degree level from University of Missouri, Columbia, San Francisco, CA., and Emporia State University, and had been the guest speaker at many of the workshops. She had taught in rural Gentry County schools, was principal and junior high teacher at Gentry, had served as supervising teacher at Horace Mann Training School, Maryville; worked as the director of Gentry County Library, Stanberry, had developed the Book Mobile Service for Gentry County, and had been librarian and elementary principal at Stanberry, worked for the State Department of Education as a writing member to develop a library handbook for librarians in the state of Missouri, Jefferson City, and had retired in 1982 as the high school librarian of Albany R-III school.

She was a member of Alpha Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, former member of the National Library Association and the Missouri Library Association, Business and Professional Women's Club, Albany, former president of the Alumni at Northwest Missouri State University and Audiovisual Organization, Albany Planning and Zoning Committee, and was nominated as an outstanding Teacher in Northwest district of Missouri, was named Woman of the Year by the Albany Business and Professional Women's Club, received the Freedom Foundation Valley Forge Award of Philadelphia, Pa. as outstanding teacher in promoting the Democratic Way of Life in the Public Schools of the United States. Also preceding her in death was a brother, Cleo Everett Neal.

Survivors: a brother, Lloyd J. Neal, Lee's Summit; nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; cousins and many friends.

Funeral services will be August 21, 2002, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany, with burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: LaVonne (Buckridge) Gunter
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The Tri-County News; Friday, July 27, 2001:
LaVonne (Buckridge) Gunter, 87, Stanberry, died July 22, 2001 at her home.

Mrs. Gunter was a dental assistant for Dr. Dix in Stanberry for several years.

Born on Jan. 22, 1914, in Stanberry, Mrs. Gunter, a homemaker, attended the First Baptist Church, Stanberry.

On March 19, 1943, she married Robert E. Gunter who died in 1981.

Mrs. Gunter also was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Temple Buckridge and two grandchildren, Brenda McGinley and Richard McGinley.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda McGinley, Darlington; a brother, Bob Buckridge, Stanberry; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held July 25 at Roberson-Polley Chapel with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Crystal Irene (Giffin) Hailey
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ST. JOSEPH (MO.) NEWS-PRESS; SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2005; B3

Crystal I. Hailey 1917-2005

KING CITY, Mo. - Crystal Irene (Giffin) Hailey, 88, King City, passed away Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005, at a health-care center in King City surrounded by her family.

She was born April 18, 1917, on the family farm near Guilford, Mo. Crystal lived most of her life around Guilford and King City.

She married LaVern Hailey; and they later divorced.

Crystal was a devoted mother, grandmother and caregiver to her mother, father and friends. She worked at the King City Laundromat for Ralph and Wilma Combs before taking care of her mother and father.

Crystal loved piecing quilts together, along with knitting and crocheting. She lived life to the fullest, enjoying spending time with her children, grandchildren and family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ervin and Grace (Ellis) Griffin(sic); a daughter, Jeanette Kay Muff on Sept. 14, 1996; and a brother, Ross Griffin(sic).

Survivors: a son, Jerry Max Hailey, and wife, Mildred, St. Joseph; a brother, Ervin Dean Giffin, Guilford, Mo.; four sisters, Velma Anderson, Guilford; Georgie Schmitt, St. Joseph; Ermel Holcomb, Overland Park, Kan.; and Darlene Wallace, Livermore, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Price, King City; grandchildren, Carol Ferguson, and husband, Robert, King City; Jerry and James Muff, Darlington, Mo.; Lori Jackson, and husband, Chris; Shannon Hailey, and wife, Gail; Becky Hailey, and fiance, Brian McClintick, all of St. Joseph; and Sue Bell Ostroski, Detroit, Mich.; great-grandchildren, Joshua and Samuel Burgess, King City; Jake Muff, Carrollton, Mo.; Chelsey and Ethan Jackson, Kinsey Hailey, and Tyier and Austin Cordonnier, all of St. Joseph; Brittany Bell, Detroit; Alissa and David Bell, Clawson, Mich.; and a great-great-grandchild, Brendan Bell. She will be missed by all.

The funeral service will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at Gibson Funeral Home, King City. Interment: Weathermen Cemetery, Guilford. Memorial donations may be given to Hands of Hope Hospice in care of Gibson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 552, King City, Mo., 64463.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Barbara "Bobbie" Hall

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The Tri-County News; Friday, Dec 26, 2003:

Barbara "Bobbie" Hall, 75 of Stanberry passed away Monday, December 22, 2003 at her home.

Born September 29, 1928 in Columbia, Missouri she was the daughter of James and Erma (Myers) Dawkins.

Bobbie was united in marriage to Eldon E. "Pud" Hall on Novmeber 14, 1948. He preceded her in death, October 16, 2002. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Bobbie was a homemaker. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and Chapter P of the P.E.O. Sisterhood both of Stanberry.

Survivors: son, Randall Hall and wife, Donna, Desoto, TX.; daughter, Dana Fuhrman and husband, Clark, Madison, Wis.; sister, Pat Foster and husband, Earl, Lenexa, KS.; 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild and 1 step-grandchild.

Services were held Tuesday, December 30 at the United Methodist Church, Stanberry under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

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Memorial contributions - Hands of Hope Hospice or the Stanberry United Methodist Church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Eldon E. "Pud" Hall

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The Tri-County News; Gentry County Missouri, Friday, October 25, 2002:

Eldon E. "Pud" Hall, 80, Stanberry, died Oct. 16, 2002, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Born Aug. 13, 1922 in Stanberry; he was the son of Dewey and Anna Lorene (Wilson) Hall. Mr. Hall was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the 8th Armored Division in Europe. Before retiring he was a famer and cattle breeder.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Stanberry; the Stanberry Masonic Lodge #109, A.F. & A.M.; Albany Yorkrite Bodies and Moila Shrine Temple, St. Joseph.

Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Barbara Dawkins on Nov. 14, 1948. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include a son, Randall Hall and wife, Donna, Desoto, TX.; a daughter, Dana Fuhrman and husband, Clark, Madison, WI.; five grandchildren, one great-grandson and one step-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 19 at the United Methodist Church in Stanberry with Rev. Camille Sutton and Rev. Cindy Buhman officiating.

Piano music was provided by Linda Peterson, along with congregational singing.

Pallbearers were Edward Eugene Hall, Richard Joseph Long, Tyler Hall Fuhrman, Drew Clark Fuhrman, Tate John Fuhrman, Dean Johnson and Darren Foster, Honorary pallbearers were: Steve Gage, Max Gage, Harry Talmadge, Charlie Lawson, Dr. John Howard, Bob Wharton and Ron Peterson. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be sent to Hands of Hope Hospice; Stanberry Unite Methoidist Church or Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital in St. Louis.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Octa L. Hall

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The Tri-County News, Friday, June 10, 1994, Page 4:

Octa L. Hall, 80, Stanberry, died June 5, 1994 at Gentry County Memorial Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Hall was born in DeKalb County and graduated from King City high school and Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville.

She had taught at Alanthus Grove and several other rural schools and later worked for Head Start.

Mrs. Hall was a member and past matron of Hunter Chapter No. 238 Order of the Eastern Star, at Stanberry.

In 1943 she married Martin Hall at El Paso, Tex. He preceded her in death. Surviving is a sister, Pearl Moore, of Kirkwood.

Graveside services and burial were held on June 8 at the High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry with an Eastern Star Service. Arrangements were handled by the Johnson Funeral Home, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: H. LaVonne Hammer

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, October 11, 2002:

H. LaVonne Hammer, 89, of Moberly died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002, at Moberly Nursing and Rehab.

Mrs. Hammer was born July 2, 1913, in Stanberry, a daughter of the late Dorsey and Beatrice Powell Tucker. She married C. N. Hammer on Dec. 13, 1942, in Stanberry.

She was a member of the First Christian Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Larry White, Moberly; grandchildren Lora and Bennie Bradley, Moberly; Jennifer, Colt, and Samantha, Fort Worth, TX.; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Unice Murray, San Bernadino, CA.; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Charles; and one sister.

Services were Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Cater Funeral Home Chapel, Moberly, with Rev. Jay Sell officiating. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Albert A. Hansen

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Monday, October 17, 2005:

Albert A. Hansen 1924-2005; STANBERRY, Mo. - Albert A. Hansen, 80, Stanberry, passed away Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at an Albany, Mo., hospital.

Albert was born Dec. 15, 1924, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was the son of Albert A. and Bertha (Currie) Hansen.

On Oct. 25, 1945, he married Betty Goodwin. She preceded him in death April 5, 2000.

He also was preceded in death by his parent; and one grandson, Michael VanVactor.

Albert, a Navy veteran, was a quartermaster serving on the USS Langley during World War II. He was a member of the Stanberry United Methodist Church and the Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260 of Stanberry.

Albert was a pharmacist, having owned Hansen Pharmacy in Stanberry for over 30 years.

Survivors: two daughters, Diane VanVactor and husband Richard of Grant City, Mo., and Alison Deary and husband Pat of Essexville, Mich.; three granddaughters, Beth Brown, Alissa Welzel and Courtney Deary four grandsons, Brian Pullen Paul (P.J.) VanVactor, Kevin Pullen and Chris Deary; two great-grandchildren, Keaton Brown and Jade Diaz.

Funeral service: 10:30 a.m Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday evening at the chapel, where friends may call anytime after 2 p.m. Monday. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry Memorial contributions: Stanberry United Methodist Church in care of the Roberson-Polley Chapel, P.O. Box 153, Stanberry, MO. 64489.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Betty L. Hansen

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The Tri-County News; Friday, April 14, 2000:

Betty L. (Goodwin) Hansen, 75, Stanberry, died April 5, 2000, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital in Albany.

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Mrs. Hansen co-owned and operated the Hansen Pharmacy in Stanberry until retiring and closing the business in 1984.

Born in Council Bluffs, IA., on Jan. 12, 1925, she resided in Council Bluffs until 1955 and spent the rest of her life in Stanberry.

Mrs. Hansen was a graduate of Thomas Jefferson high school in Council Bluffs. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, where she was active in United Methodist Women. She also belonged to Mo. Alpha Delta Masters chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and the Pine View Manor Auxiliary. She was a former member of the Mutual Improvement Club and was co-chairman of the Stanberry Centennial parade committee. She was also a former Girl Scout leader.

On Oct. 25, 1945, she married Albert A. Hansen in Baltimore, MD. He survives at the home. Additional services(Sic)'survivors' include two daughters, Dianne VanVactor, Grant City and Alison Deary, Bay City, MI.; a brother, H. Eugene Goodwin, Dora, FL.; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mrs. Hansen was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Mary Goodwin and a grandchild.

Funeral services were held on April 8 at Johnson Funeral Home in Stanberry with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Gentry County Library in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Charles Poston Hardin

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Owl-Headlight, Stanberry, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, Apr. 12, 1917:

Charles Hardin Killed:

Charles Hardin, one of Stanberry's young men, was killed near Bingham, late Wednesday evening. When the freight train on which he was braking pulled into Shenandoah, Charley was missed by the other brakeman and word was sent out about his disappearance. As near as we can get the news, the engine crew uncoupled the engine from the freight and went back towards Bingham, looking on each side of the track for him, and he was found under a bridge near that station. Undoubtedly his death was instantaneous, as the hack of his skull was crushed, and there were other bruises on the body. It is supposed that. in some manner, while passing over the bridge, he missed his hold on the car or slipped and fell, hitting his head on the bridge and falling underneath; but this is all guess work and the real cause of the accident will probably never be known.

The body will be brought to Stanberry on No. 50 tonight. The arrangements for the funeral could not be learned at our press time.

He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, mother, father, sisters and a brother. This is indeed a sad blow to the wife and the other relatives who are grief stricken. The entire community extends to the sorrowing relatives the deepest sympathy in this sad affair.

NOTE: Burial is in High Ridge Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: George William Harkrider

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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Mo.; Thursday, September 27, 1956:

Final services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Stanberry Christian church for George William Harkrider, 68, who was taken by death Sunday evening at the Missouri Methodist hospital in St. Joseph.

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The rites were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. O. Glenn Crosby, and burial was in High Ridge cemetery, under the direction of the Phillips mortuary.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mayme Harkrider, of the home; two sons, Loren E. Harkrider, San Francisco, and William Harkrider, Jr., Kansas City; two daughters, Mrs. Norma Wilson and Mrs. Wilma Allen, both of Kansas City; a brother, A. F. Harkrider, Clarksdale, Mo.; a half-brother, Albert Harkrider, Denver, Colo., and five grandchildren.

Mr. Harkrider, the son of the late John and Mattie Harkrider, was born Aug. 30, 1888, in Stanberry. He went to work for the Wabash railroad in 1908, being employed in the shops here. He later farmed for a number of years in this community before returning in 1926 to the Wabash, where he served as a fireman.

He retired from railroading in 1947 because of ill health. His health never improved after his retirement from the road and he became seriously ill about three weeks ago. He was taken to the St. Joseph hospital the day before he was taken by death.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Marian Elois Harkrider
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Owl-Headlight, Stanberry, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, Apr. 12, 1917:
Marian Elois Harkrider was born May 16, 1916; died of the pneumonia fever at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Harkrider, April 6, 1917, age 10 months and 20 days. " The little pilgrim of so sunny disposition and sweet temperament, who came to bless and brighten the home, continued but briefly in this stay. Despite the blinding grief of saddened hearts because of her departure, there is consolation in the fact that she has been spared the rough experience of the stern realities of life, and today plays in the streets of that City of Cities, which Zech. says is filled with boys and girls at play. Comfort is also gathered from the knowledge that while her childish prattle, so dear to the heart of her parents, has ceased here, her voice chants the glad anthems of the blessed with children's chorus choir of Heaven. To God, who ia a present help in every time of trouble, do we in sympathy commend you. (burial in High Ridge Cemetery)

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Irene Harrah
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The Ledger Headlight (Gentry county Mo.); Wednesday, March 2, 1994, Page 12:
Stanberry - Irene (Russell) Harrah, 78, Stanberry, died Friday, Feb. 25, 1994, at a St. Joseph hospital. Mrs. Harrah was born in Island City and lived there most of her life. She resided in Stanberry for seven years.

She was a former teacher at King City and Empire Prairie.

She was a member of the Island City Christian Church.

She married Charles M. Harrah at Stanberry in 1941, he survives.

Mrs. Harrah was preceded in death by a son, Merlin A., in 1983.

Additional survivors include granchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 28 at Clark Funeral Home, King City. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Harriet L. Hartsough
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The Stanberry Herald; week of December 26 through 31:

Harriet L. Hartsough was born in Ohio Sept. 1st, 1849, and departed this life Dec. 27th, 1915, age 70 years, 3 mos. and 26 days.

She resided in Ohio for 34 years and in 1879 came to Missouri. In 1894 she took up her residence in St. Joseph, Mo., where she lived at the time of her death. The deceased was married to Albert L. Hartsough in 1872.

Six children were born to this union, all of whom survive her; Charles and Harry of Hooker, South Dakota; Edwin and Mrs. Frank Brumback of St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Katherine of San Francisco, Cal., and Mrs. Bauer of Ft. Morgan, Colo. While the children were of school age and during the pastorates of Revs. J. H. Poland and W. B. Christy, Sister Hartsough was an active christian worker, her family being raised near the site of the old church. She began her christian life in early girlhood, even so early in life that the family does not recall when she was not a christian. At the time of her conversion she united with the M.E. church, to which she has been a faithful and devoted member, having her membership in 1st church, St. Joseph, Mo. Sister Hartsough had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bauer, of Fort Morgan, Colo., and recently had gone to make an over Christmas visit with her sons, Harry and Charles, in Hooker, South Dakota, where she died, being sick only a short time, although she was not strong, having suffered two light strokes of paralysis in recent years. With Him who saves His people unto the end, we commend her spirit, pointing the bereaved to His Grace, which is sufficient unto all our needs.

Funeral services were held at the M.E. church Saturday, Jan. 1, 1916, at 1 p.m., conducted by Rev. Brown. Burial at High Ridge cemetery. A.C.B.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Jessie Belle Harvey

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The Tri-County News; Friday, April 8, 2005; page 16:

Jessie Belle Harvey, 102, King City, died March 31, 2005 at King City Manor.

She was born Sept. 30, 1902; the daughter of Lowery Allen and Annie (Boone) Wolford and lived within a seven mile radius of King City, her entire life.

She was a graduate of King City high school and attended Maryville State Teachers College. She taught for six years at the one room Blue Country School, east of King City.

In February of 1927, she married Vernon Harvey. They lived on a farm, east of King City, until retirement when they moved to town.

Mrs. Harvey lived alone from the time of her husband's death in 1972 until 1993, when she suffered an accident. Since that time she had been a resident at King City Manor.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in King City.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; her borhter, Earl Wolford and a half-sister, Florence Taylor.

Survivors include two daughters, JoAnn VanMeter and husband, Edward, San Diego, CA. adn Sandra Richardson and husband, Bob, of Charlotte, NC.; six grandchildren, Gina and Mike Butcher; Craig and Mary Ann VanMeter and Vicky and Keith Bargroff; five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

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Graveside services and burial were held on April 4 at King City cemetery, with Pastor Ken Jameson officiating. Romey Keith Davis was vocalist. Pallbearers included Mike Butcher, Chris Butcher, Teddy J. Stegman, Vincill Jacoby, Bobbie Speers and Eldon Francis.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Helen Hatheway McPeek

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, June 24, 1976, front page: Mrs. McPeek Dies; Rites Last Friday: Funeral services for Mrs. Helen Hatheway McPeek, 68, of Stanberry who was found dead in her home on Tuesday of last week, were held last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Stanberry Baptist Church.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Eddie Rhymes, pastor of that church, and interment was in the High Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Mrs. McPeek was found dead in her home by a neighbor, Mrs. John Petty. Other neighbors of Mrs McPeek's had tried to get in her house but were unable to gain entrance. Mrs. Petty has a key.

She found Mrs. McPeek lying on the kitchen floor. Dr. A.L. Carlin was called and later Dr. Troy Morgan, county coroner of Albany, and Sheriff Paul Angle went to the McPeek home. The doctors said she had died of natural causes and they believed she had been dead 10 or 12 hours when Mrs. Petty found her.

She was born August 31, 1907 in Gordonsville, Minn., the daughter of the late Ella Jane Marshall and Milton Gilmore Bighley. She was married to Tolbert Hatheway on September 7, 1929, in Glennville, Minn. He died in 1962 and she married Ray McPeek, who died in September 1974.

Mrs. McPeek was a member of the Baptist Church here. She had been graduated from the high school in Gordonsville, Minn., in the class of 1922.

She is survived by three sons, Delbert Hatheway of El Paso, Texas, Alvin Hatheway of Corpus Christi, Texas and Joe Hatheway of Bartlesville, Okla. There are two brothers, Marshall Bighley of Glennville, Minn., and r.L. Bighley of Kahoka, Mo. One sister, Mrs. Pearl Linde, of Mason City, Iowa, 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive her.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Alba Franklyn Hawkins

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The Stanberry Herald, Thursday, Jan. 2, 1919:

Alba Franklyn Hawkins born April 9th 1874, 5 1/2 miles east of Stanberry. Age at death 44 years 8 months 15 days. He lived in this vicinity until age of 17 years where he became connected with the Thornfield College as Band and Penman instructor for some time.

Was married to Miss Anna Zabel Havre, Montana to this union two children were born which died in childhood.

He leaves to mourn his death a wife, mother, two brothers, and one sister.

He spent the last 12 years of his life in Kansas City, Mo., where he was affiliated with various railroads as foreman.

Funeral conducted from the home Tuesday Dec. 24, by Edward Wright, burial at High Ridge.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lee Yost Hawthorne

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The Tri-County News; Friday, December 28, 2001:

Lee Yost Hawthorne, 74, Stanberry, died Dec. 23, 2001, at a helath-care center in Stanberry.

Mr. Hawthorne, in his early years, worked with his father, Lester, who was one of the four founders of Big 4 Hardware in Stanberry. Later, he was employed as a traveling hardware salesman and worked extensively on church-related endeavors in Oklahoma.

Born in Denver on Sept. 22, 1927, he lived in Oklahoma and California, but spent most of his life in Stanberry.

Mr. Hawthorne was a member of the United Methodist Churches in Stanberry and Tulsa, OK., and the Thousand Palms Community Church, Thousand Palms, Ca.

He married Mary Ann Malone in California. She survives of the home.

Mr. Hawthorne was preceded in death by his parents, Lester L. and Vi June.

Additional survivors include two step-sons, Richard Kenyon, Encinitia, Ca. and Dan Kenyon, Palm Springs, CA.; a step-daughter, Linda Smith, Palm Springs and five step-grandchildren.

Services will be held Dec. 29 at Johnson Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, both in Stanberry. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Donna L. Heath

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, October 22, 2004:

Donna L. Heath, 62, King City, died Oct. 18, 2004 at King City Manor.

She was born in King City on Jan. 30, 1942 and had been a long time resident of the King City Area.

She had worked at McCrea Grocery and also Union Star Station.

She married Wayne Ellis on June 5, 1961. He preceded her in death in 1991. She was also preceded in death by a sister and a grandson.

She married Mike Heath of King City on Dec. 5, 1992. He survives of the home.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Debbie Dennis of Lawson; a son, Doug Ellis of Kansas City, KS.; her parents, Carl and Mildred (Jones) Hutchcraft of King City.

Funeral services were held Oct. 21 at Gibson Funeral Home in King City, conducted by Rev. Will Siron, assisted by Rev. Duane Williams. Music was provided by Geraldyn Herbster, organist and Romey Keith Davis, vocalist. Pallbearers were Scott Ellis, David Ellis, Don Wheatley, Ernest Hutchcraft, Roger Hutchcraft and Paul Huffman.

Honorary pallbearers were: Ryan Adams, Devin Smith, Shawn Ellis, Gary Heath, Steve Heath and John Hutchcraft, Jr. Interment was in the King City Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Oren Leo Heaton

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The Albany Ledger, Wednesday, September 15, 1999:
Oren Leo Heaton, 65, Walnut Grove, died September 7, 1999.

The son of Evelyn Heaton and the late Oville Heaton, he was born March 6, 1934 at Albany.

He was an avid sports fan, and worked numerous years in the Springfield Parks Department. He had received several awards for his softball dedication, and was inducted into the National Indicator Frate at the Softball Hall of Fame. He was a deacon and active member of the Valley View Baptist Church, Springfield.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Twila Wideman.

Surviving is his wife of 45 years, Arlene, seven children, Leo Heaton, Jacksonville, Fla.; Virginia Essary, Strafford, Sandra Bellomy and Lisa Helmick, both of Walnut Grove, Paula Mabary, Buffalo, Brian and James Heaton, Both of Springfield; his mother, Evelyn Schwebach, Stanberry; two brothers, Leonard Heaton, Las Vegas, Nev., and Eldon Heaton, Duluth, Geo.; and twenty four grandchildren.

Funeral services were September 10, 1999 at Walnut Grove with burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Carol Jean Wolverton Helm
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The Tri-County News; Friday, December 3 to 10, 2004:
Carol Jean Wolverton Helm, 59, Smithville, died Dec. 2, 2004 at North Kansas City Hospital, of heart failure.

She was born June 4, 1945 in Stanberry; the youngest daughter of Onie and Ethel (Petty) Wolverton.

On July 11, 1971, she married Tom Helm of Smithville. They had two children in addition to Tom and his departed wife, Dorothy's, four children.

Mrs. Helm was a high school teacher and homemaker, working as a physical education instructor for the Smithville School District and later as a substitute teacher. She was an avid golfer and a member of the doting mother's club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, and her parents.

Survivors include a sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Lloyd Poff of Stanberry; son, Ryan Helm and wife, Sarah, of Smithville; son, Scott Helm and wife, Jenny, of Shawnee, KS.; step-sons, Tom Helm, New York City; Mike Helm, Chula Vista, CA.; Dan Helm and wife Valerie, Smithville; step-daughter, Dorothy Lafferty and husband, Patrick, Kansas City; grandchildren, Heather and Shane Mecham, Mark and Valerie Helm, Janie, Natalie and Deidre Helm, Colleen Lafferty and honorary grandchild, Karen Goodner; close friend, Patricia Bowling, of the home; aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 7 at the First Baptist Church in Smithville. Graveside services and burial were held at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Memorial donations may be given to Avant Ministries, %Hixson-Klein Funeral Home, 104 Church Street, Smithville, MO., 64989, who also handled arrangements.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Thomas A. Helm
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The Tri-County News; Friday, September 7, 2004:

Thomas A. Helm, 69, Smithville, died Aug. 28, 2001, at his home following an illness of cancer.

Born Oct. 26, 1931, in Jackson County, Mr. Helm was a lifelong resident of the Kansas City area.

On June 9, 1950, he married Dorothy E. Greer. She died in 1969.

He later married Carol J. Wolverton on July 11, 1971, in Stanberry. She survives of the home.

Mr. Helm was an engineer for Airco (Pure Carbonic) until 1971. He then began working for TWA, retiring in 1993.

He was also preceded in death by two infant sons, Junior and Matthew M.; his parents, Herman and Mary; and two sisters, Mary E. Wright and Vera Grider.

Other survivors a daughter, Dorothy D. Lafferty, Kansas City; five sons, Tom, New York City, NY.; Mike, San Diego, CA.; and Dan, Ryan L., and Scott T., all of Smithville; two brothers, Don, Kansas City; and John, Sugar Creek; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday morning at the First Baptist Church, Smithville, and burial was that afternoon in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Emmanuel Bible Church, Smithville.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Betty Lee Henderson

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The Albany Ledger; Wednesday, May 30, 2001:

Betty Lee Henderson, 70, died May 28, 2001, at a Kansas City hospital.

She was born February 7, 1931 in Gentry Coutny, and was a self employed upholster.

Surviving is two sons, Jerry Juhl, Stanberry, and Larry Juhl, Easton; three daughters, Kay Parsons, Gower, Cynthia Hunt, New Hampton, and Lori Juhl, Louisville, TX.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services and burial were May 30, 2001, at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Charles H. Heubach

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, November 26, 1953:

Charles H. Heubach, age 72, a resident of Stanberry and vicinity the past 15 years, died at about 11:15 o'clock last Thursday night at the Harmony Hill Rest home.

Mr. Heubach, who was born in Germany, came to this section from Nebraska, where he had lived much of his life. For a time he lived near Darlington and, until his health failed, was employed in farm work.

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He had no close relatives in this section and, so far as this newspaper has been able to learn, is survived by a sister, a Mrs. Weible, of Tuscumbia, Neb., and nephews and nieces.

Funeral services, held for him Sunday afternoon at the Phillips Mortuary, were conducted by Elder Horace Munro. Burial was in the High Ridge Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: A. G. (Al) Heyde
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The Stanberry Headlight; Thursday, November 6, 1952; Page 12:

A. G. (Al) Heyde, a retired Wabash Railway Co. locomotive engineer, died Sunday afternoon at the Wabash hospital at Moberly, where he had been a patient for the past three weeks.

Heyde, a veteran of more than 50 years of railway employment, was widely known in railroad circles. With the exception of a short time, during which he was employed by the Union Pacific at Green River, Colo., practically all of the remainder of his railroad work was in and out of Stanberry. His first work for the Wabash was in the shops here, but soon he became a fireman for the company and later a locomotive engineer. He retired from that position about four years ago.

He had been a member of Moila Shrine at St. Joseph since 1917. He was also a member of the Stanberry Methodist church and of the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers.

The son of Maximillan and Sophia Heyde, he was born June 9, 1875, in Marion, O., and was 77 years old at the time of his death. The family came to Stanberry in February, 1893, and this city had remained his home from that time.

He was married to Miss Clara Sager on Mar. 15, 1900. She died Nov. 21, 1923. He was married to Miss Velma Allen June 9, 1924, and one son by this marriage survives. He is Robert A. Heyde of Stanberry.

On Jan. 17, 1936, he was married to Miss Eleanor Slack and they are the parents of two children, Suzanne and David, of the home.

In addition to the widow and the children, he is also survived by five brothers, Henry, of Byers, Colo.; Adolph, Denver, Colo.; Ed, of the state of Michigan; William, Stanberry, and Godfred, King City; two sisters, Miss Pauline Heyde and Mrs. Frank Thomas both of Stanberry, and two grandchildren.

The body was brought to the Phillips mortuary here, where funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Chas. R. Hagee. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Helen Mae Heyde
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The Tri-County News; Gentry County Missouri, Friday, March 8, 2002:

Helen Mae Heyde, 81, Stanberry, died Feb. 27, 2002, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Born Feb. 23, 1921, at Altamont; the daughter of Stanley and Mae Heyser, she married Geoffrey "Dutch" Heyde in 1943.

Mrs. Heyde served as secretary to the superintendent of Stanberry schools for 26 years before retiring. She was a member of the Stanberry First Christian Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

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Mrs. Heyde was preceded in death by her husband in 1987; her parents and four brothers.

Survivors include a son, Gary Heyde, Burns, TN.; a daughter, Sherry Heyde, Topeka, KS.; a sister, Betty Jean Huffman, Altamont and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 2 at Johnson Funeral Home in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Michael Eugene Heyde
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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, August 20, 1953:
Polio Takes Life of Michael Heyde, Age 7, Sunday:

Michael Eugene Heyde, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan A. Heyde of Moberly, died Sunday afternoon of polio in the isolation ward of the University hospital at Columbia, Mo. The lad became seriously ill of polio last Thursday and was taken to the University hospital that day where his condition is said to have become progressively worse until death came at about 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The body was brought to the Phillips mortuary here early Monday morning. Funeral services were held for him Tuesday afternoon at the Stanberry Baptist church, with the Rev. Don Stanley officiating. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery.

Both the parents and their son were former Stanberry residents. Michael was born at Maryville while his parents were residents here. He was their only child.

About five yeras ago the family moved to Moberly where they have since resided. The father is employed by the Sheffield Steel Corp. in Kansas City, but continued his residence in Moberly.

Besides his parents, he also is survived by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Heyde of Stanberry and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Swearingen of Maplewood, Mo.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Paulina Heyde
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, November 10, 1966, Front page:
Rites Held For Paulina Heyde: Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Johnson Funeral Home chapel for Miss Paulina Heyde, 86, a long-time resident of this community, who was taken by death last Friday in the home here of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Heyde, with whom she lived for many years.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Richard Ezell, pastor of the Stanberry Methodist church, and burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Other survivors are four brothers, G. M. Heyde, Stanberry; Henry Heyde, Byers, Ark.; Ed Heyde, Cord, Ark., and Adolph Heyde, Denver, Colo.

Miss Heyde, daughter of the late Maximillian and Sophia Fischer Heyde was born August 22, 1880, in Plymouth, Ind. She moved with her family to Stanberry in February, 1893, and has resided here since then. She joined the Methodist church as a small girl.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Robert L. Heyde
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STANBERRY - Robert L. Heyde, 64, Stanberry, died Wednesday, Mar. 30, 1994, at his home.

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Mr. Heyde, a lifelong resident of the Stanberry area was employed by the Wabash Railroad for 10 years. He also worked for the Certain-Teed Co. in Kansas City, Kan.

He graduated from the Stanberry high school and served in the Navy during the Korean War, receiving a Purple Heart.

He married Phyllis Krea at Mount Ayr, Iowa, in 1961. She survives.

Mr. Heyde was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Additional survivors include two sons, James L. and William F., both of St. Joseph; two stepsons, Craig Vinson, Arkansas, and Steve Vinson, Florida; a stepdaughter, Audrey Leppo, Kacumba, Calif.; three brothers, Harlan, Moberly; Harry, Southgate, Mich.; and William, Poway, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were Apr. 1 at R. Miller & Sons Funeral Home, Stanberry. The body was cremated.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Margaret "Jane" Hiett
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Margaret "Jane" Hiett, 86, Stanberry, died Nov. 19, 2004, at Northwest Medical Center in Albany.

She was born Aug. 23, 1918 in Grand Rapids, MN.; the daughter of Arlis Bohart and Marguerite (DeMoss) Vogt.

She was a member of the Stanberry United Methodist Church and the Delphi Study Club of Stanberry.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Martha McWilliams.

On July 28, 1942, Jane was united in marriage to Gene Edward Hiett; he survives at the home. Additional survivors include a daughter, Carole Danner, Holden, Mo.; a son, James Hiett, Port Orchard, WA.; sisters, Harriet Leighninger, Cherokee, IA. and Nancy Weyer, Savannah, GA.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 23 at the Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry with burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Edna McMichael Hill
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The Ledger-Headlight; Wednesday, April 27, 1994, page 12:
STANBERRY - Edna McMichael Hill, 90, Stanberry, died Saturday, Aril 23, 1994, at a Lawson health-care center.

Born Feb. 8, 1904, at Elmo, Mrs. Hill was the daughter of the late Charles Wesley and Minnie (Miller) McMichael. She was reared in New Hampton.

She married John Webster Hill Dec. 31, 1921, at New Hampton. He died Apr. 8, 1986.

She lived most of her married life in the Lafayette-Island City communities before moving to Stanberry several years ago.

Mrs. Hill was a homemaker and a nurse's aid at the Harmony Hill Nursing Home and Plainview Nursing Home, both of Stanberry, retiring in 1970.

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She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanberry and the Lafayette Community Club.

Mrs. Hill also was preceded in death by a son, Calvin; a daughter, June M.; and a brother, Beldon McMichael.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth, King City; a daughter, Darlene J. Wall, Excelsior Springs; four brothers, Wilbur McMichael, Trimble; and Ray, Don, and Glen D. McMichael, all of Kansas City; four sisters, Alta Beery, Lee's Summit; Rose Arthur, Blue Springs; Wilma Reed, Dearborn; and Betty Shimp, Kansas City; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were Apr. 26 at Johnson Funeral Home, Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Kenneth L. Hill
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The Tri-County News, Friday, September 8, 2000:
Kenneth L. Hill, 91, Rea, died Aug. 31, 2000, at King City Manor.

Mr. Hill was born Feb. 16, 1909, in Woodward County, OK. He had also lived in the state of Kansas before moving to Missouri. He was a graduate of Stanberry R-II high school. Mr. Hill had also attended Maryville State Teachers College and taught in rural schools in Nodaway and Andrew counties.

Mr. Hill was a retired Postmaster from the United States Post Office in Rea, where he worked for 21 years. He was also a retired farmer.

During World Warr II he served in the Navy. Mr. Hill was a member of the Rea Union Church; the Dick Munkres American Legion Post #287, Savannah and the Stanberry Masonic Lodge #109.

Mr. Hill played the fiddle in the Farmers Band that entertained at Senior Citizens Centers and nursing homes. He had coached Little League baseball and was a former Boy Scout Troop Master.

Mr. Hill was preceded in death by his parents, Francis J. and Alice D. (Hulet) Hill; a sister, Ethel Wallace and a brother, Kermit Hill.

On Oct. 6, 1956, he married the former Joan Kennedy in Auburn, NE. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include two sons, Francis Hill, Rea, and Kenneth Hill, Micanopy, FL.; a daughter, Lela Chacon, Marshall, MN. and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 4 at the Gibson Funeral Home in King City, conducted by Rev. Josprh Munshaw. Music was provided by Betty Jo Howitt organist; Rolando Chacon, violinist; Mary Hill and Amy Hill, soloists. Prllbearers were Randall Hill, Richard Wallace, Don Duncan, Kelley Hill, Charles Sherman and Rolando Chacon.

Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Dotty Holmes
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The Tri-County News, Friday, June 17, 2005, page 20:

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Dotty Newman Mercer Holmes, 81, died at the home of her son, Ronnie, on June 12, 2005 in Stanberry.

She was born March 23, 1924 in Alanthus Grove; the daughter of John Frederick and Mayme Serena (Yadon) Newman.

She taught at Center Grove Rural School during World War II. Later, she worked as a clerk for Newman's Grocery Store in Alanthus Grove, then as a clerk for B&W Market in Stanberry. Mrs. Holmes was a tax collector for Wilson Township and had served as secretary for the Opportunity Workshop. She was a member of the Alanthus Grove Church of Christ.

On June 10, 1943, Dotty was united in marriage to Dale Curtis Mercer. He preceded her in death Oct. 21, 1944. On Oct. 9, 1948 she married Leo Holmes. He died March 16, 1984. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Jay and Bill Newman; two sisters, Neva Pierce and Hazel Marticke.

Survivors include sons, Ronnie Mercer and wife, Sharon, Stanberry and Rick Holmes, Bethany; sisters, Gerthel Carlock, Albany, Betty Gabbert and Naomi Walker, both of Stanberry; a brother, F. J. "Hop" Newman, Albany; six grandsons, Douglas Mercer and wife, Lori, Lenexa, Ks.; Todd Mercer, Reeds Spring; Bryan Mercer, St. Louis; Jason Holmes and wife, Nellie, Coffey; Trent and Troy Holmes, Kansas City; a granddaughter, Jenny Donavon and husband Jeff, Olathe, KS.; great-grandchildren, Michael, Ashley, Jordan, Sage and Riley; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 14 at the Alanthus Grove Church of Christ with burial in Jennings Cemetery, Alanthus Grove. Memorial contributions may be given to the Gentry County Cancer Fund or Hands of Hope Hospice. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lela Fae Holmes

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Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, December 8, 1955, page 1:

Lela Fae Holmes, 33, Alanthus Grove, MO., was found about 11 o'clock Monday, December 5, 1955, among the burning embers of an outdoor toilet at the rear of the Holmes home in Alanthus. Finding the body were her husband, Lloyd E. (Cy) Holmes, Alanthus farmer, the Rev. Floyd Kolb, pastor of the Alanthus Baptist church, and Austin O'Banion, Albany, who worked for Holmes.

The body was burned beyond recognition, only a shriveled torso remaining, according to testimony at the inquest staged by the county coroner, Dr. C. N. Williamson, Gentry, and Prosecuting Attorney Fred Kling, Albany.

Testimony indicated that Mrs. Holmes had been ill mentally, off and on, since August, 1954, when her fourth child died a few hours after it was born. It was added that her diabetic condition of long standing did not help her mental condition. She was treated in several institutions for her mental condition, including Mayo's, the Smithville hospital and the sanitarium in Macon, Mo.

Lela was born Mar. 19, 1922 in the Alanthus community and resided there most of her life. Lela was married April 25, 1944 in Troy, Kan., to Lloyd Eugene "Cy" Holmes.

Survivors include her husband, the three children, Joseph, 10; Mary Susan, 8, and Johnnie, 7; her parents, and nine brothers and sisters. Ralph Murphy, Stanberry; Chester Murphy, Gentry; Marvin Murphy, Omaha; Mrs. Dale Mapes, Winterset, Ia.; Mrs. Virgil

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Warren, Kansas City; Wesley Murphy, Hood River, Ore.; George Raymond Murphy, Tillamook, Ore., and James Harold Murphy, Nebo, Ore.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Alanthus Baptist church. Burial will be in the High Ridge cemetery, Stanberry, under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lloyd (Sy) Holmes
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, August 18, 1966; front page: Body Recovered From Reservoir: Grand county, Colo., authorities believe that the body of Lloyd E. (Sy) Holmes, formerly of this community, was recovered from the Williams Fork reservoir in the mountains north of Denver, Colo., Sunday morning by a fisherman.

That is the information received here later that day by Ross E. Johnson of the Johnson Funeral Home from Coroner Russell Shedenhelm of Hot Sulphur Springs, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, then living in Englewood, Colo., met their deaths when their boat capsized in the reservoir during an outing on June 23, 1960. Mrs. Holmes died from cold and exhaustion just 30 minutes before help arrived. Others in the boat recovered.

Apparently the body was positively identified sometime Tuesday by the coroner with the help of a shoe which was found on the body when it was recovered Sunday morning. The body of Mr. Holmes, who was 40 when he drowned, was expected to arrive at the Johnson Funeral Home yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Holmes is survived by three sons, Joe Holmes and Ronald Holmes, both of Kansas City, and John Holmes of Stanberry; a daughter, Miss Mary Holmes of Stanberry; a stepson, Archie Thomas of Kansas City; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Alta Campbell and Miss Reta Thomas, both of Kansas City, and Mrs. Judy Griffin of Englewood, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes of Alanthus; a sister, Mrs. Lester Miller of Stanberry, and two brothers, Leo Holmes of Gentry and Melvin Holmes of Worth.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at High Ridge cemetery here under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Floyd Kolb of Jefferson City, former pastor of the Alanthus Baptist church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: George R. Houston
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, August 13, 1953, page 8: Final Rites for George Houston, Retired Electrical Engineer, Died After Illness of Seven Years.

George R. Houston, 75 year-old retired electrical engineer, died in his sleep early Sunday morning at his farm home about 10 miles southwest of Stanberry.

His death is believed to have occurred about 5 o'clock that morning, according to his attending physician, Dr. Zack Barnes, of King City. Mr. Houston, who spent nearly all of his early life in Stanberry, suffered a stroke about seven years ago and had been in ill health since that time.

He was a member of a pioneer Stanberry business family. His parents were the late Henry and Sarah Cooper Houston. While he was born near Wichita, Kan., in his early childhood the family came to Stanberry and for many years his father operated a meat market here.

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He was a graduate of the Stanberry high school and of the old Stanberry normal. He then attended the University of Missouri where he was graduated from the school of engineering as an electrical engineer in the class of 1904. In 1907, he went to Birmingham, Ala. There he was associated with the cement manufacturing industry until health forced his retirement and in 1951 he returned to his land holdings southwest of Stanberry.

He was a member of the Christian church in Birmingham, the blue lodge, the commandery and Zomers shrine temple in Birmingham, and of Tau Beta Ph, an engineering fraternity.

Mr. Houston was married to Miss Octa Gepford Nov. 29, 1907. She survives him as does one daughter, Mrs. Troas P. Barrett, of King City and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held for him Tuesday afternoon at the Stanberry Christian church, with the Rev. Chas. R. Hagee officiating. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery. Funeral services were under the direction of the Phillips mortuary.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: William A. Houston
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, February 26, 1953, page 8:
Sunday Rites for William Houston:

W.A. Houston, 74, dies Friday at home here following illness of several months.

William A. Houston, a resident of Stanberry for much of his life, died late Friday afternoon at this home here. He had been confined to his bed for the last six weeks and had been in failing health for several months.

Mr. Houston, 74, a retired brick mason, had helped in the construction of many Stanberry buildings. During his earlier years he was employed by Lou Valin, an early day Stanberry contractor. He helped in the construction of both the Methodist church and the Christian church buildings here.

During periods of construction work at the Benedictine convent at Clyde, he had been employed there in masonry work. At other times he had been called to do similar work at Savannah and St. Joseph. For the past several years his health prevented him from following his trade.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Houston and was born June 13, 1878, at Whitesville, MO. In early life he came with his family to Stanberry. He was married to Miss Florene McClellan on Oct 29, 1902. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last year. He was a member of the Stanberry Christian church.

Surviving him are his widow, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Lester C. Thompson, King City; one son, Fletcher Houston, Stanberry; two sisters, Mrs. Willis Chapman, Stanberry, and Mrs. Homer Mount, Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother, Vernon Houston, Stanberry; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held for him Sunday afternoon at the Stanberry Christian church with the Rev. Charles R. Hagee officiating. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery. The services were under the direction of the Phillips mortuary.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Edna Vonciele Howard
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The Tri-County News, Friday, June 28, 2002:
Edna Vonciele (Tillie) Howard, 81, Stanberry, died June 22, 2002, at her son's home in Warrensburg.

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She was born April 9, 1921 in Stanberry the daughter of Dewey and Anna Lorene Hall.

She attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo. and graduated from NW Missouri State Teacher's College with a degree in Social Science. She taught school in Grant City and did substitute teaching in Stanberry.

On May 26, 1946, she married Lester Ray Howard. He preceded her in death in 1982.

She was a member of the Stanberry First Christian Church. She was also a 50 year member of Chapter P of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Survivors include a son, Dr. John Howard, and his wife, Janette, of Warrensburg; a daughter, Barbara Wharton and husband, Bob, St. Joseph; brother, Eldon Eugene (Pud) Hall, Stanberry; three grandchildren, Cory Wharton, Carrie and Chris Howard and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 26 at the First Christian Church, Stanberry, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Johnson County Hospice Care in Warrensburg in care of Roberson-Polley Chapel, 5th & Alanthus, Stanberry, MO. 64489, who handled arrangements.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Uva Mae Howard
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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, June 16, 1993, page 12:
ALBANY - Uva Mae Howard, 76, Albany, died Saturday, June 12, at Pine View Manor.

Mrs. Howard was born 1917 in Gentry County.

Mrs. Howard, a homemaker, was a member of the Church of God Seventh Day of Stanberry.

She married Audrey Dee Howard at Grant City in 1940. He died in 1991.

Surviving are a sister, Allie Murphy, St. Joseph; a brother, Onas Walker, Stanberry; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Jun. 14 at Church of God Seventh Day. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Eva E. Howorth
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ST. JOSEPH (MO.) NEWS-PRESS; WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2005; B3
Eva E. Howorth 1934-2005; HOUSTON, Texas - With her family and friends by her side, Eva Evelyn Howorth died peacefully on Aug. 29, 2005, in Houston, Texas, after a courageous battle with cancer. Preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother and two sisters.

Evie was born on Dec. 3, 1934, in Albany, Mo. She graduated from Hamburg High School in Hamburg, Iowa. On April 18, 1954, Evie was united in marriage with Donovan Howorth at the United Methodist Church in Hamburg.

Evie's life exemplified compassion and kindness, she always gave more than she received. The devoted love she felt for her family was reflected back to her by her surviving brother, Tom Howell and his wife, Chris; sister, Martha Baker and husband Virgil;

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daughter, Mary and husband Jim; son Jeff and wife Feb (sic); grandchildren, Amy, Jill, Jeff, Elizabeth and Anna; and great-granddaughter, Caroline.

Services will be held at John A. Gentleman Mortuaries, 14151 Pacific St., Omaha, Neb., (402) 391-1664, on Saturday, Sept. 3. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. with the service at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4, a graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. at the Oaklawn Cemetery in Denison, Iowa.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Anna Lydia Hughes
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, May 3, 1951, front page: 'Mrs. Geo. Hughes Rites Tomorrow. Life-long Resident of this Area Died Tuesday at Her Home.'

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the First Methodist church here for Mrs. Anna Lydia Hughes, age 83, a life-long resident of Stanberry. Mrs. Hughes died at 5 p.m. Tuesday at her home following a long illness.

Last rites will be conducted by the Rev. Don Stanley, pastor of the First Baptist church here. Rev. J. Frederick Lawson, pastor of the Methodist church, will assist in the services. Burial will be in the High Ridge cemetery here.

Mrs. Hughes is survived by a son, Alva Hughes of Stanberry; and four daughters, Mrs. Stella Carter, Mrs. Rena Folk and Mrs. Fred Ellenbaum, all of Stanberry, and Mrs. D. C. MacFarlane of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Her husband and two sons preceded her in death.

The body is now in state at the phillips mortuary here.

A complete obituary of Mrs. Hughes will appear next week in The Headlight.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: James W. Hutchcraft
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The Tri-County News, Friday, October 10, 2003, page 29:
James W. Hutchcraft, 73, Stanberry died Oct. 5, 2003, at an area nursing home.

Born Dec. 27, 1929 in Stanberry, he was the son of Percy and Violet (McGinley) Hutchcraft.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanberry. Before his retirement he worked for Union Royal Manufacturing in Maryville as a line worker. He was also a member of the National Guard.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother.

Survivors include a son, Alan Hutchcraft, and wife, Jacque, of Maysville; two cousins, Barbara Waters, Macon and Lois Searl, of Iowa.

Funeral services were held Oct. 8, at the First Baptist Church in Stanberry, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the Stanberry Baptist Church in care of Roberson-Polley Chapel, 5th & N. Alanthus, Stanberry, MO. 64489.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Albert U. Jacoby
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, April 14, 1932, front page:

'Funeral Services Held Friday Afternoon for A. U. Jacoby.' ' Large Crowd Attended Last Rites fro Well Known Stanberry Man, Who Died Last Wednesday.'

A large crowd of sorrowing friends attended the final rites for A. U. Jacoby, who died at his home here last Wednesday morning, following a critical illness from flu and pneumonia. The services were held last Friday afternoon at the home.

The following obituary has been furnished this office:

Albert U. Jacoby, son of John and Fredrica Jacoby, was born in Gentry county, Mo., December 23, 1864, and departed this life April 6, 1932, at the age of 67 years, three months and 13 days.

He was married November 30, 1887, to Carrie Grimsley, who has traveled life's road with him for more than 44 years.

Mr. Jacoby was born and reared on a farm, and farming claimed his interest all his life. While he retired from his farm about 12 years ago, he never entirely relinquished his activities along that line, but continued more or less active in it until the end.

When 17 years of age he became a Christian and united with the Baptist Church, but 35 years ago he transferred his membership to the Christian Chruch at Mt. Zion. On leaving the farm and coming to Stanberry, his membership was transferred to the First Christain Church here, where he has lived and served ever since. Immediately after he untied with the Christian Church, he was made a deacon, and has served in that office almost continuously since. For the past seven years he has had the care of the church building as janitor. He was faithful to any duty, always responding cheerfully to every call.

He is survived by his devoted wife, two sons, Hunter of Ford City and Martin of Stanberry; the first born, John, passed away last summer; two brothers, Martin of Boseman, Mont., and Morris of Darlington; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Roberts and Mrs. Minnie Owens of Darlington, Mrs. Ida James of Albany and Mrs. Clara Chick of Maryville. There are also four grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

The Rev. N. O. Rogers, pastor of the Christian Church, with whom he had been affiliated for many years, conducted the funeral services last Friday afternoon. The body was interred in the High Ridge Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were: S. B. Sweat, Dr. J. A. Crockett, A. P. Laughlin, J. E. Lunsford, Fred Gehring, J. B. Sager, C. N. Slocum and Wm. Bauer. Active pallbearers were Fred Roberts, Richard Roberts, Joe James, Snider Jacoby, Morris Chick and E. C. Jones. The funeral was in charge of the Pennington Undertaking Co.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Martin Allen Jacoby

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The Tri-County News, Friday, March 26, 1999:

Martin Allen Jacoby, 95, Stanberry, died March 22, 1999, at a health-care center in Stanberry.

Mr. Jacoby, a farmer, was born in Stanberry on Aug. 19, 1903, and was a lifelong resident of Stanberry.

He attended high school and was a member of the First Christian Church in Stanberry.

On April 5, 1924, he married Ollie M. Webber in King City. She died in 1993.

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Survivors include two sons, Max, Eustis, FL., and Bill, Alamo, TX.; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held March 27, at the First Christian Church in Stanberry with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Gentry County Hospice, Albany or First Christian Church, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Max E. Jacoby

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The Tri-County News, Friday, June 30, 2000:

Max E. Jacoby, 72, Eustis, Fl., died June 25, 2000, at Commerce, GA.

Born in Stanberry, Mr. Jacoby moved to Eustis, FL., from Kansas City in 1980. He was a salesman for Rhino Products Farm Equipment.

He had served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and was a member of the First Christian Church, Mount Dora, FL.

Survivors include his wife, Carole L. Jacoby, of the home in Eustis, Fl.; three sons, Terry S. Jacoby, Valrico, FL.; Lt. Col. Martin A. Jacoby, Washington D. C. and Karl D. Jacoby, Council Bluffs, IA.; a daughter, Ann D. Lackey, Travares, FL.; a stepson, Roy Moore and a stepdaughter, Autumn Fisher, Mount Dora, FL.; a brother, Bill L. Jacoby, Alamo, TX.; 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on June 29 at Seventh Day Adventist Church in Mount Dora, FL. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Eugene Edward Jennings

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Eugene Edward Jennings, 60, Kansas City, formerly of Stanberry, died June 7, 2001, at a Kansas City Hospital.

Born in St. Joseph on April 27, 1941, Mr. Jennings lived most of his life in the Kansas City Area. He was a member of the Christian Faith.

Mr. Jennings was preceded in death by his father, James Jennings.

Survivors include his mother, Viola M. Jennings, Raytown; a brother, Everett Jennings, of Raytown and a half-brother, Russell, of Kansas City, KS.

Graveside services and burial were held on June 9 at High Ridge cemetery in Stanberry.

Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Flossie P. Jennings

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Sunday, March 19, 2006:

Flossie P. Jennings 1916-2006; STANBERRY, Mo. - Flossie Phillips Jennings, 89, of Stanberry, passed away Thursday, March 16, 2006, at a Stanberry nursing home.

Flossie, the daughter of Heber D. and Nellie (Bell) Phillips was born Dec. 25, 1916, in Ravenwood, Mo.

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On Jan. 22, 1934, she was united in marriage to William S. Jennings Jr. He preceded her in death Aug. 13, 1998.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; son, William S. IV; grandson, Bryan Jennings; sister, Thelma Ruch; and four brothers, Raymond, George, D.H. and Andy Phillips.

Flossie was a homemaker. She was baptized in the Alanthus Baptist Church as a teenager. She moved her membership to the Stanberry First Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher, teaching the primary age class for many years.

Survivors: son, Merlin Jennings, Winston, Mo.; daughter, Barbara Jennings-Stuart, Omaha, Neb.; three sisters-in-law, Ruth Phillips, Topeka, Kan.; Betty J. Bartik, New Jersey, and Dorothy Jennings, Stanberry; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Stanberry First Baptist Church. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Memorial contributions: Stanberry First Baptist Church or Church Library Fund.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Hershel Jennings
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STANBERRY, Mo. - Hershel Jennings, 86, of Stanberry, died March 20, 2005, at the Pineview Manor Nursing Home in Stanberry.

He was born Sept. 9, 1918, east of Alanthus Grove, Mo., son of Lester and Lenna Temple Jennings.

On May 25, 1947, he was married in Lincoln, Kan., to Genevieve Phipps, who survives of the home.

Jennings was a 1936 graduate of Northwest Missouri State College laboratory high school. He attended Northwest Missouri State College for two years and later was a member of the Bearcat Squadron, A group of young men who underwent flight training just prior to World War II. He continued his education at the University of Missouri, where he graduated in 1940 from its college of Agriculture with a degree in soils science.

He was a naval aviator in World War II, flying patrol and rescue missions over the Central Pacific. He was discharged as a 1st lieutenant.

He returned home to establish a land improvement contracting business that he operated for 35 years. He enjoyed working with farmers and developing long-range plans with them to improve their land over a period of years by such means as clearing timber and brush, and building ponds, terraces, birms and dams. He also farmed.

Mr. Jennings served several terms as president of the Missouri Land Improvement Contractors Association, a group that he co-founded that became the model for similar organizations in other states.

Mr. Jennings served on the Gentry County University of Missouri Extension Council, the Stanberry R-II School Board and as chairman of the board at the First Christian Church, Stanberry. He also was an elder of the church for many years. Upon his retirement, he was honored with a plaque by the Stanberry Chamber of Commerce. He was named Father of the Year in November, 1970, at Northwest Missouri State University.

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Other survivors include sons, Ron Jennings of Sedalia, Mo.; Steve Jennings of New York City; and Galen Jennings of Kirksville, Mo.; a daughter, Tammy Heath of Lee's Summit, Mo.; two sisters, Naomi Edmonds of Chesterfield, Mo.; and Lenna Vance of Kearney, Mo.; and six grandchildren, Mary Pillars, Megan Simon, Katie Pointer, Melody Kruzac, Ryan Jennings and Derek Jennings.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and a sister.

Funeral service: 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at the First Christian Church, Stanberry. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Friends may call anytime after 2 p.m. March 22 at the chapel. Military rites: Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260 of Stanberry. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice and may be sent to the Roberson-Polley Chapel, P.O. Box 153, Stanberry, Mo., 64489.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Unez G. Jensen
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Unez G. Jensen, 96, Maryville, formerly of Stanberry, died Sept. 3, 1994, at a Maryville health-care center.

Mrs. Jensen was born in Alanthus Grove, Mo., and lived in the Stanberry and Maryville areas most of her life, residing in Maryville for the past year.

She attended the Alanthus Grove Grade School, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry.

In 1920, she married John C. Jensen in Stanberry. He preceded her in death in 1963. Mrs. Jensen was also preceded in death by a daughter, Ila Klein.

Survivors include three daughters, Metta Guess, Stanberry; Irma Merrick and Lorene Bowness, both of Maryville; a sister, Nora Wilkerson, Stanberry; seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 6 at the First Baptist Church in Stanberry with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Johnson Funeral Home, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Betty Elizabeth Johnson
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, April 6, 1950:
Mrs. Betty Elizabeth Johnson died Sunday near Island City, her home for 56 years. A well known resident of the Island City community for over 56 years, died about 6 o'clock Sunday night at her farm home, two miles east of Island City.

Mrs. Johnson, who was 81 years old, had suffered a stroke about 15 years ago, from which she had never fully recovered. Her condition had been considered as serious the past three weeks. She was born Betty Elizabeth Sherwood, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sherwood. At the time of her birth, the family resided near Dearborn, Mo., and it was in that section that she attended school and grew to young womanhood.

She was married to John Pfister at Savannah, Mo., in 1888. They were the parents of one son, Johnnie Pfister, who died at Troy, Kan., in July 1943. The father and husband died shortly after the marriage.

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On July 11, 1893, she was married to James M. Johnson at Albany. They began their married life in the Island City community, where she has since made her home. Mr. Johnson died in 1915.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by two sons, Sherman and Sammie Johnson, farmers near Island City; four daughters, Misses Dottie, Lula and Beulah, of the home, and Mrs. Elsie Martin of Kansas City; one stepson, G. L. Johnson, southwest of Stanberry; 15 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services were held for her at the Phillips chapel here Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Glenn Willson, pastor of the Island City church. Burial was in the High Ridge Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Etta Catherine Johnson
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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, February 7, 1985; page 6:
Mrs. Etta Catherine Johnson, daughter of the late Isaac Millard Edson and Sarah Catherine Ross Edson, was born in the family farm home north of New Hampton, Missouri in Dallas Township, on December 22, 1891 and passed away in the Methodist Medical Center, St. Joseph, Missouri, January 31, 1985 at the age of 93 years, 1 month and 9 days.

As a young girl she grew to womanhood in the New Hampton and Martinsville area. She graduated from the High Point School which was 1 1/2 miles southwest of the family home. Later she graduated from the Missouri Wesleyan College, Cameron, Missouri; Baker University of Baldwin, Kansas and the Conservatory of Music at Maryville, Missouri where she studied piano with Professor Perry Oliver Landon who was a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Leipzig, Germany. In her early days she traveled by horse and buggy throughtout Northwest Missouri giving private piano lessons and piano recitals and continued sharing her ability and love of music to young people, giving even her two grandsons piano lessons in 1971 at her age, then of 80 years old.

On March 18, 1915 Catherine was united in marriage to Joseph Evan Johnson at her parents home by her future father-in-law, Rev. Joseph A. Johnson. One hundred and four guests attended the wedding, and Professor Perry Oliver Landon played for her wedding. To this union four children were born.

On April 1, 1929 she and Mr. Johnson established the Bram & Johnson Funeral Home in Hamilton, Missouri, later selling their interest to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. A. Bram. They then moved to Cainsville, Missouri and established the Johnson Funeral Home and also at Mercer where they continued to serve until they sold the funeral home to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stoklasa in 1935 at which time they moved to Stanberry, Missouri and founded the Johnson Funeral Home which this year marks the 50th year in Stanberry. In 1954, they sold their funeral home at Stanberry to their son Ross E. and his late wife, Betty S. Johnson who died on July 31, 1980.

After her husband died on August 15, 1955, she was selected to become the Superintendent of Memorial Home in St. Joseph, Missouri for many years. Later she was selected to be the Superintendent of Children's Masonic Home in St. Louis, Missouri until she returned to Stanberry.

She was a 40 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and had served the Grand Chapter of Missouri as District Deputy Grand Matron in 1935. she was also a member of the Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem Joseph Shrine Chapter 33 of St. Joseph, Missouri. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Stanberry for many years. She was member of the Elizabeth Harrison Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the

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American Revolution of Bethany, Missouri with her lineage traced back to England by her Mayflower ancestors. She was a member of the Missouri Funeral Directors Association, and the National Funeral Directors Association, and on June 7, 1967 she received a 50 year "Certificate of Award" from the Missouri funeral Directors Association. She was also featured in "Who's Who" as a genealogy researcher and was known for helping people all over the United States trace their ancestors. She was a member of the Runcie Club of St. Joseph, Missouri and of the Missouri Historical Society.

She organized the Fidelis Study Club of Stanberry, the Gentry County Historical Society, the Garden and Hobby Club of Stanberry, and the Ladies Lions Club also of Stanberry.

She was successful in obtaining the Ann Hawkins Gentry Roadside Park in 1960 - the first roadside park in Gentry County.

The happiest moments of her life were the joys of having two Eagle Scout grandsons and later seeing them graduate and becoming licensed funeral directors and embalmers as the third generation - carrying on the family tradition of the Johnson Funeral Homes as she and her husband founded 56 years ago.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sarah Catherine in 1932 and Isaac Millard Edson in 1945, her husband August 15, 1955, one daughter, Etta Lillie, in infancy, February 12, 1921, 2 sons, Dr. Joseph Robert Johnson, May 7, 1976, and an infant son on August 30, 1919; three brothers, Alonzo Ross Edson in 1960, Elmer Elsworth Edson, December 21, 1968 and Stanley M. Edson, January 4, 1893; one nephew and daughter-in-law.

Her survivors include one son, Ross E. Johnson, Stanberry, Missouri; two grandsons, Ross E. Johnson Jr., Marville, Missouri; Robert J. Johnson, Albany, Missouri; two nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 3, 1985 at 2 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Stanberry, Missouri. The Rev. Dick Newman officiating. Burial was held in the High Ridge Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Minnie Johnson
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, November 29, 1951:
Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday at the High Ridge Cemetery here for Mrs. Minnie Johnson, former resident, who died last week at her home at Portland, Ore. Rites were conducted by the Rev. Charles R. Hagee, pastor of the first Christian church here.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Samuel "Sammie" William Johnson
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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, September 11, 1991, Page 14:
KING CITY - - Samuel "Sammie" William Johnson, 85, died Sept. 1, 1991, at Heartland East Hospital, St. Joseph.

Johnson was born Oct. 3, 1905 at Island City to the late James Mallard and Betty Elizabeth Sherwood Johnson.

He married Mary Alice Smith Feb. 4, 1928, at Grant City. She died May 12, 1984.

He was a farmer and a member of the Island City Christian Church and Oddfellows Lodge.

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Johnson was preceded in death by a son, Lloyd Johnson; a brother, Sherman Johnson; and three sisters, Dollie Johnson, Lula Johnson and Elsie Martin.

Surviving are three daughters, Lois Hawkins and Doris Hill, Kansas City; and Ann Jones, Liberty; four sons, Dene Johnson, Darrouzette, Texas; James LaVerne Johnson, Clarksdale; and Virgil Gale Johnson, Liberty; a sister, Beulah Johnson, Stanberry; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 4 at Island City Christian Church, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: David Bryon Jones
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, May 10, 1962:
Graveside services were held Saturday afternoon in the High Ridge cemetery for David Bryon Jones, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Jones, who was born prematurely Tuesday in Missouri Methodist hospital in St. Joseph and taken by death Friday morning. The rites were conducted by the Rev. Robert P. Quinn, Baptist pastor and burial was under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

In addition to the parents, survivors include two brothers, Kenneth Jones and Michael Jones, both of the home here, one sister, Julie Jones of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Moore, Arkansas City, Kan., and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Stella V. Jones
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The Stanberry Headlight; Stanberry Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, December 21, 1950;
front page:
Former Resident Buried Tuesday: Mrs. Stella Jones, Wife of a Former Gargage Manager, Had Lived Here Many Years:

Mrs. Stella V. Jones, wife of Marvell P. Jones, operator of a garage here for a number of years, died last Wednesday morning at her home in Seattle, Wash. She had been seriously ill for about two months.

The body was returned to Stanberry Sunday night. Funeral services were held for her Tuesday afternoon at the Stanberry Christian church, conducted by the Rev. Chas. R. Hagee, the pastor. Interment was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Stanberry and the Island City community had been her home much of her life, until the family moved to Seattle about 10 years ago. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith and was born July 20, 1893, on a farm near Island City. She was 57 years old at the time of her death.

She was married to Mr. Jones Sept. 14, 1919. For about two years they made their home on a ranch in Idaho. They also farmed near Parnell and Island City several years and then came to make their home in Stanberry. During her residence here, she became known as a writer of poetry, some of which was published. She also raised and marketed large numbers of canary birds.

She was a member of the Island City Christian church.

Surviving are her husband, of the home; two sons, Forrest Jones, Seattle, and Cpl. Cecil V. Jones, of the army signal corps at Fort Monmouth, N. J.; five sisters, Mrs. Sammie

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Johnson and Misses Helen and Fern Smith, all of Stanberry, Mrs. Daisy Aley of Maryville and Mrs. Hildred Nixon, Paris, Ark.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Elizabeth A. Kelly
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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, December 6, 1951; page 3:
Sunday Rites For Mrs. John Kelly:
Native of Prussia Died Friday at a St. Joseph Hospital; Succumbs at the Age of 74:
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Kelly, widow of John W. Kelly, engineer at the city pumping station here in an early day, died Friday afternoon at the Missouri Methodist hospital at St. Joseph, where she had been a patient for about 10 days. Mrs. Kelly who was 74 years old, had lived in Stanberry the past three years and had been a resident of Stanberry and Gentry county at other times.

She was born in East Prussia, Germany, Jan. 29, 1877, the daughter of Martin and Henrietta Rudat Motzkus. At the age of four years she came with her parents to the United States and they settled and lived for several years at Kansas City. The family also lived in Nebraska.

In her early life she was a welfare worker on Indian reservations. She worked for several years near Ponca City, Okla., and later at Phoenix, Ariz. While working at Phoenix, she was married to Mr. Kelly on Jan. 1, 1905 and both continued their work with the Indians for several years.

During their married life they lived in Stanberry, on a farm near McCurry, at Council Bluffs, Ia., and a West Plains, Mo. About three years ago they returned to Stanberry from West Plains and his death occurred here Oct. 12, 1948.

She had been a member of the Methodist church for many years.

Surviviing are two brothers, Fred Motzkus and Frank Motzkus, both of Stanberry.

Funeral services were held for her Sunday afternoon at the Phillips chapel, conducted by the Rev. Chas. R. Hagee. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Kenneth Ray Kelly
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The Albany Ledger, Gentry County, Missouri, Wednesday, August 8, 2001:
Kenneth Ray Kelly, 27, died July 30, 2001, at Bryan, TX.

The son of Carroll Arthur, Gentry, and August Kelly, Farmington, he was born November 12, 1973 at San Diego, CA.

He was a carpet layer, and a member of the Baptist Church, Denver.

Survivors, Mother and step-father, Carroll and Dorlan Arthur, Gentry; father and step-mother, August and Linda Kelly, Farmington, three children, Joshlyn Kelly, Kenny Kelly, Jr., and Robin Kelly, all of St. Louis; a brother, Christopher Lynn Kelly, Bryan, TX.; a half sister, Laura Petty, Union Star, two half brothers, Dusty Kelly and Cody Kelly, both of Jefferson City; four step sisters, two step brothers, paternal grandparents, Jack and Opal Kelly, Stanberry; maternal grandparents, Eugene and Judy Wood, King City; maternal great-grandparents, B. H. and Minnie Sexton, Albany, and his maternal great-grandmother, Gladys McClure, King City.

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Graveside services and burial were August 4, 2001, at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Jewell Delores Groomer Ballard Kent
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, August 29, 2003:
Jewell Kent, 96, Stanberry, died Aug. 23, 2003, at Northwest Medical Center in Albany.

Jewell Delores Groomer, was born on April 14, 1907; the daughter of Claud and Gertrude Groomer of Pattonsburg. Jewell had three sisters, Opal, Mildred, Ruby and Wanda and one brother, Bill.

When she was 16 years old the family moved to Stanberry, where Jewell graduated from high school in 1925.

Jewell married William (Bill) Ballard, also of Stanberry.

Mrs. Ballard was a homemaker until the time of her husband's death in 1946. She was subsequently employed as a bookkeeper by the J. C. Penney Co. in Stanberry and later in St. Joseph. She owned and operated Ballard's Clothing Store in Maysville from 1963 to 1980. She married Kenneth Kent of Albany in 1982. She returned to Stanberry in 1992 where she lived until the time of her death.

Jewell was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry and was also an avid bridge player.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Forrest and Beverly Ballard, Stanberry; a grandson, Bill Ballard, Stanberry; three granddaughters and spouses, Kimberly and Larry Klingensmith, McAllen, TX.; Kae and Al Pilate, Aurora, CO.; Barbara Ballard, Mission, TX.; four great-grandchildren, Nicolas, Karly, Evan and JoBeth; one brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Lela Groomer, Stanberry; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are being held today, Aug. 29, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry at 1:00 p.m. with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be given to Pine View Manor or the Stanberry Senior Center.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: John W. Kenyon
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, February 11, 1954, front page:

Rites Held Sunday for Member of Pioneer Gentry County Family: John W. Kenyon, age 84, a member of one of the pioneer Gentry county families, died last Thursday afternoon at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Johnson, southwest of Stanberry. He had been ill and confined to a St. Joseph hospital for about one week before being taken to the Johnson home.

Prior to entry in the hospital, he had been making his home with another son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Snider, at St. Joseph.

Funeral rites were held for him Sunday afternoon at the Stanberry Christian church, with the Rev. Edward Carter, King City, officiating. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Phillips mortuary.

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Mr. Kenyon was the son of the late George T. and Mary Kenyon. He was born on the Kenyon homestead about four miles south of Stanberry. This farm was his home for nearly 83 years.

He was married in 1904 to Miss Ina Bell. She died Oct. 18, 1950. Several months later Mr. Kenyon went Leeton, Mo., to live with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Snider. The Snider family moved to St. Joseph last December and brought Mr. Kenyon there with them.

He was a charter member of the Island City Christian church. Surviving him are three daughters, Mrs. Johnson, at whose home he died; Mrs. Snider, with whom he had lived for several years, and Mrs. Russell Shinaut, King City.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Vance E. Kier
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, December 22, 2000:
Vance E. Kier, 84, St. Joseph, formerly of Stanberry, died Dec. 11, 2000, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Mr. Kier had been employed as a custodian for the Stanberry R-II school and Mo. Western State College in St. Joseph for seven years. Then he worked as the night engineer for the St. J. District until 1986.

Born in Gentry County on Oct. 29, 1916, he had resided in the Albany and Stanberry areas before moving to St. Joseph in 1973.

During World War II, Mr. Kier served in the Army. He was a member of the Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church and Pony Express American Legion Post No. 359, both of St. Joseph.

On Dec. 31, 1941, he married Gertrude E. Stockton. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include a son, Ernest R. Stockton, Arlington, TX.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kier was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia A. Kier; and two sisters, Tressa Potter and Gladys Warner.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 14 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation in care of the funeral home or to his church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Wanda L. McMillen King
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Darlington Cemetery, Darlington, MO.:
The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, April 14, 1993, Page 10:

Wanda L. King, 83, Albany, formerly of Darlington, died Apr. 7, 1993 at Gentry County Memorial Hospital.

She was born May 3, 1909 in Gentryville. A retired elementary school teacher, she was a member of Hunter Chapter No. 238 O.E.S., Stanberry, National Wildlife Federation, United Methodist Church, Missouri Conservationist and Society of Retired Teachers and Audobon Society.

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She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald King; daughters, Anita Dawn Ward and Jacqueline Kay King; four brothers, Charles, Winford, Thor and John McMillen.

Surviving are a granddaughter, Dene Parker, Lawrence, Kan.; one brother, James Ruhl McMillen, St. Joseph; three great-grandchildren and several sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Friday, Apr. 9, 1993 at Roberson-Polley Funeral Home. Burial was at Darlington Cemetery, Darlington.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lenore Kite
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The Stanberry Herald, Wednesday, January 11, 1899:
Lenore Kite, aged 1 year, 4 months and 5 days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kite, died at their home in this city, Jan. 9, 1899. Funeral services were held at the residence at 3 p. m. yesterday, conducted by Dr. Hanna, and the burial was at Cooper cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Roger E. Klein
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Hamilton - Roger E. Klein, 75, Hamilton, formerly of Stanberry, died Mar. 20, 1994, at a Liberty Hospital.

He was born in Otterville and lived in Stanberry until 1951 when he moved to Hamilton.

He married the former Ila Jensen, Sept. 16, 1945. She died Dec. 15, 1993.

A self-employed real estate broker, he was a member of the Hamilton Methodist Church and the Hamilton Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by a son, John Klein, Hamilton; a daughter, Maurine Eckles, Hamilton; a sister, Lena Kuykendall, Otterville; and three grandchildren.

Services were Mar. 23 at the Hamilton United Methodist Church with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. The family suggests memorials to the Cameron Hospice.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Sara Elizabeth Kurtright
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The Tri-County News, Friday, May 14, 1999:
Sara Elizabeth (Butterbaugh) Kurtright, 93, Stanberry, died May 5, 1999, at the Gentry County Memorial Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Kurtright was a city librarian and worked at the DePriest-Normant Drugstore. She retired as city tax collector in 1988 after 26 years.

Born in Chanute, KS., on May 5, 1906, she was a lifelong resident of Stanberry. She was a graduate of the Stanberry high school.

Mrs. Kurtright was a member of the First Christian Church, Stanberry; E&E Club and 3PW Club.

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On Oct. 30, 1924, she married James M. Kurtright in King City. He preceded her in death in 1956. Mrs. Kurtright also was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde E. and Margaret A. Butterbaugh and two brothers and an infant sister.

Survivors include a son, Bob Kurtright; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on May 8 at the Johnson Funeral Home with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be sent to the First Christian Church, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lucy A. LaJoie

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, July 5, 1951, front page: 'Mrs. Lucy LaJoie Services Monday; Almost a lifelong resident of this county, Mrs. LaJoie dies Saturday at her home.'

Mrs. Lucy A. LaJoie, wife of J. F. (Ted) LaJoie, died about 8:13 o'clock Saturday morning at their farm home about 2 1/2 miles southwest of Stanberry. She had been in failing health for more than a year.

Funeral rites were held for her Monday morning at St. Peter's Chatholic church, conducted by the Rev. Fr. Peter B. O'Rourke. Burial was in Mt. Calvary cemetery here.

Almost a lifelong resident of Gentry county, she was born near Ford City on Feb. 14, 1899, and, with the exception of six years spent in Kansas City, the remainder of their life had been spent in this county. She and Mr. LaJoie purchased the C. S. Allen farm southwest of Stanberry upon their return from Kansas City in 1947 and had made their home there from that time.

She was 52 years old at the itme of her death and was a loyal member of St. Peter's church and of the Altar society of that church.

She was the daughter of the late Wm. A. and Mrs. Mary A. Handley, Mrs. Handley now resides at King City. She was married to Mr. LaJoie on Mar. 30, 1921.

Besides her husband and mother, she is survived by one son, James W. LaJoie, of Linden, Mo.; three brothers, Thomas, James and Lawrence Handley, all of King City; seven sisters, Mrs. Fred Conrad, Clarinda, Ia.; Mrs. James Lawler, Westside, Ia.; Mrs. Elma Diss and Mrs. Leonard Steinhauser, Stanberry; Mrs. Anthony Steinhauser, Parnell; Miss Roberta Handley, King City, and Mrs. Ben Wiederholt, Maryville; and one grandchild.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Beverly J. Lane

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The Tri-County News; Friday, April 8, 2005; page 16:

Beverly J. Lane, 77, Stanberry, died April 2, 2005, at her home.

She was born Sept. 18, 1927; the daughter of Paul and Edith (Morton) Milroy.

On June 26, 1945 she was united in marriage to Roy George Lane. He preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Lane was a graduate of Stanberry High schoool. She was a member of the Stanberry United Methodist Church. She worked for Alldredge Feed & Grain and also collected taxes for Cooper Township before her retirement. Survivors include a brother, John Milroy of Stanberry; 14 nieces and nephews.

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A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. The body has been cremated. Memorial contributions may be given to The Humane Society of Maryville and may be sent to Farmers State Bank in Stanberry. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Kenneth K. Larimore
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ST. JOSEPH (Mo.) NEWS-PRESS; WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2005; B3
Kenneth K. Larimore 1939-2005

ALBANY, Mo. - Kenneth Keith Larimore, 66, of Albany, and a former resident of Kansas City, Mo., passed away Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at his home.

Kenneth was born on Jan. 14, 1939, in Kansas City, Mo. He was the son of Dr. Leiand James and Merriless (Horton) Larimore. His parents preceded him in death.

He was a graduate of Southwest High School in Kansas City.

He served in the U.S. Army and worked for Mobil Oil Corp. for 27 years as a computer systems and technical programmer.

In 1964, he married Patricia Andress of Wilmington, Del. To this union two daughters, Linda Lee and Laura Lynn were born. They later divorced.

In June of 1988, he married Linda June Noble of Darlington, Mo. She survives of the home. He also is survived by daughters, Linda Lee Blackburn, and husband, Ralph, Liberty, Mo.; and Laura Lynn Bauer, and husband, Scott, St. Charles, Mo.; brother, Leland James Larimore Jr., Santa Rosa, Calif.; sister, Nancy Coe Benton, and husband, Duane, Westwood Hills, Kan.; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral service: 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany. Friends may call anytime after 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at the chapel, where the family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday. The graveside service and burial, with military rites, will be at 2:30 p.m. on Friday at Mount Moriah Cemetery, 10507 Holmes Road, Kansas City. Memorial contributions: Hands of Hope Hospice in care of Roberson-Polley Chapel, 403 N. Hundley, Albany, Mo., 64402.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Eleanor Law
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The Tri-County News, Friday, May 5, 2000:

Eleanor (Chenoweth) Law, 85, Stanberry, died April 28, 2000, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital in Albany.

Born in Darlington on Dec. 18, 1914, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry and WMU. Mrs. Law was a homemaker and also worked for the Bakyr Mercantile and D&R Dress Shop in Stanberry, as a clerk, until her retirement.

ON May 28, 1932, she married Ovid B. Law. He died in 1988. Mrs. Law was also preceded in death by a son, William; her parents, Homer and Bertha Chenoweth; and three sisters, Wilma Sexton, Ruth Monger and Phyllis Chenoweth.

Survivors include a sister, Mary McNeese, Stanberry; two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Funeral services were held on May 1 at the First Baptist Church in Stanberry with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Memorial may be given to her church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mary Catherine Law
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The Tri-County News, Friday, August 30, 2002:
Mary Catherine (Frailer) Law, 60, King City, died Aug. 22, 2002, at her home in King City.

Mrs. Law was born July 3, 1942, in Baltimore, MD., and had lived in King City for 38 years.

She formerly worked as a Dialysis Technician for Heartland Hospital for 11 and one half years. she was a member of the Hammer Memorial United Methodist Church, King City.

Mrs. Law was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Mary (Holmgren) Frailer.

On Dec. 18, 1959, she was united in marriage to Roger Law, at the St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Glen Burnie, MD. He survives at the home. Additional survivors include three sons, Roger, Jr. and wife, Sara Law, Bob and wife, Karen Law, David and wife, Michelle Law; one daughter, Susan and husband, Rick Herbert, all of King City; seven grandchildren, Paige, Tanner, Olivia, Jacob and Reece Law, Alexandria and Kinser Herbert, all of King City; one sister, Nancy Houck, Virginia Beach, Va. and a brother, Charles Frailer, Norfolk, VA.

Memorial services were held on Aug. 26 at the Gibson Funeral Home in King City, conducted by Rev. Cesar Paniamogan and Rev. Martin Barker. Music was provided by Geraldine Herbster. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of Gibson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 552, King City, MO. 64463.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 21 at Roberson-Polley Chapel in Albany, with burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. (NOTE: no record exists of this burial in High Ridge and it is believed she was buried in MD.)

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Thomas E. Lawrence
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Thomas E. Lawrence, 84, of Stanberry passed away Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at an Albany hospital.

Born November 7, 1919 in Stanberry, he was the son of Claude and Eva (Canaday) Lawrence. Tommy was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ethel Sylvester.

On January 10, 1950, he was united in marriage to Marguerite Delaney. She survives of the home. Other survivors, 3 Sisters: Katheryn Dollars, Stanberry; Lucille Guthrie, Maryville; Betty Shoemaker, Plattsburg; several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Lawrence was a farmer. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Stanberry; Hunter Chapter #238 of the Order of the Eastern star; Masonic Lodge #109 A.F. & A.M.; both of Stanberry; Albany York Rite; Moila Shrine, St. Joseph; Elks Lodge, Maryville.

Funeral services were Friday, August 27 at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be given to the Stanberry United Methodist Church in care of the Roberson-Polley Chapel, P.O. Box 153, Stanberry 64489.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Shelly Louise Lawson

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, May 10, 1962:

Plan Rites Today for Lawson Infant: Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. today (Thursday) for Shelly Louise Lawson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lawson, Stanberry, who was taken by death at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Missouri Methodist hospital. The infant, weighing approximately two pounds, was born Sunday morning in the hospital.

The rites will be conducted by the Rev. Robert P. Quinn, pastor of the Stanberry Baptist church, and burial will be under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Survivors in Addition to the parents are a sister, Susan Lee; a brother, Scott Charles; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fletchall and Mrs. Earl Lawson, all of Stanberry, and the maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Ida Devers, Eagleville, Mo.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Robert E. Leighninger

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The Tri-County News, Friday, October 1, 1999:

Robert E. Leighninger, 76, Stanberry, died Sept. 24, 1999, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Leighninger owned and operated Vogt Poultry Co. in Stanberry and served as the Stanberry City Clerk before retiring.

Born in Nevada on Sept. 15, 1923, he served in the Navy during World War II.

He was a member of the Stanberry United Methodist Church and Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260 in Stanberry.

On March 23, 1945, he married Harriet Vogt. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include two sons, David Leighninger of Neosho and Daniel Leighninger of Indianapolis, IN.; a daughter, Robin Bunch, Cherokee, IA.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Leighninger was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Marie Walker Leighninger and a brother, Charles M. Leighninger.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 26 at the Stanberry United Methodist Church with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Military rites were by the members of the Raymond Sager American Legion Post. Arrangements were handled by the Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry. Memorials may be sent to the United Methodist Church in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Twilla I. Lewis

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Wednesday, May 26, 2004:

Twilla I. Lewis 1937 - 2004: Cosby, Mo. - Mrs. Twilla I. Lewis, 66, Cosby, died Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at a St. Joseph hospital.

Mrs. Lewis was the bookkeeper for the family business, Lewis Backhoe.

She was born June 17, 1937, in Gentry County, Mo., and had lived in Cosby for over 40 years.

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On June 14, 1954, she married Marion Levain Lewis; He survives of the home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Russell and Allie Elizabeth (Walker) Murphy; daughter, Pamela Kay Lewis in 1956; brother, James Robert Murphy in 1997; and granddaughter, Pamela LaVonne Lewis in 1977.

Twillla was a member of McCarthy Baptist Church.

Additional survivors: two sons, Howard Lewis and his wife Kim, St. Joseph, and Steven Lewis, Cosby; daughter, LaVonne Andrew and husband Jeff, Cosby; sister, Margaret Clutter, Nebraska City, Neb.; seven Grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services: 10 a.m. Friday Meierhoffer Family Funeral Service. Interment: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, Mo. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Meierhoffer Family Funeral Service where friends may call after 11 a.m. Thursday.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Charlotte Joanne Libby
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The Tri-County News; Friday, April 8, 2005; page 16:
Charlotte Joanne Libby, 65, of Stanberry and formerly of St. Joseph, died April 4, 2005, at a Stanberry nursing home.

She was born Jan. 27, 1940 in Portland, MI.; the daughter of Carroll and Helen (Burnell) Warren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers and three sisters.

Survivoors include a daughter, Carol Rood, St. Joseph; two sons, David, Darlington and Dana, Sanford, Maine; a brother, Edward Warren, Maine; three sisters, Sharon Cross and Dorothea Labbe, both of Maine and Ruth Way, Florida; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held April 7 at the Salvation Army Chapel in St. Joseph. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ermel Liggett
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, September 5, 1957:
Services For Mrs. Ermel Liggett: Final services were held Saturday afternoon at the Stanberry Christian church for Mrs. Ermel Liggett, 70, who was taken by death Thursday at the home of a son, Forrest Liggett, south of Stanberry. She had been ill for several months, but her death was unexpected.

Services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. O. Glenn Crosby, and burial was in High Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary.

Other survivors include another son, Robert S. Ligget, Anchorage, Alaska; three brothers, Fred Crawford, Waterloo, Ia.; Lloyd Crawford, California, and her twin, Emmett Crawford, Denver, Colo.; and three sisters, Mrs. Lela C. Davis, Lincoln, Neb., Mrs. Edna Goff Rosamond, Calif., and Mrs. Josephine McGrew, Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Ligget, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford was born July 29, 1887, in Graham, Mo. She and A. R. Liggett were married in Graham on Nov. 5, 1908. Mr.

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Liggett, who farmed most of his life in this area, but who also saw service in the real estate and banking businesses, preceded her in death in 1954.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lee Dale Lippincott
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County, Missouri, Friday, December 3, 1999:
Lee Dale Lippincott, 73, Gladstone, formerly of Stanberry, died Nov. 29, 1999 at a North Kansas City hospital.

Mr. Lippincott had been employed as a vehicle mechanic for several dealerships before retiring.

Born in Stanberry on Dec. 14, 1925, he attended the Church of God Seventh-Day in St. Joseph.

Mr. Lippincott was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia; and his parents, Clarence D. and Carrie E.

Survivors include his wife, Lorene, of the home; a son, Robert Lippincott, St. Charles; two daughters, Sandra Parish, Gladstone and Patricia Johnston, Claremore, OK.; a brother, Marvin Lippincott, Suwanee, GA.; a sister, Margie Anderson, Slater; four step children; eight grandchildren; 12 step grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and 17 step great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 2 at D. W. Newcomer's Sons White Chapel, Gladstone, with burial in High Ridge cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Frank M. Lykins
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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; April 1951:
Gentry Farmer Buried:

Frank Lykins Was Step-Father of Cleo Myers of Stanberry:
Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon for Frank M. Lykins, 71, of near Gentry, who died Sunday at a St. Joseph Hospital. Rites were held at the Albany Baptist church and were conducted by the Rev. Howard Judah, church pastor. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery here.

The step-father of Cleo Myers of Stanberry, he was engaged in farming and was a life-long resident of Gentry county.

Besides Myers, he is survived by his wife, of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Minnie VanHuffman and Mrs. Lois Swinford, both of Kansas City and Miss Mary Lykins of St. Louis; and four other step-children, Mrs. Ross McCampbell, Kansas City, Earl E. Myers, St. Joseph, and James Myers and Mrs. Ralph Motsinger, both of Albany. He also leaves a brother, Elmer Lykins, of Gentry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Edith Loraine Malson
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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, February 7, 1985; page 6:
Edith Loraine Malson, 66, died unexpectedly at her home in Stanberry early Thursday morning, January 31, 1985.

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She was born June 15, 1918 in Gentry County, Mo. The daughter of the late Louis and Bessie Eades Sorenson. She was a lifetime resident of Gentry County and the Stanberry area.

She was a retired custodian for the Stanberry Postal Service and the Farmers State Bank, both of Stanberry.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, Stanberry and was active in the Older Adults Transportation Service in Gentry County.

She was united in marriage on December 12, 1950 to Albert J. Curtis Malson.

Preceded in death by one stepson, Garry Dale Malson; one son, Thomas Segoe, her parents, three brothers, Melvin, Jesse, and Freddie Sorenson, and two sisters, Edna Reed and Helen Cunningham.

Survivors are two sons, Jackie Dean Segoe, of the home; Steve Malson, Stanberry; one daughter, Patricia Dennis, St. Joseph; one step-son, Richard Malson, Walnut Creek, CA.; one step-daughter, Alberta Smith, Kearney, Mo.; and one sister, Mrs. Inez Nance, King City, Mo.; 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 2, 1985 at the First Christian Church in Stanberry under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Neil Blair officiating.

Wes Smith sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross" and was accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Betty Wilson.

Pallbearers for the interment in High Ridge Cemetery were Gaylen, Loyd, and Tom Walker, Bob Wood, Randy Segoe and James Hahn.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lester Malson
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County, Missouri, Friday, January 14, 2005:
Lester Malson, 92, St. Joseph, formerly of Stanberry, died Jan. 7, 2005, at a St. Joseph nursing home.

He was born Oct. 31, 1912 in Stanberry; the oldest of six children, to Andrew and Sadie (Spainhower) Malson.

On Sept. 15, 1934 he was united in marriage to Alma Eythel Denham. They observed their 70th wedding anniversary in 2004. Mr. and Mrs. Malson farmed in Gentry County until 2001, at which time they moved to St. Joseph.

In July of 1995, Mr. Malson was baptized, a member of the Gentry Baptist Church. He was also a member of Jonathan Lodge #321 A.F.& A.M. at Denver, MO. and Hunter Chapter #238, Order of the Eastern Star, Stanberry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Paul and Lawrence Malson; sisters, Zella Johnson and Pauline Malson.

Survivors include his wife, Alma Malson of the home in St. Joseph; two sons, Rex Malson and wife, Alberta, St. Joseph; Don Malson and wife, Susan, Columbia; a sister, Louise Hathaway, Albany; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Funeral services were held on Jan. 9 at the Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Jobe Manela

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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, January 17, 1911:

Jobe Manela was born in South Missouri, Oct. 11, 1841, and departed this life Jan. 9, 1911, at his home in Stanberry, aged 69 years 2 months and 29 days. When a small boy he moved with his parents to Nodaway county, and from there to Gentry county, where he has since resided.

On Aug. 24, 1870, he was united in marriage to Nancy Jane Guynn, whom death claimed about 23 years ago. To this union two children were born: Charles A. and Martha Louetta. Charles whereabouts is unknown. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mitchell, six grandchildren and one great grandchild besides a few other relatives are left to mourn.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Jesse Chilton Mann

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Jesse Chilton Mann, 84, Stanberry, died Oct. 21, 1994, at the Gentry County Memorial Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Mann, a farmer, was a graduate of Stanberry high school and a life-long resident of that community.

He served in the Army during World War II, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post of St. Joseph and the American Legion Post of Stanberry. Mr. Mann also was a member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry.

In 1954, he married Alta M. Ross at Kansas City. She survives at the home. He also is survived by a sister, Dorothy Jensen of Stanberry.

Mr. Mann was preceded in death by a brother, Melvin Mann, and a sister, Margaret L. Miller.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 24 at the Johnson Funeral Home, with burial in the High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Military rites were handled by Tri-C Post No. 464.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Capt. Joseph Margason

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The Stanberry Herald, Wednesday, January 11, 1899:

Death of Capt. Margason:

Capt. Joseph Margason died at his home in this city on Sunday morning January 8, 1899, in his 69th year. He had been in poor health for a long time and for the past six months had been bedfast. Funeral services were held at the residence late Sunday afternoon by Eld. W. C. Long, and the remains were taken on Monday to Isadora, Worth county, his old home for burial. Capt. Margason was a veteran of two wars, having served in the Mexican war and the war of the rebellion. He was an upright citizen and his death is lamented not only in this city, but in the neighborhood of his old home in Worth county, where he was so well and favorably known.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Henry Earl Marticke

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, July 7, 1966:

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Stanberry Christian church for Henry Earl Marticke, 75, prominent retired Stanberry farmer, who apparently died suddenly from a stroke Monday morning at the farm of his son, Elvan Marticke, near Stanberry.

The rites were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Charles E. Chandler, and burial was in High Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Other survivors are his wife, Mrs. Ina Marticke, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Leiva Quinn of Stanberry and Mrs. Berniece Pearman of Bakersfield, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Kugler of Centralia, Kan., and Mrs. Blanche Sager of North Portal, Canada, and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Marticke, son of the late Harmon August and Lena Schwalm Marticke, was born Aug. 6, 1890, in Hitchcock county, Nebraska. The family moved to the Stanberry area somewhere around 1900. Mr. Marticke and the former Miss Ina Sherry were married Sept. 18, 1912, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Sherry, near Stanberry.

The Martickes farmed in this community until April, 1946, when he retired from active farming and they moved to Stanberry to make their home. He was still very interested in the farm and apparently had been cutting some thistles at the time of his sudden death.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Alma Marvin Martin
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, October 16, 1952:

Marvin A. Martin: Services Held Here Sunday for a Well Known Former Resident: Full military honors were provided here Sunday for Marvin A. Martin, 57 years old, who died last Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Kansas City, Kan. The military burial rites were under the direction of the members of the Raymond Sager Post of the American Legion in Stanberry.

Martin, who had lived here all his life until 1942, was for many years, employed as a meat cutter at the Tibbett's grocery in the city. He was born in the Stanberry area and spent most of his life in Stanberry.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the First Christian church here under the direction of Rev. Charles R. Hagee, church pastor. Interment was in the High Ridge cemetery.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Martin, he was born February 10, 1895. He was a member of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints, a veteran of World War I and a member of the Raymond Sager Legion post here.

Mr. Martin had been in poor (sic) for some time. He died while a patient at the St. Margaret's hospital at Kansas City, Kan. He was a resident of Kansas City, Kan., and before his retirement, served in the inspection department of the Wilson Packing Co. at Kansas City.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Martin, who lives at the Graves rest home here; his wife, Mrs. Elsie Cooper Martin, of the home; five step-children; three brothers, Ben

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Martin of St. Joseph, Leslie Martin of Kansas City, Mo., and Carl Martin of Kansas City, Kan. One brother, Fred Martin preceded him in death. Mr. Martin also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Frank Rucker of this city; Mrs. Henry Boughan of Dowagic, Mich., and Mrs. J. R. Kliesling of near Houston, Tex.

Funeral services were under the direction of the Johnson mortuary of this city.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Wilda G. Martin

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Wilda G. Martin, 83, Albany, died Sunday, May 23, 1993, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Martin was born in Island City. (MO.)

She had worked as an inspector for the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. in Albany and was a member of the Christian Church of Albany.

She was married to Eugene Martin, who died in 1964.

Mrs. Martin was also preceded in death by a daughter, Beverly Robertson, five sisters and seven brothers.

Surviving are a son, Harry, Kenosha, Wis.; three sisters, Wavie Weldon, Leavenworth, Kan.; Lorraine Spainhower, Albany; and Chloe Kienitz, Hayward, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were May 25 at Roberson-Polley Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in Grandview Cemetery, Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mamie Mattson

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County, Missouri, Friday, January 7, 2000:

Mamie Mattson, 94, Stanberry, died Jan. 3, 2000, at a Stanberry health-care center.

Born Dec. 7, 1905, near Stanberry, Mrs. Mattson was a graduate of Stanberry high school and Northwest Mo. State Teachers College in Maryville. She was also a rural school teacher.

Mrs. Mattson was a member of First Christian Church and Mount Zion Church near Stanberry and West Sager Community Club.

On April 28, 1932, she married Raymond W. Mattson in Albany. He preceded her in death in 1987. She was also preceded in death by her parents, five sisters, Maude Wampler, Mabel McWharter, Elsie Stockton, Olie Conway and Irene Murphy; and five brothers, Carl, Earnest, Dale, Roy and Jessie.

Survivors include a son, Ervin Mattson, Stanberry; a daughter, Vera Sherry, Ravenwood; nine grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held on Jan. 5 at the First Christian Church, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Arrangements were handled by the Johnson Funeral Home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Jennie Kathleen Sherard McCammon

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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 15, 2005, page 17:

Jennie Kathleen Sherard McCammon, 97, King City, died July 7, 2005 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

She was born Nov. 23, 1907 in Fairport; the daughter of William and Blanche Francis Eggleston Sherard. She attended King City high school and was valedictorian of her class.

She married her high school sweetheart, Robert Smith McCammon, on Easter Sunday, April 8, 1928 at Savannah. They established their home and business in King City and resided in the community until their deaths.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Lee McCammon (Robert E.) Williams, Bloomington, IL., and a son, Robert Sherard (Patricia Ann Forbes) McCammon, St. Joseph; five grandchildren, Jennifer Lee Williams (Paul K.) Jensen, Duluth, GA.; Steven Robert (Sara E. Klug) Williams, Bloomington, IL.; William Robert (Shelly Brashears) McCammon, St. Joseph; Michele Kathleen McCammon (Scott) Brashears, St. Joseph and Eric McCammon (Elizabeth "Betsy" Rockaway) Williams, Madison, WI.; five great-grandchildren, Jocelyn Michele Brashears, Margaret Lee "Maggie" Jensen, Paul Michael Jensen, Robert William "Robbie" McCammon and Audrey Elizabeth Williams and one niece, Judee McCammon (Anthony) Mabry, Sedalia.

She was a member and past matron of the former King City Chapter, OES and a charter member of the "MM" Club of King City. She had been a member of the King City Presbyterian Church for over 75 years. She was a homemaker and worked with her husband in the family business, as a bookkeeper. She was an eager volunteer for church, school, Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs, when her children were younger.

Funeral services were held on July 9 at Gibson Funeral Home in King City, conducted by Rev. Dale O'Connell. Music was provided by Betty Jo Howitt, organist and Sara Williams, vocalist, Pallbearers were Randall Swan, Bob Ball, Raymond Wheatley, Vernon Smith, Lloyd Darnell and Gary Culver.

Interment was in the King City cemetery, Memorial donations may be given to the King City Presbyterian Church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ralph McCampbell, Sr.

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, May 7, 1953, front page: Accident Takes Life of Ralph McCampbell, 60: Prominent Stanberry Farmer Is Killed in Tractor Accident Monday Afternoon: Ralph McCampbell, 60-year-old Stanberry Farmer, was killed almost instantly Monday afternoon at his farm west of the city, when a tractor overturned on him, pinning him to the ground. According to a Stanberry physician, who attended the prominent farmer, McCampbell's upper body was crushed by the weight of the tractor.

The mishap occurred at about 2 p.m. Monday several hundred yards southeast of the farm home, where the farmer and his son, Ralph McCampbell, jr., were grading a ditch. The Stanberrian was driving a Ford tractor when the vehicle overturned in the 5 foot ditch.

McCampbell lived only a few seconds after the accident.

Ralph McCampbell was the son of the late Harry and Martha McCampbell. He was born Apr. 3, 1893, at Hopkins, Mo. When he was one year old, the family moved to Gentry county and settled near Gentry, where he grew to manhood.

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He was married to Miss Velma Rainey on July 29, 1914. For several years he taught in the rural schools in the Gentry vicinity and then moved to a farm near Darlington. For the past 17 years he had farmed about two miles northwest of Stanberry.

In early life he united with the Old Brick church, a Christian church near Gentry, and retained his membership there. He had been a member of the Modern Woodmen lodge for many years. During his life as a farmer, he was recognized as being particularly progressive and one of the prominent farmers of Gentry county.

Surviving him are the widow, of the home; three children, Donald R. of near King City, Ralph, jr., of Stanberry and Mrs. Robert Elder, of Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother, Ross McCampbell, of Kansas City, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held for Mr. McCampbell yesterday afternoon at the Christian church here, conducted by the Rev. Charles R. Hagee. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery. The services were under the direction of the Phillips mortuary.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ida Frances McCarty
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The Stanberry Headlight; Stanberry Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, December 21, 1950; front page:

Mrs. McCarty Dies Suddenly:

Thursday Rites For Mrs. Ida Frances McCarty, Lifelong Stanberry Resident:

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Baptist church here for Mrs. Ida Frances McCarty, a lifelong resident of the Stanberry community. Mrs. McCarty, who was 66 years old, died suddenly Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock at the St. Joseph hospital, St. Joseph.

The cause of her death was listed as blood clot, with complications from pneumonia. She had been a patient at the hospital since Sunday, Dec. 3, but it was believed her condition was improving during the last few days.

Last rites will be conducted by the Rev. Don Stanbey, pastor of the church. Interment will be in a Stanberry cemetery.

Mrs. McCarty was born Jan. 10, 1884, five miles northwest of Stanberry. she was the daughter of John and Anna Boner and attended the Fairview School, which is still standing north of the city.

She moved to Stanberry in 1904, the year she united with the Baptist church here, and was employed at the Haas and Wrenn Clothing Co.

Two years later, on Oct. 6, 1906, she was united in marriage with T. A. McCarty. For the past 12 years she had been associated with her husband in the McCarty Grain, Feed and Coal Co.

Besides her husband, of the home, she leaves five children: Max McCarty; Mrs. Helen Harkrider, both of Stanberry, Mrs. Thelma Ashford and Harold McCarty, both of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Mary Louise McDonald of Independence.

She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Cook, Craig; Mrs. Emma Buzard, Excelsior Springs and Mrs. Daisy Carlock, Max, Neb.; two brothers, Cleo and Walter Boner, both of Stanberry; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and four brothers preceded her in death.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Von Neil McCarty
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, December 22, 2000:
Von Neil McCarty, 80, Stanberry, died Dec. 14, 2000, at her home in Stanberry.

Born at the family farm in Wilson Township, north of Alanthus Grove, she was a graduate of Stanberry high school.

Mrs. McCarty had been an office manager for the Pioneer Cap Co. in Stanberry from 1955 to 1967. In 1967, she joined her husband, Charles, as co-owner of the McCarty Farm Loan Co., where active until her death.

Mrs. McCarty was a member of the First Christian Church, Stanberry, where she was a deacon and trustee; a past regent of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution; Pine View Missouri Master Alpha Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Through the Daughters of the American Revolution she compiled a list of all the births, deaths and marriages in Gentry County from 1977 through 1999.

On Oct. 29, 1939, she married Charles J. McCarty in Stanberry. He survives at the home. Additional survivors include a daughter, Kathy Pratt, Stanberry; two sons, James McCarty, New Lo Larry McCarty, Stanberry; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Bernadine Munger; a sister, Verna Lee Hall and two step-brothers, Russell and Vincent Munger.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 17 at the First Christian Church in Stanberry, under the direction of the Roberson-Polley Funeral Home. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery. Memorials to the church or St. Francis Hospital Hospice in Maryville.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Beverly P. McClure
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The St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Friday, December 5, 2003:
Beverly P. McClure 1916 - 2003: Bethany, Mo. - Beverly P. McClure, Bethany, passed away Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003 at the Bethany hospital at the age of 87.

Mr. McClure, the son of Florin and Margaret Marie (Martin) McClure, was born Sept. 28, 1916, in Bartlesville, Okla.

He was a retired farmer. He was in the U.S. Naval Reserves Seabees, serving in WW II.

Mr. McClure was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Alyce Marie Williams.

Survivors: four sons, Donald Wilson, Clinton, Ark.; Jerry Wilson, Gallatin, Tenn.; Jimmie Wilson, Hillsboro, Ore.; and Tim Wilson, Ridgeway, Mo.; two daughters, Connie Anderson, Medford, Ore.; and Anna Douglas, Branson, Mo.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Joint funeral services: 2 p.m. today, Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany, Mo. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Friends may call after 8 a.m. today at the funeral chapel, where family will receive friends one hour prior to service.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Margaret J. McClure
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The St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Friday, December 5, 2003:
Margaret J. McClure 1931 - 2003: Bethany, Mo. - Margaret J. McClure, Bethany, passed away Thursday, Dec. 2, 2003 at the Bethany nursing home at the age of 71.

Mrs. McClure, the daughter of Willie Dave and Mary Ethel (McMahan) Bradshaw, was born Dec. 29, 1931, in Cambridge, MD. They preceded her in death.

Margaret worked as a licensed practical nurse before retiring. She also was preceded in death by a sister, Isabel Populo; and brother, Billy Bradshaw. The McClures were united in marriage July 26, 1975, in Stanberry, Mo.

Survivors: four sons, Donald Wilson, Clinton, Ark.; Jerry Wilson, Gallatin, Tenn.; Jimmie Wilson, Hillsboro, Ore.; and Tim Wilson, Ridgeway, Mo.; two daughters, Connie Anderson, Medford, Ore.; and Anna Douglas, Branson, Mo.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Margaret's three sisters, Eunice Plax, Sun City, Ariz.; Virginia Streeter, Centerville, Md.; and Deloris Gura, Sun City; and her niece, Beverly Jean, Trisp, Texas.

Joint funeral services: 2 p.m. today, Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany, Mo. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Friends may call after 8 a.m. today at the funeral chapel, where family will receive friends one hour prior to service.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Margaret Marie McClure
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, October 23, 1975:
Final Rites for Mrs. F. P. McClure:
Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the United Methodist church here for Mrs. F. P. McClure, 80, of Stanberry, who died last Friday at her home here. She had been ill over a period of many months.

The following obituary has been given this newspaper:
Margaret Marie McClure, the daughter of Alice Edith Smythe and George Frederick Martin, was bom in St. Joseph, Mich., on Sept. 17, 1895, and passed away at her home in Stanberry Friday, Oct. 17, 1975, at the age of 80 years and one month.

On Dec. 23, 1915, she was united in marriage to Florin P. McClure in Tulsa. Okla., and to this union two children were bom. After marriage they made their home in Tulsa, later moving to Stanberry.

Mrs. McClure was a member of the Presbyterian church of Raton, N. M.. and a member of the Jennings Hustlers club here.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Florin. She is survived by one, son, Beverly, of Stanberry; one daughter, Mrs. AIyce Marie Williams of Sand Springs. Okla., and a brother, Beverly G. Martin, of Ponca City, Okla. There are two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Bertha Leona Drinkard McCoy
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, 24 March 1932:

Funeral Held Here Friday: Funeral services were held here last Friday afternoon for Mrs. H. C. McCoy, who died at the home of her son, Claude, in St. Joseph last Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The service was in charge of the Rev. N. O. Rogers and was held at the Christian Church.

The following obituary has been furnished this office: Bertha Leona Drinkard was born at New Cambria, Mo., May 5, 1878, and died at the home of her son, Claude, in St. Joseph, Mo., March 16, 1932, at the age of 53 years, 10 months and 11 days.

She was married April 19, 1898 to Howard Clemont McCoy, who preceded her in death. Seven children were born to them, six of whom survive. They are Dr. Howard, of Albany, Mo.; Claude of St. Joseph; Mrs. Alice Bishop, St. Joseph; Mrs. Isabel Bishop, King City; Elizabeth Ann and Ora Margaret of St. Joseph. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Clyde Butterbaugh and four grandchildren.

She came with her parents to Stanberry about 40 years ago, and made this her home until a few years ago, when she went to St. Joseph, where she had since lived. As a young woman she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, then about ten or 12 years ago she was baptized into the First Christian Church of Stanberry, and has maintained this relationship ever since.

Following the funeral services, interment was in the High Ridge Cemetery. The funeral was in charge of the Pennington Undertaking Co.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: John Anthony McCrary

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The Tri-County News, Friday, April 27, 2001:

John Anthony McCrary, 55, Conception Jct., died April 22, 2001, at Conception Jct.

He was born Aug. 22, 1945 in Stanberry and had worked in commercial construction. He was a veteran of the Army National Guard.

Mr. McCrary married June Sybert on Nov. 17, 1974. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include a daughter, Terri Carmichael, Maryville; a son, Galen McCrary, Atlanta, GA.; a sister, Mary Miller, King City and three grandchildren.

Mr. McCrary was preceded in death by his parents, Galen and Katherine (Wiederholt) McCrary and a son, Johnny McCrary.

Memorial services were held at the Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry on April 27. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Maurice L. McCrea

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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 20, 2001:

Maurice L. McCrea, 97, King City, died July 15, 2001, at King City Manor in King City.

Mr. McCrea was born on a farm west of Fairport on July 31, 1903. He graduated from a rural Fairport school. Mr. McCrea was rancher and farmed north of Maysville, in the Berlin area. He raised registered Angus cattle, showing and selling his stock throughout the nation.

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Mr. McCrea was a member of the former Grace Community Church, King City; a 50 year member of Ancient Craft Masonic Lodge #377, King City and a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies and Moila Shrine Temple, both in St. Joseph.

On Feb. 14, 1926, he married the former Charlotte B. Loest. She preceded him in death on July 25, 1998. He was also preceded in death by his parents, George and Ida (Burke) McCrea and a brother, Grayson McCrea.

Survivors include a son, M. L. McCrea, Jr. and his wife, Suzanne, Maysville; two grandchildren, Andrew and Jill McCrea and a brother, William B. McCrea, King City.

Funeral services were held on July 18 at the Gibson Funeral Home in King City, conducted by Rev. Gene Sholtz. Music was provided by Betty Jo Howitt, organist and Loren Clay, soloist. Pallbearers were: Andrew McCrea, Mike McCrea, Dean McCrea, Doug McCrea, Richard Loest and Ed Berg. Honorary pallbearers were: Stanley Berry, Wendell Berry, Darrell Keener and Jeff Cline.

Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Joseph. Masonic services, under the direction of Ancient Craft Lodge, were held at the funeral home on July 17. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Assoc. or a charity of the donors choice.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Frank McDaniel
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ST. JOSEPH (MO.) NEWS-PRESS; WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2005; B3
Frank McDaniel 1918-2005; WICHITA, Kan. - Frank McDaniel, 86, of Wichita, formerly of Albany, Mo., passed away Aug. 29, 2005, in Wichita.

Frank, the son of Milton B. and Flora Elizabeth (Price) McDaniel, was born Dec. 28, 1918, in Bethany, Mo.

On Jan. 1, 1948, Frank married Doris Mount. She preceded him in death on Dec. 9, 1991. He also was preceded in death by his parents; brother, George; and sister, Lucille Thompson.

Frank was a World War II Army veteran. He received five Bronze stars. He landed on Normandy Beach and his last major battle was the Battle of the Bulge.

He retired from Cessna Aircraft as a sheet metal assembler.

Survivors: brother, Gene McDaniel and wife, Lucy, of Bristow, Okla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the chapel, where friends may call anytime after 4 p.m. Wednesday. Burial: Grandview Cemetery, Albany, with military rites under the auspices of American Legion Post No. 106, VFW Post No. 5329 of Albany; American Legion Post No. 216; VFW Post No. 2176 of Bethany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Hulda Alice McGee
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, May 30, 1968, front page:
Rites Held for Mrs. Hulda McGee: Funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon in the Stanberry Christian church for Mrs. Hulda Alice McGee, 90, Stanberry, who was taken by death two days before at the Munro Nursing Home here following a long illness.

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The rites were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Donald Tiller, and burial was in High Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Survivors include her son, Paul H. Milroy, Stanberry; a brother, Leslie Caster, San Bernadino, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Rosie Mahurin, San Bernadino, and Mrs. Carrie Loch, Covina, Calif.; two grandchildren, Mrs. Beverly Lane and John L. Milroy, both of Stanberry and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McGee, daughter of the late Ben and Ella O'Neal Caster, was born Mar. 24, 1878, at Island City. She and John C. Milroy were united in marriage in 1901. He preceded her in death in 1910. Later she and Everett McGee were united in marriage. Mr. McGee preceded her in death in 1947 in Jefferson City, where they resided for many years.

Mrs. McGee at one time operated the Stanberry Hotel. She also during one period in her life operated the Linville hotel in Maryville. She was a member of the Stanberry Christian church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Archie Alan McGinley
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, August 5, 1965:

McGinley Infant taken by Death:

Archie Alan McGinley, week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McGinley, Kansas City, was taken by death Tuesday in a North Kansas City hospital.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Wednesday morning, but services will be held in Stanberry, under the direction of the Johnson Funeral home.

In addition to the parents, former Stanberry residents, survivors include one brother, Phillip McGinley, jr, of the home; one sister, Melita Sue McGinley, of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mrs. Marvin Coffey, Creston, Ia.; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor McGinley, Stanberry; the maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Allen, Corydon, Ia., and the paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Phillips, Stanberry.

The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, August 12, 1965:

Final rites were held last Saturday afternoon at the Alanthus Baptist church for Archie Alan McGinley.

Services for the infant, who died the preceding Tuesday in a North Kansas City hospital, were conducted by the Rev. Harold Ginns and burial was in High Ridge Cemetery here, under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: F. Berniece (Phillips) McGinley
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, August 10, 2001:

F. Berniece (Phillips) McGinley, 88, Wichita, KS., formerly of Stanberry, died Aug. 3, 2001, at a Wichita health care center.

Born Jan. 3, 1913, in Alanthus, MO., she was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry.

On June 28, 1930, she married William V. McGinley in Darlington. He preceded her in death in 1996. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Mayme (Miller) Phillips; a son, Vernon McGinley; a sister, Bonnie Huff; a brother, Melvin Phillips and two grandchildren.

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Survivors include two sons, Lloyd McGinley, Wichita and Phillip McGinley, Sr., Mesa, AZ.; a daughter, Marilyn Peterman, Sedalia; a brother, Merlin Phillips, Kansas City; a sister, Eula Peterson, Stanberry; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 6 at the First Baptist Church in Stanberry, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the Stanberry First Baptist Church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Maurice Laverne McGinley
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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 13, 2001:
Maurice Laverne McGinley, 74, Stanberry, died July 8, 2001, at a health care center in Maryville.

Born in Hugginsville on March 25, 1927, Mr. McGinley had been employed in construction for 48 years. He was a member of the Carpenter's Union Local No. 168 in Kansas City, KS.

Mr. McGinley was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Florence (Valentine) McGinley; three brothers, William, Henry and Robert McGinley; four sisters, Della McGinley, Stella Besinger, Myrtle Mercer and Mable Waltemath.

On Dec. 10, 1955, he married Glenda R. Hahn. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include two sons, Charles and Carl McGinley, both of Stanberry; two daughters, Ruth Smith, Stanberry and Janet Clements, Ravenwood; three sisters, Ruby Ellis, Maryville; Gertrude Clevenger, Kansas City and May Petty, San Jose, CA.; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on July 11 at Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Hands of Hope Hospice.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Janet Sue Osborn-McIntyre
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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, May 25, 1994, Page 12:
NORTH KANSAS CITY-Janet Sue Osborn-McIntyre, 44, North Kansas City, died May 18, 1994, at a North Kansas City hospital.

Born Feb. 20, 1950, at Alanthus Grove, she was the daughter of Doris (Mercer) Osborn, North Kansas City, and the late Wesley Perry Osborn. She was a former resident of Garden Grove, Calif., and was an accountant. She was a member of the Anaheim, Calif, Church of Christ.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by six brothers. Merlin Osborn, Union Star; Max Osborn, Maysville; Rex Osborn, Cypress, Calif.; Dewey Osborn, Gladstone; Gerald Osborn, Stewartville; and Larry Osborn, Kansas City; four sisters, Marianna Ellis, Stafford; Betty Barber, Kansas City; Lavonne Barber, New Hampton; and Judy Eason, Kansas City; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were May 21 at Alanthus Church of Christ with burial in High Ridge Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Jerry C. McMillen
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The Tri-County News, Friday, September 8, 2000:
Jerry C. McMillen, 64, Stanberry, died Sept. 2, 2000, at his home.

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Born on May 13, 1936, in Chillicothe, the son of Floyd and Tina McMillen, Jerry had also lived in the King City and Stanberry areas. He was a graduate of King City high school.

He worked for the State Highway Department from 1957 to 1965, when he began working for the Farris Truck Line. In 1968 he began working as a trucker for Allison Concrete in Stanberry until 1994.

Mr. McMillen was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Patricia Bradshaw; an infant son, Brandon; a sister, Jean Lovewell and a grandchild.

He was grateful to have shared his life with his wife, the former Christina Anderson of the home; four sons, Rick, Joe and Jamie McMillen, all of Stanberry and Brad McMillen, Tokyo, Japan; two step-sons, Wayne and Charles Anderson, both of Stanberry; two step-daughters, Georgia Hall, Flatwood, KY. and Angela Anderson, Maryville; two brothers, Richard McMillen, Winterhaven, FL.; 13 grandchildren; six step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Sept. 6 at Johnson Funeral Home in Stanberry, with burial at a later date.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Arlene Mae McQuinn
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ARLENE MAE MCQUINN:
Arlene Mae McQuinn, 89, Stanberry, died Sept. 5, 2003, at an area nursing home.

Arlene, the daughter of Frank and Nellie (Plymell) Motzkus, was born Feb. 14, 1914, in Stanberry.

On Feb. 14, 1935, she married James Daniel. He preceded her in death in June, 1940. She then married Lawrence Harkrider on Jan. 14, 1942. He died in May of 1957. Then she married John McQuinn on Oct. 5, 1963. He died Sept. 25, 1995.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Paul, Jewell and Kenneth Motzkus.

Arlene was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Stanberry.

Survivors include daughters, Charlene Staley, St. Joseph; Joyce Newcomer, Kansas City; Judith Wilson Wood, Plattsburg; sons, Lawrence Harkrider II, China, TX; Roy Paul Harkrider, Glidden, IA; 12 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial was held on Sept. 8 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Stanberry, with burial in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Stanberry. A prayer service was held on Sept. 7 at Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry, who were also in charge of arrangements.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Velma R. Meek
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The Tri-County News, Friday, April 28, 2000:
Velma R. (Allen) Meek, 91, Stanberry, died April 11, 2000, at Pine View Manor.

Mrs. Meek was a newspaper carrier for the Kansas City Star until retiring.

Born east of King City on April 28, 1908, she was of the United Methodist faith.

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Mrs. Meek was preceded in death by two sons, Gary Meek and Robert A. Heyde; and her parents, George W.. and Alena H. Allen.

Survivors include a son, Harold Meek, Sidney, IA; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services and inurnment were held on April 16 at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: James F. Mercer
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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Monday, March 20, 2006:
James F. Mercer 1927-2006; ALBANY, Mo. - James F. "Jim" Mercer, of Albany entered into rest Saturday, March 18, 2006 at the Veteran's hospital in Leavenworth, Kan. at the age of 78 years.

Jim, the son of Perry Franklin and Edith (Murphy) Mercer was born Aug. 4, 1927 in Gentry County, Missouri.

On Jan. 4, 1947, Jim was united in marriage to Ruth A. Osterman in San Jose, Calif. She survives of the home.

He is also survived by five sons, Fred (Beverly) Mercer, Gower, Mo., Ed (Glenda), Ridgeway, Mo., Rick (Sherri), Stanberry, Mo., Kent (Ruth), Maryville, Mo., and Mel (Jennifer), Tipton, Mo.; daughter, Martha (Mitch), Lakeland, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Garnett (Ann) Mercer, Darlington, Mo.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters and one brother.

Jim served in the Navy during World War II at Bikini Atoll and was also stationed on Treasure Island in San Francisco. He served on the Navel Ships: Pensacola, Sarasota and USS Iowa. Jim was discharged in November of 1946.

He lived his entire life and 59 years of marriage in the Albany area. For over 30 years he worked at Big 4 Hardware in Stanberry. He also held propane jobs, was night watch for the City of Albany, and participated in many volunteer activities for the community.

Jim was a member of the Boy Scouts of America for 42 years, serving as Scout Master for Troop 102 of Albany in the Otoe District and was involved with the Tribe of Mic-O-Say of which he was Medicine Man. He attended Camp Geiger in St. Joseph each summer for 42 years. For 49 years, Jim was a member of the Athens Lodge No. 127 A.F. & A.M. of Albany, serving as the lodge secretary for several years. He was also a member of the Esther Chapter No. 13 of the Order of the Eastern Star. Jim was an active participant of the Albany Football Field "Chain Gang" (sideline down marker) from 1964 to 2005.

Funeral Services: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the chapel where friends may call anytime after 2 p.m. Tuesday. Burial-Grandview Cemetery, Albany. Memorial Contributions-Jim Mercer Scholarship Fund.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Warren L. Mercer
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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; circa Saturday, January 15, 2005:
Blue Springs, Mo. - Warren L. Mercer, 76, Blue Springs, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, at a Blue Springs care center.

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He was preceded by his parents, William and Myrtle Mercer; and brother, Bobby Mercer.

Survivors: sisters, Viola Premo and Betty Keys; nieces and nephews.

Graveside service and burial: 1 p.m. Tuesday, Stanberry (Mo.) Cemetery. Visitation: 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Langsford Funeral Home, Lees Summit, Mo. The family requests no flowers.

Memorials: Kansas City Hospice.

(NOTE: burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.)

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Euphema Alexander Messick

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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, January 21, 1911:

Death of Mrs. Messick: Euphema Alexander was born June 4, 1849, and died of cancer at her home near Stanberry, March 18, 1911. She was married to Perry Messick August 29, 1866, and was the mother of 12 children, 7 of whom are now living; Mrs. R. S. Montgomery, Mrs. C. Harkrider, Gilbert Messick and Mrs. J. L. Porter of Stanberry; Ervin J. Messick and Mrs. J. D. Robinson of Dixon, SD., and William Messick of Billings, Mont.

Mrs. Messick had been a faithful Christian many years.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Chas. H. Brott, her pastor, Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, after which the remains were laid to rest in High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: James Perry Messick

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The Stanberry Herald, Thursday,

James Perry Messick, son of John and Polly Messick, was born March 14, 1845, in Andrew Co., Mo.; died April 13, 1923, at the age of 78 years and one month. He has lived in or around Stanberry, for about 30 years.

He answered the call of his country for service in the Civil War, and was enlisted in Co. D., 14th Kansas Cavalry, on August 3, 1863. He was mustered out at Ft. Gibson, Cherokee Nation, June 25th, 1865.

He was married to Euphemia Alexander, on August 29, 1866, to this union twelve children were born, seven of whom are living; Mrs. R. S. Montgomery, James Irwin Messick, Mrs. J. D. Robison, Gregory, SD.; Mr. Wm. Messick, of Washington, Mrs. J. P. Potter, Columbus, Mont.; Mrs. Chas Harkrider, and Gilbert Messick, of Stanberry. He has a brother in Bolckow, one in Hiawatha, Kansas, and sisters in St. Joseph, Cawker City, Kansas, Maitland, Bush City, Kansas, and one in Arkansas.

On Nov. 10th, 1921, he was married to Mrs. Sarah Ruth of Mound City, Mo. who survives him. On Monday, Nov. 6th, at his request, we brought him to the Church, and administered Baptism, which he accepted gratefully, and a few days later the Communion in his own home, which he seemed to enjoy and appreciate.

Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. C. C. Davis. Interment at High Ridge.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Alma DeRose Messner

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Alma D. Messner 1912 - 2004: Shawnee, Kan. - Alma DeRose Messner, 92, Shawnee, formerly of Stanberry, Mo., died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at Royal Terrace in Olathe, Kan.

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Born Jan. 13, 1912, in Gentry County, Mo., she was the daughter of Beverly and Emma (McCampbell) Johnson.

She was a member of the Stanberry First Christian Church and attended the Merriam Christian Church in Merriam, Kan.

On Dec. 30, 1933, she was united in marriage to Leonard Harvey Messner. He preceded her in death Jan. 15, 1981. They had two sons, Leland and Norman.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include two sons, Leland and wife, Carol, Spring Hill, Kan.; and Norman, and wife, Sandy, Harrisonville, Mo.; a brother, Eldon Johnson, Barnes City, Iowa; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; six step grandchildren; and 13 step great-grandchildren.

Funeral service: 11 a.m. Monday, May 24, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the chapel, where friends may call anytime after 2 p.m. Sunday.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lewis Henry Messner
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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, February 7, 1985; page 6: Lewis Henry Messner, 75, died unexpectedly at the Stanberry Medical Clinic in Stanberry, January 29, 1985.

He was the son of the late George Lewis and Eva Cora Bishop Messner. Born March 22, 1909 in Cowley County, Ks. At the age of two, the family moved to the Ravenwood/Alanthus Grove area.

Most of his life was spent as an active farmer in the Stanberry area, except for three and a half years spent in California during the early 1950's. While in California he was engaged in fencing.

He was the 1942 Gentry County Corn Shucking Champion. This award entitled him to compete for the state title in Marshall, Mo. He placed third in the state competition. He was also the northwest Missouri Plowing Match winner in 1948.

He was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry, Mo.

He was married on June 26, 1937, to Velma Arlene Miller, at Santa Rosa, Mo. To this union two children were born, Lewis George Messner and Judith Kay Messner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Judith Kay, and two brothers, Mel and Leonard.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Lewis George Messner, Stanberry; one daughter-in-law, Beverly Messner, Stanberry; one grandson, Richard Lewis Messner, Stanberry; six brothers, Gilbert Messner, Gentry; Earnest Messner, Albany; Fred Messner, Agency, Mo.; John Messner, Los Angeles, Ca.; Whitmur and Marvin Messner, both of Stanberry; four sisters, Frona Johnson, Stanberry; O'Dessie Kiser, Los Angeles, CA.; Elsie Strange, Orange, Ca.; Mary Ray, Los Angeles, Ca.; 34 nieces and nephews.

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Funeral services were held Thursday, January 31, 1985 at the First Baptist Church in Stanberry under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Dick Lionberger officiating.

Mickey Miller sang "He Touched Me" and "How Great Thou Art" and was accompanied by his wife, Gwen on the organ.

Pallbearers for interment in High Ridge Cemetery at Stanberry were his nephews.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Anna Miller

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, September 5, 1957:

Mrs. Miller Dies In Kansas City: Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Stanberry Christian church for Mrs. Anna Miller, 86, who spent most of her life in this area. She died Monday afternoon in a Kansas City rest home, where she had been a patient several weeks.

The services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. O. Glenn Crosby, and burial was in the High Ridge cemetery, under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary.

Survivors include two sons, John Miller, Union Star, and Clark Miller, Corpus Christi, Tex.; a daughter, Mrs. Dolah Macy, Kansas City; a sister, Mrs. Julia Gage, Stanberry; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Miller, daughter of the late John and Marietta Wilson, was born Oct. 13, 1871, in Matton, IL. She and her husband, W. C. Miller, farmed near Stanberry for many years. He preceded her in death in 1950. Both were members of the Stanberry Christian church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Beverly Ann Miller

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The St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; circa Saturday, January 22, 2005:

Beverly A. Miller 1943 - 2005; Chillicothe, Mo. - Beverly Ann Miller, 61, of Chillicothe and formerly of Stanberry, Mo., passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at a Chillicothe nursing home (NOTE: burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.)

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Elsie Grace Miller

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, April 11, 2003:

Elsie Grace Miller, 83, died April 4, 2003, at her home in Stanberry.

She was born Oct. 9, 1919, at Guilford. Mrs. Miller was a homemaker. She was united in marriage to Jacob Raymond Miller in 1942. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1966. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Chesley A. and Grace Joy Weathermon McGeorge and a brother, Eldon McGeorge.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly Miller, of the home; a sister, Iris Gutschow, St. Joseph; a sister-in-law, Frances McGeorge, Barnard; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and burial were held at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Fred Lee Miller

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, February 1, 1962, front page: Fred L. Miller Taken by Death: Final services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Johnson Funeral Home chapel for Fred Lee Miller, 74, a retired railroad employee and farmer, who died Sunday morning at the Veterans' hospital in Wadsworth, Kan., from pneumonia and complications.

Mr. Miller, a lifelong resident of the Alanthus and Stanberry communities, was taken to the Kansas hospital Saturday in a Johnson ambulance.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Charles R. Hagee, Mound City, Mo. and burial was in High Ridge cemetery.

Mr. Miller, son of the late Lee and Dora Coffey Miller, was born Sept. 7, 1887, in Alanthus. He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the Raymond Sager American Legion post here. He and the former Miss Sadie Boatwright were united in marriage Feb. 16, 1921, at Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sadie Miller, of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Alice Spainhower, Olathe, Kan., Mrs. Macle Spicer, Draper, SD. and Mrs. Margie Cooper, Stanberry; three sons, James Miller, Plattsburg, Mo., Ray Miller, Atlanta, Ga., and Lloyd Miller, Stanberry; one brother, Robert Miller, Stanberry; two sisters Mrs. Mamie Phillips and Mrs. Minnie Canaday, both of Stanberry, and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dixie Mae, who died in infancy.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: John R. Miller

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Monday, November 07, 2005:
John R. Miller 1947-2005; STANBERRY, Mo. - John R. Miller, 58 of Stanberry, passed away Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005, at his home.

John, the son of Walter Loren and LaNelle (Wilson) Miller was born Feb. 1, 1947, in Island City, Mo. His father, Walter preceded him in death, July 31, 1999.

For several years John served as a principal for several schools. He was a member of the Island City Christian Church.

Survivors: mother, LaNelle Miller, Stanberry; brother, James L. Miller, Cypress, Texas; sisters, Mary Miller, St. Louis, Mo.; Sherry Craig, Belefonte, Penn.; Barbara Miller, Las Vegas, Nev.

Graveside service and burial: 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, at the High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Arrangements:

Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Memorial contributions: Island City Christian Church in care of the Roberson-Polley Chapel, P.O. Box 153, Stanberry, MO 64489.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ray Miller

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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 20, 2001:
Ray Miller, 70, Union Star, died July 11, 2001, at a Kansas City hospital.

Born in Stanberry on Nov. 20, 1930, Mr. Miller was a Korean War Marine Corps veteran. He worked as a mechanic at Carnation Can in St. Joseph until retiring in 1985.

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Mr. Miller was a member of Star Chapel United Methodist Church northwest of King City. He was also a lifetime member of the VFW Post #247 of Omaha, NE.; and the Pony Express American Legion Post #359 of St. Joseph.

On April 15, 1956, he married Daisy Fair. She survives at the home in Union Star. Additional survivors include three daughters, Janet Trevino, Omaha, ND.; Lila Shippy, Independence and Rose Brink, Edwardsville, KS.; three sons, Robert Miller and David Miller, St. Joseph and Mike Miller, Savannah; two sisters, Macle Spicer, Guilford and Marjorie Cooper, Stanberry; one brother, Lloyd Miller, Stanberry; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Miller was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Sadie (Boatright) Miller; two sisters, Alice Spainhower and Dixie Miller and one brother, James Miller.

Funeral services were held on July 14 at Star Chapel United Methodist Church under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery with military rites by the King City American Legion Post #132.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Rena Fay Miller
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, December 7, 2001:
Rena Faye (Martin) Miller, 68, Stanberry, died Dec. 1, 2001, at a Stanberry health-care center.

Mrs. Miller was born in Little Rock, AR., on July 16, 1933. She was a cook at Casey's in Stanberry, and a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry.

On Jan. 29, 1950, she married James L. Miller. Her preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 1998.

Mrs. Miller was also preceded in death by her parents, James and Naomi (Trammell) Martin and one sister, Virginia Kanabel.

Survivors include a son, David Miller, Osborn; two brothers, Billy Martin, Independence and Jimmy Martin, Arizona; two sisters, Rae martin, Arkansas and Eva Nissan, Texas; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The body has been cremated. Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, December 14, 2001:
Graveside memorial services for Rena Faye Miller, Stanberry, will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2:00 p.m. at the High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry. Arrangements are being handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Annie Jo Misemer
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The Tri-County News, Friday, November 1, 2002:

Annie Jo (Smith) Misemer, 75, Wichita, KS., died Oct. 23, 2002.

The daughter of John and Nannie Laura Smith; she was born April 2, 1927, in Tattall County, GA.

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Jo was united in marriage to Kenneth Misemer on Feb. 2, 1946 in Orlando, FL. They were married 56 years. They began married life on a farm northeast of Stanberry, living there for seven years. The family then moved to Independence, where she was a professional secretary for most of her adult life. In Independence she worked for the School Board of Education and Phillips Petroleum. After 13 years in Independence, her husband was transferred to Wichita, KS., where she worked for Cessna Aircraft Co., until her retirement in 1984.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Clinton Smith.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth, of the home in Wichita; a daughter, Elaine Hilburn, Tuttle, OK.; two sons, Marvin Misemer, Blue Springs and Keith Misemer, Bridgeport, CT.; two sisters, Eugenia Sullivan, Albany, GA. and Nan Dickey, Marietta, GA. and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 28 at Roberson-Polley Chapel in Albany. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 South Market, Wichita, KS. 67202.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Charles LeRoy Morris
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, October 24, 1968, page 7:
Morris Obituary: Charles LeRoy Morris, son of the late George and Della Morris, was born February 25, 1894, at Stanberry, Mo. He died at the age of 74 at the Texas County Memorial hospital in Houston, Mo. He was preceded in death by two brothers, a sister and a daughter, who died in infancy.

Mr. Morris and the former Miss Mildred Lucile Ruch were united in marriage February 25, 1914. He joined the Stanberry Methodist church as a young man and later transferred his membership to the Methodist church in Mountain Grove, Mo. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucile Morris, of the home and a son, Robert Morris, Springfield, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris moved from Stanberry to the Mountain Grove area in 1940. He farmed south of Mountain Grove until 1961, when ill health forced him to leave the farm and move to a home in Mountain Grove.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, October 14, in the Craig-Hurtt-Hutsell Funeral Home in Mountain Grove. Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon, October 15, at the High Ridge cemetery in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Alta Elaine Morriss
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, October 22, 2004:
Alta Elaine Morriss, 46, Stanberry, died Oct. 18, 2004 at her home in Stanberry.

She was born Jan. 23, 1958 in Maryville; the daughter of Ralph Myers, Sr. and Crystal Erline (Brittain) Morriss.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Ernest L. Morriss.

Survivors include three sisters, Judy Ellis, Stanberry; Carolyn Bledsoe Albright, Maryville and Dixie Groom, Darlington; one brother, Ralph Morriss, Jr., Stanberry; four nieces, several great-nieces and nephews.

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Funeral services were held Oct. 21 at Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery,

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Frank Herman Motzkus
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, April 4, 1968, front page:
Rites Held For Frank Motzkus: Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Johnson Funeral Home chapel for Frank Herman Motzkus, 79, of Stanberry, who was taken by death Sunday in a St. Joseph hospital following a long illness.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Russell Evans of Island City and burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.
Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nellie Motzkus, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Arlene McQuinn; three sons, Paul Motzkus and Jewell Motzkus, both of Las Animas, Colo., and Kenneth Motzkus of Kansas City. He also is survived by nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Motzkus, son of the late Herman Martin and Henrietta Rudott Motzkus, was born May 10, 1888 in Burlington, Colo. When he was a small boy the family moved to a farm near King City. He and the former Miss Nellie Plymale were united in marriage on September 26, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Motzkus lived on a farm near King City until February, 1930, when they moved to Stanberry. Mr. Motzkus served as a Wabash Railway Co. section employee for about 20 years. He retired in 1956.

Mr. Motzkus was a member of the Island City Christian church at one time. He later transferred his membership to the Stanberry Christian church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Rev. Ray Moldenhauer
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The Albany Ledger, Wednesday, August 29, 2001:
Pastor Ray Moldenhauer, 80, died August 26, 2001, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital.

The son of the late Rudolph and Rose (Fischer) Moldenhauer, he was born November 23, 1920, in Kulm, ND.

On March 31, 1946, he married Fencine Nienhuis. She survives of the home in Albany.

He was a retired minister of the Church of God Seventh Day Church, having served churches in Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Kansas City, Stanberry, Harrisburg, OR.; Oklahoma City, OK.; Eureka, SD.; and Stockton, CA.; and was also an Evangelist to the Carribean and Virgin Islands, Israel and Guyana, South, America.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Lily Smith; and five brothers, Reuben, Walter, John, Aaron and one in infancy.

Survivors: a daughter, Darlene King, Albany; three sons, Jerry and Ken Moldenhauer, Denver, CO., and Ed Moldenhauer, Albany; two sisters, Leona Fischer, Watertown, SD., and Sylvia Hauswirth, Pacific Grove, CA.; two brothers, Leonard Moldenhauer, San Andreas, CA., and Calvin Moldenhauer, Pacific Grove, CA.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Funeral services were August 29, 2001, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany, with burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lourena Mowrey

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, July 5, 1951, front page:

'Tuesday services for Mrs. Mowrey.'

'Mrs. Lourena Mowrey, 90, died at St. Joseph Hospital Sunday following a long illness.'

Funeral services were held here Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Lourean Mowrey, aged Gentry county resident, at the Christian church, with the Rev. Charles R. Hagee officiating.

Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Mrs. Mowrey, who was 90 years old, died Sunday at a St. Joseph hospital. She had been in poor health for more than a year.

Much of Mrs. Mowrey's life was spent near Alanthus and in Stanberry. She was born June 7, 1861, in Gulf Port, Ind. and was the daughter of George A. and Emma Yount. She was married to James Mowrey in Nodaway county on Sept. 22, 1882. For many years they farmed in the Alanthus community.

They moved to Stanberry in 1914 where he died about nine years later. Mrs. Mowrey had continued to make her home here from that time.

She is survived by a foster daughter, Mrs. Mark Thomas, of Stanberry; two half-sisters, Mrs. Camila White of Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. T. A. Deering of Stanberry; one half-brother, Logan Yount of Whitesville, two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Arlene Murphy

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, March 16, 2001:

Arlene Murphy, 86, Stanberry, died March 12, 2001, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Mrs. Murphy was born June 29, 1914, at Mountain View, MO. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry.

In 1946, she married Fred Guthrie. He preceded her in death in 1958. In November, 1962, she married Laurel Murphy and they resided on a farm north of Stanberry until poor health forced them to move into Stanberry. He survives at the home.

Additional survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Cindy Guthrie and a grandson, Jon Guthrie, all of Jefferson City; a brother, Victor Midyett, Stanberry, nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Columbus and Della (Brosious) Midyett; two sisters, Oletha Maier and Bernice Frame; four brothers, Chester, Marvin, Lloyd and Wesley Midyett.

Funeral services were held at Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry on March 15 with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to Fairhaven Boarding Home or the First Baptist Church, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Bertha May Murphy

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, February 1, 1962, front page:

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Rites for Mrs. Bertha Murphy: Final services were held Sunday afternoon in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel For Mrs. Bertha May Murphy, 82, a lifelong resident of Gentry county, who was taken by death Saturday in a Stanberry rest home.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Charles E. Chandler, pastor of the Stanberry Christian church, and burial was in High Ridge cemetery.

Survivors include two sons, Lowell Murphy, Bethany, and Laurel Murphy, Stanberry; a brother, Frank Edwards, Sheridan, Mo.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Murphy, daughter of the late Thomas Marion and Lydia Edwards, was born Oct. 4, 1879, in Gentry county. She and the late John S. Murphy were united in marriage on Nov. 14, 1909, in Alanthus.

They made their home in the Black Oak and Enyart communities for many years. Mr. Murphy preceded her in death Feb. 10, 1961. She was a member of the Stanberry Christian church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Elmo Murphy
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The Tri-County News, Friday, April 21, 2006:
Elmo Murphy "Phantom 309," 63, Stanberry, died April 17, 2006 at his home.

Born Feb. 6, 1943 in Maryville; he was the son of Charles Porter and Laura (Stephens) Murphy.

On April 27, 1963, he married Ethel Huff. They enjoyed 43 years of marriage.

For 29 years, Elmo worked as a light plant manager for the City of Stanberry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter and a son, James Phillips.

Survivors include: his wife, Ethel, of the home; a son, Danny Murphy (Nancy), Stanberry; daughters, Donna Trimble, Stanberry, Debbie Bliley (Jim), Clyde; Janet Bliley (George), Conception Jet. and Jean Ann Bashor (Mike), Stanberry; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The body has been cremated and a private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: George E. Murphy
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, October 4, 2002:
George E. Murphy, 65, died September 28, 2002, at a St. Joseph hospital.

The son of the late Ralph and Dorothy (Goucher) Murphy, he was born January 25, 1937 in Stanberry.

A graduate of Stanberry high school he was a retired warrant officer in the US Army, had taught for Central Texas College and Maryville Technical Institute. He retired in 2001.

In 1958, he married Margot H. Eggert. She survives of the home.

Additional survivors: two daughters, Sylvia Kammer and Linda Hughes, Stanberry; two sisters, Mary Updegraff, Bethany and Jean Stollie, Moberly; two brothers, Bob Murphy, Stanberry and Bill Murphy, Gentry; and two grandchildren.

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Funeral services were October 2, 2002, with Military Rites, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry; burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Laurel Murphy
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, August 22, 2003:
Laurel Murphy, Stanberry MO.; 12 Aug. 1910; 17 Aug. 2003, died aged 93 at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Born in Gentry County to John S. & Bertha M. Murphy on 12 August 1910, he was a farmer in the Stanberry area. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanberry. He married Arlene Midyett November 1962 who preceded him in death 12 March 2001. Funeral arrangements by Roberson-Polley Chapel of Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Edna Bailey Murry
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Mrs. John Murry services Tuesday, resident of this city since 1895, died Sunday morning at her home; was 86 years old.

Mrs. John Murry, a resident of Stanberry and vicinity for 57 years, died at 1:50 o'clock Sunday morning at her home here. Mrs. Murry had suffered a stroke two weeks ago and had remained in critical condition from that time.

She and her husband had been closely identified with the gardening and greenhouse business here for many years. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey, she was born and reared near Bolckow, MO., and was 86 years old at the time of her death. She was married to Mr. Murry Apr. 5, 1886.

For a time after their marriage they farmed near Bolckow, and with the exception of seven years spent in the states of Washington and Oregon, they had been residents of this vicinity. It was in 1895 that they came to Stanberry and for 24 years were market gardeners near the southeast city limits of Stanberry.

At that time she had her husband moved to Stanberry and established the Murry greenhouse at the site of their present home. Throughout their married life, Mrs. Murry was very active in assisting her husband in his gardening and green house work.

She is survived by her husband of the home, two sons, Earl Murry, Stanberry's city marshal, and Ed Murry of Moberly, one brother, Fred Bailey of Stanberry, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held for her at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Stanberry Christian church, conducted by the Rev. Chas. R. Hagee. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

The funeral services were under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Thomas Albert Myrick
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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, February 21, 1957:
Final services will be held at 2 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon in the Stanberry Christian church for Thomas Albert Myrick, 84, who died Tuesday morning in the St. Francis hospital, Maryville, where he had been a patient since Saturday morning.

The services will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. O. Glenn Crosby, and burial will be in the High Ridge cemetery, under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary, Stanberry.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Eva Myrick, of the home on West Second street; three sons, Charles Myrick, St. Joseph, and Chester L. Myrick and Ernest T. Myrick, both of Stanberry; a daughter, Mrs. R. A. Callahan, Hiawatha, Kan.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Ida Davis, Guthrie, Okla., and Mrs. Lou Weathered, Darlington.

Mr. Myrick, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Myrick, was born in Gentry county on Dec. 22, 1872. He and the former Miss Eva Lena Sager were married Dec. 24, 1895, and spent all of their married life in Gentry county except for a few years during which they resided in St. Joseph. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary 14 months ago.

After Mr. Myrick retired from active farming, he was still known as an expert on livestock.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Cleo Everett Neal
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, November 9, 1967:
Services Held for Cleo Everett Neal: Final services were held last Saturday afternoon at the Brooks-Cochell Mortuary chapel in Albany for Cleo Everett Neal, 48, of Kansas City, who was taken by death last Wednesday at the Veterans' hospital in Kansas City.

The rites were conducted by Elder Stanley Kauer and burial was in the High Ridge cemetery here.

Mr. Neal is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Betty Jean Chase, Farden Grove, Calif., and Mrs. JoAnn Klinker and Miss Deanna Neal, both of Omaha; his father, Lloyd E. Neal, of Kansas City; a sister, Mrs. Irene Groom, of Albany, and a brother, Lloyd J. Neal, of Kansas City.

Mr. Neal, son of Lloyd E. Neal and the late Mrs. Minnie Walker Neal, was born Nov. 16, 1918, near Stanberry. In early life he lived at Stanberry, where he attended school. While still in his teens, he moved to Omaha. Later he moved to Kansas City, where he operated a radio and television business. He and the former Miss Regina Stecki were married on Apr. 25, 1940.

He accepted Christ as his Savior and united with the Church of God (7th Day) while in his teens.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lloyd Efton Neal
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, August 2, 1984:
Lloyd Efton Neal, 90, died Friday morning at a health care center in Stanberry.

Born in the Higginsville community in Gentry County, he was a retired farmer and barber of the area. He was a member of the Church of God Seventh Day in Stanberry.

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Surviving are a daughter, Irene Groom, Albany; a son, Lloyd J. Neal, Lee's Summit, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services and burial were Sunday at the High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry, under the direction of Quinley-Roberson-Polley Funeral Home in Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Gabriel Nelson

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, April 26, 1951:

Veteran Gentry resident dead; burial in Enyart Cemetery.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Gabriel Nelson, 81, lifelong resident of Gentry county. Services were conducted at the Brooks Funeral home at Albany and burial was in the Enyart cemetery.

Nelson, a retired farmer, died at his home at Gentry. He had been in poor health for several months.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Flossie Warner, Gentry; two sons, Orman, Albany and Elvis, Ravenwood; a sister, Mrs. John Wharton, of north of Stanberry; a brother, Bert, of Kansas City. He also leaves four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ruth L. Nelson

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, March 25, 2005:

Ruth L. Nelson, Ravenwood, died March 17, 2005 at a Springfield hospital.

She was born Aug. 31, 1918 in Cattawissa, MO.; the daughter of Harry and Bessie (Martin) Bottum.

Mrs. Nelson was an elementary school teacher, retiring from the St. Louis County School District after 28 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry; and the Literary Progressive Club in Ravenwood.

On July 27, 1940 she was united in marriage to Lowell W. Nelson, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, June Oberbeck.

Survivors include a daughter, June Blair, Jonesboro, AR.; a grandson, John Blair and wife, Julie, Fayetteville, AR.

Graveside services and burial were held on March 19 at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Assoc.; Salvation Army or The Humane Society. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Emma Newell

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, September 5, 1957:

Emma Newell Taken by Death: Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Stanberry Methodist church for Mrs. Emma Newell, 92, a resident of this community nearly all her life, who died Friday morning at the Graves Rest home here.

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The services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Richard Davis and burial was in High Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ora Russell, Stanberry, one son, Charles Newell, Savannah; a brother, George Law, Sutherland, Neb.; two sisters, Mrs. Nannie Marynee, Kearney, Neb., and Mrs. Cora Parton, Silverton, Ore., two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Newell, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Law, was born Apr. 14, 1865, on a farm just south of what is now Stanberry. She and Milam Newell were married in 1889 in North Platte, Neb. Except for five years spent in Nebraska as a young woman, Mrs. Newell was a resident of this community. Mr. Newell preceded her in death on Oct. 3, 1947.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mrs. Sarah Lorene Noah
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 1, 1951:

Former resident dies:
Rites held Friday for Mrs. Sarah L. Noah of Kansas City:

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Frist Christian church here for Mrs. Sarah Lorene Noah, 44 years old, a former Stanberry resident. Mrs. Noah died last Wednesday at the St. Mary's hospital at Kansas City. She had been ill for about two weeks.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Glenn Willson, pastor of the Island City Christian church. The Rev. Chas. R. Hagee, pastor of the local church, assisted at the ceremony. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Sarah Lorene Noah, daughter of Thomas and Flora Cogdill and step-daughter of C. M. Cobb, was born Mar. 11, 1906, near Gallatin, and departed this life Feb. 21, 1951, at St. Mary's hospital in Kansas City.

The Cogdill family moved to North Dakota when Lorene was a young girl. She was converted and joined the Rolling Green Christian church in North Dakota Aug. 20, 1918. The family later moved back to Missouri and settled near Stanberry.

On Oct. 20, 1929, she was married to Roland C. Noah of Kansas City. Most of their married life was spent in Kansas City.

Mrs. Noah is survived by her husband, Rowland Noah, of the home at Kansas City; her mother, Mrs. Flora Cogdill Cobb, of this city; and two brothers, Clarence Cogdill, Stanberry, and O. G. Cogdill, Live Oaks, Fla.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Clara E. O'Neal
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The Tri-County News, Friday, September 1, 2000:
Clara E. O'Neal, 82, St. Joseph, formerly of Stanberry, died Aug. 23, 2000, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Born in Stanberry on April 24, 1918, Miss O'Neal had lived there most of her life, until moving to St. Joseph in 1982.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Mary L. O'Neal; a brother, Willard O'Neal and two sisters, Lela Riddle and Pauline Mansil.

Surviving is a niece, Marjorie Pettry, of St. Joseph.

Graveside services and burial were held on Aug. 26 at High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: James Merlin Osborn

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, July 5, 1962, front page: James Osborn Killed in Crash Near St. Joseph: Funeral Services Were Held Here Tuesday Afternoon for 24-Year-Old Native of Stanberry: Funeral services were held here Tuesday afternoon in the Stanberry Methodist church for a former resident, James Merlin Osborn, 24, of Faucett, Mo., who met death in a one-car accident about 6:10 a.m. Sunday 3 miles south of St. Joseph on Interstate 29.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Lewis Clark, the Rev. Richard M. Horton, Pastor of the local Methodist church, and the Raymond Sager American Legion post of Stanberry. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

The young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Osborn of Stanberry, was killed as he was returning to his home in Faucett from his work at the Continental Can Co. in St. Joseph.

The state patrol reported that Osborn's south-bound car ran off the right side of the highway and struck a bridge pier where Route O crosses the interstate highway No. 29. He was thrown from the demolished car, suffered multiple broken bones and head injuries and died at the scene of the accident, according to the officers who said Osborn apparently went to sleep.

Survivors in addition to his parents include his wife, Mrs. Laveda Ann Osborn, of the home, his 7-month-old son, Terry, of the home and two brother, Charles Osborn, Stanberry, and Darrell (Mickey) Osborn, Agency, Mo.

Young Osborn was born Dec. 27, 1937, in Stanberry. He was graduated from the Stanberry R-II high school in May, 1955, and entered the army the following September. A paratrooper, he was stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va., Ft. Bragg, N.C. and in Greenland for six months. He was discharged from the service in April, 1960, after serving almost five years.

He and the former Miss Laveda Ann McCrary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert McCrary, were united in marriage on May 27, 1961, at Jamesport, Mo. They made their home in Stanberry until moving to Faucett about three months ago. He had been employed at the Dannen Mills in St. Joseph before going to work for the Continental Can Co.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Dolores Ann Owens
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The Tri-County News, Friday, October 6, 2000:
Dolores Ann (Jacobs) Owens, 67, Tucson, AZ., formerly of Grant City, died Sept. 27, 2000.

Born Dec. 2, 1932, in Grant City, Mrs. Owens was a homemaker. She was a graduate of Grant City high school and a member of the Fountain of Life Lutheran Church in Tucson.

On May 9, 1952, she married Billie L. Owens. He preceded her in death in 1985. Mrs. Owens was also preceded in death by her father, Fred Jacobs.

Surviving are two sons, Leslie D. Owens, of Delmar, IA. and Leonard D. Owens, Willis, TX.; two daughters, Sharon A. Supinger, Grant City and Carol L. Duy, Tucson; her mother, Crystal Freemeyer, Stanberry; two brothers, John Jacobs, King City and Ed Jacobs, Gentry; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Oct. 4 at Prugh-Dunfree Funeral Home, Grant City. The body has been cremated. Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Bernardine "Pat" Parrish
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, January 28, 2005:
Bernardine "Pat" Parrish, 85, Stanberry, died Jan. 24, 2005, at Northwest Medical Center in Albany.

She was born April 24, 1919 in Philadelphia, PA.; the daughter of Denis and Johana (Grady) Murphy.

She worked as a streetcar motorman/conductor in Philadelphia, when she was younger. She also worked as a bookkeeper for Old American Life Insurance Co. in Albany, for several years. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Stanberry.

On March 13, 1953, she was united in marriage to Charles L. Parrish, who preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 2001. She was also preceded in death by her parents and 16 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Chirstine Ann Manion, McFall; a son, Dennis D. Hukill, Independence; a sister, Helen Oates, Philadelphia, PA.; two grandsons, Shannon Newby, Gentry and Jon Hukill, Platte City and three great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial was held on Jan. 28 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Stanberry. The body has been cremated. Inurnment was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Charles L. Parrish

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, November 9, 2001:
Charles L. Parrish, 74, Stanberry, died Nov. 5, 2001, at the Albany hospital.

Mr. Parrish was a livestock buyer. During World War II, he served in the Army.

Born in Gentry County on April 29, 1927, he was a member of the Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260 at Stanberry.

Mr. Parrish was also a member of the Stanberry Saddle Club of which he was president and served on the board for the Opportunity Workshop in Stanberry.

On March 13, 1953, he married Bernardine E. Murphy. She survives of the home.

Mr. Parrish was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Dorothy (Terry) Parris and a brother, Donald Parrish.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Christine Ann Parrish, McFall; a son, Dennis D. Hukill, Independence; two grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Services were held Nov. 8 at Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry. The body will be cremated following the service. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Donald E. Parrish
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, May 4, 2001:
Donald E. Parrish, 72, Ravenwood, died April 25, 2001, at a North Kansas City hospital.

He was born Sept. 21, 1928 in Gentry County and was a former resident of Stanberry. He was a Korean War Army veteran. Mr. Parrish was retired from the Mo. State Highway Department, where he worked as a crew leader and road grader. He was a member of the Alanthus Church of Christ, Alanthus Grove.

On Oct. 30, 1952 he married Delores Ann Osborn. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include a son, Patrick Parrish, Stanberry; a daughter, Donna Adams, Grant City; a brother, Charlie Parrish, Stanberry and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Dorothy (Terry) Parrish and a son, Danny Parrish.

Funeral services were held at the Alanthus Church of Christ in Alanthus Grove on April 28, under the direction of the Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Robert "Bob" Parsons
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The Tri-County News, Friday, December 1, 2000:
Robert "Bob" Parsons, 62, Stanberry, died Nov. 24, 2000, at a Kansas City hospital.

He was born Feb. 13, 1938, in Mound City. Mr. Parsons, a retired farmer and Army veteran, owned and operated Parsons Used Cars & Quick Shop in Stanberry. He had served as a deputy sheriff in Los Angeles, CA., before moving to Stanberry. He was a member of the Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260, Stanberry.

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On July 20, 1957, he married the former Carolyn Steward. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include two sons, Steve Parsons, Stanberry and David Parsons, Houston, TX.; a daughter, Pam Hailey, Stanberry; two brothers, Paul Parsons, Las Vegas, NE. and Richard Parsons, Marysville, WA.; three sisters, Darlene Harris and Charlene Masters, St. Joseph and Betty Robinson, Temple, TX. and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Clarice (Hughes) Parsons and a brother, Charles Parsons.

Funeral services were held Nov. 28 at First Christian Church, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lela F. Petty
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St. Joseph News-Press, Friday, May 27, 2005, page B2:

Lela Faye Petty, 85, of St. Joseph, Mo., passed away peacefully on May 26, 2005, after a long illness at the living Community Center of St. Joseph.

Lela was born to John T. and Ollie A. (Ross) Petty on Dec. 23, 1919, in the Alanthus Grove community near Stanberry, Mo., where she attended Fairview School and later on the Stanberry School.

Lela was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanberry and also attended the Patee Park Baptist Church in St. Joseph.

She spent a large part of her life in Stanberry, where she was employed by Vogt Poultry Co. She retired from the former Methodist Medical Center in 1983.

Lela married Woodrow Leffler in 1984. They divorced in 1993.

She enjoyed playing bingo and being among young people.

Lela was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother, her twin sister, Lola Sybert; Beulah Schottel and Angeline Oyler; and John Petty.

Survivors: two brothers, Raymond and James Petty, both of St. Joseph; eight nephews; 10 nieces; numerous grandnephews, grandnieces, great-nephews and great-nieces; and several cousins.

Funeral service: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 28, at Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. There is no scheduled family visitation; however, friends may call anytime after 2 p.m. Friday, May 27, at the chapel. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. The family suggests memorials to the Open Door Food Kitchen, Second Harvest Food Bank or a charity of the donor's choice.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ruby Leeanna Petty
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The St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press, Monday, May 8, 2006:

Ruby L. Petty 1916-2006:

STANBERRY, Mo. - Ruby Leeanna Petty, 89, Stanberry, died Saturday, May 6, 2006, at Pineview Manor Convalescent Center in Stanberry.

She was born June 19, 1916, in Stanberry to Manuel Petty and Grace (Ward) Petty.

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Ruby was a member of the Church of God Seventh-Day Adventist. She was preceded in death by her parents; uncle, Merlin A. Collinsworth; infant brother, Manual Lee Petty Jr.; and sister, Viola Josephine Petty.

She is survived by several cousins.

Service: 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, at Island City, Mo., Christian Church. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery Stanberry. Visitation: 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, at the church. Funeral arrangements: Price Funeral Home, Maryville, Mo.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Emma Grace Phillippe

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday April 30, 2004:

Emma Grace Phillippe, 86, Stanberry, died April 21, 2004, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Born Oct. 15, 1917 in Rushville; she was the daughter of Frank and Margaret (Saunders) Patrick.

She became a member of the Island City Christian Church in 1934.

On Dec. 13, 1933, she was united in marriage to Harley James Phillippe. They started their life together on a farm in the Island City community. they had a total of 15 children, 12 sons and three daughters. One son, Robert Dennis Phillippe, was killed in a motorcycle accident on July 24, 1966. Harley preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 1994. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, George, and two half-brothers, Robert and Phil Patrick.

Survivors include sons, Loren and wife, Marilyn, St. Joseph; Norvin and wife, Mary Lou, Joplin; Guy and wife, Elwanda, Ida Lou, TX.; Ronald and wife, Diana, Stanberry; H. James, Wolfforth, TX.; George, Spanaway, WA.; Tom and wife, Karla, Helena; Jerry, Portland, OR.; Charles and wife, Linda, Maryville, Steven and wife, Sono, Spanaway, WA.; Richard, Stanberry; daughters, Anna Beach and husband David, Oskaloosa, KS.; Dolores Darrach and husband, Scott, Stanberry and Julia Wood, Stanberry; 30 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on April 25 at Roberson-Polley Chapel, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, both in Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be made to Pine View Manor or the American Diabetes Assoc. in care of Roberson-Polley Chapel, P.O. Box 153, Stanberry, MO. 64489.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Robert Dennis Phillippe

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, July 28, 1966, Front page: Phillippe, Robert Dennis - born February 13, 1951 to Harley & Grace Phillippe, died July 24, 1966 near Umpire Prairie from a motorcycle accident.

Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home of Stanberry.

Survivors: brothers, George, USAF; Loren and Norvin of St. Joseph, MO.; Guy and James of Lubbock, TX.; Ronnie of Aberdeen, WA.; Jerry of New Hampton, MO.; Tommy of Kent, WA.;

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Charles, Stephen and Richard of the home; sisters, Anna, Delores and Julia of the home; maternal grandfather, Frank Patrick of Seattle, WA.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Earl Emmerson Phillips

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Earl Emmerson Phillips, 83, Stanberry, died April 6, 1994, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital.

The son of the late John Scott and Georgia (Hill) Phillips, he was born Oct. 25, 1910, at Alanthus Grove. He was a lifetime resident of Stanberry where he farmed and served as high school custodian. He attended Mount Pleasant School and Stanberry High School.

He was a member of the Stanberry United Methodist Church, the National Farmer's Organization and the Gentry County Historical Society.

In addition to his parents, he was perceded in death by seven brothers, Joe, Perry, Robert, Wayne, Everett, Elza and John - and three sisters - Ruth Baker, Nellie Gunter and Trixie Laud.

He married the former Goldie Eva Sager in Stanberry Dec. 24, 1938. She survives.

Mr. Phillips also is survived by two sons, Dr. Elry Phillips, Springfield, and Gary Phillips, Republic; three brothers, James, Waverly, Kan.; Scott, Longmount, Colo., and Paul, Waverly, Kan.; three sisters, Rachel Hamman and Georgia Beason, both of Kansas City; and May Felker, Loveland, Colo.; two grandson and 2 granddaughters.

Services were Apr. 9 at the Stanberry United Methodist Church with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. The family suggests memorials to the Earl Phillips Scholarship Fund at Farmers State Bank, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Tammy Jean Phillips

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, July 19, 1962, front page: Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon in High Ridge cemetery for Tammy Jean Phillips, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. (Buzz) Phillips, Stanberry, who was taken by death Sunday in a St. Joseph hospital.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Charles E. Chandler, pastor of the Stanberry Christian church, and burial was under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

In addition to the parents, survivors include the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Phillips, Alanthus; the maternal grandparents, Mrs. Katherine Malson, Stanberry, and Paul Malson of near Stanberry; the maternal great-grandfather, Curtis Mercer, Gentry; the maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Sadie Malson, Gentry, and the maternal great-great-grandfather, Dote Kier, Gentry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Jo Anna Pickerel

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, June 20, 2003:
Jo Anna Pickerel, 73, Albany, died June 16, 2003, at Northwest Medical Center in Albany.

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Jo Anna was born Jan. 11, 1930, in Denver, CO.; the daughter of Virgil and Gladys (Spainhower) Pickerel. They preceded her in death.

For over 25 years, she worked at the Opportunity Workshop in Stanberry; retiring in 2001. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry. She made her home at Beverly Health Care in Albany.

Survivors include a brother, Bob Pickerel, and wife, Wanda, of Albany; sister, Patty Dewey and husband, Byron, Cambridge, MN.; three nieces and five nephews.

Graveside services and burial were held on June 18 at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be made to The Country Store at Beverly Health Care of Albany in care of Bank Midwest in Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: William Rex Pickerel
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, February 6, 2004:
William Rex Pickerel, 68, Stanberry, died Jan. 31, 2004, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Born June 2, 1935 in Stanberry, he was the son of William Chilton and Lois Margaret (Shisler) Pickerel. He was preceded in death by his father.

William retired from the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Stanberry.

Survivors include five sons, Stephen Mayhugh, Livermore, CA.; Patrick and Randall Pickerel, both of Pleasanton, CA.; David Pickerel, St. Louis; Michael Pickerel, Ypsilanti, MI.; a daughter, Suzanne Carpenter, Brentwood, CA.; his mother, Lois Margaret Pickerel, Stanberry; a brother, James Pickerel, St. Joseph; his companion, Helen Gribble, St. Joseph and seven grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial was held on Feb. 4 at St. Peter's Catholic Church with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Gary L. Pierce
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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Friday, March 24, 2006:
Gary L. Pierce 1943-2006
STANBERRY, Mo. - Gary L. Pierce, 63, of Stanberry, passed away Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at his home.

Gary, the son of Lester E. and Elizabeth A. (Echterling) Pierce was born March 8, 1943, in Gentry County, Mo.

In 1951, Gary moved to California. He graduated from Brea, Calif., high school and Fullerton, Calif., junior college, and worked as a draftsman for Hughes Aircraft in Los Angeles, Calif. Later he worked for the State of Kansas, moving back to Stanberry in 1981 and working for Tempmaster in Albany, Mo., as a draftsman. For the past several years, he worked for Jerald Manring of Albany.

Gary was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ike and Stella Pierce, and Frank and Caroline Echterling.

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Survivors are his parents, Lester and Elizabeth; and sister, Sharon Pierce, all of Stanberry; and aunt and uncles, Lorene and Mel Mathews, Aumsville, Ore.

The body has been cremated. Inurnment will be at a later date in the Hugginsville Cemetery. Arrangements are by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: James M. Pike

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 7, 1940:

Widely-known resident of this community died on Monday. James M. Pike, one of Gentry county's pioneer residents, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Perry McPherron, in Omaha, Neb., about 8 o'clock Monday night.

His death was attributed to the infirmities of age. He had been in failing health for some time and had been confined to his bed the past three weeks.

Mr. Pike was 84 years of age and had lived almost his entire life in this immediate vicinity. Until about six years ago he was engaged in farming 6 miles southeast of Stanberry. For the past five years he had been a resident of Stanberry. He was a member of the Baptist church. Last November he and Mrs. Pike went to Omaha to spend the winter months with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. McPherron, and with other relatives there.

Shortly before their departure for Omaha, they celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary at their home here.

His survivors are the widow, Mrs. Margaret Pike; four sons, George, J. R. and John of Omaha and Harrison of Chicago, and one daughter, Mrs. Perry McPherron at whose home he died. Also 17 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral arrangements had not been made at the time this newspaper went to press.

NOTE: Burial was in High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: James Washington Poe

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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, February 21, 1957:

Final services were held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon in the Stanberry Christian church for James Washington Poe, 82, who died suddenly following a heart attack at his home last Saturday morning.

The services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. O. Glenn Crosby, and burial was in High Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary, Stanberry.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Rachael Poe, of the home; four children, Crofford Poe, Albany; Cecil Poe, King City; Ben Poe, Washougal, Wash., and Mrs. Alma Branson, Stanberry; four brothers, Clarence Poe, King City; Earl and Frank Poe, both of Atchison county, and Dana Poe, Albany; three sisters, Mrs. Grace Shirrell, St. Joseph; Mrs. May Barrett Takrio, and Mrs. Goldie McCreary, Shenandoah, Ia.; 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Poe, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Crofford Poe, was born Aug. 24, 1874, near Denver, Mo. He and Miss Rachael Baker were united in marriage on Feb. 24, 1897, in Rock Port, Mo. They were making plans to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on next Sunday.

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The Poes were engaged in farming in northwest Missouri until they moved to Stanberry from Craig, Mo., in 1940. He had been in semi-retirement since then.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: James Edward Porter
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, November 17, 1966, Front page: Rites Today For J. E. (Ed) Porter: Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, at the Brooks-Cochell Mortuary at Albany for James Edward (Ed) Porter, 82, a long time Gentry, Mo., resident, who was taken by death Tuesday at the Gentry County Memorial hospital at Albany following in a long illness.

The rites will be conducted by the Rev. Howard Judah and burial will be in the High Ridge cemetery here.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Jackson Wisdom of Stanberry, with whom he had lived recently; two sons, Clifton Porter and Leon Porter, both of Gentry, and a brother, Dale Porter, also of Gentry.

Mr. Porter was preceded in death last September 15 by his wife, Mrs. Callie May Porter. An obituary will appear in the next issue of The Headlight.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Edna H. (Martin) Pratt
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, January 24, 2005:
Edna H. (Martin) Pratt, 94, Stanberry, died June 16, 2005, at a Savannah nursing home.

She was born Sept. 28, 1910 on Empire Prairie, west of King City; the daughter of Thomas E. and Ethel (Pierce) Martin.

On Aug. 10, 1945 she was united in marriage to Wm. Kenneth Pratt. He preceded her in death on April 19, 2004. She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Pearl Hathway, Ellen Martin and Mertle Gillett; and a great-granddaughter, Victoria Rose Summa.

Survivors include a son, Milton Pratt and a daughter, Rita Wright, both of Stanberry; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Pratt was a member of the First Christian Church at Stanberry, where she taught Sunday School. She was also a member of Hunter Chapter #238, Order of the Eastern Star, at Stanberry.

Funeral services were held June 18 at the First Christian Church in Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be given to Hunter Chapter #238, Order of the Eastern Star.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Marvin M. Pratt
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Burial in Grandview Cemetery.
The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, July 26, 1945:

Marvin M. Pratt, 73 years old, well known retired farmer of Albany, died last Saturday afternoon at his home there. Mr. Pratt suffered a stroke early that morning and remained in serious condition through the day. A second stroke late in the afternoon proved fatal. He was a brother of

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Mrs. J. G. Connolly, of Stanberry.

Mr. Pratt is survived by his wife and three children, who are: Mrs. Ward Hatheway, of Topeka, Kan., Mrs. R. G. Reid, of St. Joseph, and Donald Pratt, who is serving in the Army in New Guinea. Besides the sister, there are two brothers, Wa?? Pratt, of St. Joseph, and H. L. Pratt of Buffalo, Wyo. There are two granddaughters and a wide circle of friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Brooks funeral home in Albany, conducted by the Rev. W. W. Long, pastor of the Methodist church at Albany. Interment was in the Grandview cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: William Kenneth Pratt
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, April 23, 2004:
William Kenneth Pratt, 81, Stanberry, died April 19, 2004, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Born July 5, 1922, in Gentry County, he was the son of Nolan and Helen (Boner) Pratt.

Mr. Pratt was a World War II Army veteran. He worked as a bulldozer operator.

He was a member and elder of the Stanberry First Christian Church; a member of Hunter Chapter #238 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge #109, A.F.&A.M. and Raymond Sager American Legion Post #260, all of Stanberry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Eugene Pratt and a great-granddaughter, Victoria Rose Summa.

On Aug. 10, 1945, he was united in marriage to Edna Martin. She survives of the home.

Additional survivors include a son, Milton Pratt, Stanberry; a daughter, Rita Wright, Stanberry; brother, George Pratt, Stanberry; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and three nephews.

Funeral services were held on April 22 at the First Christian Church, Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society, in care of Roberson-Polley Chapel, P.O. Box 153, Stanberry, MO. 64489, who were in charge of arrangements.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Agnes C. "Tot" Rainey
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, March 28, 1968, front page:
Mrs. Frank Rainey Taken by Death: Final rites were held Saturday morning in St. Peter's Catholic church here for Mrs. Agnes (Tottie) Rainey, 70, who was taken by death last Wednesday at the Gentry County Memorial hospital in Albany.

The requiem mass was conducted by the rev. Father Roger Blais and interment was in High Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Frank L. Rainey, of the home in Stanberry; a daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, Denver, Colo., and four sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Sorrell, of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mrs. Beatrice Martin, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Alice Robertson and Mrs. Ruth Burbee, both of Niangua, Mo.

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Mrs. Rainey, daughter of the late Frederick H. and Gertrude G. Hays Roettger, was born April 1, 1897, in Council Bluffs, Ia. She and Mr. Rainey were united in marriage November 28, 1917, in Des Moines, Ia.

Most of their married life was spent in this community, where both have many, many friends. Mrs. Rainey was an active member of St. Peter's Catholic church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Hattie Bessie Rainey
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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, February 21, 1957:

Rites for Mrs. Hattie Rainey:

Final services were held last Friday afternoon at the Stanberry Baptist church for Mrs. Hattie Bessie Rainey, 87, who was taken by death last Wednesday afternoon at her home in Stanberry.

The rites were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. R. T. Ware, and burial was in the High Ridge cemetery, under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary, Stanberry.

Survivors of the life-long resident of Gentry county include four daughters, Mrs. Inez Nance, King City; Mrs. Helen Cunningham and Mrs. Edna Reed, both of Kansas City, and Mrs. Edith Malson, Stanberry; two sons, Jesse Sorenson, Imogene, Ia., and Fred Sorenson, Kansas City; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rainey, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tyre Eads, was born July 9, 1882, in Gentry county. She and Louis Sorenson of Stanberry were married Mar. 1, 1900. He preceded her in death in May, 1932.

Mrs. Sorenson and Horace B. Rainey were married in February, 1947, and Mr. Rainey was taken by death in December, 1955.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Seth Thomas Redmond
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The Tri-County News, Friday, September 29, 2000:

Seth Thomas Redmond, 88, Stanberry, died Sept. 25, 2000, at a health-care center in Stanberry.

Mr. Redmond and his wife, Golda, owned and operated a lunch counter and a grocery store in Stanberry until retiring in 1975.

Born in Stanberry on May 8, 1912, he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry.

On Jan. 25, 1932, he married Golda Dollars, She is deceased.

Mr. Redmond also was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorma L. Thomas; his parents, Albert and Nora Redmond; seven brothers and sisters and a great-grandchild.

Survivors include a grandson, Richard Thomas, Evansville, IL.; a granddaughter, Cathy Scott, Waterloo, IL.; a son-in-law, Clarence Thomas, Stanberry; four great-granddaughters and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at First Baptist Church on Sept. 21 and burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, both in Stanberry. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Isadore (Keller) Reece

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, November 24, 1955:
Final Rites for Mrs. Otha Reece: Final services were held last Friday afternoon in the Stanberry Christian church for Mrs. Otha J. Reece of Kansas City, a former Stanberry resident, who was taken by death at the General hospital in Kansas City early last Wednesday morning.

The rites were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. O. Glenn Crosby, and burial was in the High Ridge cemetery, under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary, Stanberry.

Mrs. Reece had been in ill health since June, 1954, and her condition was considered serious for 10 days preceding her death. A native Stanberryan, Miss Isadore Keller was born Feb. 19, 1892. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Keller. She and Mr. Reece, who survives, were married in Stanberry on Dec. 25, 1911.

Eleven Children: Other survivors include 11 children, Mrs. Ben Boley and Mrs. Emory Spangler, both of Stanberry; Willis H. Reece, St. Joseph; Odell E. Reece, Virgil M. Reece, M. Clayton Reece and Vernon Reece, all of Kansas City; Mrs. Wilton Danner, McFall; Martin Reece, Los Angeles, Calif.; Robert Reece, with the Armed forces in Atlanta, Ga.; and Mrs. Herbert Boley, Kansas City; two brothers, H. S. Keller, Jr., Kansas City, and George Keller, Santa Rosa, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. C. S. Plomberg, Kansas City, and Mrs. E. M. Clark, Huntington Beach, Calif.; and 19 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mabelle Fontelle (Dollars) Reece
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, May 2, 2003:
Mabelle Fontelle (Dollars) Reece, died April 18, 2003, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Born in Gentry County on May 28, 1914; the daughter of Harve and Therena (Jones) Dollars, she lived most of her life in and around the Stanberry area.

Mrs. Reece graduated eighth grade from the Star School, west of Stanberry. She later worked for Voght's Poultry until her marriage to Ira Thomas Reece on Dec. 24, 1933 at the Baptist Church parsonage in Stanberry. She remained a member of the First Baptist Church her entire life. She was also an active member of Hunter Chapter, 238, Order of the Eastern Star, as long as her health permitted.

From 1946 - 49, Mr. and Mrs. Reece owned the Sinclair Station in Stanberry. In 1949, they bought the Skelly Truck Stop along with her sister and brother-in-law, Lela and Billy Groomer.

After selling the business in 1962, Mr. and Mrs. Reece owned Reece's Cafe, on the east side of the square in Stanberry until 1979, when she retired. Following retirement, she worked for the Green Thumb program at the Gentry County Library for several years.

Mrs. Reece was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donnie Ray Reece; her husband, Ira Thomas Reece; three sisters, Golda Redmond, Elsie Ashford and Velma Dorothy Wolverton and two brothers, Hubert (Lefty) Dollars and Emory (Airtight) Dollars.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Iris and Earl Cummings, Pensacola, FL.; Therena and Jerry Smith, Yale, OK., Orakay and Robert Redmond, Stanberry; 15 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lela Groomer, Stanberry and Janie Kossieck, Bullhead City, AZ.; two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, nieces and nephews.

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Funeral services were held on April 22 at First Baptist Church with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Otha James Reece
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, November 7, 1968, front page: Otha James Reece Taken by Death: Final services were held last Saturday afternoon at the Stanberry Christian church for Otha James Reece, 79, a former Stanberry resident, who died last Wednesday at his home in Kansas City, Mo.

The rites were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Donald tiller, and burial was in the high Ridge cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Katherine Reece, of the home. Four daughters and seven sons also survive him. They are: Mrs. Olive Boley and Mrs. Berniece Boley, of Kansas City, Mrs. Sarah Ross and Mrs. Betty Spangler, both of Stanberry.

Willis Reece of St. Joseph, O'Dell Reece of Kansas City, Kan., Virgil Reece, Marvin Reece, Vernon Reece and Martin Reece, all of Kansas City, Mo., and Robert Reece of Kansas City, Kan.

Mr. Reece also is survived by a step-daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Baxter of Castro Valley, Calif., a step-son, Lyle Davis, of Big Pine, Calif., and by 28 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

Mr. Reece, son of the late Woodford Harrison and Sarah Lavina Hardin Reece, was born September 11, 1889, at Stanberry. He and the former Miss Isadora Keller were united in marriage on December 25, 1912. Mr. Reece retired from farming 28 years ago and he and his family moved from this community to Kansas City. Mrs. Reece preceded him in death on November 16, 1955.

He and the former Mrs. Katherine Davis were united in marriage in 1967.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Gladys Gillispie Reeder
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The Tri-County News, May 6, 1994:

Gladys Gillispie Reeder, 105, Bloomington, Ill., formerly of Stnaberry, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1994, at a Bloomington health-care center.

A native of Cushing, Iowa, Mrs. Reeder lived at Stanberry for 11 years. She also resided in Fort Scott and Topeka, Kan., and in Arkansas.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Christian and Methodist churches.

She married Grant Gillispie at Stanberry in 1904. He died in 1948. She married Ellis Reeder in 1951. He died in 1963.

Mrs. Reeder also was preceded in death by a daughter, Geneva (Gillispie) Latter; and a son, Cleve Gillispie.

Surviving are a daughter, Opal (Gillispie) Sutherland, Bloomington; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

A private family memorial service was held May 2 at High Ridge Cemetery,

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Stanberry. The body was cremated and the ashes buried.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Raymond Lloyd Reynolds, Sr.

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, November 14, 2003:

Raymond Lloyd Reynolds, Sr., 90, Stanberry, died Nov. 9, 2003, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Born Aug. 15, 1913, in Amity; he was the son of Napoleon Bonaparte and Myrtle (Burke) Reynolds. Raymond was raised in DeKalb County area; moving to Stanberry on Oct. 10, 1932 and living in the area for the rest of his life.

Mr. Reynolds worked as a farm hand and farmer; gas station operator and general laborer for the Big 4 Hardware Co., before starting his own plumbing business. He was a member of the Stanberry First Christian Church and enjoyed camping, fishing and woodworking.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Beryl, Ivan, Alvie and Marvin Reynolds; sisters, Lola Steiner, Lila Stevenson, Elizabeth Tiffany and granddaughters, Mary Gayla and Carla Slagle.

On March 2, 1936 he was united in marriage to Goldie Pauline Lewis in Amity. She survives at the home. Other survivors include a daughter, Imogene Slagle and husband, Roy, Gladstone; a son, Raymond Lloyd Reynolds, Jr. and wife, Marjorie, Corning, IA.; five grandchildren; brother-in-law, Jess Stevenson, Lakeport, CA.; Levain Lewis and wife Twilla, Cosby; sister-in-law, Maxine Francis and husband, Roland, Stewartsville.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 12 at Roberson-Polley Chapel with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stanberry First Christian Church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Marjorie L. Rice

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The Albany Ledger, Wednesday, July 26, 2000:

Marjorie L. Rice, 77, died July 18, 2000, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Born May 10, 1923, at Gentry, she was a homemaker, and a lifelong resident of Gentry and Worth Counties.

She attended Grant City schools, the Grant City Christian Church and the Gentry Baptist Church, and was a member of the Gentry County Bowling Association, and formerly served on the board of the Opportunity Workshop of Gentry County, of which she was former vice-president.

In 1954 she married Carl D. Rice. He preceded her in death in 1989.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter, Annette Lind; three brothers Calvin, Ralph Jr. and Max Pickering; and two grandchildren.

Surviving is a son, Bill Harris, Grant City; a stepson, Bob Rice, Stewartsville; a daughter, Marjorie L. Anderson, Albany; a sister, Bonnie Baldwin, Ravenwood; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were July 22, 2000, with burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Cynthia Moore Robbins

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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1911, front page: Cynthia Moore was born in Canada Oct. 27th, 1839, and died at her home in Stanberry, Mo., Sept. 1, 1911. She was the oldest of a family of fifteen children, eight of whom are still living.

She was married to Thomas Robbins on her twentieth birthday and for almost fifty-two years she has been a fulfillment to him of Prov. 19:14, "A prudent wife is from the Lord."

She was converted and united with the U. B. church in Canada before she was married, afterwards coming to the Methodist Episcopal church and continuing one of the many faithful members of this organization while she lived. She was possessed of a most beautiful Christian character, faithful, patient, kind, true, always true to the very highest ideals of the Christ life. For more than thirty years Thomas and Cynthia Robbins have lived so consistently that men of no creed, as well as those of every creed, have been compelled to admit that surely "They had been with Christ and learned of him." She was not afraid to live right, hence she was not afraid at death, almost joyfully she entered the open door that released her frail body from its suffering and pain. "What will become of Thomas?" was the last care she had and almost her last thought.

She had no children of her own, but the early death of her parents left her to be a mother as well as a sister to some of the family.

She leaves a sorrowing husband, four brothers, viz: Martin Moore, living in Pennsylvania; John B. Moore, of Canada; S. B. Moore, Beatrice, Neb.; George Moore, Sioux City, Ia.; four sisters, viz: Mrs. Elizabeth Tiberghien and Mrs. W. G. Brown, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Ada Mulligan, Brunswick, Mo.; Mrs. Maggie Gregg, Moberly, Mo.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Chas. H. Brott, at the new Methodist church, Sunday, 2:30 p. m., and her body was laid to rest in High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mrs. Albert T. Robertson

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, November 5, 1953:
McFall Cemetery, McFall, MO.:

Final services were held yesterday afternoon at the First Baptist church in Albany for Mrs. Albert T. Robertson, who was taken by death at her home at 8 o'clock Monday night.

Rites were conducted by the Rev. Howard Judah, Savannah, former pastor of the Albany church, and the Rev. W. N. Thoralkson, present pastor. Burial was in the McFall cemetery.

Mrs. Robertson, wife of the widely-known county auctioneer, suffered a heart attack Sept. 22, but was showing improvement after being released recently from a St. Joseph hospital.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, A. J. Robertson, Allendale, and George Robertson, Gentry; her father, J. L. Justice, Albany; a sister, Mrs. Bonnie Gibbany, Compton, Cal.; two brothers, Herschel Justice, McFall, and Harry Justice, St. Joseph, and four grandchildren.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Homer Elvis Robertson

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The Stanberry Headlight; Thursday, January 31, 1985:

Homer Elvis Robertson, age 86 years and 24 days, passed away Saturday, January 26, 1985 at the Bethany Health Care Center in Bethany, Missouri.

He was born January 2, 1899 in Gentry County, Missouri. The son of the late William Clarence and Myrtle Eliza Powers Robertson. On May 2, 1944 he was united in marriage to Maude Mae Bentley at Atchison, Kan.

He had worked for the Homan Implement Company and the Lykins International Harvester Company both of Albany. He was also a retired Light Plant Engineer, for the Albany Light Plant.

He had lived in Gentry County Missouri all his life and had lived in Alanthus since 1962 and was a member of the Church of Christ in Alanthus Grove.

He was preceded in death by his wife Maude in April of 1980.

Survivors include his son, Homer Robertson, Jr., Ozark, Alabama; one brother Ralph Robertson, Vancouver, Wash., four grandchildren and one nephew George Graham and a host of friends and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Tuesday January 29, 1985 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Stanberry. The Rev. Merle Yeager officiating.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Tasha Rachelle (Kerwin) Roberts

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Tasha R. Roberts 1972 - 2004:

Dearborn, Mo. - Tasha Rachelle (Kerwin) Roberts, 32, of Dearborn, formerly of Stanberry, Mo., passed away Saturday, July 10, 2004, at a Kansas City, Mo. hospital after a three-year battle of Leukemia.

Born June 19, 1972 in Albany, Mo., she was the daughter of Gary and Raylene (Messner) Kerwin.

On Sept. 11, 1999, she was united in marriage to Troy L. Roberts. He survives of the home.

Additional survivors are her parents, Gary and Raylene Kerwin, Ravenwood, MO.; brother, Trent and his wife, Linda and niece, Nicole Kerwin, Holt, Mo.; maternal grandparents, Raymond and Hazel Messner, Parnell, Mo.; paternal grandparents, Fred and Thelma Kerwin, Parnell; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Roy and Irene Walker, St. Joseph; father-in-law, Ron Roberts, Hollister, Mo.; grandmother-in-law, Datha Roberts, Savannah, Mo.; brother-in-law, Gregg and Myrna Roberts, St. Joseph; nieces and nephews, Lindsey and Houston Roberts, St. Joseph; loving pets, Butchie, Susie and Missy; and many friends.

Tasha worked as a hair stylist at the salon on the plaza in Kansas City. She was a member of the St. Peters Catholic Church of Stanberry.

Mass of Christian Burial: 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Stanberry. A prayer service will be held at 7 tonight at the church, with visitation to follow. Friends may call anytime after 2 p.m. today, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel,

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Stanberry. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial Contributions: Cancer Action of Kansas City, Mo.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Gilbert Rodgers
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Owl-Headlight, Stanberry, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, Apr. 12, 1917:
The funeral of Gilbert Rodgers was held at the home of his son, G. T. Rodgers, in this city, on Monday afternoon, April 9th, conducted by Elds. Mentzer and Dugger. Mr. Rodgers was 83 years, 6 months and 16 days of age. He was known throuhout this county, having lived in and around our community for many years. The many friends of the relatives extend to them their sympathy in their sad bereavement.
(burial in High Ridge Cemetery)

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Gladys Marie Rodgers
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The Tri-County News, Friday, October 9, 1992, page 14:
Gladys Marie Rodgers, 77, of Macon and formerly of Stanberry, died Sept. 23, 1992 at a hospital in Columbia.

Mrs. Rodgers was born near King City and attended school in the Empire and King City areas. She was a graduate of Casters Beauty Academy in St. Joseph.

She was a member of the Church of God in Stanberry and Westport Rebekah Lodge #316 of Kansas City.

In 1931 she married Burton Rodgers. He survives at the home. Mrs. Rodgers was preceded in death by a grandson, Ryan Wid Smith and two sisters, Strausie May and Mary York. Additional survivors include a son, Jim Rodgers of Corsicana, Tex.; a daughter, Kathleen Smith of Jacksonville, Mo.; a brother, Clayton Bonham of King City; two sisters, Rosa Lee Peyton of Albany, Ohio and Genevieve Pettry of King City; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial were held in Stanberry on Sept. 25. (NOTE: High Ridge Cemetery)

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Albert Lee Ross, Sr.
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The Tri-County News, Friday, November 10, 2000:
Albert Lee Ross, Sr., 70, Stanberry, died Nov. 2, 2000, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Mr. Ross was born in 1930 and attended Gentry County schools. He was a carpenter.

Mr. Ross served in the Army during the Korean War from 1951 to 1956. He was a member of the American Legion Post in Stanberry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charley Thomas and Thelma Ross; a brother, Frank Ross and a half-brother, Clifford Redmond.

Survivors include a daughter, Lora L. Ross, St. Joseph; a son, Albert L. Ross, Jr., Wathena, KS.; two step-daughters, Rose A. Hughes and Sandra Parham, both of St. Joseph; a step-son, Larry Collings, St. Joseph; two brothers, Andy Ross and Dwayne Ross, both of Stanberry; two sisters, Ala Mann, Stanberry and Dorothy Carty, Greenville, TX.; three grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

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Funeral services were held on Nov. 4 at the Johnson Funeral Home with burial in High Ridge cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Anna Rowe

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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, May 23, 1911:

Death of Mrs. Anna Rowe: Mrs. Anna Rowe died Sunday, May 14, in Denver, Colo., and the body arrived here Monday evening for burial. The funeral was held Wednesday morning from the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Houston, conducted by Revs. H. P. Tandy and J. N. Darnell. Burial at High Ridge.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: August Johnnas Sager

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, January 30, 2004:

August J. Sager, 89, Stanberry, died Jan. 20, 2004, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

Mr. Sager was born May 16, 1914, in Stanberry; the son of Elmer and Dora (Knoephel) Sager. He spent most of his life working as a mechanic and farmer.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge #109 A.F.&A.M., both of Stanberry.

Mr. Sager was united in marriage to Helen Minkner on May 15, 1937. She preceded him in death on Feb. 25, 1991. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Fern Sager; brothers, Floyd, Ralph and Robert Sager.

Survivors include daughters, Betty Baker, St. Joseph; Judy Cummings and husband, Richard, Kansas City; Linda Steinhauser and husband, Robert, N. Little Rock, AR.; sisters, Goldie Phillips and Evelyn Newby, Stanberry and Vivian Gamblin, Wichita, KS.; brothers, Cleo Sager, Stanberry; Melvin Sager, Lee's Summit; grandchildren, Dianne Manville, Bryon Law, David Cummings, Lisa Knox, Lori Snider, Douglas Steinhauser and amber Ellis; great-grandchildren, Nathan Manville, Amanda and Meagan Law, Jaimie Knox, Nicole and Joseph Cummings, Clark, Audrey and Phillip Snider.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 24 at the Stanberry United Methodist Church with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the Stanberry United Methodist Church or the Stanberry Nutrition Site. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Cleo D. Sager

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The Tri-County News, Friday, May 20, 2005, page 19:

Cleo D. Sager, 88, Stanberry, died May 12, 2005 at Pine View Manor, Stanberry.

He was born May 21, 1916 in Stanberry; the son of Elmer D. and Dora (Knoephel) Sager.

As a young man, Mr. Sager, worked as a trucker and later as a mechanic.

He entered the U. S. Navy in 1942 and served until the end of World War II in the Pacific Theater. He was a motor machinist, achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Upon being discharged from the Navy, he operated Sager Bro. Garage, with his brother, August Sager, until 1948.

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At that time, he and his wife, Maxine, started farming, southeast of Stanberry, where they raised their two sons. They resided there until 1984 when they moved to Stanberry, while he still took an active interest in the farming.

Mr. Sager served several years on the Board of Directors of the Consumers Oil Co. of Maryville and devoted many years as a trustee of the Stanberry United Methodist Church, where he had been a member for 54 years.

Mr. Sager was united in marriage to Maxine Kerns on Dec. 27, 1944 in Troy, KS. They were married 53 years, when she died on June 25, 1997. He was also preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert, Ralph, Loyd and August, and a sister, Fern.

Survivors include two sons, Milton (Janet) Sager and Mike (Paula) Sager, both of Stanberry; five grandchildren, Julie (Pat) Neuhalfen, Winterset, IA.; Rob (Marci) Sager, Stanberry; Emily and Carrie Sager, both of Des Moines, IA.; Stuart Sager, Stanberry; four great-grandchildre, Madilyn and Collin Sager and Matthew and Luke Neuhalfen; a brother, Melvin Sager, Lee's Summit; sister, Goldie Phillips and Evelyn Newby, both of Stanberry and Vivian Gamblin, Wichita, KS.

Funeral services were held on May 16 at the Stanberry United Methodist Church. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be given to the Stanberry United Methodist Church. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: William Owen Sager
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The Stanberry Headlight; Thursday, January 31, 1985:
William Owen Sager age 61 years, three months and 11 days passed away Saturday, January 25, 1985 at the Veterans Hospital in Leavenworth, Kansas. He was a veteran of the Untied States Army, serving his country in World War II.

He was born October 14, 1923 at Omaha, Neb. He was a life long resident of Stanberry, where he lived on the farm. Bill was retired from the Wabash Railroad.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mrs. Edna J. McCrary Sager in June of 1980.

His survivors include his father, Artie Sager; one sister, Janice Barber and one brother, Larry Sager, all of Stanberry, Missouri.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 28, 1985 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Stanberry. The Rev. Dick Lionberger officiating.

Burial High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, MO.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Archie Salsbury
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The Albany Ledger, Wednesday, December 1, 2004:
Archie Salsbury, 89 of Stanberry passed away Thursday, November 25, 2004 at a Stanberry nursing home.

Archie was born June 1, 1915 in Elbert County, Colorado. He was the son of Albert A. and Nora Alice (Orcutt) Salsbury. They receded him in death. He was also preceded in death by 4 brothers and 1 sister.

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Archie was a farmer before retiring. On July 18, 1941 he was united in marriage to Ruth McCarthy. She survives of the home. He is also survived by a sister, Goldie Harman, Savannah, MO.; and several Nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 29 at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ben Scarbrough

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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, February 14, 1911:

Farmer Commits Suicide: Community Shocked at Awful Tragedy Saturday:

The people of Stanberry and community were shocked when they heard that Ben Scarbrough, a farmer west of town, had committed suicide at an early hour Saturday morning. He was no doubt laboring uner a fit of temporary despondency over some real or fancied trouble. He got up to build a fire and taking a gun he placed the muzzle against his adbomen and pulled the trigger. The entire load of shot passed through his body, making a gaping wound. He lived some time after he committed the deed and was rational, talking to his neighbors, who were summoned by the cries of the family. His funeral occurred Monday morning the burial being at High Ridge. The family have the sympathy of all in this sad affair.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Wanda Fern Scott

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The Albany Ledger, Wednesday, October 10, 2001:

Wanda Fern Scott, 73, died October 3, 2001, at a St. Joseph hospital.

The daughter of the late Lee Merle and Maggie Ellen (Yount) Graham, she was born July 11, 1928 in Gentry County.

She was a homemaker.

On August 2, 1945, she married Robert Clair Scott. He preceded her in death.

Survivors: Two daughters, Roberta McDaniel, Rosendale, and Rhonda Soden, Savannah; two brothers, George Graham, Liberty, and Marvin Graham, Stanberry; two sisters, Vonceil Gillespie, St. Joseph, and Thelma Maxine Weatherd, Darlington; one granddaughter; and one grandson.

Funeral services were October 6, 2001, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, with burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Troy Earnest Searcy

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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, May 25, 1994, Page12:

Weatherby ... Troy Earnest Searcy, 75, Weatherby, died May 15, 1994, at his home.

He was born Apr. 28, 1919, at Santa Rose. He was retired from heavy construction. Mr. Searcy was a member of Center Point Church, Santa Rose.

He is survived by his wife, the former Genevieve Mikes, of the home; a son, Lanny Searcy, Cameron; a daughter, Janice Hardin, Albany; a sister, Dorothy Anderson, Blue Springs; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Private family services were held under the direction of Roberson-Polley Funeral Home, Pattonsburg.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ernest Everett Sego
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The Tri-County News, Friday, April 15, 2005:
Ernest Everett Sego, 101, Stanberry, formerly of Kansas City, died April 9, 2005 at Northwest Medical Center in Albany.

He was born April 12, 1903 in Denver, MO.; the son of Thomas Jefferson and Clydia Mae (Wilson) Sego.

Mr. Sego was a mail carrier in Kansas City until retirement. Following his wife's death, he moved to Stanberry to be near his sister, Margie Sego Sager.

He has been a resident at Pine View Manor for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Sarah Olive Sego, in 1969; a step-daughter, Stella McDaniel; two sisters, Helen Grantham and Margie Sager; three brothers, Otis Ray and T. J. Sego.

Graveside services were held on April 12 at High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Marilyn J. Shanks
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, July 25, 2003:
Marilyn J. Shanks, 72, Stanberry, died July 20, 2003, at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

She was born Nov. 19, 1930, in Anderson, IN.; the daughter of Robert and Ida (Pascel) Hatt.

A high school graduate, she later graduated from beauty school and worked as a hair dresser.

In 1962, she married Fred "Fritz" Shanks. He survives at the home.

Additional survivors include children, Joyce Jones, Oklahoma City, OK.; Sue Price, King City; Joe Shanks, Frnaklin, TN.; Danny Shanks, Summerville, SC.; Fred Shanks, Paisley, FL.; a brother, Frances Swaim, Anderson, IN.; 11 grandchildren; nine great-granchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Larry Hatt.

Funeral services were held on July 23 at the Johnson Funeral Home, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Francis M. Shaw
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The Stanberry Herald 5th April 1923:
Francis M. Shaw born 27 January 1844 in IN. died 4 April 1923 in Stanberry at the age of 79 years 2 months & 7 days.

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Married 4 March 1867 to Miss Marietta Reed and were the parents of 6 children. Marietta died 19 January 1911 and Francis married Mahalia Johnson 8 November 1913.

An orphan from the age of 9, made his way in the world, joined the Union Army in June 1861 and captured to spend most of 17 months in Andersonville prison.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mary Etta Shaw

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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, January 24, 1911:

Mary Etta Reed was born in Clark county, IL., Oct. 1, 1849, and departed this life Jan. 19, 1911, being 61 years, 3 months and 18 days old.

She was married to F. M. Shaw March 4, 1867, at Terre Haute, Ind. To this union 6 children were born, 5 of whom survive, viz: Wm. F. and Chas. B., of Eskridge, Kans.; J. L. N., of Warsaw, Mo.; W. W. of Platte City, Mo.; Mrs. Jessie Butler, of this city.

Mrs. Shaw came with her husband to this state and county 35 years ago and they have resided near Stanberry all this time.

She united with the United Brethren church about 1877. After they moved to Stanberry she united with the Methodist Episcopal church December, 1894, and has remained a faithful worker in the church until her death. She seldom missed a service and was a faithful member of the Working Band - an organization of this church distinguished for its faithful and efficient service to the cause of Christianity in the community. Her death will make a vacancy in this body that cannot be filled.

She was never strong, but always hopeful. Some two weeks before her death she requested her daughter to write to the boys, as she loved to call her children, though they are men now, and say to them, that she was sick, there was little hope of her ever being better and that she would like to see them once before she died. Thus early she realized that the end was near, but never by word, thought or deed did she show any fear. Her faith was triumphant. To her friends she said repeatedly, "If I do not get well I am sure to plant my feet on higher ground." To me she said, "I am not afraid to die and I am going as straight to heaven as one can go." Her concern was for her unsaved friends, always enquiring if certain ones in whom she was interested were at church the evening before my visits and especially her own boys, her constant prayer was for them. Boys, if you ever see your mother again you will see her in heaven and if you do not heed her prayers you will never see her. God help you.

She leaves a devoted husband, five children, a number of grandchildren and a host of friends to wait awhile for the meeting over there.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor from the New Methodist church Sunday, Jan 23rd. Interment in High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Perry Francis Sherry

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The Tri-County News, Friday,

Perry Francis Sherry, 85, Stanberry, died Oct. 25, 2000, at LaVerna Village in Savannah.

He was born Sept. 15, 1915, at Stanberry and had resided there most of his life. Mr. Sherry was a 1933 graduate of Stanberry high school and was a farmer.

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He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Sherry was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Disabled American Veterans and was a former member of the Raymond Sager American Legion Post.

Mr. Sherry was preceded in death by his parents, Perry A. and Mary S. (Baringer) Sherry and two sisters, Vandora Farmer and Phylis Haynes.

Survivors include a brother, Charles E. Sherry, Stanberry and two sisters, Edna Curry, Stanberry and Ruby Schuster, St. Joseph.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 28 at the United Methodist Church, Stanberry, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Pearl Shidler

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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 14, 2000, page 12:

Pearl Shidler, 98, Ford City, died July 9, 2000, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Mrs. Shidler was born April 23, 1902, east of Ford City, and had lived in that area all her life. She was a homemaker and member of the former Maple Grove Baptist Church, east of Ford City, where she was a Sunday School teacher and member of the Women's Missionary Union.

On April 16, 1924, near Ford City, she married Sanford G. Shidler, he preceded her in death March 27, 1985. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Alva and Mary Jane Boley Mann and three brothers, Wayne, Clifford and Dale Mann.

Survivors include four nieces, Dolores Kline, St. Joseph; Charlene Daniels, Muscatine, IA.; Mary Ann Reifschneider, Wichita, KS., and Dixie Brown, Independence; two nephews, Don Mann, Independence and Verlin Mann, Dearborn.

Funeral services were held on July 12 at the Gibson Funeral Home in King City, conducted by Rev. Doyle Sager. Music was provided by Betty Jo Howitt, organist and Sharon Grace vocalist. Pallbearers were Don Mann, Eric Mann, Dana Mann, Verlin Mann, Tony Stonebarger and Eldon Francis. Honorary pallbearer was Bob Daniels. Burial was in the Ford City cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donors choice, in care of Gibson Funeral Home, P. O. Box 552, King City, MO.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Barney Shisler

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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1911:

Barney Shisler was born Feb. 25, 1894, near Stanberry. He was sick with Typhoid fever for nearly a month. Finally the fever proved too severe for Barney, and on Nov. 9, 1911, his spirit returned to God who gave it. Barney was 17 years, 8 months and 11 days old. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Shisler and by his six brothers - Oria, Sherman, Troy, Alex, Raymond and Granville.

The funeral was held Sunday, Nov. 12, at 3 p. m., at the First Christian church, conducted by Rev. A. W. Luce. The church was filled with a large and sympathetic audience of kind friends, who had known and loved Barney Shisler. Barney was a boy of lovable disposition, affectionate and obedient to his parents, kind and considerate of his many friends.

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At such a time, when on is in a home where there is a vacant chair; where the soul is dumb and we are in the presence of a great affliction, = then we rest upon the promises of Jesus, "I an the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live."

"The air is full of farewells to the dying,
And mournings for the dead;
The heart of Rachel, for her children crying,
Will not be comforted.

"Let us be patient. Those severe afflictions
Not from the ground arise;
But oftentimes celestial benedictions
Assume this dark disguise.

"In that great cloister's pure and holy stillness,
By guardian angels led;
Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution,
He lives whom we call dead."

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Martha Jane Shisler

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The Stanberry Headlight; Stanberry Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, December 21, 1950;
front page:

Monday Rites for Pioneer Woman:

Mrs. Martha Jane Shisler Dies at Age of 90; Was Long-Time Resident Here:

Mrs. Martha Jane Shisler, 90, a resident of Stanberry for most of her life, died at 1:35 o'clock last Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Idol, at Meeker, Colo., where she had made her home for about five years. She had been in failing health for some time. The body was returned to Stanberry Saturday night and funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Christian church here, conducted by the Rev. Charles R. Hagee, pastor. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Mrs. Shisler was the widow of Obediah Shisler, a Stanberry alderman for many of his 43 years residence here. she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stephenson, and was born May 19, 1860, on a farm northeast of Stanberry. She was married to Mr. Shisler on Dec. 2, 1880. His death occurred here April 7, 1943.

In 1885 she and her husband followed the lure of the west and joined the then prominate migration from this section to Nebraska. They settled near Chadron, where they homesteaded a claim and farmed two others for four years. In 1889, they returned to Stanberry, where she made her home until failing health forced her to go to the home of her daughter for the extra care she required.

She had been a member of the Christian church here for many years and during her long residence in Stanberry, made many friends.

Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Idol, at whose home she died, and Mrs. Susan Taylor, also of Meeker; two sons, Roy Shisler, Meeker, and J. E. Shisler, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Nelle Ann O'Neale Shisler

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The Stanberry Headlight; Thursday, January 31, 1985:

Nelle Ann O'Neale Shisler, 94, died Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Indian Hills Health Care Center in Cameron, Mo., where she had been a resident since September of 1984.

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She was the daughter of the late Charles and Hattie Simpson O'Neale, born September 26, 1890 near King city, Mo. She grew up in the Island City community and moved with her family to Stanberry in the early 1900's. In 1907 she became a member of the First Christian Church in Stanberry.

Nelle was united in marriage to Charles Roy Shisler March 8, 1914 at Maryville, Mo. They resided in Stanberry until May of 1939, when they moved to Meeker, Colo. They made their home in Colorado for 15 years before returning to Stanberry in 1954.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one sister, Mrs. Gertie Gillett.

Her survivors include several nieces and nephews, one of whom, Eugene Gillett of Gladstone, Mo., has faithfully attended to her care during the several years that she has been confined to nursing homes; cousins, a sister-in-law, and a host of friends and loved ones.

Funeral Services were held Friday, Jan. 25 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Stanberry, the Rev. Russell Evans officiating. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery at Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: J. Frank Shoemaker
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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, January 10, 1911:
A Sad Death: Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, the home of Brother and Sister Shoemaker in North Stanberry was stricken with deepest sorrow by the sad intelligence that their second son, J. Frank, had been killed at Shawnee, Okla.

Frank had come from Wyoming a few days before his death to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Durand, in Oklahoma City, and had left their home only a few hours before with the intention of returning in a few days and remaining in Oklahoma City permanently.

It seems that at Shawnee the dispatchers' office is just near the depot and the station is called before the train slows down for this office. Frank, as nearly all passengers do, thought it was the depot, and started to get off, reached the platform, when the train gave a lurch. The outside door was unfastened and he was thrown through the door to the platform and drawn under the train and one limb was almost severed from his body and the fingers cut from one hand. Some delay occurred before he was taken to the hospital and the loss of blood made his recovery impossible. He died on the operating table two hours later, where every effort was being made to save his life.

J. Frank Shoemaker was born near Stanberry, Aug. 9th, 1878, and was educated in the Albany High school and for a while attended one of the colleges at the same place. He had united with the church at twelve years of age and was a boy of unusual intelligence, kind and devoted in his home life. He enlisted in the army Jan. 16th, 1899, and served three years, first going to Porto Rico and then to the Philippines. A well read and intelligent man in this community said to me that Frank gave him the best description of the Philippines that he had ever heard.

After thorough investigation it has been found that the reports of his death as received here were false in every particular. We are assured that death came to him as it would have come to anyone else, as the above remarks show. Those who attended him were impressed that he was well educated and well raised, giving their testimony freely, also that he displayed a courage through it all such as is seldom seen.

Frank, as he admitted to his aunt, had become somewhat wild, but he realized that he had made a mistake and was going to change, and in his last letter to his mother written the

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night before he was killed, he had promised her that he intended to lead a different life.

Dec. 29th, 1910, at the early age of 32 years, 4 months and 20 days he so suddenly met death. Truly "We know not what a day may bring forth." Life and death unite to prove Thy word true. His life is in Thy had, Oh, God, and our comfort is that Thou dost know and that doest all things well.

The funeral was conducted from the home Jan. 7th by the pastor of the M. E. church and his body laid to rest in High Ridge cemetery. Kind friends brought their tokens of sympathy and the entire community was touched by the deep grief of a family who have had more than their share of the sorrows of life, but who through it all have lived so nobly and well as to win the high regard of all who know them.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Rose M. Shoemaker
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Thursday, July 28, 1966:
Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon in the Darlington Baptist church for Miss Ross M. Shoemaker, 92, Darlington, who died last Wednesday at the Gentry County Memorial hospital at Albany.

The rites were conducted by the Rev. Lewis Clark and burial was in the Rouse Cemetery, Darlington, under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Survivors include two brothers, Earl Shoemaker and Paul Shoemaker, both of Darlington.

Miss Shoemaker, daughter of the late Leander and Margaret Shelby Shoemaker, was born Oct. 28, 1873 in Darlington.

Miss Shoemaker taught English and history in high schools in Missouri and Iowa for more than 50 years before her retirement.

She was a graduate of the old Stanberry Normal and the University of Missouri and held a Master's degree from the University of Chicago. She was a member of the Darlington Methodist church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mrs. B. F. Short
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, January 4, 1951:

Mrs. B. F. Short, 86-year-old Stanberry resident, died about 9 o'clock last Thursday morning at the St. Francis hospital in Maryville, where she had been a patient for nine days. She had been in failing health for several months and was seriously ill since shortly before she was taken to the Maryville hospital.

Funeral services were held for her Saturday afternoon at the Baptist church here, conducted by the Rev. Don Stanley, pastor of the church. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery.

In the death of Mrs. Short, this community lost a life-long resident, and the Stanberry Baptist church one of its few remaining charter members.

Mrs. Short united with the Island City Baptist church as a child and, when that church was moved to the new town of Stanberry in 1880, to become the basis of the Stanberry church. Mrs. Short's membership was transferred to the new church organization.

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The daughter of William and Eliza Leonard, she was born May 19, 1864, on a farm near the Floyd schoolhouse. She was married to Mr. Short on Aug. 27, 1882. They farmed in this vicinity until his death on Feb. 9, 1921. Mrs. Short had made her home in Stanberry since his death.

Surviving are seven sons: Ira and Harvey, Stanberry; Logan, Hastings, Neb.; Elbert and William, Maryville; James, Webster Falls, Ok.; and Marvin, Muskogee, Ok. One daughter, Mrs. John Tatum, St. Joseph.

She is also survived by one brother, Dan Leonard, Monett, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Alice Ackins, Kansas City, Kan.; one half-sister, Mrs. Sarah Cameron, Webb City, Mo.; one half-brother, George Leonard, Farmington, Mo.; 16 grand-children, 15 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Roy G. Slagle

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Monday, January 10, 2006:

Roy G. Slagle 1930-2006; GLADSTONE, Mo. - Roy G. Slagle, 75, of Gladstone, passed away Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at his home.

Roy, the son of Eugene and Georgia (Morrow) Slagle, was born April 1, 1930, in Gentry County, Mo.

On Sept. 30, 1955, he was united in marriage to Imogene Reynolds in Stanberry, Mo. She survives of the home in Gladstone.

He also is survived by sons, Kenneth Slagle, and wife, Jacque, Kansas City, Mo.; and Chris Slagle, Gilbert, Ariz.; daughter, Cathy Jo Wilson, and husband, Terry, Parkville, Mo.; mother-in-law, Goldie Reynolds, Stanberry, Mo.; five grandchildren, Travis, Devon and Shelly Wilson; and Amy and Alex Slagle; sisters, Audean Shanks, Erma Adwell, Twila Osborn and Carol Messner; and many other relatives and friends.

Roy lived in the Stanberry area before going to the Army in 1950. He later went to work as a machinist for Midwest Conveyor Inc. in Edwardsville, Kan., before retiring.

Roy was a member of the Linden Baptist Church, Gladstone; and also served as a Boy Scout leader and awards chairman for many years, and had the privilege to see both of his sons achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Roy enjoyed camping and later spending the winters in Texas and Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Mary Gayla and Carla; sister, Beulah Brandstetter; and a brother, Vilas Slagle.

Funeral service: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the chapel. The family also will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Linden Baptist Church, 611 N.E. 69th Street, Gladstone. Burial will be in the High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, with military rites by the Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260, Stanberry; and Tri-C Memorial Post No. 464, Conception, Mo. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ann Elizabeth Smith

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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, April 4, 1911, front page:

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Ann Elizabeth, daughter of Denia and Christiana Stein, was born in this city July 2, 1881, and died at the home of her mother on Fourth street, March 28, 1911.

She was one of a family of six children; in her death they are equally divided, three children and the father are deceased, three children and the mother survive.

Ann Elizabeth was married to Albert Walter Smith June 26, 1906.

Brother and Sister Stein were members of the Lutheran church and Lizzie - as her friends called her - was baptized in infancy, afterwards uniting with the Methodist Episcopal church here. After her marriage she with her husband attended the Christian church.

Raised in this community her friends are legion, for to know her was to have in her a friend. She was a kind and obedient daughter, a faithful wife, a good woman. She trusted in Christ as her Savior and was in constant prayer at the last.

The funeral service was conducted from the home, where she died, by Rev. Chas. H. Brott, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. J. N. Darnell, Pastor of the Christian church, Friday, March 31. Burial in the High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Clarence Guy Smith
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The Stanberry Owl Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Tuesday, December 12, 1911:
Clarence Guy Smith was born in Gentry county, Mo., April 25, 1890, and died the 10th day of December, 1911, being 21 years, 7 months and 15 days old. He has lived all his life in the county where he was born.

At the age of 10 years he united with the Bethel Methodist Episcopal church, South, in Nodaway county. He lived with his parents on the farm, except the last few years he spent in the service of the Wabash Railroad Company, until failing health compelled him to retire, and at this time he belonged to the order of Railroad Trainmen.

He was confined to his bed more than a year, but bore the suffering as only one can who has put their trust in their Lord and Savior. As it dawned on him that he must soon depart this life, he said he was ready to go and in the closing hours of his life, sang praise in his weak way to his Maker, and waving his hands looking toward heaven, seeming to be beckoning to the unseen to mortal eye, slowly lapsed into that sleep that knows no waking.

His funeral was conducted at the M. E. church in this city by the pastor on Monday, Dec. 11, at 2 o'clock p. m., and his remains were laid to rest in High Ridge cemetery.

He leaves father, mother, sister and brother with a number of other relatives.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Verda B. Smith
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, May 11, 2001:
Verda B. Smith, 91, died April 28, 2001, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital.

She was born March 1, 1910, north of Stanberry.

A graduate of Stanberry High School, she had worked at a drug store.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Smith; three brothers, Charlie, Gene and Clyde Reece; a sister, Cori Files Rimel; a nephew, and two nieces.

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Surviving is four sisters, Lillie Wagers, Stanberry, Cloretta Schisler, Marysville, KS., Wilma Lee Quinn, Laurel, MD.; and Gladys Jones, Johnstown, OH.; and 24 nieces and nephews.

Graveside services and burial were May 7, 2001, at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lewis Nelson Sorenson

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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, May 12, 1932; front page:
Died Here Very Suddenly:

Lewis Sorenson died here very suddenly at his home last Wednesday morning at 11:15 o'clock. His death was due to heart trouble and to a complication of diseases.

Mr. Sorenson had been in poor health for the past few months, but it was not realized his condition was so serious.

The following obituary has been furnished this office:

Lewis Nelson Sorenson, son of Peter and Mary Sorenson, was born in Denmark, September 13, 1876, and passed away at his home in Stanberry, Mo., May 4, 1932, at the age of 55 years, seven months and 21 days. He came with his parents to America when he was but four years of age, and settled on a farm near Stanberry. He had lived in this vicinity ever since.

He was married to Miss Hattie Bess Eades on March 1, 1900, and 10 children were born to their union, three of whom are deceased, two having died in infancy and one son at the age of 20.

Mr. Sorenson was brought up in the Lutheran faith and never transferred his membership to any other church. He was a farmer until about five years ago, when he moved into Stanberry.

He is survived by his wife, his aged mother, seven children, as follow: Jesse of Stanberry; Edmund of Eskridge, Kan., Mrs. Inez Nance and Mrs. Edna Reed of Stanberry; Helen, Edith and Freddy, at home; two brothers, Christopher of Stanberry and Henry of Petersburg, IL.; three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Swearingen of Morrison, Okla.; Mrs. Sam Mattson of Bedison, Mo., and Mrs. Claude David of Albany. There are also three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the First Christian Church by the Rev. N. O. Rogers. Burial was at the High Ridge Cemetery. The funeral was in charge of the Pennington Undertaking Co.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Alvin Stabe

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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, May 25, 1994, Page 12:

GRANT CITY ... Alvin Stabe, 71, Grant City, died May 19, 1994, at his home.

A graduate of Grant City High School and Chillicothe Business College, he was a naval aviator in World War II. He was a retired air traffic controller and lived in Grant City since his retirement in 1987. Mr. Stabe was a member of the Grant City Baptist Church.

He married the former Uva Murrell Coleman in Olathe, Kan., Oct 20, 1945. She survives.

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In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Bonnie Lou Robinson, Conception Jct., and Connie Sue Carroll, Maryville; two sisters, Cora Bowlin, Kansas City, and Linda Stabe, Long Beach Calif.; four grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

Services were May 22 at the Prugh-Dunfee Funeral Home, Grant City, with burial in Fletchall Cemetery, Grant City.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lela Maxine Stagner
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The Ledger-Headlight, Wednesday, May 26, 1993, page 12:
Lela Maxine Stagner, 67, Stanberry, died Friday, May 21, 1993, at a hospital in St. Joseph.

Mrs. Stagner, a lifelong resident of Gentry County, was born Feb. 15, 1926 to John and Zada (Lykins) Skidmore.

Mrs. Stagner, a homemaker, was employed by Stanberry Manufacturing for 13 years as a sorter.

She was a member of the Christian Church in Albany.

She married Dean Stagner at Stanberry in 1954. He survives at the home.

Additional survivors include a nephew, Bob Skidmore, Stanberry; two nieces, Carolyn Russell, Chanute, Kan., and Ilene Massey, Kansas City.

Graveside service and burial was May 23 at Hall Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Louis F. Stein
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, June 28, 2002:
Louis F. Stein, 80, St. Joseph, passed away on June 18, 2002, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Mr. Stein was born on July 30, 1921, in Metcalf, IL. After moving to Stanberry he worked in his father's masonry business.

He graduated from Stanberry High School in 1940; and in 1945 was the volunteer assistant football coach for the Stanberry Bulldogs.

Later Mr. Stein moved to St. Joseph where he was a carpenter in the maintenance department of the St. Joseph State Hospital for 20 years.

He was a member of the Ashland United Methodist Church, a social member of the Pony Express American Legion Post No. 359, Eagles Lodge No. 49, Charity Lodge No. 331, Scottish Rite, Moila Shrine Temple and High-Twelve Club.

He married the former Rosalie Pierce on Jan. 7, 1950. She survives of the home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Valverde (VanVactor) Stein.

Other survivors include two nephews, Vernon E. Pierce, and his wife, Joan, Snyder, CO.; and Franklin J. Pierce, and his wife, Audrey, Fallon, NV.; and two nieces, Emilie Y. Roth, Sterling, CO.; and Jean Ann Thompson, Billings, MT.

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Services were held June 21, at the Ashland United Methodist Church, St. Joseph. Interment was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Memorials may be made to the Louis F. Stein Memorial Fund.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Susan Josephine Steinman
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Susan "Granny Jo" Steinman, 79, died November 23, 2000, at an area nursing home.

The daughter of the late Louis Franklin and Effie Lou Emma (Bridges) Dannar, she was born August 20, 1921 at New Hampton.

A member of New Castle Christian Church, McFall, she was a bookkeeper for the cap factory in Stanberry, and a baby sitter in her home.

On May 16, 1960 she married Robert Steinman. He survives of the home in Stanberry.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Ann Smith; one step-son, Ronald Clair Steinman; two grandsons; one great-granddaughter; three brothers; and one sister.

Additional survivors are three sons, James D. Smith, Kansas City, Jerry L. Smith, Stillwater, OK., LaVerne "Butch" Smith, Brownville, NE.; one daughter, Effie L. Harris, Smithville; two step-daughters, Lois Ann Brauer, Bridgewater, NJ., and Linda Sue Bounds, Albany; one step-son, Frankie D. Steinman, Queen Creek, AZ.; one sister, Juanita Mitchell, Lincoln, NE.; 16 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were November 26, 2000, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, with burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Rosalie Stein
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The Tri-County News; Friday; January 2006; page 18:
Rosalie Stein, 78, Sterling, CO, formerly of Stanberry, died Jan. 18, 2006 at Sterling.

The daughter of Lemuel and Fannie (Phillips) Pierce; she was born Aug. 11, 1927 in Stanberry.

She was a graduate of Stanberry high school and lived in Stanberry until moving to St. Joseph, where she resided until 2002, when she relocated to Sterling following the death of her husband.

She was a member of the Ashland United Methodist Church, St. Joseph and the Telephone Company Pioneers, after 40 years of service, and a member of the ABWA.

On Jan.. 7, 1950, she was united in marriage to Louis F. Stein, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include nephews, Vernon Pierce and wife, Joan, Snyder, CO; Franklin Jay Pierce and wife, Audrey, Fallen, NE; niece, Jean A. Thompson, Billings, MT; numerous great and great-great nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 23 at the Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorial contributions may be given to Ashland United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Sarah Frances Stephenson
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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, February 21, 1957:
Final services were held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon in the Stanberry Baptist church for Mrs. Sarah Frances Stephenson, 84, who was taken by death Monday night at her farm home four miles south west of Stanberry, following a long illness.

The services were conducted by a former pastor, the Rev. Don Stanley, Polo, Mo., and the present pastor, the Rev. R. T. Ware. Burial was in the High Ridge cemetery, under the direction of the Phillips Mortuary.

Survivors include a son, Forest Stephenson, Stanberry; a daughter, Mrs. Glenn Boone, Stanberry, and a sister, Mrs. Earl Murry, also of Stanberry, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Stephenson, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Pierce, was born in Gentry county July 12, 1872. She and her husband, W. T. Stephenson, moved to the farm on which she died, 45 years ago. He preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1954. She was a member of the Stanberry Baptist church for many years.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Helen M Stevens
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The St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press;
Helen M. Stevens 1936-2006
ALBANY, Mo. - Helen M. Stevens, 69, Albany, passed away Friday, May 5, 2006, in Bethany, Mo.

Helen, the daughter of Arthur and Hazel (Clutter) Hayes, was born on Sept. 10, 1936, in Bethany.

On Nov. 26, 1959, Helen married Carol L. Stevens. He preceded her in death Jan. 19, 2004.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Clair and Carl Hayes.

Helen was a homemaker and member of the Lone Star Baptist Church, Denver, Mo.

Survivors: son, Tim Stevens, Maysville, Mo.; brother, Clyde Hayes, Pueblo, Colo.; sister-in-laws; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Graveside service and burial:

2 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the Grandview Cemetery, Albany. There is no scheduled family visitation; however, friends may call anytime after 10 a.m. Tuesday, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Delmar Martin Stockton
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The Tri-County News, Friday, September 15, 2000:
Delmar Martin Stockton, 74, St. Joseph, died Sept. 9, 2000 at a St. Joseph hospital.

Born Oct. 25, 1925, in Stanberry, Mr. Stockton graduated from Stanberry high school.

He worked for MFA for 27 years, serving as district and regional manager. He later worked for Farmland Industries until retiring in 1987.

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Mr. Stockton served in the Navy during World War II. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry, where he served as a trustee. He also was a member of the Stanberry Fire Department, Stanberry Legion Post and Masonic Lodge A.F.&A.M. No 109 in Stanberry.

Mr. Stockton also served on the board of directors for Pine View Manor in Stanberry. He had been mayor of Shelbina, and also served on the Shelbina Rural Fire Department.

On Oct. 28, 1947, he married Norma J. Talmadge. She died in 1990.

Mr. Stockton was also preceded in death by a son, Douglas M. Stockton; his parents and by two brothers, Marion and Robert L. Stockton.

Survivors include a daughter, Jeanelle Stockton, Council Bluffs, IA.; two sisters, Gertrude Kier, St. Joseph and Joan Lineberger, Casper, WY. and three grandchildren.

Memorial services and burial was held Sept. 12 at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Arrangements were by the Johnson Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Mo-Kan Food Bank, 915 Douglas St., St. Joseph or First Baptist Church in St. Joseph.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Myrtle Olive Thomas Cogdill Stockton
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The Tri-County News, Friday, May 28, 1999:

Myrtle Olive (Thomas) Stockton, 86, Maryville, formerly of Stanberry, died May 18, 1999, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

Mrs. Stockton, a former homemaker, also worked as a cook at the Circle-S Sale Barn, south of Stanberry.

Born in Stanberry on July 24, 1912, she lived in Stanberry all of her life until moving to a healthcare center in Maryville 16 months ago.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, Stanberry, where she was active in the Christian Women's Fellowship; and the former TL Club-Coffee Club.

In March 1933, she married William W. Cogdill. He preceded her in death in 1962. Then in August of 1963 she married Marion Stockton. He died in 1997. Mrs. Stockton was also preceded in death by a daughter, Geraldine Campbell; a son, Frank Cogdill; her parents, Welby and Sarah J. Thomas; a brother, Otha Thomas; two sisters, Ruth Wolverton and Ruby Thomas and a grandchild.

Surviving are four sons, Richard Stockton of Westminster, CO.; Donald Stockton, Fort Leavenworth, KS.; Dale Stockton, St. Joseph; and Galen Stockton, Lawton, OK.; four daughters, Anita Bridges, Aldrich, MO.; Nancy Stoll, Stanberry; Margaret Grace, Ravenwood and Mary Poe, Waynesville; two brothers, Wilbert and Forest Thomas, both of Stanberry and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on May 20 at the First Christian Church, Stanberry, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Johnson Funeral Home, Stanberry. Memorials may be sent to the First Christian Church Scholarship Fund, Stanberry or Gentry County Hospice, Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Sarah Sullivan
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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, January 24, 1911:
Died in Stanberry, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1911, Mrs. Sarah M. Sullivan, aged 62 years and 4 months. The funeral was held at the home Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, after which the remains were interred in High Ridge cemetery. Mrs. Sullivan was one of our oldest inhabitants of Stanberry and a charter member of the church to which she belonged. She leaves her children and many friends to mourn her death.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Clifford E. Summa
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The Albany Ledger, Gentry County Missouri, Wednesday, May 29, 2002:
Clifford E. Summa, 84, Stanberry, died May 26, 2002, at Pineview Nursing Home.

The son of the late Elmer and Dewey (Ray) Summa, he was born September 30, 1917 in Gentry.

A retired farmer, he had lived all his life in Gentry County, had attended school in Gentry, and was a graduate of Albany High School, was a member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry and New Friendship Cemetery Board for over 60 years.

In 1969 he married Bula Patterson VanCleave. She survives of the home.

Additional survivors: two step-sons, Tom VanCleave, Stanberry, and Jim Lux, St. Joseph; one step-daughter, Joyce Belcher, St. Joseph; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were May 29, 2002, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, with burial at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Victoria Rose Summa
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The Tri-County News, Friday, October 6, 2000:
Victoria Rose Summa, two and one-half-year-old daughter of Larry and Tamara Summa of Stanberry, died Sept. 27, 2000, at a Kansas City hospital.

Victoria was born in St. Joseph on Jan. 31, 1998. Additional survivors include a brother, William K. Summa, of the home; grandparents, David and Rita Wright, Stanberry; Larry and Glinda Summa, Albany and Gary and Marie Irvin, Bellevue, NE.; great-grandparents are Kenneth and Edna Pratt, Stanberry; Eula J. Murphy, Gentry and Jim and Pat Irvin, Dallas, TX.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 30 at the First Christian Church in Stanberry with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Carl Freeman Swope
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The Tri-County News, May 6, 1994:
Carl Freeman Swope, 71, McFall, died Monday, Apr. 25, 1994, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Swope, a farm laborer, was born in Pattonsburg and lived in that area.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church at McFall.

He married Leola Loney in 1965, she survives.

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Mr. Swope was preceded in death by a brother, Clifford, and a sister, Betty Swope.

Addition survivors include three step-daughters, Judy Loney, Edmond, Okla.; Pauline Cain, McFall; and Betty Fast, Shawnee, Okla.; three stepsons, David, St. Joseph; Thomas, Lock Springs; and William, McFall; 15 step grandchildren.

Graveside service and burial were Apr. 28 at McFall Cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: James Galen Talmadge
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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press, Tuesday, October 11, 2005:
James G. Talmadge 1923-2005; STANBERRY, Mo. - James Galen Talmadge, 82, Stanberry, died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005, at the Albany, Mo., hospital.

Survivors are wife, Pauline; son, Richard; and grandchildren, Mary Hunter, and Kendra, David and Holly.

The graveside service and inurnment will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, with military rites by members of the Missouri Military Funeral Honors Program. Arrangements are by Gibson Funeral Home, King City, MO.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Wilson E. Talmadge
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, June 20, 2003:
Wilson E. Talmadge, 81, Stanberry, died June 11, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Talmadge was born Sept. 16, 1921, near Stanberry; the son of Warren and Ola Howard Talmadge. He attended and graduated from Darlington high school.

Mr. Talmadge served his country for three years in the U.S. Army, receiving an honorable discharge. He retired as vice-president of the Farmers State Bank in Stanberry.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry; the Stanberry American Legion Post and the Stanberry Golf Club.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Howard Talmadge and a sister, Marguerite Burr.

On Feb. 2, 1947, he married Ruby Mae Alldredge, she survives at the home. Additional survivors include a son, Kenny Talmadge and wife, Kim, Maryville; a daughter, Lynna Sarver and husband, Tim, St. Joseph; a brother, Max Talmadge, Stanberry; sisters, Evelyn Cobb and Janie Buckridge, Stanberry; four grandchildren, Phil Sarver, St. Joseph; Klinton, Klayton and Calvin Talmadge, Maryville and two great-grandchildren, Lydia and Jackson Sarver.

Funeral services were held on June 14 at First Baptist Church, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mrs. James Tatum
(Dollie Hawkins Hathaway Cogdill Tatum)
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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, March 29, 1951:
Mrs. James Tatum buried Tuesday:
Life-Long Resident of this Area Died Saturday Night at Home:

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Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. James L. Tatum, 68, who died Saturday night at her home here. A life-long resident of this community, Mrs. Tatum died of complications.

Services were conducted at her home at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Don Stanley, pastor of the Stanberry Baptist church. Burial was in the Cooper cemetery, southwest of the city.

She is survived by her husband, of the home; two sons, Emmett and Talbert (Tolbert) Hatheway; and two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Herd of Kansas City and Mrs. Ora Flelts of Parkville, Mo.

She also leaves two brothers, Hershel Hawkins of California and Ernest Hawkins of Burlington, Kan. and 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Tatum was member of the Stanberry Baptist church.

NOTE: Obituary plus census research supplied this additional information: Born August 1882 to James H. & Eliza Hawkins of Huggins Township, Gentry County, Missouri - married first to Dell S. Hathaway before 1900, three children, Emmitt, Myrthe & Tolbert - married second to Green B. Cogdill by 1908 and had Lora G. Cogdill - subsequently married James L. Tatum, no known children.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lela Faye Taylor

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, August 20, 2004:

Lela Faye (Best) Taylor, 77, Raytown, died Aug. 15, 2004, at Research Medical Center in Kansas City.

She was born Oct. 6, 1926 in Gentry County; the daughter of James F. and Leota E. (Neal) Best. She was raised by her uncle and aunt, Ralph and Frances (Best) Lippincott, upon the death of her mother, when Lela was two years old.

She was a graduate of King City high school and attended Northwest Mo. State University in Maryville. Mrs. Taylor was a school teacher for several years in Northwest Missouri.

She later moved to Kansas City where she met and married Armando Aguilar, with whom she had her children. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper at the former Marion Laboratories, retiring in 1980. She was a member of the Church of God Seventh Day.

Later in life she married W. Eugene Taylor of Raytown, who survives at the home.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Paula Fiscus and her husband, Richard, of Peculiar; a son, Steven Aguilar and his wife, Debbie, Pembroke Pines, FL.; a sister, Mrs. Neal Carpenter, Raytown; five step-children, Jack Taylor, Lee's Summit; John Taylor, Independence; Debbie Martin, Blue Springs; Robert Taylor, Raytown and W. E. Taylor, Jr., Raytown; five grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 19 at Missouri Funeral Care in Raytown with burial in High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Maybelle Taylor

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Monday, March 20, 2006:

Maybelle Taylor 1903-2006; STANBERRY, Mo. - Maybelle Taylor, 103, Stanberry, passed away Friday, March 17, 2006 at an Albany hospital.

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Maybelle was born March 14, 1903 in Island City, Mo. She was a homemaker and a wallpaper hanger.

Graveside Service and Burial: 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 20 at the High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry where friends may call anytime after 9 a.m. Monday.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Sharon K. Taylor
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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 15, 2005, page 17:
Sharon K. Taylor, 62, Stanberry, died July 8, 2005 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

She was born Dec. 6, 1942 in Pittsfield, IL.; the daughter of Sylvan and Pauline (Gebhart) Martin.

Mrs. Taylor was a social worker, having been employed with the Stanberry Head Start. She was a member of the Stanberry First Baptist Church; Daughters of Sarah and the Red Hat Society.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother, Gary Martin.

On Dec. 1, 1963, she was united in marriage to Neil Taylor. He survives at the home. Other survivors include a daughter, Pam McCumber, Hale, MO. and a son, Jason Taylor and wife, Melissa, Stanberry; her mother, Pauline Martin, Jacksonville, IL.; sisters, Carolyn Lackscheide, Franklin, IL.; a brother, Donnie Martin, Indiana; five grandchildren, Mitchell and Taylor McCumber, Kobey, Deven and Derek Taylor.

Funeral services were held on July 11 at the First Baptist Church, Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the Gentry County Cancer Fund. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Helen Thomson
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The Tri-County News, Friday, January 7, 2005, page 11:

Helen Thomson, 92, Hamilton, died at her home on Dec. 27, 2004.

Born on Aug. 27, 1912, in Harrison County; she was the daughter of David L. and Ethel Heffner McCollum. She graduated from Hamilton high school in 1930 and the Maryville State Teacher's College.

Mrs. Thomson had been an elementary and special education teacher in Hamilton; at Pleasant Ridge School, east of Bethany; and in many other rural schools in Harrison County for many years.

She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, where she was active in the UMW and her prayer group. She also called Bingo and the local nursing home.

She married M. E. Thomson on Dec. 22, 1934, near Bethany. He preceded her in death in 1981. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Harold Thomson; five brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include a son, Dale (Sharon) Thomson, Excelsior Springs; a daughter, Sue (Loren) Hinds, St. Joseph; a daughter-in-law, Pat Thomson, Raytown; two sisters, Ruth

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Goodwin Young, Cameron and Anna May Gillespie, King City; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 31 at the Hamilton United Methodist Church. Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Hamilton. Memorials may be given to the church in care of Bram Funeral Home, 208 E. School, Hamilton, MO. 64644, who were in charge of arrangements.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lois Pearl Treese
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The Tri-County News, Friday, January 7, 2005, page 11:
Lois Pearl Treese, 95, Stanberry, formerly of Ravenwood, died Dec. 30, 2004, at Pine View Manor in Stanberry.

She was born Aug. 14, 1909, in Pickering; the daughter of the late Charles and Edna (Craven) Harvey.

A 1927 graduate of Maryville high school, she also attended Platte Business College in St. Joseph.

A homemaker, seamstress and a cook for Ravenwood high school; Mrs. Treese was also a member of the Ravenwood Christian Church.

She married Ivan Lloyd Treese on Jan. 30, 1932 in Pickering. He preceded her in death on Nov. 27, 1988. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Kenneth Treese; a sister, Mina McClurg and a brother, J. Harold Harvey.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Wilson and husband, Burton children, 11 great-grandchildren and a daughter-in-law, Dorothy Treese, Springfield.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 1 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was in Orrsburg Cemetery, Parnell. Memorials may be given to the Ravenwood Christian Church.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Edgar Clark Vance
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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, March 28, 1911:
Edgar Clark Vance was born in Gentry county, Missouri, Jan. 17, 1876, and died at his home at Seven Persons, Alberta, Canada, March 18, 1911. He was married to Della Wilson, April 5, 1896, and to this union five children were born. He lived the greater part of his life in this county, but after he was married he lived in Dakota eight years and just a little over one year ago moved to Canada, where he died.

Sometime last fall while riding on the running-gears of his wagon he suffered a severe accident in which one foot was crushed and the bone fractured badly, he was just recovered from this, when he went to a town some eighteen miles away and on returning fell from the wagon and was found by strangers, who brought him home. When he reached home he was almost gone and died soon without being able to speak. The immediate cause of his death was paralysis.

Edgar was converted at the Wilson school house when he was eighteen years of age and joined the Baptist church. some two years later he went with his wife to the Christian church and continued a member of this church until his death. He did not keep as close to the teaching of the Bible as his mother and friends would have liked, but of his conversion he never doubted. He was good to attend church wherever he lived and enjoyed the gospel. It was the privilege of the writer to meet and talk with him and to all my

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efforts he was manly and fair. He never missed a week writing to his mother. The week he died his letter was on the way, reaching her after the sad news of his death.

He was an honored member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge and of the Modern Woodmen.

The funeral was held at the new M. E. church in the presence of a large congregation of relatives and friends, conducted by Rev. Chas. H. Brott, the pastor, assisted by Rev. Harris of the Baptist church and Rev. Darnell of the Christian church, with burial at High Ridge cemetery, in charge of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

To his wife and children, his father, mother, brother and two sisters his death is a previous stroke, coming so suddenly. Truly life is uncertain, like the grass, the dew, a little while it flourisheth and is gone.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lydia Vance

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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1911:

Lydia Carson was born Dec. 31, 1833, in Ohio, and died in Kansas City Nov. 7, 1911, aged 77 years, 10 months and 6 days. Her parents moved to Indiana in her early childhood, where she was reared and spent a good many years of her life.

Nov. 22, 1856, she was married to David L. Vance, who still survives her. A few more days would have completed a union of 55 years. Ten children were born to her, five dying in infancy and five growing to man and womanhood, of whom three are living, Lewis B., of Fullerton, Calif., Wm. A. and Miss Stella, of Kansas City, Mo.

She joined church in her early womanhood and at the time of her death was a member of Howard Memorial M. E. church of Kansas City.

As the family reside for many years in Stanberry, prior to moving to Kansas City, her remains were brought here for burial and the funeral was conducted at the David Crickette home, Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Crickette being old-time friends of the family. Rev. Chas. H. Brott, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered the discourse. Interment at High Ridge cemetery.

Among the beautiful floral offerings were two from the Wabash and Rock Island Railroad Companies, of which Will and Miss Stella are employees.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Alice VanVactor

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, October 1, 2004:

Alice (York) VanVactor, 94, Stanberry, died at Pine View Manor on Sept. 23, 2004.

Born May 19, 1910; she was the daughter of Emmett and Nancy (Radar) York. She grew up in New Hampton, where she attended school and the new Hampton Methodist Church.

In August of 1926, she married Samuel Victor England of Bethany. Three children were born to this union, Dean Vernon England, Seattle, WA.; Charles Huston England, who died in infancy and Marjorie Lee Sowards, Stanberry.

Alice was a homemaker and seamstress. She worked at the Defense Plant in Kansas City during World War II; moving to Albany in 1943, where she worked as a cook, waitress and clerk at various businesses in Albany.

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In October of 1948, she married Herbert Kendall VanVactor of Stanberry. They were the parents of one son, Herbert Kendall VanVactor, Jr. of Stanberry.

Mr. VanVactor preceded his wife in death in January, 1989. She was also preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

In addition to her children, she is survived by seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel in Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the Alice (York) VanVactor Memorial Fund.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Olive Ann VanVactor

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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, July 18, 1911; front page: Olive Ann McCabe was born July 18, 1849, in Dearborn county, Indiana, and moved with her parents to Gentry county, Mo., in 1871. She was married to Wm. VanVactor of the 7th Missouri Cavalry May 25, 1875. To this union three children were born - George, Bertha and Lora. George and Bertha are the only surviving ones of the family. She, with her children, came to Oklahoma in March, 1901, and settled on her claim in Caddo county, near Binger.

She united with the Baptist church at Wilson school house in Gentry county, Mo., in the early 70's, remaining a believer in the teachings of the church to the time of her death, always trying to show her faith by her works.

She was a good mother, taking the place of both father and mother to her children. Her chief thought was for the welfare of her son, George, her daughter, Bertha, and her two grandchildren, Fay and Ruby Fern.

She died July 11, 1911, at 12:20 a. m., at her home near Binger, of apoplexy, having been sick only about 12 hours.

Rev. W. R. Long preached the sermon at the family home, at 8 o'clock, Wednesday morning, to the relatives, neighbors and friends.

The body was accompanied to this city by her son, George, and funeral services were conducted at the Undertaking rooms of John Pennington Friday by the Rev. Harris and the remains laid to rest in High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Anthony Green Walker

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The Stanberry Herald, Thursday, Jan. 2, 1919:

Anthony Green Walker was born in Illinois, July 16, 1845, died Dec. 22, 1918 at the age of 73 years, 5 months, and 6 days.

The subject of this obituary was thrice married, his first marriage in 1866. His first wife being Missourian Oklhanson. One son was born of this union, Samuel Wesley, who died in June 1918. His companion died in 1869, and he was again married to Harriet A. Bogue, Jan. 22, 1870. To this union six children were born, one dying in infancy. This wife and mother died June 11, 1884. He was again united in marriage to Chrisanna Nelson March 31, 1886. Five children were born to them. He leaves his widow Chrisanna and ten living children to mourn his loss.

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His children, Frank, Chester, Quincy, Anthony, Earl, and Oliver, Mrs. Fannie Baker, Mrs. Tobie Summa, Mrs. Cleo Rucker, and Mrs. Minnie Neal. These were all present at the funeral except Earl, who is a soldier with the colors in France. He also leaves two brothers, Ell and Edmond Walker, also two sister, Mrs. Mary Hopkins, and Pletna SinClair. These were present at the funeral except Mrs. SinClair who was not able to attend. Deceased also had twenty-eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Brother Walker united with the Church of God about thirty-two years ago. And during this time has been active and earnest in his work. He has held offices in the General Conference. His son, Chester, being now, and has been for some time, Secretary of the General Conference.

The great features of Brother Walker's life was his faith and hope and unbounded trust in the Word of God. He would impress a stranger, seeing him for the first time, as being a very unusual man in this respect, and it is not too much to say that as a neighbor, a friend, or good counselor, he was loved by all who knew him. He will be missed in our gatherings here at Stanberry and elsewhere, where for many years he was always present.

Services were held Dec. 24, in the Church of God at Stanberry, and Bro. Walker was laid to rest in the High Ridge Cemetery to await the Master's call. This was the source of comfort to our brother before his decease and this hope sustained him to the last. His companion and children did everything for his relief and comfort.

Fondly we hope, sincerely do we believe that this good brother's life and example, will remain though he is gone, and in the resurrection morn he may be called to life where infirmity or death will never be known.

May God bless and sustain his aged companion and children in this hour of trial and bereavement.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Chrisanna Nelson Walker
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, May 13, 1943:

Mrs. Chrisanna Walker is Dead: Death Claimed Well Known Citizen in Center Grove Neighborhood Early Last Saturday Morning:

Mrs. Chrisanna Walker, for many years a well known resident of the Center Grove neighborhood, died at her home there early last Saturday morning. While she had been in failing health for a number of years, she had been seriously ill only during the past week.

Funeral services were held at the Church of god at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by Elder Stanley Kauer, of Union Star, assisted by Elder Archie Craig. Interment was in the High Ridge cemetery.

Mrs. Walker had lived a long and useful life, one about which an interesting historical book might have been written. She was the daughter of George and Margaret Nelson, who came to this country from Denmark to join the Mormon emigration to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Their travel to this country was by boat to St. Louis and from that point they traveled overland by covered wagon with the Brigham Young migration until they reached the Missouri river in southern Iowa. There they left the caravan and settled in a town known as Christian City.

Mrs. Walker was the first white child to be born in that city. She was born on February 20, 1858. At the age of two years, she came with her parents who homesteaded 160 acres

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of land near the present site of the Center Grove school. The major portion of her life was spent in that school district.

She was married on March 31, 1886 to Anthony Green Walker, of near Gentry. They spent their early married life in that vicinity, but in 1896 the family returned to the Center Grove community and that became her home for almost all of the remainder of her life.

Mr. Walker died on December 22, 1918. Since that time her son, O. T. Walker, had made his home with her.

In early life she united with the Pleasant Hill Church of God, north-east of Alanthus. Mrs. Walker was the last charter member of that organization. Throughout her entire life she was a devout and active member.

She had a profound feeling of interest in orphaned children. At one time she had three sets of children in her own home to rear and care for - her own children, her step-children and the children of her brother-in-law. The last mentioned children had been left without a mother. Members of the family said that at no time did she make any distinction in her treatment of the group.

Surviving her are three sons: A. G. Walker, south of Stanberry, Earl H. Walker, Gentry, and O. T. Walker, who made his home with her; one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Neal, of Omaha; four step-children, Frank Walker and Mrs. W. I. Summa, of Gentry, Mrs. Sam Baker, of Stanberry, and P. C. Walker, of Tonganoxie, Kan.

Mrs. Walker also is survived by two brothers, Cornelius Nelson, of Hillsboro, Ore., and Abraham Nelson, of Scappoose, Okla. There are eight grandchildren, one great grandchild, and a wide circle of friends.

One son, Q. M. Walker, died on March 4, 1940. Two step-children, Wesley Walker and Mrs. Walter Rucker, also had preceded her in death.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Douglas Hugh Walker

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, May 4, 2001:

Douglas Hugh Walker, 41, Gentry, died April 26, 2001, at a St. Joseph hospital.

He was born June 20, 1959 at Albany. Mr. Walker was a prominent area farmer. He was a 1977 graduate of Stanberry R-III high school; a member of the First Baptist Church, Stanberry and the Stanberry Rural Water Board, as well as the Albany Young Farmers.

He was united in marriage to Pam Simbro on Aug. 2, 1980, at the First Baptist Church in Stanberry. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include two daughters, Ashley and Samantha Walker, of the home; his parents, Hugh and Phyllis Walker, Stanberry; a sister, Lisa Pierce, Stanberry; and his maternal grandmother, Ruth Wilson, Stanberry.

Funeral services were held on May 1 at the First Baptist Church in Stanberry under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Burial was in the Knox Cemetery at Worth, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Douglas Hugh Walker Scholarship Fund, in care of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, MO. 64489.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Eulonda Marie Walker

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, June 27, 2003:

Eulonda Marie Walker, 22, died June 18, 2003 as a result of an automobile accident.

Born Dec. 15, 1980 in Albany; she was the daughter of Gaylen and Donna (Parrish) Walker.

She graduated from Worth County R-III high school in 1999. She was a member of the Alanthus Church of Christ. She was employed as a nurse's aid at Clearview Nursing Home in Mt. Ayr, IA.

Preceding her in death was her father in 1985; grandfathers, Clifton Walker and Don Parrish.

Survivors include her parents, Donna and Calvin Adams, Grant City; step-father, Darwin Stark, Gentry; grandparents, Delores and Harold Goepfirich, Cameron; Mary Walker, Stanberry; three sisters, Tanaya Love, Lorimor, IA.; Farrah Lager, Stanberry and Destiny Walker, Grant City; three step-brothers, Matt Adams, Maysville; Chad Adams, Sedalia and Wade Adams, Grant City; four step-sisters, Kelli Clymer, Prairie City, IA.; Jamie Love, Redding, IA.; Rena Harrison, Warrensburg and Debra Risser, Bedford, IA.; numerous aunts and uncles and 23 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 21 at the Grant City Christian Church with Rev. Louis Gorenflo officiating.

Interment was in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Arrangements were under the direction of Prugh-Dunfee Funeral Home in Grant City.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Quincy Monroe Walker

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 7, 1940:

Widely-known resident of this community died on Monday. Quincy Walker, farmer near Alanthus, died suddenly at his home Monday morning.

Elder Quincy Monroe Walker died suddenly of a heart attack suffered as he was returning from his morning chores at his farm home northeast of Alanthus about 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Mrs. Walker was preceding him on their way to the house from their barnyard when he collapsed and died before he could be removed to the house. He had suffered from heart disease for several years.

Elder Walker was an ordained minister of the Church of God, and had preached at the Pleasant Hill church north of Alanthus and the Gentry Church of God the past ten years.

He was also a prominent farmer and had actively farmed all his life.

He was 53 years of age and was born and had lived his entire life in the vicinity of Alanthus where he leaves many friends to mourn his death.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Nora Walker of the home; his mother, Mrs. Chrisanna Walker of Albany; one sister, Minnie Walker of Omaha, Neb.; three brothers, Earl and A. G. of Stanberry and Oliver of Albany; two half-sisters, Mrs. Sam Baker of Stanberry, and Mrs. Ira Summa of Gentry; two half-brothers, Frank Walker of Albany and Chester Walker of Conway, Mo.

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Funeral services were conducted for him at the Church of God in Stanberry at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, by Elder Stanley Kauer of Stanberry. Burial was in High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Walter Wall

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The Tri-County News, Friday, July 8, 2005, page 32:

Walter Wall, 58, Palm Springs, CA., died June 27, 2005.

He was born Dec. 28, 1946; the son of Byron and Doris Wall of King City.

Wall was a 1964 graduate of King City high school and attended the University of MO. Kansas City for a short time. He worked at Central Air Lines and Ford Motor Co. and was self employed in Palm Springs at the time of his death. He was an active member of the Baptist Church in Palm Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Marion Wall, of the home; four daughters, Jessica and Laura of California; Nicole Linstrom, Florida and Leah McFarlin, Kansas City; his mother, Doris Wall and his brother, Mack Wall, both of King City and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on July 2 in Palm Springs, CA.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: John William Walton, Jr.

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, August 3, 2001:

John William Walton, Jr., 83, died July 18, 2001 at his home near Lebanon, MO.

He was born Sept. 10, 1917, the son of John William and Hettie Elizabeth Law Walton, near Stanberry. Mr. Walton was a Stanberry high school graduate.

Most of his adult life was spent in California where he lived in Modesto, San Francisco and Sacramento. During this time he worked as an acoustical tile installation specialist and also farmed and raised horses. He had lived in the Lebanon area for the last 18 years.

He was affiliated with the Baptist faith and was a member of the Carpenters Union #586 in Sacramento, CA.

Mr. Walton was united in marriage to Rachel Sarah Rankin on Sept. 7, 1956. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include a son, Gary Walton and wife, Lee, a grandson, Cory Walton and wife, Traci, and a great-granddaughter, Rachael Walton, all of Rodeo, CA.; a brother, Orlo Walton, Garden City, MO.; a sister, Naomi Huston, Houston, MO.; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held on July 21 at the Holman-Howe Funeral Home in Lebanon.

Graveside services and burial were held on July 22 at High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lorace E. Walton

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The Tri-County News, Friday, May 20, 2005:

Lorace E. Walton, 80, Stanberry, died May 15, 2005 at the Mo. Veterans Home in Cameron.

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He was born June 1, 1924 in Nodaway County; the son of Charles and Dollie (Hughbanks) Walton. The preceded him in death.

Mr. Walton moved as a boy, with his parents, to a farm southwest of Stanberry. He attended Lafayette school and Stanberry high school. He served in the U. S. Merchant Marines during World War II.

On April 30, 1949 he was united in marriage to Velva McMichael in Barnard. They moved to a farm near Lorace's boyhood home, where they raised livestock and crops and where their two sons were born. Mr. Walton retired from farming in 1989 and they moved to Stanberry.

Mr. Walton is called into the Christian ministry during the early 1960's. He attended Bible College and was pastor of the Gentry, Pleasant Hill and Island City Christian Churches and the Mt. Zion Community Church. He was an active member of the Island City Christian Church, where he served as an elder and in other capacities, for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Velva Walton, of the home; sons, Charles and Larry Walton, both of Stanberry and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 18, at Island City Christian Church. Burial as in Green Ridge Cemetery at Gentry. Memorials may be given to the Parkinson Foundation. Arrangements were handled by Roberson-Polley Chapel in Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Neola D. Walton

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The Stanberry Headlight, Gentry County Missouri, Thursday, July 1, 1976, page 9:

Neola Walton Dies: Mrs. Neola D. Walton, succumbed to a heart attack Tuesday, June 22, 1976, at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. Born to Edward Burton and Amy Shottuck Wilson on a farm near Stanberry, Mo., January 4, 1898, she was 78 years, five months and 18 days at the time of her death.

She was united in marriage to George M. Walton on September 17, 1915, at St. Joseph, Mo. To this union nine children survive the memory of a loving indulgent and devoted mother.

The five sons are George Edward, Kansas City, Mo., Robert Lee of Oklahoma City, Ok., Hon. Judge Herbert W. of Olathe, Kan., Dr. Philip D. of Atwood, Kan., and Dr. W. Dean Walton of Leavenworth, Kan. The daughters are Mrs. Glenno Beach of Spokane, Wa., Mrs. Virginia Slagle of Stanberry, Mrs. Bette Holeman of King City, Mrs. Mary Lyerla of Olathe, Kan. Also surviving her are 32 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She was a source of inspiration to her children and grandchildren. Her gentle devotion and strong encouragements were incentives, through the years to them. She will live in memory to be cherished by her family and her many friends.

Funeral services were held at the Frye Funeral Home, Olathe, Kan., Thursday, June 24, at 9:30 a.m. Graveside services followed at Stanberry, conducted by the Rev. Eddie Rhymes, church pastor. Interment was in the High Ridge Cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home. Casket bearers for the services were her grandsons.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Robert L. Walton

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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, February 2005:
Robert L. Walton:

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Oklahoma City, Okla. - Robert L. Walton, 79, Oklahoma City, formerly of Kansas City, KS., passed away, Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at his home in Oklahoma.

Robert was born on Jan. 23, 1926 in Stanberry, MO. He was the son of George Myrick and Neola J (Wilson) Walton.

He was a millwright, working at Sunflower Ammunition Plant and the Owens Corning Fiberglass Plant in Kansas City, MO., before retiring.

His lifelong hobby was building private airplanes and passenger cars. He was an active member of several religious organizations and was a WWII Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Judge Herbert Walton, Dr. Philip Walton and George E. Walton; and a sister, Glenna Beach.

Survivors; two sons, Dr. Robert I. Walton, and wife, Dr. Elizabeth Walton, Chicago, IL.; and George C. Walton and wife, Rebecca, Alameda, CA.; two daughters, Neola Mayer, and husband, Charles, Concord, CA.; and Deborah Jones, Quincy, CA.; three sisters, Virginia Slagle, Stanberry; Betty Holman, King City, MO.; and Mary Francis Lyerla, Olathe, KS.; a brother, Dr. W. Dean Walton, Lenexa, KS.; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry. Friends may call after 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at the funeral chapel. There is no scheduled family visitation.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Norma Lee Wampler
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, September 13, 2002:
Norma Lee Wampler, 69, Madison, WI., died at her home on Sept. 1, 2002, following a lengthy illness with cancer.

She was born in Stanberry, MO., on April 16, 1933, the daughter of Howard and Maude (Stuart) Wampler.

Miss Wampler was a nurse at the VA Hospital in Madison for over 10 years.

She is survived by two brothers, Marvin Wampler and Lawrence Wampler. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Nadine Killam.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 2:00 p.m. at High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry. Memorials may be given to the UW Comprehensive Cancer Center, 600 Highland Ave., Madison, WI. 53792.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mary Ann Crugar Ward
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Mary Ann Crugar was born in Indiana April 3, 1823, and died at the home of her son in Stanberry, Mo., March 24, 1916, age 92 years, 11 mos. and 21 days. She was married to Charles D. Ward on July 24th, 1846. To them were born six children, three of whom survive her: Miller Ward of Stanberry, with whom she made her home; C. C. Ward of Hunter, Mo., and Geo. W. Ward of Marshalltown, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Ward lived in Indiana during their married life. Mr. Ward having died at Greensburg March 20, 1865, Mrs. Ward then moved to Unionville, Mo., and in 1890 came to Pattonsburg, about eleven years ago coming to Stanberry, choosing to live in her own home next to her son until a few months ago when she was persuaded to live with him.

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During the Maj. Cole meetings under the pastorate of Rev. Carothers, she was converted and joined the M. E. church.

Mrs. Ward's parents died when she was a child and she knew what it was to fight the battles of life singlehanded, which in a measure accounts for her keeping her own home and living alone for 35 years. She was of a cheerful disposition, and at her extreme age with hearing and sight impaired was quite optimistic.

Earth holds no rarer beauty than that reposing in the face of mother. An upright life leaves its testimony with us today to become a precious heritage of memory in the days to come. May its signal effect be to lead us home with God.

The funeral services were held at the home of her son, Millard Ward, Sunday, March 28, at 2:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. Alva C. Brown. Burial at High Ridge cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Anna Laura Webber

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The Tri-County News, Friday, November 24, 2000:

Anna Laura (Searcy) Webber, 97, Stanberry, died Nov. 15, 2000, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Webber was born in Denver, MO., on Dec. 21, 1902. She lived most of her life in the Stanberry area, also living briefly in Maysville.

She graduated from Albany high school and attended Maryville Normal School for two years and Palmer College in Albany for two years.

Mrs. Webber taught school in the Stanberry area. She was also a homemaker. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Stanberry.

On Nov. 8, 1924, she married Edward Webber in King City. He survives at the home. Additional survivors include two daughters, Jean A. Wayman, Hamilton, TX. and Carol Sue Ross, Maysville; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Webber was preceded in death by her parents, John W. and Dollie L. Searcy and two brothers, Orby G. and Clifford W. Searcy.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 18 at the Johnson Funeral Home with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Lawrence Edward Webber

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The Tri-County News, Friday, December 22, 2000:

Lawrence Edward Webber, 98, Stanberry, died Dec. 17, 2000, at a Stanberry health care center.

Mr. Webber, a farmer, was born Dec. 30, 1901, and was a lifelong resident of Stanberry. He attended a rural Gentry County school.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Stanberry.

On Nov. 8, 1924, Mr. Webber married Anna; she died in 2000.

Mr. Webber also preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Bertha; two sisters, Olie Jacoby and Golda Stafford.

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Survivors include two daughters, Carol Ross, Maysville and Jean Wayman, Hamilton, TX.; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 19 at Johnson Funeral Home with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, both in Stanberry. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mary Ellen Reade Welch
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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, April 14, 1932, front page:
'Funeral Services Held Here Last Friday For Mrs. Welch.' 'Last Rites for Well Known Stanberry Woman Were Held at the Methodist Church Friday.'

Funeral services were held here last Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Methodist Church for Mrs. Henry Welch, who died very suddenly at her home here last Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Welch, who had been ill, was thought to be well on the road to recovery, and she, as well as other members of her family, was looking forward to the arrival of Mrs. Chester Gray from Washington, D. C. Mrs. Welch passed away just as her daughter entered the door of the Welch home.

The following obituary has been furnished this office:
Mary Ellen Reade, daughter of Samuel C. and Sarah Jane Reade, was born near Onslow, Jones county, Iowa, April 29, 1858, and passed away April 6, 1932, at Stanberry, Mo., aged 73 years, 11 months and six days.

She was married to Henry Welch on November 20, 1879, at Anamosa, Iowa, and, with the exception of two years in Hamilton county, Iowa, lived in Jones county until March, 1902, when she came to a farm near Stanberry, with her husband and family.

She is survived by her husband, Henry Welch, and the following children; Mrs. Chester H. Gray, Miss Lila Welch, Mrs. C. K. Snelling, Lloyd L. Welch, Mrs. C. R. Miller and Clayton Welch. The oldest child, Freddie Leon, died in early childhood.

She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Ruth Kinney, and three brothers, A. N. Reade, Jerry Reade and Samuel Reade, all of Iowa.

She united with the Methodist Church in her early married life, and had been a faithful member and worker since.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. E. C. Morgan of Brookfield, Mo., former pastor here, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Yount and the Rev. N. O. Rogers.

Music was furnished by Prof. B. H. Ringler, Mrs. A. E. Tibbetts, Miss Lou Fullerton, Dr. R. Y. Dix and W. P. Warriner, with Curtis Besinger at the piano. Prof. Ringler played "Ave Marie" on the violin with piano accompaniment.

Pallbearers were: Lester Hawthorne, A. E. Tibbetts, Marion Ross, A. B. Vogt, Dr. H. J. Dunshee and Jack Stapleton. The body was interred in the High Ridge Cemetery, with the funeral in charge of the Pennington Undertaking Co.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Sylvester G. Weller
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Grandview Cemetery, Albany:

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Sylvester G. Weller, 82, Clinton, died Mar. 31, 1994, at a Clinton, hospital.

The son of the late George and Magnolia (Savage) Weller, he was born Jul. 21, 1911, in Gentry County. He graduated from Albany High School in 1929. He resided in Clinton the past two years.

He formerly managed a retirement home. Mr. Weller was a World War II veteran. He served as an Airborne officer and received the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart for gallantry in action in the Southern France, Ardennes, Rome and Central Europe campaigns. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the California National Guard after the war.

His wife, the former Faurot Teays, survives. Also surviving are a brother, O. W. Weller, Bethany, and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were Apr. 4 at Grandview Cemetery, Albany, under direction of the Rev. Sandra Crater.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Dale H. West

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press; Monday, February 13, 2006

Dale H. West 1924-2006; STANBERRY, Mo. - Dale H. West, 81, of Stanberry, passed away Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at his home.

Born June 9, 1924, in Stanberry, he was the son of L.V. and Clara (Witham) West.

On April 13, 1944, he married Doris Summers in Atchison, Kan. She preceded him in death May 8, 1996.

He was also preceded in death by his son, David M.; and his parents.

Dale was a World War II Army Veteran, receiving four bronze stars in the European Theater of Operations. Dale was a retired contractor and lumberman.

He served as alderman from 1958 to 1964 and as Mayor of Stanberry. He also served two years on the Stanberry RII School Board.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Stanberry and a member of the Raymond Sager American Legion Post No. 260 of Stanberry.

On Aug. 24, 1996, he married Ivalou Heyde of Stanberry. She survives of the home.

He is also survived by his son, Dwight E. West, Kansas City, Mo.; two grandchildren, Jason M. West, Columbus, Ohio, and Travis R. West, Raymore, Mo.; two sisters, Doris Melton, Independence, Mo., and Editha Ann Petty, Dallas, Texas; two step-sons, Tom and Kevin Heyde, Stanberry; four step-daughters, Mary Cameron, Karen Lipanovich, and Debbie Elder all of St. Joseph, and Kathy Wilkinson, Clarksdale, Mo.

Dale lived out his life in retirement surrounded by his family and friends.

Funeral service: 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Stanberry First Christian Church. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, where friends may call anytime after 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Burial: High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, with military rites.

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Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Norma Jean Wharton
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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press, Monday, 14 November 2005:
STANBERRY, Mo. - Norma Jean (Lane) Wharton, 73, of Stanberry, entered into Eternal Rest on Nov. 12, 2005, at an Albany hospital.

She was born Oct. 4, 1932, in Gentry County, Mo. She was the daughter of Cleo and Elsie Lane.

On Oct. 28, 1947, Norma married Truman Wharton. He survives of the home. She is also survived by her daughter, Martha Wharton; son, Keith Wharton; and a brother, Eldon Lane all of Stanberry.

Norma attended the Wilson and Stanberry schools. She was a homemaker and a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), where she served as a deacon and the board secretary for many years, also of CWF for two years. In 1959 and 1960 she was a Brownie Scout leader. She worked for the Stingley Flower Shop in Stanberry for about five years as a floral designer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Dewey and Roy G. Lane.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials: American Cancer Society or the Jennings Cemetery in care of the Farmers State Bank of Stanberry. Arrangements: Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry, Mo. Cremated; inurnment on 28 November, 2005;

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Rex E. Wharton
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, January 14, 2005:
Rex E. Wharton, 73, of Stanberry passed away Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005 in Westlaco, Texas.

Rex was born Aug. 12, 1931, near Alanthus Grove, Missouri. He was the son of Ted and Basha (Pierce) Wharton. They preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Boyd Wharton.

On Feb. 14, 1986, he was united in marriage to Shirlene Wilson. She survives of the home. Other survivors include one son, Steve Wharton; daughter, Kimberly Riese both of Terre Haute, IN.; step-sons, Jamie and David Messner both of Stanberry; brothers, Truman and Laton Wharton of Stanberry; sister, Ruby Bentley, Stanberry; Sharon Howell, Maryville; 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild and 4 step grandchildren.

Rex was an army veteran. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanberry. Rex worked as a traveling salesman for Reiser Company of Boston, MA. before retiring.

Funeral services were set for Friday, Jan. 14 at the First Baptist Church, Stanberry and were arranged by Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry. Burial was to be in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Velma Wharton
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The Tri-County News; Friday, December 21, 2001:
Velma Wharton, 95, Stanberry, died Dec. 19, 2001 at a Stanberry nursing home.

Mrs. Wharton, the daughter of Dan and Nellie (Swearingen) Pierce, was born in Stanberry on April 22, 1906.

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In March of 1924 she married Lloyd Wharton. Together they owned and operated the Wharton Hardware in Pattonsburg from 1959 - 1969. He preceded her in death in 1987.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry where she had been the oldest living member.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a son, Dudley Wharton and one sister, Norma Pierce Fulton.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Margie Wharton, Stanberry and granddaughter, Dana Wharton Newby, St. Joseph.

Funeral services were held Dec. 22 at Roberson-Polley Chapel with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, both in Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Ralph Oliver Wheatley
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The Tri-County News, Friday, June 17, 2005, page 20:
Ralph Oliver Wheatley, 88, King City, died June 10, 2005.

He was born Aug. 7, 1916 in King City; the son of Charles and Anna (Morris) Wheatley. He was a 1935 graduate of King City high school, where he enjoyed all sports.

On Oct. 9, 1941 he married Florence V. Stockton of Helena. He was a longtime farmer, northwest of King City. He was a lifetime member of the King City Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon, elder and co-Sunday School treasure with his life-long friend, Bud Freeman. He also sang in the church choir for many years.

Mr Wheatley was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Donald, Lester, Tarlton and Howard and a sister Eileen (Wheatley) Preston.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Florence V. Wheatley, of the home; two sons, Ronald Wheatley, Kansas City and Donald and Lori Wheatley, King City; two grandsons, Ryan and Phillip Wells; great-grandchildren, Kori, Kaylee and Landon, all of King City; a cousin, Helen Gregory, Maryville and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on June 13 at the King City Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Dale O'Connell officiating. Music was provided by Betty Jo Howitt, organist. Pallbearers were David Eiberger, Dale Eiberger, Donald Eiberger, Harley Weddle, Greg Berry and Joel Kemp.

Interment was in the King City Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the King City Presbyterian Church building fund in care of Gibson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 552, King City, MO.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Aletha L. (Hazelwood) Whittington
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, July 12, 2002:
Aletha L. (Hazelwood) Whittington, 89, Gentry, died July 1, 2002.

Mrs. Whittington was born June 18, 1913, the only child of Porter and Gertrude (Temple) Hazelwood. At the age of three Aletha and her family moved to the homestead where she would live for the rest of her life.

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Mrs. Whittington earned a B.S. degree in elementary education from the Kirksville, Mo. College and taught in the Gentry County School system. Later, she earned a degree in library science and served as librarian and director of the Gentry County Library located in Stanberry.

In 1947, she married George Whittington, who is deceased. Aleatha will long be remembered for her influence and support of many youth in the area during her long service as head librarian at the county facility. It was through her generous donations and leadership that the recently opened Gentry County Library facility was to become a reality.

Survivors include several cousins, neices and nephews.

Funeral services were held July 3 at the Johnson Funeral Home, with burial in High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: William "Bill" Widener
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The Tri-County News, Friday, March 10, 2000:

William C. "Bill" Widener, 61, Stanberry, died March 1, 2000, at Gentry County Memorial Hospital in Albany.

Mr. Widener had owned and operated a trucking business. He also served in the Navy for four years.

Born in Lenoir, NC., on April 30, 1938, he had spent most of his life in Stanberry. He was of the Methodist faith.

On May 2, 1959, he married Carolyn G. Colvin in Reno, NV. She survives at the home. Additional survivors include three sons, Steve, Des Moines, IA.; Ronny and Randy, both of St. Joseph; a daughter, Becky Brennan, St. Joseph; a brother, Leonard, NC.; a step-brother, Lewis, Virginia; to sisters, Betty Hilton and Ella M. Kirby, both of North Carolina and eight grandchildren.

Memorial services were held March 5 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Stanberry. The body has been cremated.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Anna Marie Wildberger
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, May 31, 2002:
Anna Marie Wildberger, 91, Stanberry, died May 27, 2002, at an Albany hospital.

She was born May 28, 1910 in St. Joseph and grew up in the Stanberry area, graduating from high school there in 1929.

She was a life-long employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Joseph, as a switchboard telephone operator. Upon retirement, she was recognized as having worked 34 consecutive years without a single day's absence.

She attended the Disciples of Christ Church of Stanberry, where she was also a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship. She was a member of the Pine View Manor Nursing Home Auxiliary and often volunteered at the Stanberry Community Colthing Center.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Anna Elizabeth (Kowalski) Wildberger and a sister, Nellie Wildberger.

She is survived by her many friends and church family.

Funeral services were held May 30 at the Roberson-Polley Chapel, Stanberry with burial in High Ridge Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Pine View Manor, Stanberry.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: John Wilson

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The Stanberry Owl-Headlight, Gentry County, Missouri, Tuesday, January 24, 1911:
Uncle John Wilson, an old resident of north of Alanthus, died Sunday evening about 4 o'clock. the funeral services occurred at the home this morning at 11 o'clock, under the auspices of the Masonic lodge. Interment at the Jennings cemetery.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Maurice K. Wilson, Sr.

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St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press, Thursday, September 22, 2005:

Maurice K. Wilson Sr. 1918-2005; DALHART, Texas - Maurice Kelsie Wilson Sr., 87, Dalhart, formerly of Conception Junction, Mo., died Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, in Dalhart.

Maurice partnered in the construction business as well as real estate and mobile home sales.

Survivors: wife, Madonna; son, Maurice K. Jr.; daughter, Elaine Greenlee; stepson, Donald Nelson; brother, Robert; eight grandchildren; two step grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Graveside service and burial: 1:30 p.m. Saturday, High Ridge Cemetery in Stanberry, Mo. Arrangements: Horizon Funeral Home, Dalhart.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Cecil Eugene (Boo) Wineinger

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The Albany Ledger, Gentry County Missouri, Wednesday, June 12, 2002:

Cecil Eugene (Boo) Wineinger, 78, died June 8, 2002, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home, Albany.

The son of the late Roy and Orpha (Bobbitt) Wineinger, he was born August 15, 1923, in Stanberry.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Albany, he worked at the Opportunity Workshop, Stanberry. In his spare time he enjoyed playing cards, shooting pool, bowling, fishing, watching sports and traveling.

Memorial graveside services were June 11, 2002, at High Ridge Cemetery, Stanberry, under the direction of Roberson-Polley Chapel, Albany.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Cora Alice Winters

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The Stanberry Headlight; Gentry County Missouri; Thursday, February 14, 1957:

Final services were held Sunday afternoon at the Johnson Funeral Home chapel in Stanberry for Mrs. Cora Alice Winters, 80, who was taken by death Friday at her home in Albany.

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The rites were conducted by the Rev. John W. Spainhower, Stanberry, and burial was in the Hall cemetery under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Albert Waldeier, Stanberry; a son, Fred Winters, Amity, Mo.; a brother, Charles Drain, Maryville; a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Rogers, Edmond, Okla.; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Winters, the daughter of the late Mr. And Mrs. James Drain, was born Oct. 5, 1876, in Burlington Jct., Mo. She spent most of her life in Nodaway county. She was married to Oliver T. Winters on July 1, 1900. He preceded her in death Feb. 10, 1935. She was a member of the Union Baptist church near Carmack.

She resided in Albany the past two years.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Neva L. Wolford
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The Tri-County News, Gentry County Missouri, Friday, June 20, 2003:
Neva L. Wolford, 74, King City, died June 12, 2003, at her home in King City.

Mrs. Wolford was born April 15, 1929 in Helena; the daughter of Basil and Lois Whorton. She was raised in Union Star and graduated from Union Star high school in 1947.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in King City.

Mrs. Wolford was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Don Whorton, and a grandson, Jake Redman.

On April 25, 1948, she married William E. Wolford in King City. He survives at the home. Additional survivors include a son, Rudy Wolford, and wife, Nanette, Gower; a daughter, Judy Redman, and husband, John, Amity; five grandchildren, Joe Redman, Josh Redman and wife, Amy; Amy Wolford, Annie Wolford and Alex Wolford; a great-grandson, Jacob Redman; a brother, Jay Whorton, St. Joseph and a sister, Dixie Wood, Savannah.

Family visitation was held on Friday evening, June 13, at Gibson Funeral Home in King City. The body has been cremated, with a private family graveside service and inurnment to be held later at the King City Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Hands of Hope Hospice or the Jake Redman Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Gibson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 552, King City, MO. 64463.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Verna Maxine Woods
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Price Funeral Home; Maryville, MO.; Dee Heitman:
Verna Maxine Woods, 81, Maryville, MO., formerly of Hopkins, MO. and Bedford, IA., died Sunday, June 12, 2005, at Village Care Center in Maryville, MO.

She was born March 27, 1924 in Gentry, MO. to the late Seth and Ethel (Cruchelow) Stephenson.

She was a member of Stanberry Methodist Church.

Mrs. Woods was preceded in death by her parents, son, William Curtis Woods; daughter, Carolyn Hasnefratz; grandchildren: Lisa Gildden and Angela Woods; great-granddaughter Candace Wilcox; and brother, Oren Wayne Stephenson.

Survivors are 2 daughters: Nancy Curtis, Savannah, MO. and Ethel Glidden,

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Clarinda, IA.; 6 sons: Russell, Corning, IA.; Loloyd and Charles, Hopkins, MO.; Earl, Maryville, MO; Gary, Hamburg, IA. and Larry, Clarinda, IA.; 2 sisters: Hazel Leeder, Savannah, MO. and Carroll Hager, Longmont, Colo; brother Raymond Stephenson, Albany, MO.; thirty eight grandchildren and fifty four great-grandchildren.

Funeral service: 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2005, Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville, MO. Visitation; 7:00-8:00 p.m. Monday, June 13, Price Funeral Home.

Burial: High Ridge Cemetery Stanberry, MO.

Memorials: SSM Hospice of Northwest Missouri or American Diabetes Association.

Gentry county Missouri, Obituaries: Mrs. Clyde York

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The Stanberry Headlight, Thursday, March 8, 1951:

Mrs. Clyde York dies on Tuesday:

Funeral services to be tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Stanberry Christian church:

Mrs. Clyde York died at about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at her home here. She had been ill for about five weeks, suffering from the rare blood disease leukemia (sic). Early in her illness, the family took her to Kansas City, where she spent 10 days in the St. Joseph hospital under the care of Dr. V. T. Williams, jr. It was Dr. Williams' diagnosis that gave the family the first information as to the critica nature of her illness.

In the death of Mrs. York, Stanberry loses a woman prominent in the religious and social life of the town. She had been a member of the Stanberry Christian church for more than 30 years. She also was a member of Hunter chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, of the Grand International Auxiliary of the Engineers, and of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Fireman.

Mrs. York, who was 55 years old, was the daughter of the late James and Emma Jones. She was born at Worth, Mo., but when only a child came with her family to Stanberry and this community was her home from that time.

She was married to Mr. York, a locomotive engineer for the Wabash Railway Co., on Sept. 7, 1913.

Besides her husband, of the home, she is survived by three sons, Darryl York and Clyde York, jr., both of Kansas City, and Clinton D. York of Detroit, Mich.; one daughter, Mrs. Wm. H. Cogdill, of Worthington, Minn.; two sister, Mrs. Ira Garrett and Mrs. Chas. Ballard, of Stanberry, one brother, Fred Jones, of Kansas City; six grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at the First Christian church here at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. Charles R. Hagee, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in the High Ridge cemetery.