

## CARL BJORNSTAD

Born: December 23, 1882 - Died: March 15, 1938

Liberty County Times

March 24, 1938

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### CARL BJORNSTAD

Carl Bjornstad, son of Nils and Guerna Bjornstad, was born December 23, 1882 near Oslo, Oslo Norway. He came to America in June 1904 and worked in Grenville, N. D. until fall. Then he went to Nantun, Canada and took up a homestead. In 1913 he came to the United States and took up a homestead 25 miles north of Joplin where he has since resided.

He was a life-long member of the Lutheran church, having been confirmed in that faith when a boy.

On April 15, 1923 he was married to Ida Yiung and to this union was born one son, Eugene. He has always been a true and devoted husband and father, and a loyal friend and neighbor. He was highly respected by all who knew him.

On Tuesday, March 15, he was stricken with appendicitis. On Friday he was taken to Havre and operated on, but due to complications through rupture, he passed on that same night near midnight.

He leaves to mourn his death his parents in Norway, his wife and son Eugene, a cousin, Peter Fusk, and a host of friends.

Funeral Tuesday, March 22 at the Joplin church. Music furnished by Joplin Senior choir who sang:—

"Come Ye Disconsolate" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Duet "Sometime We'll Understand" by Mesdames Earl Poppler and P. Snionheim.

The church was filled to overflow with many gathered around the entrance door outside. Burial took place at the Joplin cemetery with Rev. A. B. Holland officiating.

## ANNA COX BLAIR

Born: June 6, 1878 - Died: July 7, 1938

Liberty County Times

July 14, 1938

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### HIGHLY ESTEEMED MATRON OF TOOTHILLS DISTRICT PASSES AWAY

Anna Cox Blair was born in 1878 in the State of Utah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox, whose father died before he was born.

Coming to northern Montana with her mother at 7 years of age and settled in Flathead county. There she was married to Fred C. Blair Dec. 25, 1896. In 1917 they moved to the Blair ranch north of Lothair. Nine children were born to them of which 7 survive. Besides her sorrowing husband the following children survive to mourn her loss:

Ernest S. Blair, Jess R. Blair, and Beatrice Blair of Galata; Mrs. Libby Reihl of Kalispell, Mrs. Myrtle Forseth of Missoula, Mrs. Bertha Spenschildren. She leaves five brothers: cer of Lothair, besides sixteen grand-Jack, Ephraim, Mannington, George and Street, all of Flathead. Two sisters, Mrs. Kate Stonerand and Mrs. Bess Peterson of Flathead county.

Rev. Solland of Shelby delivered the funeral sermon, and arrangements were in charge of the Burns Funeral service.

She had been ill for more than a year, enduring with sublime patience and submission the coming of the end. Of unusual womanly attributes and matronly sense of duty, her circle of friends compassed the neighborhood, and they were all at her funeral, to attest by their presence and their tears and the flowers with which they loaded her bier the high esteem in which she was held.

The remains were taken to Kalispell where they will be laid with relatives and friends who have gone before.

MINERVA CASSIE CLINK

Born: February 4, 1875 - Died: April 22, 1938

Liberty County Times

April 28, 1938

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**MRS. CLINK  
LAID TO REST**

**Rudyard Matron  
Answers Final Summons**

...Funeral ceremonies for Mrs. Edward Lea Clink were held at the hall at Minneota last Tuesday and the remains laid to their final rest in the cemetery of Grace church. The Rev. N. S. Magelsen officiated at the bier and delivered the funeral sermon to the large crowd that had assembled. The choir composed of E. A. Suchow, Ezra Suchow and D. T. Swift sang such inspiring hymns as —Home of the Soul, and When the Mists have Cleared Away. Pallbearers were: O. D. Anderson, Joel Gulick, George Wichman Wm. Bangs and Carl Ramberg.

Mrs. Minerva Cassie Clink was born on Feb. 4, 1875 in Myrtle, Minnesota, daughter of George E. and Julia (Bellenhurst) Gessey. She was married to Edward Lea Clink. Death resulted from a stroke which she received some years ago.

She died April 22 at her home 25 miles northeast of Rudyard.

She is survived by her husband, a son George, two daughters, Mrs. A. Uhrhammer and Lillian Clint, a brother, G. S. Geesey of Pierre, S. Dak., and two grandchildren.

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## JESSE CORY

Born: 1858 - Died: May 1, 1938

Liberty County Times

May 5, 1938

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### JESS CORY PASSED AWAY AT RIPE OLD AGE

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Jesse Cory, had he lived one day longer would have been 80 years of age, passed away at his apartment in the Chester Hotel last Sunday at 5 in the afternoon. He came to this country in 1871 and filed on the homestead northeast of town he still owned at the time of his death. He leaves a sister in Indiana and a sister-in-law in California to mourn his passing. He was a man of great modesty and retiring temperament, never married and of gentle deportment. His circle of friends was small but true, and the moderate audience included the friends who had lived nearby him for years. Rev. Holland delivered a fine sermon on eternity, and he closed his career in this world in the presence of warm friends.

Pall Bearers were: Alex Lakey, Joe Oraw, Mike Yurman, Martin Mattson, John Webber and Charles Jeffers. He was laid to rest in the local cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Burns Service at Shelby.

## NICHOLAS L. DIDIER

Born: July 19, 1893 - Died: October 5, 1938

Liberty County Times

October 13, 1938

### OBITUARY

Nicholas L. Didier, 45, was born July 19, 1893, at Chicago, Ill., and his father's name was Jonas Didier, his mother Kathryn Kramer. Died at 6:30 Oct. 5, 1938, and the remains taken in charge by Holland & Bonine, who prepared them for burial.

He migrated from Chicago to Minnesota at the age of 9, coming on to Montana in 1916, and joined the army over seas in 1918, returning to Chicago for a year, going on to Washington where was married to Clara Thielman. He worked in the Cat Creek Oil Fields in 1923 and for the Continental Oil Company at Sunburst where he remained for 7 years. Then he was back on his farm near Chester for another two years. He was in the employ of the Triangle Oil Co. of Conrad for a time and returned to his farm near Chester in April 1.

He is survived by his wife; two children Le Roy 13, and Shirley Ann 10; his father and mother; sisters Maragaret Didier and Mrs. Kathryn Lois and Mrs. Della Steinert and Mrs. Mary Webster all of Osakis in Minnesota and a brother, Matt Didier of Alberta.

### CORONER'S JURY

A coroner's Jury to inquire into the death of Nick Didier was summoned and impaneled by Coroner George T. Ainley on October 6, 1938. A. R. Coon, James Reed, Leo C. Milles, W. H. LaValley, Levi Shettel and O. M. Coon, were the jurors selected. The jurors were taken to the Didier ranch to view the remains as they were found and were then returned to the Court Room where the inquest was held. The jury found the following verdict:

"That the said Nnck Didier came to his death on the 6th day of Oct. 1938, at Liberty County, Montana, that the cause of death was death from a gunshot wound over the left ear, and from the evidence presented and from viewing the remains at the place of death, we find that the wound was self-inflicted."

MARTIN H. ENERSON

Born: January 10, 1884 - Died: April 14, 1938

Liberty County Times

April 21, 1938

## M. H- ENERSON BURIED HERE LAST MONDAY

Resident Living North of  
Chester Buried In Chester  
Cemetery From Lutheran  
Church, Monday

Martin H. Enerson, 54, died at 10 P. M. Thursday night at his home 27 miles north of this place and the funeral was held from the Lutheran church at Chester on Monday, Apr. 18 at 2:00 P. M. by Rev. Holland of Joplin.

Deceased was born Jan. 10, 1884, at Niagara, N. D. and came to Montana in 1910, where he took up a homestead three miles south of Joplin, living there for ten years: going from there to Valier, where he remained until three years ago. to come back to Liberty county three years ago to manage his mothers farm north of Chester.

He is survived by his mother, 82 who came to Montana in 1913; three sisters, Mrs. Jie Osler, Mrs. Charles Johns of Chester, and Mrs. Arthur Johnson of Joplin; two brothers, Ed. Enerson of Niagara of Niagara, N. D., and John Enerson of Shelley, B. C.

Funeral directors — Holland & Bonin of Havre.

## RALPH FREMO

Born: 1889 - Died: April 3, 1938

Liberty County Times

April 7, 1938

# FREMOS BODY FOUND SUNDAY

With the discovery of his body on Sunday afternoon, the long five day search for Ralph Fremo came to end. He had been staying at the home of Joe McDonald, 17 miles to the northeast of Chester and when the storm that raged over the plain that day was at its height, about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, he had left the house saying he would return in a moment or two. That was the last seen of him until the following Sunday afternoon, when he was discovered by Harold Jensen lying flat on his back, looking up at the sky, two and a half miles south of the McDonald home.

During the five days he had been missing, searching parties had been going and coming from all parts of the county, and on Sunday afternoon about 2:30, more than a hundred people covered the scene of his disappearance. The winds in this part of the county attain a velocity of terrific violence, and the swirling clouds of snow were at once blinding and bewildering. Once caught in its fury the victim is lost with little chance of finding his way out.

The remains, badly disfigured by freezing and exposure, were taken to the Burns Mortuary at Shelby for preparation for burial.

### OBITUARY

Ralph Fremo was born in Norway and was 49 years of age at the date of his death. August 5, 1918 he enlisted with the American army for service over seas in the World War and was honorably discharged August 4, 1919. He homesteaded near Joplin in the early days and has been a resident of Liberty County since that time. Two sisters, Mrs. S. F. Lee and Miss Ragna Fremo, of Warren, South Dakota and T.O. Fremo of St. Ignatius, Montana survive him in America and five brothers in Norway.

The funeral was held by Rev. A. B. Holland from the Lutheran church at Chester on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00. And the remains in charge of the Burns Mortuary of Shelby.

Military honors by Legion Post No. 88 at Chester, of which he was a member, were accorded him at the grave—flowers, the colors of his adopted country, surrounded by his comrades, he was laid away with the bugle ringing over him and the farwell salvo of musketry.

ANNA KIRK GAU

Born: May 18, 1859 - Died: January 2, 1938

Liberty County Times

January 6, 1938

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## MOTHER OF CLERK - COURT PASSED ON

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Mother of County Clerk of  
Court, and of Mrs. H. D. Rolph  
Dies at Joplin Monday.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Gau, 79, of Chicago, mother of George Gau, of Chester, Clerk of Court for this county, and of Mrs. Herbert D. Rolph of Joplin, died at the home of her daughter in Joplin Sunday of this week and funeral services were held from St. Jude Thaddeus church in Havre Monday at 10:30 a. m. Following the ceremony the body was sent to Chicago where burial is to be made in the Mount Olive cemetery by the side of her husband who has preceded her.

Pall bearers were Dodds Keith, H. E. Rolph, James Rolph, Myron Rolph E. A. Ballou and Peter Kuhry.

Deceased was born in Ireland, May 18 at Dundock, daughter of James Kirk, when a young girl came to Chicago, and was a witness of the great Chicago fire. There she was given in marriage to Charles Gau, where made her home to the time of her death. She had come to Montana in June of the past year where she lived at the time of death.

Nine children were born to her of which five survive:—two daughters: Mrs. Herbert D. Rolph of Joplin and Mrs. Estella Enos of Chicago—three sons, George of Chester and Charles and David of Chicago. There are eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A large number of friends of the family attended the funeral from Liberty County.



HANS HANSON

Born: November 10, 1860 - Died: June 19, 1938

Liberty County Times

June 23, 1938

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**PIONEER  
PASSES**

Hans Hanson was born in Germany in the year 1860, and emigrated to the United States while a young man taking up a homestead north of Chester in the year 1910. He died on Sunday, June 19, and the funeral was held from the Methodist church by Rev.s Edmonds and Trygstad on Monday of this week.

With due solemnity his remains were laid away in the Chester cemetery, with the funeral service of Holland & Bonine in charge.

He was a man of great reticence, and in later years seemed to have withdrawn from the world. It was evident he had few or no relatives in this country.

## CHARLES S. JEWELL

Born: February 13, 1860 - Died: February 22, 1938

Liberty County Times

February 24, 1938

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### POPULAR MAN PASSES

#### RESTLESS PIONEER LAID TO FINAL REST IN CHESTER CEMETERY

Charles S. Jewell of Chester was laid to rest Monday afternoon in the cemetery at Chester, following services at the Methodist church at which the Rev. A. E. Plummer of Shelby officiated.

A trio composed of Mrs. Bessie Caplan and Miss May Matthews of Cut Bank and Barney Matthews of Ollimont all old friends of the deceased sang, "The Old Rugged Cross" "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Nearer, Still Nearer."

Pallbearers were E. Blanchard, Roy Walden, Olaf Roveriet, Otto Shepherd, George Gau, and Dodds Keith.

Burial was by the side of his wife who passed away two years ago.

Charles S. Jewell was born on Feb. 13, 1860, in Vershire, Vt., son of Geo. and Susan (Sargent) Jewell. He lived in Vermont until 21 years of age and then moved to Lowell, Mass. where on March 26, 1881, he married Miss Jane McTaggart. He and his wife had celebrated their golden wedding at Chester in 1931. Some 54 years ago they moved to Hayward, S. D. Most of the active years of his life were spent at Chamberlain, S. D. where he moved about 1893, remaining there until about the time he came to Montana in 1923. He settled on a farm near Chester. His wife passed away Feb. 22, 1936.

Surviving him are the following: Three daughters, Mrs. Della Marshall of Big Timber, Montana; Mrs. Oscar Wizen, Chester, Montana; and Mrs. son, George, of East Corinth, Vt., and C. E. Riggs of Chelsea, Vt. and one a brother, Fred Jewell of Lake View, Mass.; also six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

MARTHA ELLEN KEITH  
(Mrs. Thomas D. Keith)

Born: May 8, 1867 - Died: August 28, 1938

Liberty County Times  
September 8, 1938

## MRS. TOM KEITH PASSES BEYOND

### DEATH OF POPULAR MATRON BORN IN COVERED WAGON

Mrs. Thos. D. Keith was born aboard a covered emigrant wagon on its way through Missouri May 8, 1867 from Peoria, Illinois to Kansas. December 19 she was united in marriage to Thomas D. Keith, and they moved away to Texas where their children, Dodds and Milam were born. In 1902 the family moved to Liberty County, Montana where they have continued to make their home, living on their original homestead at the time of her death.

On Sunday August 28 she passed away. The funeral ceremony con-

ducted by Rev. J. B. Stuart, was held from the local M. E. church was attended by the entire neighborhood where she lived. Pall bearers were Frank Laird, Finley Murray, Thos. Smith, George Gau, Claude Walden, Karl Jeppesen.

The funeral bier, arranged by Holland & Bonine, with an abundance of flowery wreaths and festoons as is seldom beheld in the little church, express in terms of loveliness the fervent regard, and the long retinue following to her final resting place amplified the common respect.

W. C. KESTER

Born: 1864 - Died: September 8, 1938

Liberty County Times

September 15, 1938

VETERAN OF MONTANA  
NEWSPAPER PIONEERS  
PASSED AWAY

W. C. Kester, 74, dean of newspaper men in Northern Montana, died at a Havre hospital about 7:15 P. M. Thursday from asthma and other complications.

Surviving him are Mrs. Kester, who is at the Hotel Favre and two daughters Mrs. Pearl Bailey of Cour d'Alene, Idaho, who is enroute to Havre, and Mrs. Vera McAuley of Great Falls, who is here.

Mr. Kester for many years operated the Liberty County Farmer, which he sold a year or so ago to A. E. Babcock of Chester. Mr. Kester returned to this territory and recently purchased the Hi-Line Weekly from John George Kinschy at Hingham and took charge at once.

Mr. Kester established the Chinook Opinion 48 years ago and was the dean of newspaper men in this area.

He was an accomplished musician, much interested in band work, and for many years directed the Joplin band.—Havre Daily News.

**LORRAINE LAYTON**

Born: April 20, 1928 - Died: April 29, 1938

Liberty County Times

May 5, 1938

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**LORRAINE LAYTON  
10 YEARS OLD  
PASSES AWAY**

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Lorraine Layton, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Layton of this place died on Friday April 29 at 10:15 A. M. of pneumonia a short time after arriving at the hospital. Funeral services were performed on Sunday, May 2nd by Rev. Wampler of Shelby, and the remains interred in the cemetery at Chester.

Relatives present to attend the rites were Mrs. Lilly Graves, Mrs. Kate, Mrs. Charles Layton and Mrs. Jack Layton of Deer Park, Wash.

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EILEEN CAROLINE LYDERS

Born: January 20, 1920 - Died: September 18, 1938

Liberty County Times

September 22, 1938

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OBITUARY

Eileen Caroline Lyders was born Jan. 20, 1920 at Chester, Montana, and died September 18, 1938 at the age of 18 years, and 8 months at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre.

She was baptised and confirmed in the Lutheran Church and was an active member of Luther League, Sunday School and L. D. R. She went to Grade School and graduated from Chester High last spring. She belonged to both Grade and High School Chorus and was a member of the Basketball team. She leaves to mourn her passing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lyders; three sisters: Margaret Hendrickson, of Seattle, Wash., Lucille Kammerzell, and Jean at home; two brothers, Tom and Dale of Chester; besides many relatives and a host of friends.

## ROBERT E. MARSHALL

Born: February 9, 1873 - Died: October 2, 1938

Liberty County Times

October 6, 1938

# ROBT. MARSHALL DIED FOLLOWING RUNIN BY AUTO

**FEEBLE RESIDENT  
BRUISED BY CAR  
PASSES AWAY**

Robert E. Marshall, 66, was run into near the Roosevelt Service Station Saturday evening Oct. 1 about 7:30 and taken to the hospital and passed away about 5 o'clock the following morning about 5.

The funeral was held from the M. E. church at this place by the Rev. Kuller and the remains laid to rest in the local cemetery. He was born at Waterloo, Ia. and coming to Montana in 1919 secured a position, for a time with the Tribune Printing and Supply Co. of Great Falls. Later he filed on a homestead near Lothair, where he lived until poor health compelled him to come to Chester where for the past year or more he has made his home at the Golden West Hotel. He is said to have a son and a daughter, as well as other relatives but as none of them could be located, the funeral was carried on without them.

He was a kindly man, weighed down with with the cares and vicissitudes of life, and leaves many a silent friend who will lament his departure.

### CORONER'S JURY

A Coroner's Jury to inquire into the death of Robert Marshall was empaneled by Coroner George Ainley last Tuesday at 1:00 o'clock P. M. Jurymen were Leonard Plank, A. C. Strode, E. A. Ballou, Leonard Staudacher, Clarence Kolstad and Roy Walden. Witnesses examined were Mary Lynn Barrett, E. J. Blanchard, Sheriff Dódds Keith, George T. Bonine, Margaret Jabes and Mrs. Carrie Jabes. The inquest was held in the Court Room.

After deliberating the jury brot in the following verdict:

We, the undersigned coroner's Jury, inquiring into the death of one Robert Marshall do find that Robert Marshall died about 5 A. M. Oct. 2nd, 1938 at the Mary Lynn hospital in Chester, Montana. We find his death resulting from being struck by a car being driven by Mrs. Carrie Jabes. The jury further finds from the evidence given no particulars of criminal intent on the part of the driver of the car."

## JOHN W. MCDOWELL

Born: July 1, 1875 - Died: August 12, 1938

Liberty County Times

August 18, 1938

# J. H. MCDOWELL STRICKEN WITH SODDEN DEATH

**PROMINENT STOCKMAN  
PASSED ALMOST  
MOMENTARILY**

J. H. McDowell was born in Ontario, Canada, July 1, 1875, where he grew to manhood. About 36 years ago he migrated to Montana and took up the homestead upon which he lived at the time of his death. Here he met and married Mary Osler and to this Union was born two boys, Jack and Clarence; three daughters--Ida, Mrs. Dave Stallcop of Cut Bank, and Mrs. C. F. Miller of Great Falls. His beloved wife had passed away twelve years ago.

He died Friday afternoon at Chester, August 12th at 2 P.M.

For many years he had been afflicting with asthma; this grew upon his death. He had just received a shave in the barber shop, and upon complaining of not feeling well had gone over to the doctor's office in the rear of the same building. In a few moments he had passed away. Smothered in the grip of a fatal disease that hampered his breathing.

The funeral was held from the M.

E. church in Chester Sunday afternoon at 2:00, attended by a great crowd of people who had known him in life. Funeral procedure was in charge of Holland & Bonine and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Barclay. The remains were laid to rest, followed by a numerous train of his many friends and neighbors, in the Chester graveyard on the hill.

A conspicuous observation was the general attendance of his own neighborhood. The Sweet Grass sent down almost their entire population, and around the foothills a to pay their respects to the departed generous representation was present frontiersman. Many were stalled in the muddy roads, and unable to return, were compelled to spend a night in town, returning the following day. Few men, in their last of earth, receive a more generous tribute.

The pall bearers were:

Lawrence Aee., Thos. Smith, Wm. LaValley, E. J. Blanchard, Einar Warnes, Findley Murray.

He was a sturdy specimen of the frontiersman; self-reliant, obliging, in times of stress, exacting in the interests of home and community, tolerant and enterprising, he will long be remembered with sentiments of friendship and regard by those who knew him best.



**WILLIAM J. RHYNER**

Born: 1876 - Died: April 7, 1938

Liberty County Times

April 14, 1938

**JOPLIN RESIDENT  
DIES AT FARM**

William J. Rhyner, 62, Last  
Thursday, April 7

Heart trouble, which had followed him for several years, took away William J. Rhyner at his farm home south of Joplin last Thursday April 7. He came to Montana in the early homestead days, taking up the homestead on which he resided at the time of his death. His wife a brother, Jacob, and two sisters, Mrs. Amelia Math and Mrs. J. Zwickel of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The body was prepared for shipment at the funeral parlors of Holland & Bonine and taken back to his old home in Oshkosh, Wis. where among relatives and friends of his youth he will be laid down to his final rest.

Unassuming, enduring, loyal, he represents at its best that sturdy, tireless yeomanry, which are at once the conscience and strength of any country.

**GEORGE RICHTER**

Born: N/A - Died: February 2, 1938

Liberty County Times

February 3, 1938

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**INVERNESS  
MAN DIES**

Death caused yesterday at Inverness long enough to take one man who was digging another man's grave. George Richter of Inverness went out to assist in digging the grave of Dominick Wilmes who had died Sunday. He became ill and was brought to Havre by David Wilmes, son of Dominick, but Richter expired as he reached the Sacred Heart hospital in Havre.

No funeral plans have as yet been made, as relatives were unable to reach Havre yesterday. The body is at the Holland and Bonin funeral home. —Havre Daily News.

## THOMAS P. SNUFFER

Born: December 10, 1876 - Died: May 5, 1938

Liberty County Times

May 12, 1938

### THOMAS SNUFFER ANSWERS THE FINAL SUMMONS

**EARLY PIONEER  
PASSES AWAY  
BURIED AT CHESTER**

Thomas P. Snuffer was born at Mayville, Mo., December 10, 1876 and came to Great Falls in 1897, and as a youth was employed on many of the ranches in that vicinity. For several years he was employed on the Pugsley, Turner and Kinreid on Marias river where his services were always in demand. In 1907 came to Chester where he purchased or built what came to be known as the "Red Barn", a first class livery headquarters where he lived and labored until 1921.

Rev. Martin conducted the funeral service from the local Catholic church Saturday morning at 9:30 A. M. He died on Thursday, May 5 at St. Mary Hospital in Conrad of pneumonia. Besides his wife he leaves to mourn his death one brother, Ben of Lothair and a brother and a sister in Missouri.

Followed by a large number of old friends who knew him best he was laid away to his final resting place in the cemetery on the hill.

Funeral services were conducted by the Burns Service of Shelby.

## CORA E. (FROM) STRATTON

Born: August 17, 1911 - Died: April 26, 1938

Liberty County Times

April 28, 1938

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### MRS. STRATTON FUNERAL AT WHITLASH TODAY

#### Mother Dies Following Birth of Child

Mrs. Archie C. Stratton, 26, of Whitlash died at 2 P.M. Tuesday of this week at the local hospital following childbirth, the child being dead at birth.

Funreal services for mother and child will be held at Whitlash today at 2 P.M., and the remains be buried in the Hhiltash cemetery.

Mrs. Cora E. Stratton was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jchn From of Whitlash. She was born at Whitlash Aug. 17, 1911, and lived her entire life in that territory. She was married September 6, 1930 to Archie C. Stratton in Havre.

Surviving her are her husband, 4 children, Reva 6; Stanley 4; Betty 3; and Nary 2; her mother, Mrs Arthur Simmons, Baker, Mont; three sisters; Mrs. Burnham Murray, Whitlash, Mrs. Florence [Severud, Hingham; and one brother, Gerald From Spokane, Wash.

## ELMER STRATTON

Born: December 25, 1896 - Died: May 19, 1938

Liberty County Times

May 19, 1938

# WHITLASH MAN LAID AWAY TO HIS FINAL REST

VETERAN OF WAR  
WOUNDED IN ACTION  
ANSWERS LAST REVILLE

Elmer Stratton was born at Sterling Center, Minnesota Dec. 25, 1896, and with the rest of his family he moved to the Sweet Grass Hills in 1906, where he grew up and on June 15, 1927 he was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Dixon. To this union four children were born—Elmer, Ruby, Gene and Donald. Both his parents have preceded him to the Beyond, and besides his wife and children he is survived by three sisters—Mrs. Ellen Harvey of Dixon, Mrs. B. Vigoren of Hamilton and Mrs. Hattie Cox of Minnesota and a twin brother Walter, who was killed in action in France.

On May 19th he died after an illness of only a few days of pneumonia.

He owned and operated a ranch in the Hills, where, at peace with the world, and content, he lived and died. A veteran of the Great War, he stood in the battle line and done his bit, coming back in doubtful health and a bullet wound in an arm, to retire quietly again to his home in the Hills, where he lived and labored on to the end.

Mysterious indeed is the fealty warriors for one another feel. A band of border veterans drove down from Sweet Grass to gather around, follow to his final resting place, stand bareheaded in the pouring rain and fire the farewell salvo over his bier. Such is the fealty warriors for one another feel Major C. H. Olson, Earl Best, Walter Brown, R. H. Westerly, Wm. A. Randall—the comrades from along the border.

Rev. Holland, pastor of the Lutheran Society, and singers from the Lutheran Ladies Choir on words of solace and songs of promise ushered the veteran, out into the unknown. The pastor spoke profoundly on the phenomena of life and death.

## JAMES (SCOTTY) WATSON

Born: April 26, 1859 - Died: May ?, 1938

Liberty County Times

May 12, 1938

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### DEATH OF JAMES "SCOTTY" WATSON

The funeral of James "Scotty" Watson was held at the Methodist church Tuesday at 2 o'clock with Rev. Stuart of Havre officiating.

James Watson was born April 26, 1859 in Buchanan, Scotland. In the last years he has resided at Inverness where he was first section foreman of the Great Northern. He retired when 70 years old and has been living at the Fair Hotel in Havre during the winters and in Inverness during the summer. He died at the age of 79. His death followed an operation given to set a broken hip which he received when he fell. A nephew, George McPherson of Ventura, California, is here to attend the funeral.

## DOMINICK WILMES

Born: June 2, 1875 - Died: January 30, 1938

Liberty County Times

February 3, 1938

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### DOMINICK WILMES PASSES AWAY

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Catholic church at Inverness for Dominick Wilmes of Joplin who died at the age of 62.

Dominick Wilmes was born on June 2, 1875 at Holy Cross, Wis. He was married when he was 21 years of age to Valentina Jerzak at Wilno, Lincoln County, Minn. on Feb. 7, 1895. After his marriage he moved to Canby, Minnesota and lived there until 1892 when he moved to South Haven, Minnesota. He moved again in 1904 to Minot, N. D., and came to Montana in 1909, homesteading half a mile south of Inverness, where he lived until about three years ago, when he moved to Joplin, where he operated a beer parlor.

Surviving relatives include his daughter, Mrs. Harold McNamara of Joplin; and three sons Ben and David of Inverness; and Joe of Joplin; also two sisters and two brothers.

—Havre Daily News.

## MATILDA YURMAN

Born: June 2, 1865 - Died: September 16, 1938

Liberty County Times

September 15, 1938

### Mrs. MATILDA YURMAN LAID TO REST

Mrs. Matilda Yurman, 73, died at 1 P.M. at Chester on Friday Sept. 16, following a stroke. Funeral service of Holland and Bonine brought the body to Chester and funeral services were conducted from the Lutheran church at 1:30 P. M. Rev. Holland, officiating pastor, and the 1910 she moved to Chester where remains followed by a long retinue cemetery.

Mrs. Matilda Yurman was born on June 2, 1865, in Esthonia and came to the United States in 1909. In 1910 she moved to Chester where she spent the remainder of her life.

Her husband preceded her to the beyond some eight years ago and she has since made her home with her children.

She is survived by four sons and one daughter; Carl and Michael of Chester, John of Shelton, Wm. and Andrew of Esthonia.

Her motherly attributes were of remarkable reticence and feminine grace, and the circle of friends to whom she became attached mark well of the quiet, reserved, matron, submitting dutifully to the decree of the Most High.