

ARTHUR (MIKE) AINLEY

Birth: October 22, 1872 - Died: November 24, 1948

Liberty County Times

December 2, 1948

### **Funeral Services for Arthur Ainley Held Here Saturday**

Last rites for Arthur (Mike) Ainley, 78, pioneer Chester resident were held in the Methodist Church here Saturday afternoon with Rev. A. L. Swarens officiating.

The deceased passed away here last Wednesday after a lingering illness. He was born in Iowa on October 22, 1870 and came to Chester in 1912.

He homesteaded south of here since that time and made many friends both in his farm community and in Chester and Joplin.

Pallbearers were Hugo Johnson, Walter Laas, William Raabe, Charles Jeffries, Harry Heimbigner and Peter M. Kuhry. Interment was in the IOOF cemetery here.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ann Galager of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Pearl Wyalt of Long Beach, California; two brothers, Albert Ainley of Marathon, Iowa, and Charles Ainley of Greenfield, Iowa, and a number of nieces and nephews. Mrs. George Ainley, a sister-in-law, came from Kalispell to attend the funeral.

HERBERT ELI ASPEVIG

Birth: 1893 - Died: January 5, 1948

Liberty County Times

January 8, 1948

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**Herbert E. Aspevig,  
Prominent Rudyard  
Resident Passes**

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Herbert Eli Aspevig, 55, prominent Rudyard resident, died in a Havre hospital Monday. He had been in failing health for several months.

Aspevig was born at Ulen, Minn., and came to Rudyard in 1914. He was married in 1916 to Vora Grendahl, who survives him. They farmed continuously south of Rudyard. Aspevig also was associated for nearly 20 years with the Imperial elevator and other grain elevators in the Rudyard district. He was a sports enthusiast, particularly baseball and basketball and frequently umpired baseball games along the Hi-Line.

With his widow, survivors are five sons, Hugo, Leroy, Paul, Donald and Roger, all of Rudyard; two sisters and one brother. Services have tentatively been set for Friday afternoon at 2 at the Rudyard Community hall.

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MARY ALICE BANGS

Birth: 1862 - Died: July 17, 1948

Liberty County Times

July 22, 1948

## Funeral Services For Mrs. Bangs Held Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Holland and Bonine Funeral home for Mrs. Mary Alice Bangs, 86, a resident of the Minneota community north of Inverness for many years, who died Saturday.

Mrs. Bangs was born in the Dassel community in Minnesota. The family moved to the Minneota community from North Dakota in 1911. Mrs. Bangs taught school as a young woman, and was always active in community and civic affairs. She had been ill since June 15.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Warren Bangs; two sons, Harry R. of Vancouver, Wash., and William W. of Inverness; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Huggins of Glendive and Mrs. Edward Gabriel of Spokane; a sister, Mrs. Ida Vanstrun of Hendrum, Minn.; a brother, Chris Remick of Minneapolis; 4 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. —Havre Daily News .....

## DORA BLANCHARD

Birth: N/A - Died: June 5, 1948

Liberty County Times

June 10, 1948

### Funeral Services For Mrs. Blanchard Held in Cut Bank

Funeral services were held Tuesday at St. Margaret's Catholic church for Mrs. Dora Blanchard, 61. She had been in apparent good health until an illness which began less than two months ago.

After six week in the local hospital and a major operation, she died Saturday.

Mrs. Blanchard was born in Three Rivers, Quebec, and came to Montana when she was but 6 years old. The family settled near Fort Benton. It was there that she married Ernest Blanchard, who preceded her in October, 1946. Since that time she had made her home in Cut Bank. The Blanchards were early day settlers in Chester and were well known here.

Surviving are two daughters—Mrs. Dorothy Cady, Gildford, and Mrs. John Monroe, Cut Bank—and 10 grandchildren. Three sisters and two brothers are also living. They are Mrs. Wayland Smith, Chester; Mrs. Helen Brigger, Post Falls, Ida.; Mrs. Cecilia Otis, Livingston; William Beilleux, Fort Benton, and Ernest Beilleux, Seattle.

Mrs. Blanchard was a member of the Royal Neighbors and Women of the Moose.

The Rev. Fr. G. H. Heitpas and the Rev. Fr. Martin Werner officiated at the service Tuesday morning. Palibearers were Wilbur Werner and

ROY STANLEY BLODGETT  
Birth: 1888 - Died: March ?, 1948  
Liberty County Times  
March 11, 1948

### Body of Roy Blodgett Found at Buffington Ranch Monday

The body of Roy Stanley Blodgett, about 60, was found Monday afternoon by a rural mail carrier at the ranch of Quincy R. Buffington south of here.

Blodgett had been caretaker at the Buffington ranch since December, the family having made their home here during the school year. Death was caused by a gunshot wound in the head, inflicted by a .22 calibre rifle. He had been dead from three to six hours when he was discovered in the house by the mail carrier, who was making his final stop of the day. Local authorities believed death was caused by suicide. No inquest was held.

Little or no details of the life of the dead man are known here, although he had worked as a ranch hand in this area for about 12 years.

Funeral arrangements are still pending while local authorities are making investigations and attempting to locate relatives.

**LOREN EUGENE BRANDT**  
**Born: April 19, 1914 - Died: April 8, 1948**  
**Liberty County Times**  
**April 15, 1948**

**Loren Eugene Brandt,  
Rudyard Resident  
Died Thursday**

Loren Eugene Brandt, 33, life-long resident of the Rudyard community passed away Thursday morning, April 8 at 9:00 o'clock after an illness of about six months. Death came at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brandt, three miles southeast of Rudyard.

Mr. Brandt was born at Rudyard April 19, 1914. He was married at Hingham January 7, 1939, to Miss Florence Cross, and had engaged in farming with his father.

He is survived by his wife, his parents and two children, Loren, Jr., aged 8, and Maureen, aged 3. Also surviving are three brothers, Irwin, Wilmar and Robert Brandt, all of Hingham.

Funeral services were held in Rudyard Saturday afternoon for the highly respected young man.

Family services were held at 1:30 at Our Saviour's Lutheran church, with the Rev. Milo E. Lee officiating. Public services were held at the Rudyard Community hall at 2:00 with Rev. Lee again conducting the rites.

The hall was filled to beyond capacity with life-long friends of the young man. Selections were sung by Joe Simon, accompanied by Mrs. Joe Ludwig, Jr., and by a duet composed of Mrs. Ed. Stelter and Mrs. Syver Norby, accompanied by Miss Constance Rice.

Pallbearers were Lloyd Twedt, Robert Petrick, Gordon Twedt, Bernard Kenfield, Donald Twedt, and Ted Langel. Interment was in the Rudyard cemetery.

## FRANK CALIN JR.

Birth: N/A - Died: September ?, 1948

Liberty County Times

September 16 - 23, 1948

### Frank Calin Victim In Railroad Accident

Frank Calin, 54, of Joplin, was killed in the head-on collision of a Great Northern freight train and a speeder carrying Great Northern section hands near Helena last week.

The Liberty County man had left here sometime ago and was employed by the Great Northern Railroad near Butte as a section hand.

Three other men were killed in the railroad tragedy, and twenty others were injured.

Details of the tragedy were being pieced together this week by railroad officials. Crews of the freight train and the section car claim that they did not see each other until they were within 50 feet. When the men on the section car saw the train loom around a sharp bend, as many as could jumped. Several were scratched and bruised as they sprawled on the cinders along side the track.

The section speeder car was imbedded in and wrapped around the cowcatcher of the train locomotive.

Calin was the son of Frank Calin Sr. and had spent most of his life in Liberty County. He attended Joplin schools and had many friends in the community.

The body of the deceased man was cremated in the Great Falls Creamatory Monday. The man's ashes are presently resting in the office of the Liberty County Sheriff.

Calin's father is expected to arrive here from Columbia Falls in the next few days to make funeral arrangements.

### Accident Victim Buried In Joplin Cemetery

Frank Calin Sr. of Columbia Falls arrived last week to claim the ashes of his son, Frank Calin Jr., of Joplin who was killed in a Great Northern Railroad accident near Helena two weeks ago. The remains of younger Calin were buried in the family plot at Joplin.

Last rites for Calin were held in Helena last week and the body was cremated in Great Falls. The ashes were shipped here to await arrival of his father.

MARCIA ANNETTE COPENHAVER

Birth: July 9, 1948 - Died: September 21, 1948

Liberty County Times

September 30, 1948

### **Copenhaver Infant Passes in Shelby**

Marcia Annette Copenhaver, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Copenhaver of Oilmont, passed away in a Shelby hospital Tuesday of last week. Funeral services for the tot, who was born July 9, were held in Shelby Thursday afternoon and burial was in Hinsdale.

The infant's mother is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Colbry of Chester.



## FRANK XAVIER DAHINDEN

Birth: August 12, 1884 - Died: September 18, 1948

Liberty County Times

September 23, 1948

### Frank Dahinden Funeral Services Conducted Today

Last rites for Frank Xavier Dehinden, 64, long time Joplin resident were held this morning in the Catholic Church in Inverness. The man passed away in the Liberty county hospital last Saturday.

The deceased was a resident of the Joplin community for nearly forty years. He was born at St. Joseph, Minnesota, in 1884. He came to the Joplin area from Tolley, North Dakota, in 1909. He was married to Margaret Weber in Joplin in 1913, and the couple made their home eight miles south of that city continuously since then.

Mr. Dehinden had been a life long member of the Catholic church and had always served in church sponsored organizations. He was a sports enthusiast all his life, and will long be remembered by both Joplin and Hi-Line residents for his untiring work in community baseball.

Funeral services were conducted with the Rev. Fr. John Khonke officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery in Havre.

Besides his widow, the deceased is survived by three sons: Eugene A. and Vernon J. of Joplin; and William J. of Great Falls. Two sisters: Mrs. Anna Zeltinger of Tolley, North Dakota and Mrs. Lena Marum of Glenburn, North Dakota. One brother, Joe J. Dehinden of Minneapolis is the final survivor.

## TROY W. DUNCAN

Birth: October 22, 1882 - Died: November 3, 1948

Liberty County Times

November 4 - 11, 1948

### Funeral Rites Held Here Monday For Troy Duncan, Pioneer Resident

Many friends gathered at the Chester Methodist Church Monday to pay final respects to Troy W. Duncan, pioneer Liberty County stockman who passed away in a Conrad hospital last week.

The Revs. Moody of Conrad and Swarens of Chester officiated in the last rites and Mr. Fred Barrett sang "Abide With Me, Lead Kindly Light, and The Old Rugged Cross" to the accompaniment of Mrs. Barrett.

Pallbearers were Emil Nelson and Julius Van Dessel of Joplin, Alex Turner, Allister Murray, John Brinkmen and George Gau of Chester. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

The deceased was born in Maysville, De Kalb County, Missouri on Oct. 22, 1882. He left there while young and worked as a farmhand in Kansas. From Kansas he journeyed to Wyoming where he worked for several years as a cowhand on several ranches.

In 1902 Duancan rode with a pack horse trailing from Wyoming thru Montana and into Canada. He traveled as far as Medicine Hat and then returned to Montana. He next spent several years working in the Sweetgrass hills area.

In 1905 the deceased homesteaded on what is now Big Sage Creek. The holdings were made into a large sheep ranch and in 1912 were converted into stock and grain lands.

The man married Helen Rose Keith in Joplin on April 17, 1912. Two children were born to them, John W. Duncan, a son who resides on the Big Sage ranch, and a daughter, Ina Rose Kidd of Joplin.

In addition he is survived by one sister, Mrs. R. F. Smith of Joplin, and by two brothers, Elmer Duncan of Joplin and Delbert Williams of Maysville, Missouri, and by one grandson, David Melvin Kidd of Joplin.

### Troy Duncan, Pioneer Resident, Passes Away

Troy W. Duncan, 69, long time resident of the Joplin community, died in a Conrad hospital yesterday morning after a short illness. The deceased was born in Maysville, Mo. in 1879 and came to the Joplin area in 1902.

Funeral services will be held in the Chester Methodist Church Monday, November 8, at 2:00 p.m. Services will be conducted by a Presbyterian minister from Conrad.

Details on the man's life and survivors will be published next week.

MARTIN N. ERICKSON  
Birth: 1880 - Died: 1948  
Liberty County Times  
December 2, 1948

### **Martin Erickson, Former Chester Man Dies out West**

Word was received here recently of the death of Martin N. Erickson, former Chester man, of Poulsbo, Washington. Funeral services for the man were held in Poulsbo last Friday.

The man was well known here having homesteaded south of Chester in 1913. He operated the Ford Garage here in the early 20's and had many friends in the county.

The sixty-eight year old man was born in Fairdale, North Dakota and came here in 1913. His wife passed away in 1918.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Harry Flint of Poulsbo; four sisters, Mrs. Emma Erickson and Mrs. Einar Warnes of Chester; Mrs. P. N. Berg of Sauk Center, Minnesota; and Mrs. Hans Hoven of Fairdale, North Dakota; four brothers, Chris of Minnesota, Edwin of Fairdale, North Dakota, Joseph of Polson, and John of Seattle.

Burial was in the Poulsbo cemetery.

## JOSEPH FRITZ

Birth: March 19, 1888 - Died: November 14, 1948

Liberty County Times

November 18, 1948

### Funeral Services For Joe Fritz Held Wednesday

Many friends and neighbors gathered at the Catholic Church in Chester yesterday morning to pay final respects to Joseph Fritz, retired North Chester rancher, who passed away in a Havre hospital last Sunday.

High Mass was sung by Father Kennet of the Hingham parish, and Florian Kuhry sang the Latin mass. Other musical offerings were made by a choir of Mrs. Harry Greiner, Louise Rehal and Mrs. P. M. Kuhry. Mrs. Amos Aaberg was accompanist.

Pallbearers were W. A. Smith, George Gau, Dodds Keith, Charles Curfman, Frank Schroer, and John Hemmer. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Havre.

The sixty year old man had resided in the North Chester area for nearly forty years before he retired and moved to Havre two years ago.

His death came as a surprize to his many relatives and friends as he had been ill for only a week.

Mr. Fritz was born at Poliet, Illinois on March 19, 1888. When he was still a child the family moved to Lime Springs, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. He came to Chester in 1910, homesteading north of here.

The man was married in Havre on June 4, 1914 to Ila Widlowski, who survives him, as do two sons, Leonard and Raymond of Chester, and two daughters, Mrs. Harley Struck of Rudyard and Miss Lillian Fritz of Havre. There are five grandchildren.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Mary Nast of Milwaukee; three half-sisters; Mrs. Rosie Dinger, Mrs. Emma Danger and Mrs. Annie Zobeck, all of Lime Springs; three half-brothers, Frank and Joe Horejjs, both of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Anton Horejs of Lime Springs.

Rosary services for the man were recited in the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre Tuesday night.

**KATHERINE ALMA GABBERT**

**Birth: February 23, 1948 - Died: March 13, 1948**

**Liberty County Times**

**March 18, 1948**

**Infant Daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel  
Gabbert Passes Away**

Katherine Alma Gabbert, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel F. Gabbert, passed away Saturday evening. Family services were held at the Chester cemetery Tuesday afternoon with Rev. Harold Lachmann, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Havre, officiating.

The Infant was born in Havre February 23 and is survived by her parents and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Snider, Rudyard.

RUBY ARNDT GIBBONS  
Birth: N/A - Died: 1948  
Liberty County Times  
April 1, 1948

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### **Mrs. Ruby Gibbons Passes in Eureka**

Mrs. Ruby Gibbons, former school teacher of Liberty county passed away in Eureka, Montana Saturday morning. Details of her death are lacking.

Mrs. Gibbons was the former Ruby Arndt, who taught in many of the rural school of Liberty county between 1910 and 1919. In 1919, with her husband, Walter Gibbons, she moved to Eureka where she lived until the time of her death. She is survived by her husband and four children. Funeral services were held in Eureka Wednesday and burial was in the Kalispell cemetery.

## MILDRED THIELMAN GREER

Born: 1919 - Died: March 8, 1948

Liberty County Times

March 11 - 18, 1948

### Mildred Greer Passes Suddenly In Havre Hospital

Mrs. Mildred Greer, 28, well known Chester young woman, passed away suddenly Monday afternoon at Havre hospital. Her death came as a severe shock to her family and many friends here.

Mrs. Greer, who before her marriage was Mildred Thielman, is a native of Chester and a graduate of Chester high school. She received a course in hair dressing in Great Falls and worked as a beautician in Cut Bank before opening the Chester Beauty Shop. She was married February 27, 1941, to E. R. (Bud) Greer at Lewiston, Idaho.

She is survived by her husband, and a son, Ronald, her mother, Mrs. Otto Thielman, and two brothers, Harold and Edward Thielman, and a sister, Mrs. John Walkman of Chester. Another sister, Mrs. Fred Harris, is a resident of Leola, S. D., and a brother, George Thielman, lives at Joplin.

Funeral services are being held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:00 at the Chester Methodist church. Officiating will be Rev. Harold Lachmann of Havre, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church. Interment will be in the local cemetery.

### Many Attend Funeral Services Thursday For Mrs. Greer

The Chester Methodist Church was filled to capacity Thursday afternoon by friends who came to pay tribute to Mrs. Mildred Greer, 28, esteemed young Chester matron, who passed away unexpectedly March 8 at a Havre hospital.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Harold Lachmann, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church of Havre. Three numbers, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "God Will Take Care of You," and "No Night There," were sung by a woman's choir, accompanied by Miss Peggy Keith.

Members of the choir were as follows: Mrs. Clifford Hanson, Mrs. Fred Barrett, Mrs. Henry Kolstad, Mrs. Walter Anderson, Mrs. Mike Kammerzell, Mrs. Archie Violet, Mrs. Fred Brown and Mrs. Emmers Berg.

Pallbearers for the young woman were Max Brown, James Armstrong, Robert Pettapiece, James W. Pettapiece, Robert Warnes and Leslie Albright.

An estimated 225 persons crowded both floors of the church, and there was a profusion of flowers. Interment was in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Chester.

## WILLIAM HAGEN

Birth: March 17, 1876 - Died: September ?, 1948

Liberty County Times

September 23 - 30, 1948

### William Hagen Dies Wednesday

William Hagen, 72, long time Liberty county resident passed away in Chester last night. The aged man had been a resident of the county for nearly forty years and was one of the first homesteaders in this area.

He came here early in the century and took a homestead south of the Marias river. He left the farm several years ago and has resided in Chester since that time.

He is survived by a daughter, Elsa, who is a school teacher in Pendleton, Oregon, and by a son, William Jr., of Lewistown, Idaho.

Other information on the man's life is meager at this time. The body has been taken to a Havre funeral home, and arrangements are pending until word from the deceased's children has been received.

### Hagen Funeral Services Conducted Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for William Hagen, 72, long-time Chester resident, were held from the Methodist Church here last Sunday with the Rev. A. E. Swarens officiating. The deceased man passed away in Chester late last week after a lingering illness. Burial was in the Chester Cemetery.

The Methodist Church Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Ed Thielman, sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" and "Still, Still With Thee." Pallbearers were Sam Brain, George Meissner, Joe McIsaacs, Fred Romain, Raymond Romain and James Armstrong.

Hagen was born in Finland in 1776 and came to this country when he was 21 years old. He worked for a time in the iron mines in Granite Falls, Wis., and came to Montana in 1910.

He then homesteaded south of Chester near the Marias river and farmed there until several years ago when he moved to Chester.

The deceased is survived by three daughters, Anna Graham of Avando, Mont.; Mrs. Signe Burk, Phillipsburg, Mont., and Miss Elsie Hagen of Pendleton, Ore.; one son, Bill Hagen of Lewiston, Idaho, and a brother, Erick Brown of San Francisco.

Bill and Anna were here for the funeral.



## MARY C. (KATIE) HEIMBIGNER

Birth: February 6, 1870 - Died: August 23, 1948

Liberty County Times

August 26 - September 2, 1948

### Mrs. Mary Heimbigner Passes in Spokane

Mrs. Mary C. Heimbigner, pioneer Liberty county resident, passed away Monday evening in a Spokane hospital following a lingering illness. Four of her sons, Harry, Sam, Walter and Henry, all of Chester were at her bedside at the time of her death.

Funeral services are being held this afternoon at the Hagen and Jaeger Funeral home and interment will be in the Ritzville, Washington, cemetery beside the grave of her husband. An obituary will be carried in next week's issue of the Times.

### Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Katie Heimbigner

Funeral services for Mary C. (Katie) Heimbigner were held last Thursday morning at the Hazen and Jaeger Funeral home in Spokane following her death last week in a Spokane hospital. In observance of one of Mrs. Heimbigner's last requests, her six sons, Walter, Sam, Harry, Henry, Fred and David were pallbearers. Interment was in the Ritzville, Washington, cemetery beside the grave of her husband.

Mary C. Heimbigner was born February 6, 1870, in Kansas City, Kansas. Following her marriage she moved with her husband to Washington state, coming to Montana in 1909 to establish a homestead north of Chester. She made her home on the farm until the death of her husband in September 1923, when she moved into Chester where she lived until illness forced her to enter a Havre hospital in 1944. Mrs. Heimbigner spent three and one half years in Havre and moved to the Spokane hospital approximately six months ago.

Her entire family of six sons and two daughters were at her bedside at the time of her death.

Survivors include: two daughters, Mrs. Mary Taylor of Billings, Montana and Mrs. Clara Widowfield of Malta, Montana; six sons, David Heimbigner of Odessa, Washington; Fred Heimbigner of Spokane, Washington, and Henry, Walter, Sam and Harry Heimbigner, all of Chester. Also three sisters, Mrs. Mary Manlig of Pasco, Washington; Mrs. Threse Lauritsen of Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Pauline Stokes of Spokane; four brothers, David and J. J. Schiffner of Spokane; Sam Schiffner of Prosser, Washington, and Abe Schiffner of Sacramento, California. Twenty-two grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Heimbigner was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church.

## AUGUST CARL JASCHKE

Born: January 8, 1882 - Died: February 1, 1948

Liberty County Times

February 5, 1948

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### August Jaschke of Inverness Dies at Home Sunday

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August Carl Jaschke, 66, of Inverness, retired Great Northern section worker, passed away at his home in Inverness at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon after a long illness.

Mr. Jaschke was born in Germany on January 8, 1882, and came to this country with his parents when he was 3½ years of age. He came to Inverness from Randal, Minn., in June, 1915, and was for some years employed on farms in the area.

He began working for the Great Northern in 1930 and was employed on the section continuously until he suffered a stroke in 1945 and was forced to retire. He was married in Havre July 5, 1934, to Ethel Anderson.

Mrs. Jaschke survives him, as do four sisters, Mrs. Betty Maxfield of Albany, Calif., Mrs. Harry McKinney and Mrs. Joe Walsdorf, both of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. George Egerman of Richmond, Minn.

Funeral services were held at the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Inverness this (Thursday) morning. Interment was in the Inverness cemetery.

M/SGT. DALYS KEZAR

Birth: 1917 - Died: November 20, 1948

Liberty County Times

November 25, 1948

## Kremlin War Hero is Killed in West Coast Automobile Accident Saturday

A Kremlin war veteran who had a plane shot from under him, who escaped from the Japanese held Philippines, and who risked his life in two years of bitter combat in the South Pacific was instantly killed Saturday night in an auto accident near Ephrata, Washington.

Killed was thirty one year old M/Sgt. Dalys Kezar of Kremlin. His wife was seriously injured and is recovering in an Ephrata hospital. The man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kezar of Havre left for Washington Monday and it is believed that the young man's body will be returned to Havre for burial.

Sgt. Kezar was born in Havre in 1917. He attended Kremlin schools and grew to manhood in that community. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1941 and was soon commissioned as Warrant Officer. He served with the USAF in the South Pacific all during the war.

In a flight from Sydney, Australia to a small Pacific Island outpost the ship in which Kezar was riding was riddled by Japanese fire. He and his companions were forced to jump from the plane. They were picked up a few hours later by a merchant ship.

Sgt. Kezar was awarded a soldier's medal for heroism in the Phillipines. He was one of the few lower rated men who found a way to escape from the occupied islands.

Complete details were not available on the fatal accident.

In addition to his parents, and his wife, the young man is survived by six sisters, Mrs. Norman Johnson of Kremlin; Mrs. William Hutchinson, Shelby; Mrs. Sodderberg of Havre; Susanna and Joanna Kezar of Havre; and two brothers, Leon of Havre and Cpl. Gerald of the U. S. Army.

## CHRISTIAN C. KOLSTAD

Birth: December 3, 1876 - Died: May 29, 1948

Liberty County Times

June 3, 1948

# Chris Kolstad Passed Away Here Saturday

One of Liberty county's most respected gentlemen and long-time resident, Chris Kolstad, passed away at his home here Saturday morning. Mr. Kolstad had been in failing health for the past two years. Saturday morning he had decided that he felt well enough to mow his lawn. He had made only a few rounds and then went over to sit down to rest. Death was attributed to a heart ailment.

Christian C. Kolstad was born December 3, 1876, at Kenyon, Minnesota. He was united in marriage to Anna S. Hanson at Larimore, North Dakota, March 7, 1901. In 1910 the family moved to Montana and homesteaded southwest of Chester where he and his family lived until 1931 when they moved to Chester. They built a new home here and have lived here since that time, with the exception of a year spent in Great Falls where Mr. Kolstad received medical attention. Mr. Kolstad was the true western type pioneer, one of the few early day dry land farmers who stayed and made a success of farming despite the odds during his nearly 40 years in this area.

Survivors include his wife: one sister, Mrs. Anna Lurndal of Modena, Wis., one brother, John Kolstad of Kenyon, Minn., and three sons, Henry B. Kolstad, Selmer J. Kolstad and Clarence A. Kolstad, all of Chester.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, with Rev. Merrill Gilbertson of Butte officiating. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

## PHILIP & KATHERINE KRAFT

Birth: 1871 -1872 - Died: June 2 - 4, 1948

Liberty County Times

June 10, 1948

### Double Funeral Services Conducted For Philip Krafts

Double funeral services were held at the Hingham Catholic church Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock for Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kraft, who passed away within two days of each other last week. Mr. Kraft, 77, died June 2, and his wife, Mrs. Katherine Kraft, 76, followed him in death June 4.

Solemn requiem high Mass was celebrated, with the Rev. John Kohnke, S. J., as celebrant, the Rev. Fr. Timothy Werner, S. J., deacon, and the Rev. Fr. Maurice Corrigan, S. J., of Havre as subdeacon. Responses to the Mass were sung by the Hingham choir.

Pallbearers were John Fisher, John Lipp, Mike L. Fisher, Anton Schwan, J. L. Fisher and Andrew Lipp.

Mr. and Mrs. Kraft, who had been residents of the Hingham community for many years, were buried side by side in the cemetery at Hingham.—Havre Daily News.

**WILLIAM R. LATHROP**

**Birth: 1862 - Died: April 21, 1948**

**Liberty County Times**

**April 29, 1948**

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**Former Early Day  
Newsman Passes**

William R. Lathrop, pioneer newspaperman of northern Montana, and a resident of Conrad for the past five years, passed away last Wednesday at the age of 86 years.

Many old timers here will remember him during his association with E. B. Weldy in the publication of a string of small newspapers between here and Dunkirk.

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**MRS. WILLIAM MELDRUM**

**Birth: October 7, 1885 - Died: September ?, 1948**

**Liberty County Times**

**September 30, 1948**

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**Funeral Services  
For Mrs. Meldrum  
Held Wednesday**

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Last rites for Mrs. William Meldrum of Joplin were held yesterday from the Lutheran Church in Joplin. The woman passed away in a Havre hospital last week.

Rev. Stewart of Williston, No. Dak., officiated at the funeral services. Pallbearers were M.D. Moulden, B. J. Storvik, Howard Hall, Dodds Keith, John Lyle and Frank Hayden. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Mrs. Meldrum was born in Scotland on October 7, 1885 and lived there until 1908. She went to Canada at that time and was married in Medicine Hat, Alberta, to William Meldrum in 1908.

The couple came to Joplin shortly after their marriage and lived there ever since.

Mrs. Meldrum was an active member of the Joplin Chapter of the Eastern Star, was a member of the Inverness Methodist Church, and always took a leading part in community affairs.

The deceased is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. David James and Miss Connie Meldrum, both of Joplin; three sons, Frank of Havre; William Jr. of Somers and Julian of Culver City. Another survivor is a brother, Alick Johnston, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Out-of-town relatives and friends who arrived here for the funeral services included: Julian Meldrum from California, William Meldrum, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Holand, Mrs. Catherine Milne, Allen Milne and James Meldrum, Sr. all of Somers, Montana; and James Meldrum of Helena.

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## LEVI NELSON

Birth: March 17, 1889 - Died: June 12, 1948

Liberty County Times

June 24, 1948

### Levi Nelson Passes Suddenly in Oregon

Levi Nelson, who lived 5 miles north of Joplin for 23 years died of a heart attack at 1:45 a.m. June 12 at his home at Canby, Oregon. He leaves a widow, Maude M. Nelson of Canby, step son, W. F. Moffett of Arcadia, California, one brother, T. C. Nelson of Logar, Utah, and 2 sisters in Denmark.

He was born in Aggresund, Denmark, March 17, 1889. He became a citizen of the United States in 1903. He was interested in all community hall and other civic enterprises. He was a director in the Joplin Farmers Union for several years.



**ALEXANDER NISBET**

**Birth: March 26, 1879 - Died: January 5, 1948**

**Liberty County Times**

**January 8, 1948**

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**Death Takes Former  
Chester Resident**

Alexander Nisbet, 68, of 813 Fourteenth street southwest, died Monday at a Great Falls hospital after a short illness.

Nisbet was born March 26, 1879, in Scotland, and came to the United States about 35 years ago, settling in Chester. Two years later he moved to Havre, where he lived 16 years. He then came to Great Falls during the war he worked at the army air base.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa, four daughters, Mrs. Jean Connor, New York city; Mrs. Ruth Ruggwell, Everett, Wash.; Betty and Earline, Great Falls; five sons, Kenneth, Gordon, Robert, Jimmy and Harry, Great Falls, and by 16 grandchildren.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge in Scotland.

The body is at Croxford's mortuary. Funeral arrangements have not been made. —Great Falls Tribune.

## EDMUND GEORGE (JOE) OSLER

Birth: February 21, 1884 - Died: February 25, 1948

Liberty County Times

February 26 - March 4, 1948

### Edmund George Osler Passed Away At Ranch Wednesday

Edmund George Osler, prominent rancher of the Hill section of Liberty county passed away from a heart attack in his home Wednesday morning. He had been outside doing chores, and feeling ill, went into the house to rest. He died shortly afterwards.

Edmund George Osler was born in Dundee, Scotland, February 21, 1884. He was married December 31, 1918 to Josephine Enerson. To this union, four children were born, Mrs. Earl Chambers and Gladys Osler of Tacoma, Washington, Pearl Osler of LaGrande, Oregon and John Osler of Chester.

Besides his children, he is survived by his wife, and two grandsons.

Funeral arrangements are pending the arrival of relatives.

### Funeral Services for Joe Osler Conducted Here Saturday

Funeral Services for Edmund George (Joe) Osler, 54, well known Chester farmer who passed away suddenly at his home north of here, were held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Chester Methodist Church.

Officiating at the services was the Rev. James W. Knorr. A quartet composed of Mrs. Fred Barrett, Mrs. James W. Knorr, Mrs. Hugo Johnson and Mrs. John Swank sang three numbers, "Count Your Blessings," "Some Day He'll make It Plain," and "Blest Be The Tie." They were accompanied by Miss Peggy Keith.

Pallbearers were Alex Turner, Orville Jacobson, Harold Hodges, Emil Zoeller, Allister Murray and Clifford Hatleberg. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

MRS. JOHN E. OSWOOD

Birth: April 7, 1880 - Died: January 19, 1948

Liberty County Times

January 22, 1948

## Mrs. John Oswood Passed Away In Falls Monday

One of the pioneer women of the county has passed away. Mrs. John E. Oswood of Hill died at the Deaconess hospital in Great Falls Monday morning. She underwent a major operation last September and even though she apparently had fully recovered, complications set in.

Mrs. Oswood was born in Saude, Norway, April 7, 1880, and came to the United States in 1896.

In 1898 she went into the Sweet Grass Hills, then practically a wilderness, with her brother, Sivert Risvold.

In 1899 she was married in Havre to John E. Oswood.

In addition to her husband and brother residing near Hill, she is survived by a son, Bernett of Hill, two daughters, Mrs. Harold Holm



of Great Falls and Mrs. Margaret Gray of Seattle, a sister in Norway and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Oswood was a woman of sterling character. All of the ranchers and newcomers into the territory were greatly impressed by the genuine hospitality and the great kindness of Mrs. Oswood.

The Oswood ranch was a haven to the newcomers who had neither home, shelter nor job, and who tried to become established in this rugged territory, a refuge to those whom the winter storms caught away from home and shelter and whose means of travel was by way of wagon, sled or on horseback; yes—a place where the welcome sign was never taken down, but was kept bright and shiny by the kindness and genuine efforts of Mrs. Oswood to serve and help all and everyone as if they were the closest of relatives.

In life as in death she had the greatest concern for those about her, never complaining or giving the slightest hint that she herself might suffer. The smile and demeanor of this true lady instilled in those with whom she came into contact the feeling of the presence of a genuine friend, a councillor, and a good Christian.

A true pioneer of the old west has gone to her reward. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Our Saviour's Lutheran church in Chester with Rev. A. B. Holland officiating. Burial will be at the local cemetery.

Pallbearers are: Nels Peterson, Louis Oswood, Sigrud Forseth, Richard Wickum, Ingolf Jeppesen and Karl Jeppesen.

## LEVA CHRISTINE OSWOOD

Born: January 27, 1878 - Died: November 1, 1948

Liberty County Times

November 4, 1948

### Last Rites for Mrs. Canute Oswood Held Here

Last rites for a pioneer member of the Chester community were held today from the Lutheran Church in Chester. The woman, Mrs. Leva Christine Oswood had been a resident of Liberty County for forty years.

The woman passed away here Tuesday morning in a local hospital after an illness of about a year. Mrs. Oswood had for many years been a highly respected member of both the community and in the Lutheran church.

Mrs. Oswood was born at Etne, Norway on January 27, 1878, and came to Chester directly from Norway in 1900. She was married in June of that year in Havre to Canute Oswood.

The deceased is survived by her husband and three daughters, Mrs. Caroline Watson of Bliss, Idaho, Mrs. Agnes Swanson of Napa, California, and Miss Elsie Oswood of Spokane, and two sons, Frank and Olney Oswood, both of Chester. Five grandchildren also survive her.

Mrs. Oswood was a lifelong member of the Lutheran church, and was a devoted mother and homemaker. Officiating at the funeral services was Rev. C. H. Jacobson of Joplin. Pallbearers were: Nels Peterson, A. G. Rudolph, Robert Moore, Harold Prescott, Nels Oswood and Karl Jeppesen.

Burial was in Chester cemetery.

## EMMA PLANK

Birth: 1865 - Died: August 30, 1948

Liberty County Times

September 2 - 9, 1948

### Funeral Services for Mrs. Emma Plank To Be Held Friday

Mrs. Emma Plank, mother of Leonard Plank, died at the St. Peter's Hospital in Helena Monday afternoon after a lingering illness. Mrs. Plank was 83 years old and had been a resident of the Chester community for the last 31 years.

Funeral services will be held in the Chester Methodist church Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.

### Funeral Services for Mrs. Emma Plank Held Here Friday

Many friends gathered at the Methodist church in Chester last Friday to pay final respects to Mrs. Emma Plank, long time Chester resident, who passed away in a Helena hospital August 30.

Always active in social and religious affairs, Mrs. Plank was a member of the Gold Star Mothers, a life long follower of the Methodist faith, and was a leading figure in the Methodist W.S.C.S. group. She was a lover of nature and spent much time in her favorite pastime of gardening.

The eighty three year old woman was born in Indiana in 1865, and was married in 1885 to Isaac H. Plank in East Lynne, Missouri. From there she went to Alberta, Canada, where she resided until coming here in 1917.

Mrs. Plank remained a Chester resident until 1945, and then moved to Helena. Shortly after beginning residence in Helena the woman suffered a stroke from which she never completely recovered.

Last rites for Mrs. Plank were conducted by the Reverend Homer Fuge of the Hi-Line Methodist Parish with J. Torrance Harvey of Kalispell delivering the sermon. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

"One Sweetly Solemn Thought" and the "Lord's Prayer," were vocal offerings of Margaret Lyle of Joplin. Mrs. John Lyle was the accompanist. Processional and Recessional marches were played by Miss Peggy Keith.

Pallbearers were Dodds Keith, Simon Warrington, Frank Eggers, George Gau, Karl Jeppesen and Ralph Shepherd.

Survivors of the deceased woman include a daughter, Mrs. Henry E. Williams of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; three sons, Leonard of Chester, Clarence of Silverton, Oregon, and Clyde of Medford, Oregon; nine grandchildren, and twenty-three great grandchildren.

FLORENCE REHAL PRENTISS  
Birth: August 12, 1906 - Died: 1948  
Liberty County Times  
December 2, 1948

### **Former Florence Rehal Passes**

Word was received here today of the death at Rochester, Minnesota of Mrs. Florence Prentiss, 42, the former Florence Rehal of Chester.

The woman was born here on Aug. 12, 1906 and was graduated from Chester high school. The body will be shipped to Havre for burial. Rosary will be recited Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the funeral home. Mass will be celebrated at St. Jude's Catholic church Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

## JOHN ROBERTSON

Birth: February 17, 1870 - Died: January 11, 1948

Liberty County Times

January 15, 1948

### John Robertson, Old Timer of Sage Creek Community Passes

John Robertson, formerly of the Sage Creek community, passed away at his home in Kalispell, Montana Sunday, January 11, according to word received here this week.

Mr. Robertson was born at Cargarriff, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Feb. 17, 1870 and spent his boyhood there.

He served with the Imperial Yeomanry of the Scottish Horse in the Boer war in South Africa in 1901-02, receiving his honorable discharge in 1902.

Mr. Robertson came to America in 1903 and homesteaded near the Sweet Grass Hills. In 1921 he was united in marriage to Agnes Bond. He engaged in farming and ranching until 1946 when failing health forced him to retire. He has lived in Kalispell since that time.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes, two sisters, Mrs. James Watt and Mrs. Robert Wood of Scotland; two brothers, William Robertson of Scotland and James Robertson of Vancouver, B. C., and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Waggener & Campbell Chapel, with the Rev. Russel J. Prentice officiating. Interment was made in the Conrad Memorial cemetery. Pallbearers were: Les Ward, Clarence Langley, James Melrum, C. F. Morris, Marshall Gau, and William Meldrum. Flowers were transported by Wesley Ailey and Gordon DeYoung.

**ELIZABETH ADELINE ROSS**

**Birth: December 30, 1854 - Died: February 7, 1948**

**Liberty County Times**

**February 12, 1948**

**Mrs. Elizabeth Ross  
Passes in Great Falls**

Mrs. Elizabeth Adeline Ross, 93, passed away Saturday night at her home in Great Falls it was learned here this week. Mrs. Ross had been a Chester resident prior to her moving to Great Falls 16 years ago, and is well known here.

She was born December 30, 1854, at Warsaw, Indiana. Her husband preceeded her in death in 1939.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. E. L. Scott of San Jose, California, five sons, J. J. and Virgil Ross of Great Falls, George of Rexford, Loamer of East Moline, Ill., and Carl of Los Angeles; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Croxford's Mortuary Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. Carl M. Davidson of the First Methodist Church of Great Falls officiating. Interment was in the Highland cemetery.



CLARA SCHWEITZER

Birth: 1871 - Died: September ?, 1948

Liberty County Times

September 23, 1948

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### Goldstone Matron Passes in Havre

Mrs. Clara Schweitzer, 77, a Goldstone community resident for the past thirty-five years, passed away in a Havre hospital early this week after an illness of several weeks.

The deceased was born in Russia in 1871. She was married in Odessa, Russia, in 1894 to Wendelin Schweitzer and they came to America a short time later.

The family homesteaded at Goldstone in 1913, and made their home there continuously since. Mr Schweitzer passed away in 1938. Six children also preceded Mrs. Schweitzer in death.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning in the Goldstone Catholic church with Rev. Fr. John Khonke officiating.

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DENISE STUART

Birth: 1941 - Died: January 7, 1948

Liberty County Times

February 5, 1948

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### Gildford Child Passes in Havre

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Denise Stuart, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stuart of Gildford, died in a Havre hospital last week after an illness of about a month. The child, who was ill last year with polio, entered the hospital a month ago. She was born in Havre. Besides her parents, she is survived by a brother, Reid; two grandmothers, Mrs. Agnes Stuart, Havre and Mrs. Fredia Shepard, Valier.

JOHN SUROVI

Birth: May 22, 1885 - Died: October 23, 1948

Liberty County Times

October 28, 1948

### **Hingham Man Killed In Freak Tractor Mishap Last Week**

John Surovi, long time Hingham resident was killed instantly last Saturday in a freak tractor accident. The man met death when the tractor on which he was riding ran close to a ditch and overturned.

The deceased had been working with a weed drag, and when the tractor came too close to the edge of the road, overturned, crushing Surovi beneath a fender.

Help was summoned immediately but the man was dead when pulled from beneath the tractor fender. Coroner Emil Eliason of Havre says that no inquest will be held.

Funeral services for Surovi were held yesterday morning in the Hingham Catholic Church.

The deceased was born in Czechoslovakia on May 22, 1885, and came to the United States in 1906. He moved to Hingham in 1910. Surviving are four brothers, Paul of Hingham, Felix of Rockham, Manitoba and Simon and Michael of Czechoslovakia.

## CARL TYKESON

Birth: November 16, 1872 - Died: July 23, 1948

Liberty County Times

August 5, 1948

### Former Chester Resident Passes in Sweden

Word was received here this week by friends of Carl Tykeson of Kalispell that he had passed away July 23 in Asmundtorp, Sweden, where he had arrived the day before. He left Kalispell July 17 and made the trip to Sweden by plane where he intended to visit his only surviving sister for the first time since leaving there 58 years ago.

He was born in Asmundtorp, November 16, 1872, and came to this country in 1890. He lived for a while in Missouri, then moved to Minnesota where he was married to Alice Wilen in 1901. They moved to Portland, Oregon, then came to Montana and homesteaded north of Chester in 1910. They left here in 1921 for Lewistown and in 1931 moved to Kalispell, where they made their home. Mrs. Tykeson preceeded him in death in 1942.

Surviving are seven children, Harold of Eugene, Ore., Mrs. Betty Walker, Mrs. Helen Loward, Mrs. Grace Blome and Evelyn Tykeson, all of Los Angeles, California; Carl of Ferndale, Mont., and Russell of Los Altos, California.

The deceased was quite well known here by many old timers as he homesteaded near the Harold Flogum farm north of here.

## ROY BENJAMIN WALDEN

Birth: December 31, 1889 - Died: February 8, 1948

Liberty County Times

February 12 - 19, 1948

# Roy B. Walden Succumbs Suddenly

The entire county populace as well as many other Hi-Line residents was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Roy B. Walden, 58, highly esteemed Liberty county merchant, rancher and bank official here Sunday of a heart attack.

Mr. Walden, who had apparently been in good health, lived alone in living quarters adjacent to the Walden Brothers Hardware. His body was discovered by his brother, Claude, his partner in the hardware business.

Mr. Walden was born at Cottage Grove, Oregon, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Walden. His father was, for many years, a pastor of the Baptist faith. The family moved to Stavely, Alt., in 1904 and in 1909 they came to Chester.

Mr. Walden joined his father in partnership in a hardware and implement business in 1909, and they extended their enterprises to sheep and grain farming. His father retired in 1918, and the elder Waldens moved to Oregon in 1922. Rev. Walden passed away in Oregon in 1927. Mrs. Walden, one of the first white children in Oregon, returned to Chester after her husband's death. She passed away in June, 1944.

He joined his brother, Claude, in the Walden Brothers Hardware company following his father's retirement, and had been active in it ever since. He served in many civic capacities, including the Lyons club, as a member of the city council and

mayor and clerk of the school board. He was active in securing the Tiber dam project and the building of a new high school in Chester. He was a director of the Citizen's Bank of Havre.

At the age of 14, he was stricken with infantile paralysis and the determination he used to walk again became the keynote of his entire life.

Mr. Walden was unmarried, and is survived by six brothers, Claude of Chester, George, Ralph and Paul of Alberta, Mark of British Columbia, and John of Eugene, Oregon.

## Roy B. Walden Rites Held Here Wednesday Of Last Week

The Chester Methodist Church was filled to capacity, with an estimated 300 people in attendance Wednesday afternoon of last week for the funeral of Roy B. Walden, one of Chester's most highly respected citizens who passed away suddenly. The services were carried to a large crowd in the basement and outside by means of public address systems.

Officiating at the services was the Rev. James Knorr, pastor of the Hi-Line Methodist parish. A quartet composed of Mrs. Ruth Barrett, Mrs. Francis Brown, Mrs. Ida Mae Knorr and Mrs. Ardyce Swank sang three numbers, accompanied by Miss Peggy Ann Keith. They were: "The Lord is My Shepherd", "Beautiful Home of the Soul", and a family request number "Gold Mine in the Sky".

Pallbearers were George Gau, Dodds Keith, Karl Jeppesen, John Hutchison, Mike Kammerzell and Einar Warnes. Interment was in the Chester Cemetery.

## Tribute to a Pioneer Memorial Fund Started

A Roy B. Walden Memorial fund has been started in memory of the late Roy B. Walden. Contributions to the fund will be deposited in the Liberty County Bank and it is hoped that enough will be accumulated to purchase a new piano for the auditorium. Contributions may be left with Miss Susanna Hull in the court house. The piano will be dedicated to the memory of Roy B. Walden, a faithful school board member for about 30 years.

Residents, old and young, will remember Roy as a quiet, unassuming man who did more than his share of work on committees and boards without asking recognition. His familiar face and friendly greeting to all will be sorely missed. A truly grand pioneer has passed on.

WILLIAM F. WATTERS

Birth: September 24, 1865 - Died: December 3, 1948

Liberty County Times

December 9, 1948

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**Last Rites Held for  
William F. Watters**

Requiem high mass was celebrated at St. Jude's Catholic church in Havre Monday morning for William F. Watters, 83, pioneer Liberty county farmer and commissioner who passed away in a Havre hospital last Friday.

Friends of the man from all over northern Montana attended the rites. The Rev. Fr. Charles Roger S. J. was celebrant at the Mass, which was sung by Neil Lucke. Rosary was recited Sunday evening in the funeral home. Burial was in Calvary cemetery in Havre.

Mr. Watters was born September 24, 1865 at Mount Pleasant, and came to Montana from there in 1898, residing at Butte for several years. He moved to Chester and homesteaded eight miles southwest of here.

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**ROBERT DOUGLAS WIGEN**

**Birth: Janaury 30, 1948 - Died: February 1, 1948**

**Liberty County Times**

**February 5, 1948**

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**Infant Son of Mr.  
Mrs. Robert Wigen  
Passes in Havre**

Robert Douglas Wigen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wigen, passed away in a Havre hospital Sunday afternoon. The tot was born Friday.

Survivors besides the parents, include the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wigen of Havre, and the maternal grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Einar Warnes of Chester.

Graveside services were held at the I.O.O.F. cemetery here Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with the Rev. James Knorr of the Hi-Line Methodist parish officiating.

MRS. C. L. WILSON  
Birth: 1871 - Died: March 31, 1948  
Liberty County Times  
April 8, 1948

### Mrs. C. L. Wilson Passes in Missoula

Word was received here this week that Mrs. C. L. Wilson, about 77, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ned Dobson in Missoula, March 31. Funeral services were held in Missoula and burial in the Missoula cemetery Saturday.

Mrs. Wilson was well known here, as she lived here with her husband from 1910 until 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson homesteaded 17 miles north of Chester and owned property in this county until last summer.

Mrs. Wilson was born and reared in Iowa. She taught school there before being married in 1894 to C. L. Wilson. To this union, two daughters were born, Mrs. Leo Hankerson, who passed away in January of 1946 and Mrs. Ned Dobson of Missoula. After leaving Liberty county in 1935, the Wilson family moved to Walla Walla, Washington, where Mr. Wilson was engaged in business.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by her husband, C. L. Wilson, one daughter, 5 grand children and one great grand child.



## SARA SUMMERVILLE WOODS

Birth: February 3, 1861 - Died: June 21, 1948

Liberty County Times

June 24, 1948

### **Mrs. Sara Woods of Inverness Passes In Gt. Falls Monday**

Mrs. Sarah Summerville Woods, 87, resident of Inverness for about 37 years, passed away Monday night at the Deaconess hospital in Great Falls. She was the widow of the late William Alexander Woods, who passed away October 28, 1936.

Mrs. Woods was born February 3, 1861, at White Lake, Ont. She was married to Mr. Woods at Minot, N. Dak., on July 3, 1883. They moved to Warwick, Alberta from Ardock, N. Dak., in 1901, and in 1911 they came to Inverness.

Mrs. Woods was a devout member of the Methodist church, and in pioneer days, the beloved Rev. Van Orsdel, known as Brother Van, was a frequent visitor at the Woods home. She was fond of knitting and other hand work, and was known as a fine homemaker and loyal friend.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Sadie Blackie of Edmuntton, Alt., Mrs. Emma Shults of Inverness, and Mrs. Anna Fulton of Great Falls, three sons, Clifton of Kalispell and Roscoe and Robert, both of Inverness; one brother, Robert Headrick of White Lake, Ont., 14 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Funeral services are to be held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Inverness, with Rev. John B. Stuart officiating.