

JOHN BOARDMAN

Born: N/A - Died: August 18, 1930

Chester Reporter

August 21, 1930

**FORMER LOCAL
BOY KILLED BY
THUNDER BOLT**

Lived for Several Years
In Liberty County

Simms, Aug. 19--John Boardman, a state university student, who has been employed this summer by the Teton Land Co. on a ranch near Lowry was killed by lightning Monday at noon in the vicinity of Fairfield during an electric storm. His body was found Tuesday morning. When the young Boardman failed to return to the ranch Monday night a searching party was sent out, but although the members remained out until late the body was not found at that time.

Boardman's mother formerly cook at the ranch where the boy was working, is now living in Missoula. --Great Falls Tribune.

Young Boardman was practically raised on the Prescott Ranch out to the north of Chester, his mother being established as cook with the Prescotts, and it is with regret that the many friends of the family in this part of the county will learn of their misfortune.

CATHERINE DeMARTIN

Born: 1860 - Died: June 7, 1930

Liberty County Farmer

June 12, 1930

MRS. CATHERINE DEMARTIN

Mrs. Catherine DeMartin of Rudyard a widow, died at a Havre hospital on Saturday afternoon, June 7, at 3:48 o'clock, from pneumonia, at the age of 78 years.

Funeral services were held at the Bethel cemetery, north of Rudyard, on Tuesday, June 10. She is survived by a daughter, who came from the east on Monday night, and a son, Joseph DeMartin, with whom she has made her home.

Mrs. Catherine DeMartin of Rudyard, mother of Joe DeMartin, died at the Deaconess hospital Saturday from pneumonia at the age of 78. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church at Hingham and burial was made at the Bethel cemetery north of Rudyard, June 10. She is survived by a daughter and a son, Joseph DeMartin with whom she had made her home.

LEON FREELAND

Born: 1886 - Died: June 3, 1930

Liberty County Farmer

June 5, 1930

LEON FREELAND CALLED BEYOND

Joplin community was grievously shocked and pained Tuesday afternoon when the word spread about town that Leon G. Freeland had passed away at his home here, very suddenly. While working at his garage just before noon, he was taken with severe pains in the chest and went to his home. Arriving there he stopped on the back porch for a short while and then went into the house and said he would lie down a little while as he felt some better. Mrs. Freeland went on about her housework and in a few moments she heard Leon gasp as if for breath, and she ran to his side finding him unconscious and she raised him up from the bed in the hope that a change would bring relief, but he passed away almost immediately in his wife's arms.

Dr. B. A. Price, county physician, George Ainley, Coroner, Sheriff Dodds Keith, were summoned from Chester, and George Bonine came from Havre, and a thorough examination of the body was conducted resulting in the conclusion that death had resulted from poisoning from monoxide gas taken in in connection with his work in the garage. It is learned that he had suffered from a similar experience while working in Havre some years ago.

The Funeral will be held from the M W. A. hall here in Joplin Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. this being the only building in town capable of holding the crowd that is expected to pay their last homage to one of God's noblemen, Leon G. Freeland. Words are vain to express the deep feeling of sorrow—sorrow over the passing of a real man—sorrow for a bereaved family—a family that was his first and last thought. He is gone on, but will never be forgotten by all who knew him.

Leon G. Freeland was born in 1886, and was 44 years of age. He was born at Florence, Michigan, in the house on the old Freeland homestead in which his father was born. He graduated from Gage's Business college in Three Rivers, Michigan. He came to Havre when he was 16 years old and worked for E. C. Carruth for years about the Havre hotel. On June 1, 1914 at Glasgow, Montana, he was married to Miss Stena Haskinson, of Hatton, North Dakota, and to their union there was born three children, Charles, Thelma, and Leone, who are suddenly bereft of a loving and kind parent. Aside from the widow and children he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Freeland of this city a sister, Mrs. Wm. Boyer, of South Bend, Indiana, a brother, Harlow Freeland of St. Helens, Ore., a brother, J. C., of this city and a sister Mrs. Raymond Shaffer of Great Falls Montana, and hosts of sorrowing friends scattered all over the West.

Leon G. Freeland has taken a prominent part in Masonic affairs for many years, and his funeral will be held under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge of Joplin.

CLIFFORD HARRISON

Born: N/A - Died: October 20, 1929

Liberty County Times

October 25 , 1929 - February 27 , 1930

CLIFFORD HARRISON DROWNED IN RIVER NEAR CASCADE

Associated press dispatches of Monday carried the news of the death by drowning of Clifford Harrison, former resident of the north country, who, with a companion disappeared Sunday afternoon from a canoe ride down the river hunting ducks. The men did not show up at Cascade, and searching parties have been seeking their bodies since. Wednesday's dispatches say:

Three crews were searching today for the bodies of three Great Falls young men, drowned in the Missouri river within 24 hours of each other. They were Cliff Harrison and Otto Gerson, drowned when their canoe tipped over, and Everett Applegate pitched into the stream by a caving bank.

Applegate, Jack Kelly and another man were creeping up on some geese when the bang caved. Applegate and Kelly were thrown into the river. Kelly swam out but Applegate floated down the river for 300 feet and sank, weighted by heavy waders. Kelly went in after him but could not reach him.

Harrison, Gerson and Wilson Calvert constituted a duck hunting party Sunday, October 20. The party drove to a point about five miles from Cascade. The men had a small canoe and due to the fact that the boat could not carry the three men in safety, Calvert drew the straw which kept him on shore.

Late that afternoon Calvert became alarmed when his companions did not return, and during the following weeks searching parties under the direction of Sheriff Bob Gordon combed the river for the bodies. Airplanes were called into service without results. The canoe which the men used was found a short distance from where they started on their fatal hunting trip.

Harrison was identified by his hunting license found in the clothing, following an examination conducted by Deputy Coroner Charles Harper. The body was recovered by a youth by the name of Erickson.

Harrison was born at Elbow Lake, Minn. He was a brick mason and resided at 720 Eighth street north. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ivy Harrison; his infant son, Maurice;

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parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrison of Great Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Philip Wicklund of Joplin, and Geneva Harrison of Great Falls, and two brothers, Norris Harrison and Gerhard Harrison, both of Great Falls. Funeral services will be held at the W. H. George chapel Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Amund Lunde will officiate.

BODY OF CLIFFORD HARRISON IS RECOVERED FROM MISSOURI

Great Falls, Feb. 26.—The Missouri river, scene of three drownings during the hunting season last October, relinquished the body of Clifford Harrison, 22, Monday afternoon. The body was recovered from the river a short distance west of Riverdale and was brought to the city by Deputy Sheriff Charles Johnson. The body of Otto Gerson, 35, Harrison's companion, has not been recovered. The body of Everett Applegate, 34, drowned a few days before Harrison and Gerson disappeared, was recovered near Cascade last fall.

MR. HOENIG

Born: N/A - Died: March 26, 1930

Liberty County Farmer

March 27, 1930

Mr. Hoenig, father of Mrs. Barbie, died Wednesday at Havre, where he has been in the Deaconess hospital the past two weeks. He was buried Saturday morning in the Bethel cemetery. Quite a large crowd gathered at the funeral. The entire community joins in sympathy with the Barbie family as this is the fourth death inside of eight weeks in the family.

MRS. HOLUM

Born: 1848 - Died: December 7, 1930

Liberty County Farmer

December 11, 1930

In response to telegraphic advice that their mother was very ill at her home at Flaxville, Montana, Mrs. Otto Fossen and her brothers, Ole and Arthur Holum left Friday for her bedside. Mrs. Holum, who was 82 years of age, passed away Sunday afternoon at 2:20, according to word received by Mr. Fossen.

EMIL JABES

Born: N/A - Died: March ?, 1930

son JOHN JABES

Born: 1918 - Died: March ?, 1930

Liberty County Farmer

March 27 - April 3, 1930

E. J. Jabes of Chester is at the hospital at Havre suffering from pneumonia, and their young son, aged 12 years died from the same disease. The funeral services will be held today at Chester.

A number of Joplin people attended the funeral of Emil Jakes and son John, which was held at Chester, Monday afternoon. Among whom were: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Anderson, Clarence Peterson, his mother and sister, Miss Ethel, Carl and John Ohmon, Mrs. Kidd and Mr. And Mrs. Algot Carlson and sons.

HARRIET A. McCLAREN

Born: February 11, 1844 - Died: January 25, 1930

Liberty County Farmer

February 6, 1930

HARRIET A. McCLAREN OBITUARY

Mrs. Harriet A. McClaren, who died in Havre on January 25, was laid to rest in the Highland cemetery on Tuesday, January 28. Rev. R. Montague Bickle officiated at the service. The ladies quartette from the Deaconess hospital sang for the services, Mrs. Herbert Armstrong playing the accompaniment. Flowers were present in abundance from the friends of her long residence in the Alma district, many of whom came a long distance to attend the services. Pall bearers included Dob Lucke, Ed Allen, Ed Ahern, Martin Lindquist, Andrew Fuglevand, Oscar Frovick.

Mrs. Harriet A. McClaren of Alma, Montana, was born in the state of New York, February 11, 1844, and was nearing her 86th birthday. As a young girl she taught school in Michigan, and was the chief support of a widowed mother and two young brothers. In 1870 she went to Kansas, where she taught school and wrote legal briefs in long hand in a law office before the day of the typewriter. Her clear, distinctive handwriting was an asset in this work. She established the postoffice of Hamilton, Kansas, and was its postmistress for some time. She married J. W. Johnson, later chairman of the Kansas State Livestock Commission. As a widow, she settled in Oregon, where she was married to Mr. McClaren. She lived twelve years in the Province of Alberta, Canada, and for the past 12 years in northern Liberty County, Montana, making final proof on her homestead there on September 30, 1929.

She was a pioneer of the following five states: Michigan, Kansas, Oregon, Alberta, and Montana.

"Grandma McClaren," as she was known, was quick with her sympathy and aid for the sick or distressed. So long as she had the strength, she would go miles at midnight or any time to relieve suffering in a neighbor's family. She always bore more than her share of any load, habitually undertook more than her frail strength warranted and was universally loved and respected by all who knew her. She was a lover of the finer things—literature, poetry, music, flowers—and of children and people, always well informed and interested, she kept in touch with all the live questions of the day.

She is survived by her children, Grace M. Hunt, of Oakland, California, George O. Johnson, of Portland, Oregon, and Ralph McClaren, of Alma, Montana, and by her grandsons, Gerald, Dwight, Wesley, Wayne and Neil Johnson, of Portland, Oregon, and a great granddaughter, Patricia Johnson of Spokane, Washington.

The funeral was held at Havre, Montana, Tuesday, January 28, 1930.

JOHN H. MORGAN

Born: June 29, 1891 - Died: 1930

Liberty County Farmer

February 6, 1930

JOHN H. MORGAN OBITUARY

John H. Morgan was born at Fort Benton, Montana, June 29th, 1891, he being 38 years, 6 months and 25 days of age. His father, Thomas Morgan, died when John was nine years old, and his mother, Edith Brinkman, Morgan, who later married Samuel De Young, passed away at Whitlash in 1914. He leaves to mourn his untimely death, his wife, Florence V. Morgan and daughter Wanda Zell, brothers Matt Morgan of Chester, Tom Morgan of Wilder, Montana, sisters Leatha Hanson, Chester, and Mary Morgan Carroll at Devon, Montana, Alice DeYoung Burns and Gordon DeYoung, sister and brother by his mother's later marriage, John and Charles Brinkman, uncles and aunt May Branson at Kallspell, Tom Morgan who lives about sixty miles from the railroad was unable to get to Chester for the funeral and Mrs. Branson was ill. Frank and Harry Nordstrom who live at Polson and Living Springs, Montana, were also unable to be present. Mrs. Ellen Irons, a sister of Mrs. Morgan, with her husband Logan came from Whitefish.

After the death of Mr. Morgan's father he lived for some time with his Uncle Henry Brinkman, on the Marias. In 1902 he moved to Whitlash and although of tender years was given the place of a man in the saddle and on the range. Altho of small stature he took the many hard raps of life along with the soft ones like a man, standing up and with a grin.

On June 1, 1918 he enlisted at Havre and was shortly sent over seas to France, where according to his discharge papers, he took an active part in battles, engagements and expeditions and skirmishes. He was given an honorable discharge at Fort Russel, Wyoming, on June 23, 1919 with remarks of 'excellent character with service.' Honest and faithful. No A. W. O. L. or absence under G. O."

At the time of the creation of Liberty County, the convention selected John as Liberty County's first Sheriff. At the first election in 1920 he was elected for two years and re-elected in 1922 and 1924 going out of office January 1st, 1927. For a young man without previous experience of any kind for the duties imposed upon him, he made a remarkable record. His only failing, if such we may call it, was his kindheartedness.

After his term of office had expired he was immediately taken into the customs service, as a member of the border patrol, and it was in the exercise of these duties that he became fatally ill. Inhalation of gas during the war may have left its mark on him, but it did not seriously affect his health until exposures in below zero weather at Cit Bank laid him low in October, 1927. In April, 1928, he was admitted to the Veteran's hospital at Fort Harrison, and there was informed that pulmonary tuberculosis had gained great headway, but he put up a valiant fight to the last, passing away on Friday morning, January 24, 1930.

On September 12, 1923, he was united in marriage to Florence V. Nordstrom and to his union was born a daughter, Wanda Zell, on March 17, 1927.

A. K. PRESCOTT

Born: December 18, 1851 - Died: February 3, 1930

Liberty County Farmer

February 6, 1930

**A. K. PRESCOTT DIES AT
HIS HOME IN HELENA**

Helena, Feb. 3. —A. K. Prescott, one of the states' largest sheepmen, died at his home here Monday.

Mr. Prescott was born in New Hampshire, Dec. 18, 1851. He educated himself and went to work in a store in Boston. In 1874 he came to Pueblo, Colo., where he operated a grocery store and was agent for the Wells-Fargo Express company. The gold strike at Rico attracted him there and he packed a supply of merchandise to the camp on mule back. In 1883 he came to Montana.

In this state, Mr. Prescott's first interest was in quarrying and marble work. In later years he operated considerable holdings in gold and silver properties near here.

His livestock interests were acquired about 1895 when he established a ranch near Choteau and at his death his holdings were scattered over Liberty, Hill, Meagher and Teton counties. He had both sheep and cattle.

Mrs. Prescott and five children survive. The sons are Harold B. Prescott and Allen C. Prescott of Chester and Robert of Helena. Daughters are Mrs. R. E. Towle of Helena and Mrs. J. M. Dietrich of Deer Lodge.

JOHN F. PIETROWSKI

Born: N/A - Died: September 28, 1930

Liberty County Farmer

October 2, 1930

JOHN F. PIETROWSKI IS DEAD

John F. Pietrowski, aged homesteader of the country north of Joplin died at Chester last Sunday morning at 10:30 following a long illness. Funeral services were held from the Lutheran church here at Joplin Tuesday afternoon, the service being conducted by Rev. L. Brandt of Inverness, and a large number of his old friends and neighbors were in the congregation to pay their last respects.

The deceased had been ailing for a long time having suffered a light stroke about six weeks ago; about two weeks ago his condition became so serious that he was taken to Chester to be closer to the doctor's care.

The only known relatives were two nieces, one living at Winnipeg, Can., and the other at St. Paul, Minn. He had never married and lived alone on a farm about 20 miles north of town. He was an honest, hard working man, and highly respected by all who knew him.

JAMES REID Jr.

Born: July 2, 1930 - Died: September 6, 1930

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September 11, 1930

James Reed, Jr. died at the age of 2 mo. and 6 days on Sept. 6; funeral at the Community church Sept. 10 by Rev. Bickle, buried in cemetery at Chester.

REIDS' BABY DEAD

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid died at Chester last Saturday night, following an attack of whooping cough.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Reid, both in Chester and Joplin have expressed their sympathy for them in the loss of their first born. The Farmer force are among those extending their sincere sympathy to the bereaved parents.

SAMUEL RISWOLD

Born: 1878 - Died: September 4, 1930

Chester Reporter - Liberty County Farmer

September 11, 1930

DECEASED

Samuel Riswold of Hill was born in 1878 in Norway and came to America in 1897, settling in Illinois where he resided for two years, coming from there to Montana and has since that time resided on his ranch near the Sweet Grass Hills. In the year 1926 his health began to fail and has been gradually growing worse, resulting in his ultimate death.

He leaves to mourn his demise his sister, Mrs. John E. Oswood, and a brother, Sivert Riswold of Hill, besides his mother and sister who are still living in the old country.

He had a small cattle ranch of his own in the Hill district and was one of the active cattlemen of that part of the county, coming to town only occasionally.

The funeral sermon was held in the local community church by Rev. Olsrud of Hingham and the remains laid to rest in the local cemetery on Sunday just past. The circle of his friends who knew him give sincere testimony to his fine though suppressed qualities of life.

The funeral services of Samuel Reisvold of Great Falls were held at the Methodist church of this city Sunday. Mr. Reisvold died on Thursday, the fourth of this month while returning from Rochester to his home in Great Falls. Mr. Reisvold was born in Norway in 1876 and came to this country in 1892, settled in Illinois. In 1894 he moved to Montana where he established a home in the Sweet Grass Hills. At the time of his death he was the owner of a fine stock ranch. Mr. Reisvold was a brother of Mrs. John Oswood of Hill. He also leaves an aged mother in Norway, who with his many friends, mourn his loss.

RAY SMITH

Born: 1906 - Died: December 8, 1930

Liberty County Farmer

December 11, 1930

Mr. Tracy Smith was called to Butte Monday because of the death of his son, Ray. The body was shipped to Inverness where services were held at the Methodist church at 2:00 P. M. Wednesday.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock by Rev. Bickle of Ray Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Smith, who died of flu and rheumatism, contracted while working in the Butte mines. Ray was 24 years old and was a graduate of the Inverness High School in the class of '25. He leaves to mourn, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Smith; two brothers, Alfred of Inverness, and Glenn of Los Angeles, Calif., and his only sister, Mrs. Roy Stocker, of Grant, Montana.

MABEL E. TOWNSHEND

Born: December 27, 1879 - Died: October 22, 1930

Chester Reporter

October 30, 1930

OBITUARY

Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel E. Townshend were held from the local Community church at this place on October 23 by Rev. Bickle.

Deceased was born in Ontario, Canada 50 years ago. Accompanied by a large outpouring of her neighbors of the Hills, the remains were taken to the bier covered with beautiful flowers, and the placid songs of the Milles ladies, mother and daughter and the bass of Mr. Woare, supplied a grand melody to the admonitions from the pulpit. She is described in life as a matron of refinement and of much grace and high ideals: one in the entire neighborhood reposed the utmost confidence. The funeral service was well carried out. From here the remains were taken to Spokane for another funeral service and the remains laid to their final rest in the burial ground there. She left to mourn her loss: her husband, Wm. H. Townshend; one daughter, Nora Ellen and a son James; her mother, Mrs. Nora Bingham, a brother James and a niece and nephew, Olive and Nelson Bingham. Her many friends extend their sympathy to the bereaved survivors of the family.

JOHN M. WARD

Born: N/A - Died: May 1, 1930

Liberty County Farmer

May 8, 1930

JOHN M. WARD OF CHESTER MEETS DEATH IN SMASHUP

Albright Auto Is Crowded Into Ditch by Unknown Car Which Fails to Stop and Give Aid

Havre, May 3.—A driver who sought to pass another car which first gave the road and then crowded over; a frantic effort to avoid going in the ditch; a zig zag across the road with a wrench which broke a wheel; a sedan in the ditch; a night of paralyzed agony relieved Thursday morning, May 1, by the coming of death to John M. Ward of Chester. That is the tale which wrote the second name on the Hill county automobile accident roster for the year 1930. Five other occupants of the sedan suffered minor injuries.

Wednesday afternoon E. G. Albright, Chester barber, came to Havre, accompanied by his wife, his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leslie Albright, a small son, Mrs. Peter Kuhry, and John M. Ward, janitor of the Chester school. According to the story told by Mr. Albright, who was driving, and others in the party, they had started back to Chester, getting out about 13 miles, when they wished to pass another car. This car apparently gave them passageway, then swerved back into the road, crowding Mr. Albright toward the ditch. Swinging in an effort to avoid going off the grade the automobile swung back and forth across the road, the right rear wheel broke off, throwing the sedan into the ditch, where after turning over lodging right side up, facing north.

Mr. Ward was found still sitting in the seat beside the driver, the others having been thrown out of the top. Mr. Albright suffered many minor cuts and bruises and a badly wrenched arm. All the others in the care were bruised and cut, but suffered no serious injury. The wheel of the car had apparently crushed, each spoke being broken off completely. The top was in shreds and both right fenders badly bent.

The injured were brought to Havre by other passing cars. The car which had failed to give the road drove on

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without stopping to give aid. Medical examination was given to the other occupants of the car, all being able to leave the hospitals.

Mr. Ward was brought to the Sacred Heart hospital in Havre where X-Ray pictures were taken, disclosing a second vertebrae broken. He was paralyzed from the shoulders down. Physicians had planned to operate Thursday morning, to relieve a possible pressure, but death occurred at 6:30 Thursday morning.

Mr. Ward is survived by his wife and three children. Mrs. Ward arriving last night to be with her husband. The injured man was quite conscious of his condition, and early in the evening expressed a fear that he would not live, leaving messages for his family. In the pocket of his overalls was a small silver trophy, vase shaped, which had been won by a girls' relay track team.