

MIKE FRANCIS ANGLIM

Birth: May 16, 1885 - Died: May 26, 1947

Liberty County Times

June 5, 1947

Mike Anglim Victim of Tragic Accident on Farm

Tragedy struck Liberty county and claimed its fourth victim in less than two months last week when Mike Anglim was burned to death in his farm house southeast of Chester. The accident was discovered by Harvey Seidlitz Friday when he was coming into Chester for the Memorial Day services. Seidlitz noticed that the house was burned to the ground and that both the car and truck were nearby. He immediately decided that Mike might have been in the building, and so authorities were notified.

Sheriff-coroner Dodds Keith arrived on the scene and found the remains. There was no way of determining exactly how or when the accident occurred, but authorities believe it happened early Monday morning. Funeral services were held here Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Catholic church with Rev. Fr. Kohnke of Hingham officiating. Burial was in the Chester cemetery. Rosary services were held Tuesday evening.

Pallbearers were: Ed Ehlers, P. M. Kuhry, Henry Layton, Selmer Kolstad, Levi Shettel and John Rocks.

Mike Francis Anglim was born in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin, May 16, 1885 of the marriage of James Anglim and Katherine Quinn. He was the youngest of 10 children. He came to Liberty county about 1912 and homesteaded 12 miles Southeast of Chester. He lived on his farm until the time of his death. The deceased was married in November of 1914 to Eva Oakley and to this union, one daughter, Ruth was born December 6, 1915.

Survivors include one sister, Margaret Anglim of Chicago, Ill., one brother, Jerry Anglim of Lyndon Station, Wisconsin; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Heikkila of Dillon, Montana and two grandsons, Jerry Heikkila, 4 years old and Ronald Heikkila, born only Sunday before the accident. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews living in Wisconsin and Illinois.

PETER BARBIE

Birth: N/A - Died: 1947

Liberty County Times

May 8, 1947

Peter Barbie Rites Conducted Monday

(Havre Daily News)

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Holland and Bonine Funeral home for Peter Barbie, prominent pioneer of the Inverness community, who died suddenly of a heart attack in Illinois. Services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Ritter of Grace Evangelical church, Rudyard.

Mr. Barbie was returning by car to Inverness with his wife when death came. He had stopped the car to look at a road sign when he suddenly collapsed.

He was born at Novasela, Hungary, and came to Montana in 1910 from Cavaleer, N. Dak. He retired from farming three years ago and moved to Detroit, where he was married February 10, 1944 to Angela Hoenig Mehr. His first wife, Katherine Hoenig, passed away December 19, 1940, and is buried at Highland cemetery in Havre.

Besides his wife, Mr. Barbie is survived by three sons, Alvin of Inverness, John of the U. S. Marines, and Willie of Detroit; a daughter, Mrs. Melvin Carlson of Havre, and a stepson, Max Mehr of Detroit. A sister, Mrs. Otto Waldow of Culbertson, and eight grandchildren also survive.

WAYNE BASSETT

Birth: October 16, 1921 - Died: May 13, 1947

Liberty County Times

May 29, 1947

Body of Wayne Bassett Found; Funeral Today

The body of Wayne Bassett was discovered by a 5-man searching party Monday approximately 10 miles downstream from where Wayne and a bureau of reclamation companion, E. L. Morlin of Livingston were drowned when their small boat capsized as they were crossing the Marias river May 13.

The discovery of the body by a party composed of Cecil and Dick Bassett, Charles Swank, Bill Kanzler and Irvin Hutchison ended a widespread search, which has been conducted daily from the Pugsley crossing to Circle bridge. Several parties also searched the muddy Marias to its mouth near Loma. Meanwhile, however, search is being continued for 2-year-old Tommy Pugsley, who is believed to have drowned in the swollen stream April 19. The river has gone down an estimated three feet since that time.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at Our Savior's Lutheran church. Rev. Anderson of Gildford will conduct the services. Interment will be in the Chester cemetery.

Wayne Bassett was born October 16, 1921, in Chester, Montana, and lived here all his life with the exception of over three years in the armed forces. He attended grade and high schools here and was a C. H. S. graduate in 1938.

Wayne entered the army July 14, 1942 and was discharged December 5, 1945. He spent twenty-six months overseas with the signal corps. June 22, 1945, he married Goldie Deterding of St. Louis, Mo., at Chester, and to this union one son, Gary Wayne was born.

Survivors, besides his wife and 8-month-old son, include: his mother, Katie Bassett of Chester and his father, Frank Bassett of Barstow, California; four brothers, Larry and Cecil Bassett and Benny Heimbigner, all of Chester and Richard Bassett of San Jose, California and two sisters, Mrs. Emmanuel Lobe of Malaga, Washington and Mrs. Roy Zorn of Chester. Other survivors include 5 nephews and 3 nieces.

CURTIS DAVID BROWN

Born: February 11, 1946 - Died: January 21, 1947

Liberty County Times

January 23 , 1947

**Infant Brown Son
Dies of Pneumonia**

Curtis David Brown, 11-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Brown, passed away early Tuesday morning in the Deaconess hospital in Havre of bronchial pneumonia.

The youngster, who was not noticeably sick until Monday morning, was taken to the Havre hospital by Dr. Johnson Monday evening. The Doctor had been called to the Brown farm that day.

Funeral services will be held here Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the Methodist church. Rev. James Knorr will conduct the service. Interment will be in the local cemetery.

C. L. (ROY) CRAWFORD

Birth: N/A - Died: February 17, 1947

Liberty County Times

February 20, 1947

**Funeral Held in
Seattle for Former
Chester Resident**

(Great Falls Tribune)

Funeral service for C. L. (Roy) Crawford, 52, formerly of this city, were held Thursday in Seattle, according to word received here, by friends of the family.

Former assistant manager of Nash-Finch Co. here, Crawford had been employed in the Seattle shipyards. While leaving work Monday Crawford was drowned when he fell into Lake Union while walking between a barge and a boat. The Crawfords left here five years ago, and before making their home in this city lived in Chester and Havre.

Survivors are his widow, Iva, and a son, Clyde, both of Seattle.

MRS. GEORGE ERICKSON
Birth: N/A - Died: April 13, 1947
Liberty County Times
April 17, 1947

**Mrs. George Erickson
Passes in Tacoma**

Word was received this week that Mrs. George Erickson had passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arvid Anderson in Tacoma, W., with whom she had made her home for the past 25 years. Mrs. Erickson came to Montana in 1913 and filed on a homestead 14 miles southwest of Chester. She was the mother of Fred Erickson, who passed away two years ago on the same day, April 13.

WILLIAM LAMBERT FITZPATRICK
Birth: 1889 - Died: October 17, 1947

Liberty County Times

October 23, 1947

William Fitzpatrick Passes in Billings

Funeral services were held Monday in Smith's chapel, Billings, for William Lambert Fitzpatrick, 58, who passed away as the result of a heart attack last Friday morning. Interment was in Mountview cemetery.

William Lambert Fitzpatrick was born in Oxbow, Sask, and came to the United States when he was 2 years old, living at Fort Benton. He moved with his parents to Chester in 1896 and later homesteaded south east of here. In 1911 he married Isla Thompson of Great Falls.

He is survived by his widow; three daughters, Vern, Minneapolis, and Phyllis and Mrs. Helen McConnel, Billings; his mother, Mrs. William Mitchell, Montebello, Calif.; two brothers and three half-brothers.

Neil and Harold and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shepherd were among the Chesterites who attended the funeral.

ROBERT FROST

Birth: N/A - Died: September ?, 1947

Liberty County Times

September 11, 1947

Robert Frost Buried At Joplin Sunday

Graveside services were conducted for Robert Frost, pioneer Liberty county resident at the Joplin cemetery last Sunday, following his passing at a Helena hospital. Rev. James Knorr conducted Methodist services and Wm. Meldrum, acting master, conducted Masonic rites.

Mr. Frost had been ailing for some time and went to the Masonic home in Helena for treatment. His condition became steadily worse and he was sent to a hospital in the capital city where he passed last week.

Robert Frost had been a resident of Liberty county for at least 25 years, having worked a number of years as a linotype operator and printer on Chester and Joplin newspapers. He also operated various elevators in Liberty county during his long residence here. He is known to have two daughters living in Kansas. Further details were lacking.

DAVID D. GAGE

Birth: March 11, 1873 - Died: July 21, 1947

Liberty County Times

July 24, 1947

David Gage Passes In Havre Hospital

David D. Gage, 74, resident of Liberty county for the past 25 years, passed away in the Sacred Heart hospital in Havre Monday following a lingering illness. Funeral services were conducted at the Holland and Bonine funeral home and interment was in the Havre cemetery.

David D. Gage was born March 11, 1873, at Iowa Center, Iowa. He spent the earlier part of his life in Iowa, coming to Chester in 1925. He had made his home here since that time with the exception of two years which he spent at Hot Springs where he underwent treatments. He had been in failing health for some time. "Doc" farmed for a few years south of Tiber, but during the past fifteen years has been doing general farm work. There were no known relatives.

JOHN ADELBERT GULICK

Birth: N/A - Died: March 18, 1947

Liberty County Times

April 3, 1947

John Adelbert Gulick Passes in Michigan

According to word received by relatives here this week, John Adelbert Gulick passed away at his home in Bancroft, Michigan, March 18, at the age of 73 years.

Mr. Gulick, who was better known here as Dell homesteaded in the Alma area and will be remembered by many of the old timers in that area. He left this country in the early 20's and since has made his home in Michigan for health reasons.

IDA ESPESETH HOVEE

Birth: January 21, 1877 - Died: October 11, 1947

Liberty County Times

October 16, 1947

**Mrs. Edward Hovee
Passes Suddenly
Saturday Evening**

(Havre Daily News)

Mrs. Edward B. Hovee, 70, esteemed resident of Inverness for many years, passed away Saturday evening at 9:30 at a Havre hospital after a brief illness. Her death came as a shock to her family and to many friends throughout the county.

Mrs. Hovee, whose maiden name was Ida Espeseth, was born in Wineshek county, Iowa, on January 21, 1877. She was married to Edward B. Hovee at McIntosh, Minn., November 11, 1903.

The Hovees came to Hill county in 1910 from Alsen, N. Dak., homesteading 10 miles north of Inverness. They sold their homestead farm in 1914 and moved to Inverness, where they conducted a general merchandise store. They sold the store about four years ago. They have maintained farming interests south of Inverness for many years.

Mrs. Hovee was a zealous worker in the Joplin Lutheran church and ladies aid, and was known as a kindly friend and neighbor. She was also interested in women's club activities of her community.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Miss Agnes Hovee of Missoula; three sons, Stanley O. Hovee of Havre, Walter Hovee of Inverness and Lloyd N. Hovee of Sheridan, Wyo. Another son, Kenneth passed away in 1932.

Other survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Anna Westerlund of Richland, Wash., Miss Emma Espeseth of Lansford, N. Dak., and Mrs. Josephine Larson of Circle; five brothers, Andrew Espeseth of Van Nuys, Calif., Oscar Espeseth of Canogo Park, Calif., Lawrence and John Espeseth of Lansford, N. Dak., and W. F. Espeseth of Billings. Two granddaughters, Misses Gerane and Joyce Hove of Havre, also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Joplin Lutheran church with the Rev. A. B. Holland of Fairfield, former Joplin pastor officiating. The funeral procession returned to Havre after the services and interment was in Highland cemetery.

JOE KAMINSKI

Birth: 1883 - Died: October 11, 1947

Liberty County Times

October 16, 1947

Joe Kaminski Passes Here Saturday

Joe Kaminski, 64, passed away here Saturday, October 11. Joe had been in failing health for some time, and death was attributed to a heart attack. Funeral services will be held in Havre Friday with Fr. Khonke of Hingham officiating. Interment will be in Havre cemetery.

Joe Kaminski came to this country from Poland as a youth and worked for some time in the coal fields in Pennsylvania. He came to Montana in 1913 and filed on a homestead south of Chester. For several years he farmed his homestead, but poor health forced him to discontinue farming operations a few years ago. Since that time he has resided in Chester. Only known survivor is a nephew, Adam Kaminski, Chicago.

MARGARET McCLELLAN

Birth: 1882 - Died: August 19, 1947

Liberty County Times

August 28, 1947

Funeral Services for Mrs. McClellan Held In Joplin Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret McClellan, 65, who passed away August 19 in Polson as a result of injuries suffered when she was struck by a car at Hot Springs the same evening, were held at the Joplin Lutheran church Monday afternoon, at 2:00 p.m.

The Rev. Olaf A. Anderson of First Lutheran church of Havre conducted the services. The Joplin Lutheran choir sang three numbers, "Thou Art the Way," "My Jesus, I Love Thee," and "One Radiant Morn".

The church was filled with many old friends and neighbors of Mrs. McClellan, who lived near Joplin from 1909 until the death of her husband, Edward McClellan in 1936. Pallbearers were R. F. Smith, Tom Colbry, Albert Langeman, Lee Heath, Alfred Johnson and Emil Nelson. Burial was in the family lot at the Joplin cemetery beside her husband.

Mrs. McClellan came to Yellowstone park from her home in Genoa, Wisconsin in 1908 and in 1909 homesteaded near Joplin. She was married in 1914 and the McClellan's farmed 20 miles north of Joplin. Since her husband's death, she has made her home in Hot Springs.

Survivors of the deceased are her son, Edward McClellan of Joplin and two sisters, one of whom is Miss Angeline Barolina of Genoa, Wisconsin.

OLE MIDTHAUG

Birth: July ?, 1865 - Died: January 20, 1947

Liberty County Times

February 20, 1947

Ole Midthaug, Pioneer Resident Passes at Phoenix, Arizona

Word was received here this week of the death of Ole Midthaug, 81, at Phoenix, Arizona, last January 20, of heart failure. Funeral services were held in Phoenix January 24, and interment was in the Greenwood cemetery there.

Residents of Chester and Joplin will remember Mr. Midthaug as proprietor of the first store in Joplin, which he established in 1909. He operated the store continuously until about two years ago when he sold his business establishment to the Farmers Union.

Ole Midthaug was born in Norway in July 1865, and came to this country as a young man. The deceased is survived by three brothers, Otto of Spokane, Knute Olson of Seattle, and Christian, still living in Norway. Besides his brothers he leaves several other relatives in Norway to mourn his passing.

ADDA LOUISE MILLER

Birth: August 28, 1867 - Died: May 6, 1947

Liberty County Times

May 15, 1947

Adda Louise Miller Rites Held At Joplin Monday

Funeral services for Adda Louise Miller were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin. Rev. Merrill T. Gilbertson conducted the services and interment was in the Joplin cemetery.

Adda Louisa Miller was born in Durand, Illinois, August 28, 1867 and passed away at Salem, Oregon, May 6th. When about six years of age her parents moved to Iowa, where she spent her girlhood days. June 13, 1886, she was united in marriage to James B. Miller at Paton, Iowa, and to this union three children were born. Mrs. Miller with her husband and family lived at Paton, Iowa until 1900 when they moved to Fessenden, North Dakota. In 1920 they moved to Salem, Oregon. Mr. Miller passed away in 1929 and was laid to rest in the Joplin cemetery. Mrs. Miller was an ordained minister of the Gospel.

Survivors include two sons, Roy J. Miller of Joplin and Frank D. Miller of Dayton, Ohio, and one daughter, Mrs. H. E. Rolph of Salem, Oregon. Also surviving are two grandchildren and two brothers, Frank Crowder of Paton, Iowa, and R. D. Crowder of Whitehall, Montana, and one sister, Mrs. William Pemble of Paton, Iowa.

E. L. MORLIN

Birth: 1900 - Died: May 13, 1947

Liberty County Times

May 15, 1947

TWO MEN DROWN IN MARIAS TUESDAY

Wayne Bassett, E. L. Morlin Lost When Small Boat Capsizes at Pugsley Crossing; Search Continues for Unrecovered Body

Tragedy struck for the second time within a month near the Pugsley ranch on the Marias river Tuesday when the lives of two men were lost after a boat capsized during a river crossing.

The body of E. L. Morlin, 47, of Livingston was recovered shortly after their small rowboat overturned and search is being continued for the body of Wayne Bassett, 27, of Chester who is still missing.

The other two men in the boat at the time it capsized, Leonard Beck and Robert Pugsley, swam ashore. Pugsley later found Marlin's body on a sandbar about ¼ mile below the scene of the tragedy.

Survivors said that Beck and Bassett clung to the overturned boat after it capsized while Pugsley tried to rescue Morlin.

Beck, tiring, decided to swim ashore. He told Wayne, who was unable to swim, to cling to the boat and that he and Pugsley would return for him. It is understood that Wayne tried to climb on the boat and lost his hold when the flat-bottomed craft turned again.

The men, with the exception of Pugsley were engaged in survey work on the Lower Marias Irrigation Project, and were forced to use the boat to cross the river several times a day since ice jams ripped out the Pugsley bridge several weeks ago.

As soon as word of the tragedy reached Chester, a large search party was formed under the direction of Sheriff Dodds Keith. Planes, boats and grappling hooks were employed as well as patrols along the river banks.

The first Chester men on the scene were Undersheriff, Otto Fossen and deputy county treasurer, Ed. Ross, who immediately drove to the Pugsley crossing upon receiving word of the accident. When they arrived, little could be done to resuscitate Morlin.

A heavy wire net was placed across the river near the Circle bridge and a second net was placed beneath the Great Northern railway at Loma, near the mouth of the Marias. Rescue workers believe that there is a good chance that the body will lodge in one of the nets.

Marlin's survivors include a sister, Mrs. Bess Sibley of Livingston. His body is being shipped to Livingston for burial.

Wayne was raised in Chester and attended local schools. He graduated from Chester high school in the class of 1938. He is survived by his wife and seven-month-old son, as well as his mother, Mrs. Katie Bassett, three brothers and other relatives.

Both men were veterans of World War 2.

The accident occurred near the same spot that 2-year-old Tommy Pugsley disappeared over three weeks ago. No trace of the tot has been found. Robert Pugsley, one of the two survivors of Tuesday's tragedy, was the father of the missing youngster.

JOE MYTE

Birth: 1930 - Died: August 13, 1947

Liberty County Times

August 21, 1947

Youth Employed by Mike Kammerzell Killed Near Gt. Falls

Joe Myte, 17, Sand Coulee, was killed Wednesday evening and Thomas Franklin, 18, also of Sand Coulee, was injured when their light sedan collided with a truck driven by John E. Greiger Sr., about five miles east of Great Falls.

The youths had been employed on the Mike Kammerzell farm with a harvesting crew, and were on their way to Sand Coulee to pick up more clothes. Harvesting operations had temporarily been halted due to the heavy rains here last Tuesday.

Funeral services for the youth were held at Sand Coulee last Friday. Franklin was only slightly injured and suffered from shock.

MAUDE B. HANSON OLSON

Birth: November 20, 1887 - Died: September 14, 1947

Liberty County Times

September 25, 1947

**Mrs. George Olson
Passes in N. Dak.**

(Fargo Forum)

Mrs. George Olson, 59, of Chester, Montana, former food director at Mayville State Teachers college, died Sunday, September 14, in a Fargo hospital. She had been spending the summer with a daughter, Mrs. Theodore (Charlotte) Klugman, 1437 Eleventh ave. S.

Born in Superior, Wis., Nov. 20, 1887, the former Maud B. Hanson came to Moorehead with her parents as a child, living there until she was 12 when the family moved to Bottineau, N. D. She was married to Mr. Olson in Bottineau in 1906. They lived at Antler, N. D., for a time, later going to Mayville and then to Chester.

She leaves Mr. Olson; three daughters, Mrs. Klugman, Mrs. Beatrice Diemer, Palmyra, Mo., and Mrs. Helen Farnham, Mound, Minn., three brothers, George F. Hanson, LaCrosse, Wis., Edward of Boise, Idaho, and Archie of Santa Cruz, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. M. B. Johnson, Lincoln, Neb., and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Olson was a member of Mayville chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock September 16 in E. F. Moore and Son chapel. Rev. Bernard McLain of Moyville officiating. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

JACOB E. OSWOOD

Born: July 21, 1876 - Died: January 1, 1947

Liberty County Times

January 2 - 9, 1947

Funeral Services For Jacob E. Oswood Saturday

Funeral services will be held here Saturday in Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. for Jacob E. Oswood, 70, who passed away at his home near Hill New Years Day.

Mr. Oswood had been in poor health, but New Years Day he stated that he felt well enough to do a little work. He hitched up a team of horses and went out to haul a load of feed for his cattle. After starting to load he discovered that he was still quite weak and started back to the house. He fell over only a few feet from the house and never regained consciousness.

Funeral Services for Jacob E. Oswood Held Here Saturday

Funeral services were held here Saturday afternoon for Jacob E. Oswood, Sweetgrass Hills rancher for the past 48 years, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Rev. Oliver L. Jones conducted the services. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Jacob E. Oswood was born at Etne, near Bergen, Norway, July 21, 1876, and came directly to the Sweetgrass Hills in 1899. In 1913 he married Annie Lorinda Peterson in Iowa. There were no children. Mr. Oswood was a livestock rancher all his life, and typified the now vanishing true western pioneer.

Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn his loss: two brothers, John E. and Canute E. Oswood, both of Hill; one brother, Ormond, in Norway and also one sister, Ranveig, in Norway.

MRS. W. POLOMONDOS
Birth: N/A - Died: July 29, 1947
Liberty County Times
July 31, 1947

Woman Killed in Auto Accident Near Lothair

Mrs. W. Polomondos of Detroit, Michigan lost her life Tuesday, when the car in which she and her husband were riding rolled over several times. The accident happened Tuesday forenoon about one mile east of Lothair on the stretch of highway No. 2, which is under construction. It has been reported that her husband, W. Polomondos was driving the vehicle.

According to reports, Mrs. Polomondos was thrown out of the car, and the vehicle rolled over her. She was rushed to the hospital in Shelby, but all efforts to save her life failed. Her husband escaped without serious injury.

The car, a 1946 Ford Sedan, was taken to the Graybeal Garage in Shelby, where it is waiting for repairs.

It has been reported that Mr. and Mrs. Polomondos were only recently married, and were returning from a honeymoon in Glacier National park.

The body was shipped from Shelby to Detroit Wednesday morning, and Mr. Polomondos also left via streamliner Wednesday morning.

MYRTLE ROVERIT RENS

Birth: April 6, 1906 - Died: September 19, 1947

Liberty County Times

October 2, 1947

Mrs. Myrtle Rens Passes in Great Falls

Mrs. Myrtle Rens, 41, died in Great Falls Friday, September 19, following a heart attack. Mrs. Rens became ill about 5:00 p.m. and died approximately two hours later. She had been employed in Great Falls.

Funeral services were held September 23 in the George Funeral Home in Great Falls. Burial was in the Highland cemetery.

Mrs. Rens was well known in Liberty county and the Hi-Line, as she was the daughter of former county surveyor and Mrs. Oluf Roverit.

Myrtle Roverit was born in Niagra, North Dakota, April 6, 1906, where she lived until her parents moved to Hingham, Montana in 1910. She attended school in Hingham and Shelby, Montana.

CARL OLAF SEM

Birth: February 9, 1878 - Died: March 23, 1947

Liberty County Times

March 27, 1947

**Carl O. Sem Passes
Sunday at Joplin**

Carl Olaf Sem, 69, retired Joplin carpenter, died early Sunday morning at the home of his sons, Alvin and Clifford Sem, of Joplin. Mr. Sem had retired about two years ago when his health began to fail, but he had not been seriously ill until very recently.

Born in Snasa, Norway, on February 9, 1878, he came to this country in 1899, settling at Canbury, N. D. He moved to Joplin in 1910 and had been a resident there since.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Inga M. Sem of Spokane, three daughters, Mrs. Harry Alex of Cut Bank, Mrs. Bob Leslie of Eli, Nev., Mrs. M. R. Freeman of Phoenix, Ariz., and two sons, Alvin and Clifford Sem, both of Joplin. Also surviving are two brothers, Rudolph and Christ Sem, both of Spokane.

Funeral services were held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:00 at the Joplin Lutheran church, with Rev. Milo Lee officiating.

CLINTON SHOCKEY

Birth: N/A - Died: 1947

Liberty County Times

March 13, 1947

Clinton Shockey Funeral Rites Held At Marion, Ind.

The body of Clinton Shockey was found Saturday in his farm home, 35 miles northwest of Joplin. The body was found by Royal Wolery, a neighbor. Wolery had been notified by rural mail carrier, Hank Wolf that Shockey had not picked up his mail for several days. Mr. Wolery investigated and found the body in the house. Coroner Dodds Keith was notified, and an investigation was made. As a suicidal note was found, there will be no inquest.

The cause of death was from an automatic pistol. A towel had been placed over the face, the shot passing completely through the head.

From the note that was left, authorities believe Shockey was suffering from a mental condition. He had recently been notified of a slight mistake in his income tax report, and although the matter had been taken care of, authorities believe Shockey, in his condition, had lived in fear of investigation.

As there are no known relatives in Liberty county, the body has been shipped to Marion, Indiana, where a sister has been located. Shockey was an overseas veteran of World War I, and served in three major engagements in France. He was discharged April 29, 1919 and has lived in this county since that time. He was a member of the local posts of the V. F. W. and American Legion. It is understood that a military funeral will be held in Marion, Indiana.

C. H. SLOAN

Born: N/A - Died: August ?, 1947

Liberty County Times

August 28 - September 4, 1947

Body of C. H. Sloan Found Sunday

The body of C. H. Sloan was found near the Emil Eggers ranch Sunday, ending a search which was started Friday. The body was found by 16-year-old Johnny Osler. A crew of 25 men had been searching the ground, while Lloyd Rockman and Otto Fossen had flown over the area with an airplane, trying to locate the missing man. The body was found near the Emil Eggers lower ranch, only a few hundred yards from where Sloan had last been seen alive. Death was from exposure.

Sloan had been working for Emil Eggers for several months. He had recently taken a trip to Havre, and returned to the Egger's ranch Thursday evening. He was in Chester Thursday afternoon, and appeared to be perfectly normal. However, he was believed to have been mentally unbalanced early Friday morning, when he arose, and began roaming the prairie.

The deceased has no known survivors in Liberty county, and authorities are still attempting to locate relatives.

Mother, Sister of C. H. Sloan Located

Sheriff Dodds Keith this week affirmed his belief in advertising, as an ad in a newspaper located the mother and a sister of C. H. Sloan, 20 minutes after the paper was published. Times readers will recall Sloan as the man who died of exposure after becoming mentally unbalanced, on the Emil Eggers ranch last week. At our last publication date, no relatives of the deceased had been located.

Upon investigation, Sheriff Keith learned that some of Sloan's relatives might be located in Greenville, South Carolina. Several telegrams to the town (about the size of Havre) failed to locate the relatives. Sheriff Keith then decided to try an ad in the news paper, and 20 minutes after the paper was published, Dodds was talking to the sister of the dead man by long distance. It was learned that Sloan came from a well-to-do family in Greenville, and the body was immediately shipped to the survivors for funeral and burial.

JOHN WILLIAM STANDIFORD

Born: July 21, 1870 - Died: April 5, 1947

Liberty County Times

April 10, 1947

John Standiford Funeral Services Held Here Tuesday

Funeral Services for John William Standiford, 76, who passed away at his home here Saturday morning, were held at the Chester Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon. Rev. James Knorr conducted the services for one of Liberty county's most popular residents before the large group, which gathered to pay final tribute.

Pallbearers, sons-in-law and grandsons, were John McDowell, Kenneth Backen, Clark Deimert, Robert Sutton, Roy Wickum and Richard Wickum.

A quartette composed of Mrs. Hilmer Johnson, Mrs. E. M. Robinson, Mrs. Knorr and Mrs. Peppy Keith sang, "Rock of Ages," "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" and "Abide With Me."

The deceased was born July 21, 1870 in Wisconsin and came to Montana in 1910 from Vernon county, Wisconsin. He homesteaded near Lothair and recently retired and made his home in Chester.

Mr. Standiford is survived by his widow, three daughters, Mrs. Richard Wickum, Hill; Mrs. Jack McDowell, Chester and Mrs. Barbara Backen, Lothair and two sons, Glendon and Gordon both of Lothair. He is also survived by a brother, Frank of Sparta, Wisconsin. Sixteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive.

MABEL BALL STRODE

Birth: May 10, 1875 - Died: August 28, 1947

Liberty County Times

September 4, 1947

Mrs. A. C. Strode Answers Final Call Thursday

Funeral services were held at the Chester Lutheran church Sunday afternoon for Mrs. A. C. Strode, 72, well-known Chester resident, who was found dead at her home early Thursday. Mrs. Strode's body was discovered in the kitchen of their home by her husband, Alfred C. Strode, long-time resident of Liberty county. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Rev. James Knorr conducted the services here Sunday. A choir composed of Mrs. Hugo Johnson, Mrs. James Knorr and Mrs. Eddie Thielman sang two numbers, "In the Garden" and "The Lord is My Shepherd". They were accompanied by Miss Peggy Keith. Pallbearers were: Robert Pugsley, Leonard Pugsley, Dodds Keith, Lawrence Schaefer, Harold Nelson, Roy Walden, Selmer Kolstad and Joel Smith.

Following the services here, the body was shipped to Millersburg, Ky., where graveside services were held Wednesday afternoon. A. C. Strode and Major Alfred accompanied the remains to Millersburg.

Mabel Ball Strode was born in Millersburg, Ky., May 10, 1875, and graduated from Millersburg college in 1895. She was married to Alfred C. Strode at Louisville, Ky., in 1911 and came to Montana the same year. She has made her home here since that time with perodical journeys to Kentucky. Mrs. Strode was always very active in religious and civic organizations in which she played a strong part until shortly before her death. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her passing.

In addition to her widower, Mrs. Strode is survived by a son, Maj. Alfred C. Strode, U. S. Army; a brother, Clarence E. Ball, Louisville Ky., two sisters, Mrs. C. M. McGéhee, Millersburg, Ky. and Mrs. William Metcalf, Decatur, Georgia; and two grandchildren, Diana Margaret Strode and John Carlton Strode. Mrs. Strode was a descendent of the Ball line in the George Washington family.

MICHAEL WARHANK

Birth: September 29, 1874 - Died: June 2, 1947

Liberty County Times

June 5, 1947

Michael Warhank, Pioneer Goldstone Merchant Passes

Michael Warhank, 72, pioneer merchant of Goldstone, died at 5:20 Monday afternoon in a Havre hospital after an illness of about a month. He was taken ill in mid-April while visiting a daughter at Redondo Beach, Calif., and was returned to Havre for treatment.

Mr. Warhank operated a general merchandise store at Goldstone for about 33 years, retiring in 1943. He was born in Austria on September 29, 1874 and came to this country when a young man. He was married in Pennsylvania to Anna Popish in 1905. The family came to Montana in 1910, settling at Goldstone. Mrs. Warhank passed away in 1920.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Neil S. McCann of Redondo Beach, Miss Margaret Warhank of Goldstone, Mrs. Lloyd Patrick of Goldstone, and Mrs. John J. Earls of Havre; two sons, Carl Warhank of Goldstone, and Raymond Warhank of Rudyard. Nine grandchildren also survive.

Funeral arrangements are pending word from out-of-town relatives.

LAWRENCE ANTONY WENDLAND

Born: March 1, 1944 - Died: February 11, 1947

Liberty County Times

February 13, 1947

**Three-Year-Old
Lawrence Wendland
Passes Tuesday**

(Havre Daily News, February 11

Lawrence Antony Wendland, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wendland of Rudyard passed away this morning at a Havre hospital.

The little boy's death was the result of burns received at his home last evening, when he was playing near a washing machine filled with hot water. It is believed he jumped on the wringer, overturning the machine. He was rushed to the hospital and lived through the night.

The child, who was born in Havre on March 1, 1944, is survived by his parents and two sisters, Caroline, 8 months and Mary, 21 months. Also surviving are his parental grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wendland of Rudyard, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. August Diemert of Rudyard.

Funeral services will be held at the Hingham Catholic church, the time of the service and burial not yet determined.

ROSE WHITE

Birth: September 20, 1867 - Died: March 9, 1947

Liberty County Times

March 13, 1947

**Mrs. Al White
Passes at Her
Home Sunday**

Mrs. Rose White, 78, wife of Al White, Joplin rancher, passed away at her home two miles southwest of Joplin Sunday.

Mrs. White was born in Minnesota, September 20, 1867. She was married October 28, 1896, to Al White and they came to Montana in 1909. They settled 1½ miles east of Inverness, and moved to their Joplin farm in 1928. They only recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. George Smith of Superior, Iowa, Mrs. Otto Moog of Inverness and Mrs. Elle Seidlitz of Chester, and two sons, William White of Williston, North Dakota, and Herbert White of Inverness. Two children preceeded her in death.

Also surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Emma Cunningham of Wheaton, Minn., Miss Helen Mader of Minneapolis, Mrs. Josephine McBrady of Minneapolis, Mrs. Frank Willette of Collis, Minn., and Mrs. William Powers of Chokio, Minn., and one brother, Tony Mader of White Earth, North Dakota. There are 23 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Inverness Catholic church this (Thursday) morning.

INEZ ORA WILSON

Birth: December 29, 1865 - Died: July 29, 1947

Liberty County Times

July 31 - August 14, 1947

Mrs. C. H. Wilson Passes at Rudyard

Mrs. C. H. Wilson passed away at her home in Rudyard Tuesday, July 29, after many months of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were among earliest homesteaders in the Grassy Butte vicinity, and the pioneer woman leaves a host of friends to mourn her passing. Funeral services will be held in Joplin Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Wilson, Pioneer Woman, Laid To Rest in Joplin

Funeral services were held Friday, August 1, at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin for Mrs. Charles Wilson, long-time resident of the north Joplin community. Interment was in the Joplin cemetery. Six grandsons of the deceased acted as pallbearers. They were, Royal, Olyn and Evlyn Wolery, Carl Thomas and Lewis Wood.

Inez Ora Wilson was born at Davenport, Iowa, December 29, 1865, and passed away at her home in Rudyard, July 29, 1947. She was married to Charles H. Wilson, December 28, 1889. To this union five children were born.

The family moved from Iowa to Montana and homesteaded north of Joplin near the Canadian border in 1913. They resided there until a few years ago, when Mrs. Wilson's health started failing. They left the farm and for the past two years have lived in Rudyard.

Mrs. Wilson leaves besides her husband to mourn her passing, three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Wood, Mrs. Frank Redd and Mrs. Guy Wolery; two sons, Burle and Thomas; twenty-eight grand children and twenty-six great grand children.