

RICHARD ALMOND

Birth: N/A - Died: May 3, 1953

Liberty County Times

May 7, 1953

Box Elder High School Boy Killed In Gun Accident

Richard Almond, Box Elder, was killed Sunday about 9:30 p. m. by an accidental discharge from a .22 pistol.

It has been reported that he was putting the gun away after a hunting trip when it was discharged. He died enroute to a hospital.

Almond will be remembered by many as a member of the Box Elder High School basketball and football teams.

ROY L. BAIR

Birth: N/A - Died: July 2, 1953

Liberty County Times

July 16, 1953

Roy L. Bair Dies

Roy L. Bair, Spokane contractor, and one of the heaviest contributors to the developing and drilling of the Sage Creek oil structure, passed away in Spokane, July 2nd. He will be remembered by many people here for his congeniality and cooperative spirit in the drilling of the Sage Creek well, which had to be finally abandoned.

Mr. Bair was affiliated with the B.P.O.E. No. 228 of Spokane.

GALEN ROGER BREKKE, JR.

Birth: April 22, 1948 - Died: March 31, 1953

Liberty County Times

April 2, 1953

Boy Loses Life In Cesspool

Cut Bank, Montana— Firemen, police officers, sheriff's officers, doctors and the "man in the street" rushed to 314 South Central Tuesday afternoon when the fire siren wailed the alarm after little Galen Roger Brekke Jr. disappeared through a snow drift into an abandoned cess pool. Don Presnell and Bob Jensen, assisted by Patrolman Oren Loyland, recovered the little boy and firemen and physicians immediately started to work with every means at their command to revive him. However, all was of no avail and the little fellow was declared dead.

Police Chief Chuck Gould expressed the thanks and appreciation of the community by publicly thanking all those who assisted in the emergency.

Galen Roger Brekke Jr. was the son of Margaret Hannah Brekke and Galen R. Brekke. He was born in Cut Bank April 22, 1948, and lived his short life there. Other survivors include a brother, Dick, 3; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mike Kelly; paternal grandfather, Olaf Brekke, and grandmother, Ruby Sederberg. Funeral services were held from St. Paul's Lutheran church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Music was furnished by Mrs. Don Keiser and Lorene Steele. Pallbearers were Jim Severson, Milton Jones, L. L. Moore and Don Presnell.

GEORGE HENRY DAHLEN

Birth: December 7, 1929 - Died: September 20, 1953

Liberty County Times

September 24, 1953

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Highway Patrolman Tom Yost and County Coroner W. F. Burns, who investigated, said the men apparently were on their way home. They set the time of the accident at between 1:30 and 2:15 a.m.

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HARVEY ROY EDMISTER

Born: 1934 - Died: January 7, 1953

Liberty County Times

January 15, 1953

Galata Man Takes Own Life

Harvey Roy Edmister, 19, of Galata was found dead in the office of the lumber yard in Galata about noon on Wednesday of last week. Death was caused by a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head, according to officials.

The young man had been suffering from a diabetic condition for some time. He is the son of Roy Edmister, who has been bedfast for some time and he was taking care of the lumber yard for his father at the time of his death.

He is survived by his young wife, his parents and many other relatives in and around Galata and Lothair.

FLORENCE ERICKSON

Birth: 1895 - Died: April 11, 1953

Liberty County Times

April 23, 1953

Mrs. Florence Erickson Died in Ore.

Mrs. Florence Erickson, 58, wife of Peter L. Erickson, Salem, Oregon, died April 11th in the Providence hospital following complications following surgery.

Mrs. Erickson was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She and Mr. Erickson had lived near Stanley, Wisconsin for 18 years previous to coming to Montana in 1913. They lived in what is now Liberty county from 1913 to 1923. They have been residents of Salem, Oregon for the last twelve years.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, James of Salem; two daughters, Mrs. H. L. Newell of Phoenix, Arizona and Mrs. Bernie Gano of Salem; two sisters, Mrs. George Bloom of Wayzata, Minnesota and Mrs. Nels Erickson of Bertram, Minnesota; and six grandchildren.

This news was sent to the Times office by Mr. H. E. Rolph of Salem, Oregon.

WILLIAM FLINT

Birth: May 30, 1881 - Died: October 30, 1953

Liberty County Times

November 5, 1953

William Flint Dies

William Flint, who came to Hingham as a homesteader in 1909 and had made his home in that community since, died Friday morning, October 30th, at a Havre hospital, at the age of 72.

Born May 30, 1881, in London, England, Mr. Flint came to Montana in 1905 by way of Saskatchewan, Canada, and took up a homestead 10 miles north of Hingham in 1909.

He was married at Havre April 27, 1917 to Helen Hendrickson, who survives. Also surviving are a stepson, Ted Hendrickson, Hingham Postmaster, and a sister and three brothers, all in England.

Funeral services were held for the retired farmer at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. Officiating minister was Harry Bucalstein of the Sixth Avenue Christian church. Mrs. Ole Flaten sang two numbers, "Abide With Me" and "Pass Me Not." The pallbearers for William Flint were Earl Rathbun, John Morrissey, Jess Lyon, George Welch, O. A. Sterry and Wilmer Kindschy. Interment was in a Havre cemetery.

PAUL JOHN FUNDERHIDE

Birth: January 9, 1884 - Died: July 27, 1953

Liberty County Times

July 30, 1953

Funeral for Paul Funderhide Today

Paul John Funderhide, well known Lothair resident and former county surveyor, passed away in his sleep at 3 a.m. Monday, of a heart attack. He died in his home in Lothair. Although he had suffered a lingering illness, his death came unexpectedly.

Funeral services are being held this (Thursday) morning at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic church here, Father Timothy Werner officiating. Rosary was held Wednesday evening. Interment will be in the Chester cemetery.

Paul John Funderhide, 69, was born January 9, 1884, in Grand Meadow, Minnesota, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Funderhide, both deceased. He attended grade and high school at Cando, North Dakota, and was graduated from the Agricultural college of Fargo, North Dakota, majoring in civil engineering. He was married November, 11, 1930, in Lothair, to Edith Greiner. Funderhide was a civil engineer with the Montana Highway Commission for 11 years. He retired from that position a year ago, due to ill health. Prior to his working with the highway commission, he was employed as a civil engineer with the Federal Highway Commission. He served as Liberty county surveyor from January 1928, through 1930. He homesteaded southeast of Chester in 1911. Within the past few years, Paul Funderhide completed surveys and blue print drawings of new maps for Chester and Liberty county.

He is survived by his wife and four children, Rebecca Ann, 19, Paul, 8, Robert, 16, and Patricia, 13, and also by a sister, Miss Grace Funderhide, of Cando, North Dakota.

FLORENCE A. GESSWEIN

Birth: August 9, 1857 - Died: October 12, 1953

Liberty County Times

October 15, 1953

**Mrs. Gesswein, 96
Dies Tuesday**

Mrs. Gesswein, 96, passed away in her sleep Tuesday afternoon at her residence in Chester. She and her son, Leon, had moved down here from Shelby about four months ago as Leon had work at the dam site.

Mrs. Gesswein came to Montana in 1913 with her husband to live with their son, Leon, on his homestead some sixteen or seventeen miles north of Chester. She lived there with her family for several years and in 1930, Leon sold his holdings here and moved with his mother to Oilmont. Since that time, she has made her home with her son at Oilmont and in Shelby until they came to Chester a short time ago.

Holland and Bonine were given charge of the body and have prepared it for shipment to Stillwater, Minnesota where interment will be made in the family plot in the cemetery there.

JOSEPH WILLIAM HEMMER

Birth: November 11, 1920 - Died: July 27, 1953

Liberty County Times

July 30, 1953

Funeral For Joe Hemmer to Be Fri.

Joseph William Hemmer passed away Monday morning, July 27, at the Toole County Memorial hospital in Shelby. He became ill quite suddenly while attending the Marias fair and was taken to the hospital.

Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's church in Chester, Friday morning at 10 a.m. Rosary in Chester at 7:30 p.m., Thursday with Father Timothy Werner officiating. Burial will be at Lothair.

Joseph William Hemmer was born November 11, 1920, in Lothair, Montana. He attended grade school in Lothair and high school in Whitefish and Galata. He graduated from the Chester high school with the class of 1941.

He is survived by his father, Matt Hemmer, of Hot Springs, and brothers, Frank, John, Lawrence, and Gerald of Lothair, Lt. George Hemmer of Kelly Field, Texas, Lt. James Hemmer with the Armed Services in Germany, and Charles Hemmer of Shelby and a twin sister, Mrs. Robert McCann of Billings.

ALBERT HOLTER

Birth: 1882 - Died: September 18, 1953

Liberty County Times

September 24, 1953

Albert Holter Dies

The body of Albert Holter, 71, retired Joplin farmer, was found in his room in a Havre hotel Friday night. He had died as the result of a heart attack.

Mr. Holter had filed on a homestead about 25 miles north of Joplin in 1912, and had lived and farmed there since that time until a few years ago, when he retired. He has been living in Havre and Kalispell since that time.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. A. O. Klingen of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the body has been sent back to Minneapolis for burial.

BEAUMONT A. HOOSE
Birth: 1928 - Died: May 17, 1953
Liberty County Times
May 21, 1953

Galata Farm Hand Killed in Auto Wreck

Beaumont A. Hoose, 25, Galata farm hand, Korean war veteran, was killed early Sunday morning when his 1950 convertible plunged off the highway some three miles north of Agawam.

Bernard Midge, 30, also of Galata was injured in the accident and is in the Choteau hospital suffering from multiple lacerations and a possible skull fracture.

The men were returning from Augusta when the accident occurred about 1:00 a.m. Officials reported "Too much speed and a sharp curve at the top of the hill." Hoose died in the wreckage. Midge was thrown out as the vehicle overturned and was found some 45 feet from the car.

Hoose was unmarried. The body was forwarded to Bellingham, Washington for funeral services and burial.

MARY ELISE HULL

Birth: May 9, 1953 - Died: May 12, 1953

Liberty County Times

May 21, 1953

Services Held For Hull Infant

Funeral services for Mary Elise Hull, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hull were held in St. Mary's Catholic church on Friday, May 15th, Father Werner in charge. The little girl had passed away at the Sacred Heart hospital in Havre May 12th, having lived just four days.

Interment was in the local Catholic cemetery.

MURRAY JOHNSON

Birth: April 24, 1877 - Died: June 26, 1953

Liberty County Times

July 2, 1953

Funeral Held for Murray Johnson

Murray Johnson, 76, long time resident of the Sweet Grass Hills area, but lately residing in Shelby, passed away at the Shelby hospital Friday morning. He had been ill, almost an invalid, for the last several months.

Mr. Johnson was born in Pleasanton, Kansas, April 24, 1877, where he attended school and lived until 1897, when he came to Montana. He settled on a ranch west of Whitlash and operated the ranch for fifty years.

On August 28, 1901, he was married, in Great Falls, to Miss Myrtle McDowell, of Gold Butte, who survives him. In 1947 the couple moved to Shelby, turning the ranch operation over to their son, Vernon.

Mr. Johnson was very much interested in community affairs, always took an active part in the doings of the Whitlash community, was a member of the Elk's lodge in Shelby, and served on the Marias fair board for several years.

Immediate survivors besides the widow are: three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Ratzburg of Ledger, Mrs. Robert Thompson of Whitlash, and Mrs. Florence Van Norden of New Jersey; two sons, Vernon and Murray, Jr. of Whitlash.

Funeral services were held at Whitlash Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock with the Rev. Clifford Schumacher officiating. Interment in the cemetery at Shelby, with graveside services about 3:30.

JOHN G. KINDSCHY

Birth: May 17, 1881 - Died: February 19, 1953

Liberty County Times

February 26, 1953

Funeral For J. G. Kindschy Held Sun.

John G. Kindschy of Hingham, who discontinued publication of his newspaper, The Hi-Line Weekly, with the November 26 issue, died in a Havre hospital Thursday at the age of 72.

Mr. Kindschy in partnership with John Budge, purchased the paper in 1918 from Berkley Walker, who had established it as the Hingham Review in 1911. At the time of transfer, the name was changed to the Hingham American, and became the Hi-Line Weekly in 1934. Mr. Kindschy took over the entire interest in the paper in 1919.

Mr. Kindschy was born in Alma, Wis., May 17, 1881, and taught school in North and South Dakota before coming to Montana in 1909 from Grotton, S. D., to engage in farming north of Hingham.

On June 17, 1913, he was married to Cora M. Klabunde at Aberdeen, S. D.

He was a past officer of the Hingham Odd Fellow lodge, and the Hingham camp of Modern Woodmen of America, in which he had held membership for 50 years. Mr. Kindschy was also a member of the Montana Press association.

Surviving relatives include his wife, a son, Donald, Spokane, Wash.; his mother, Mrs. Bertha Kindschy, Hingham, and the following sisters and brothers: Ruth and Wilmer Kindschy, Hingham; Clement Kindschy, Havre; Mrs. Laura Snyder and Mrs. Ena Weeks, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Orilla Heldmaier, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Olivia Rice, East Glacier; Robert Kindschy, Olympia, Wash., and Dwight Kindschy, Moscow, Idaho.

Funeral services were conducted from the Woodmen's hall in Hingham with the Rev. Clarence E. Drumheller of the Hi-Line Methodist Parish and the Rev. Manley Helleson of the Hingham Lutheran church officiating. Mr. Joe Simon, with Mrs. Robert Woods as accompanist sang "Sunset" and Mrs. Syver Nordby and Mr. Lloyd Keist sang "Lights of Home" with Mrs. David Spicher at the piano.

Pallbearers were: Arnold Michaelson, Al Petrick, Jess Lyon, George Welch, Vincent Horinek and Sid Stelter.

WALLACE KING

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DONALD LAIRD

Birth: October 6, 1934 - Died: February 10, 1953

Liberty County Times

February 12 - 19, 1953

Donald Laird Funeral

Donald Laird, 16, son of Mrs. Louise Kane of Spokane, Washington, departed this life at Spokane, February 10th.

Survivors, besides his mother are four brothers, John of Great Falls, Robert, James and Richard north of Joplin, and a sister, Rita of Spokane.

Funeral services were conducted from the St. Mary's Catholic church in Chester February 14th at 10:30 a.m., Father Timothy Werner officiating. Interment was in the family lot in the local cemetery.

Pall bearers were Keith McDowell, Ernest Tempel, Alister Murray, Wayne Hodges, Willis Hodges, Fred Hodges.

Donald Laird Funeral Saturday

Funeral services will be held for Donald Laird in St. Mary's church in Chester Saturday morning at 10:30 a. m. Services will be conducted by Father Timothy Werner.

Donald Laird died Tuesday morning in Deer Park, Washington, after suffering from cancer for many months. He was born in Havre, October 6, 1934. He lived on a farm north of Joplin until September 1951 when he moved to Deer Park, Washington.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Marie (Laird) Kane, of Deer Park, Washington, four brothers, James, Richard and Robert of north Joplin and John of Great Falls, and one sister, Rita, who is attending Holy Name College in Spokane, Washington.

HENRY THEODORE LAYTON

Birth: December 11, 1884 - Died: December 24, 1953

Liberty County Times

December 31, 1953

Funeral Services Held for Henry Layton

Henry T. Layton, 69, long time resident and farmer in Liberty county, passed away December 24, the victim of a heart attack.

Henry Theodore Layton, son of Andrew and Kate Layton, was born in Illinois, December 11, 1884. Later the family moved to South Dakota where Henry had all his schooling. He moved to Chester in 1909, coming here from Millett, Alberta, Canada. He filed on a homestead about 7 miles south of Chester, where he has lived and farmed ever since.

On January 17, 1912 he was married to Emma Anna Schulz, who survives. To this union, 9 children were born, eight of whom survive. A daughter, Lorraine, died several years ago.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the local Methodist church, Rev. Drumheller officiating. Pallbearers were: John Schwab, Otto Shepherd, Art Norris, Frank Skierka, Orval Brain and Orval Schwede.

Surviving children are Edward, Richard, Lawrence, Mrs. De Forest Schwede (Alice), Mrs. Earl Thompson (Laura), all of Chester; Mrs. Ray Kratcha (Myrtle) of Shelton, Washington; Mrs. T. D.

McGarry (Eleanor) of Butte; and Mrs. John Dedrickson (Mary) of Forest Grove, Oregon.

Also surviving are two sisters: Mrs. Lily Grove, Spokane; and Mrs. Annie Roe, Calgary, Alberta; five brothers, Jack, Colbert, Washington; George and Charlie, Spokane; Fred, Beulah, North Dakota; and Alfred, Shelton, Washington, and 10 grandchildren.

Interment in the Chester I.O.O.-F. cemetery.

ROBERT J. MERCER

Birth: 1935 - Died: July 27, 1953

Liberty County Times

July 30, 1953

Youth Dies in Auto Accident Near Joplin

An eighteen-year old youth was killed and his mother seriously injured in a truck-car collision at the Joplin crossing of Highway 2, 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Robert J. Mercer, 18, Detroit, Michigan, died in a Havre hospital early Tuesday morning. His mother, Mrs. Mercer, suffered a fractured hip, shattered elbow, and severe lacerations. However, she is reported in satisfactory condition. The Liberty county ambulance took the patients to the Havre hospital.

The accident occurred when Mrs. Mercer attempted to pass a truck, driven by Arthur C. Dittmar of Havre, as the truck was making a left turn into Joplin. The car sideswiped the truck and went into the north ditch near

the Joplin sign. Reports say that the car hit the edge of the ditch straight on and came to a complete stop. The body of the car was bent almost into a U, according to reports. Patrolmen Broadus and Garland investigated the accident.

MIKE MEYER

Birth: 1887 - Died: May 15, 1953

Liberty County Times

May 21, 1953

Mike Meyers Dies in Gt. Falls

One of the best-known men on the Hi-Line between Havre and Shelby, Mike Meyer, 66 of Inverness, passed away last Friday in a Great Falls hospital. Funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Catholic church in Inverness Monday, interment in Havre.

Mr. Meyer came to Inverness from St. Josephs, Minnesota in 1912. He has operated a farm there, ever since. Twenty-nine years ago he became implement dealer for International Harvester Company and was very successful from the start.

He is survived by his widow, Rose; five daughters, Alda, Mrs. Glen Alex, Mrs. Frank Craft, Mrs. Kenneth Han, all of Inverness, and Mrs. Ida McFadden of Great Falls; a son, Donald of Inverness, two brothers, three sisters and 18 grandchildren.

CLARENCE D. MORRISSEY

Birth: April ?, 1899 - Died: 1953

Liberty County Times

November 19, 1953

**Funeral Services
Held For Clarence
Morrissey Nov. 10**

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 10, at 10 a. m. for Clarence D. Morrissey, 54, who died at a Seattle hospital after a prolonged illness. Father Gabriel Hinkes, O. Praem, officiated at the High Mass at Our Lady of Ransome church in Hingham.

Morrissey, who was born in April, 1899, at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, came to Montana in 1912 from North Dakota and lived in Hingham until 1941.

From Hingham, Morrissey went to Seattle where he was employed by the Washington Co-operative Packing Co. Morrissey, who was single, is survived by his brothers, Leo of Los Angeles, and James and John of Hingham.

The pallbearers were John and James Morrissey, Bernard Brennan, Ted Hendrickson, Olaf Sterry, and Ernest Minkler. Following the services, the body was returned to Havre where interment was made at Calvary cemetery.

TOMMY LINN MYERS

Born: February 22, 1952 - Died: May 9, 1953

Liberty County Times

May 14, 1953

Infant Killed by Pickup in Accident At Tiber Dam Trailer Court; Saturday

Last Saturday, as Clarence Williamson, an employee of Clark Odekirk, of the Commissary at the dam site, was loading rock into his pickup, he had the misfortune to run over a baby, Little Tommy Myers, who had run out onto the road as Clarence was backing his pick-up into the road.

The child, less than two years old, was rushed to Liberty County hospital, but nothing could be done for him. His father was employed as foreman by Superior Steel. The body was taken back to Caldwell, Idaho for burial, which was to have taken place Wednesday.

There was no question of negligence or carelessness on the part of the driver. Just before he started to back out into the road, his assistant walked clean around the back of the truck to get into the pick-up, and he backed out with his head out the window, watching the road behind him. The child came from the other side and could not be seen by the driver. It is believed by those who first reached the scene of the accident that the baby ran out into the road while the assistant was getting into the cab, and the motor was being started by Williamson.

ELDON C. NEWKIRK

Birth: 1909 - Died: December 4, 1953

Liberty County Times

December 10, 1953

**Eldon C. Newkirk
Killed By Falling
Under Train**

Eldon C. Newkirk, 44, native of Corvallis, Montana, was accidentally killed Friday evening, about 1½ miles west of Lothair when he apparently fell between two cars of a moving freight train.

First news of the accident came to the Sheriff's office here, after the train had reached Havre and attendants found blood on a car in the train. Sheriff Dodds Keith and Deputy Otto Fossen at once went to the scene of the accident, found the body literally cut into pieces, and turned it over to Holland and Bonine.

The Sheriff's theory of the accident is that Mr. Newkirk was riding on top of the car and got cold. He then either tried to get down between the cars to get out of the wind, or tried to get off, when he must have got caught in some way and thrown beneath the wheels of the car.

Efforts to locate relatives were unsuccessful until Tuesday morning, when a brother and the mother were located in Detroit, Michigan by the police forces of that city. It is not known here whether or not the body will be shipped to Detroit for interment.

CHRIST NYMOEN

Birth: N/A - Died: September ?, 1953

Liberty County Times

September 24, 1953

Christ Nymoen Dies

Christ Nymoen, Joplin, passed away at Lewiston, Idaho early last week.

Mr. Nymoen at one time, was in business in Joplin, having conducted a butcher shop for several years until advancing age forced him to retire. It is understood here that he had no relatives in this country, and very little is known of his life before coming to Joplin.

ALBERT ROBERT PETRICK

Birth: February 21, 1886 - Died: December 6, 1953

Liberty County Times

December 10 - 17, 1953

A. R. Petrick, 67 of Hingham Dies

Albert Robert (Al) Petrick, 67, of Hingham, passed away in a Havre hospital Sunday. Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church in Hingham, Rev. Manley Helleson officiating.

Mr. Petrick was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, February 21, 1886. He came to Hingham in 1910 and filed on a homestead 3 miles west and 3 miles south of Hingham.

He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Hingham camp; he served on the cemetery board, his name appearing in the minutes of the first board meeting; and was president and a board member of the Hingham Farmers Elevator.

In 1917, he was married at Litchfield, Minnesota, to Cora Elvina Olson, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Robert and Eugene, of Hingham and a daughter, Clarice, of Great Falls. A third son, Alan Richard, preceded his father in death several years ago.

Among other survivors are four grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. Wm. (Emma) Schroeder, of New Germany, Minnesota, Mrs. Paul (Bertha) Schlieman of Ryder, North Dakota, and Elsie Hadley, Los Angeles, California, and five brothers, Edward of Appelton, Minnesota, Ferdinand of Mankato, North Dakota, Christ of Halloway, Minnesota, Fred of St. Paul and Henry of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Funeral Services For A. R. Petrick Held

Funeral services were held December 9th for Albert Robert (AL) Petrick, homesteader and farmer at Hingham. The Lutheran Church was filled to capacity when Rev. Manley Helleson delivered the funeral message.

Mrs. Ed Stelter and Mrs. Syver Nordby accompanied by Mrs. David Spicher sang two duets, "Beyond the Sunset" and "Sometime We'll Understand."

The pallbearers were J. M. Lyon, Gust Sylte, Martin Sylte, Clint Brevick, Carl Rathbun and Ed Stelter.

Interment was at Hingham cemetery.

DELMAR A. RAY

Birth: November 21, 1889 - Died: January 16, 1953

Liberty County Times

February 12, 1953

Former Chester Man Passes Away

Delmar A Ray passed away at his home in Springfield, Oregon, January 16, 1953, after an illness of three months. He was born in Colfax, Illinois, November 21, 1889, and was married to Clara Laplin in Havre, Montana June 27, 1917. He has resided in Oregon for the past 26 years. He is survived by his wife, Clara, one daughter, Mrs. James Risher of Springfield, Oregon, one son, Kenneth of Eugene, Oregon, 2 grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Ray Rudolph of Joplin, Montana, one brother, Paul of Bend, Oregon.

Funeral services were held at Bartholeu-Buel Chapel, January 20th., with interment in Rest-Haven Memorial park, near his mother, who passed away several years ago.

Delmar homesteaded about 25 miles north of Chester in about 1915.

Mrs. Roy is a sister of Mrs. Wm. Marshall of Chester, also of Mrs. Berger Johnson and Mrs. Frank Heydon, formerly of Joplin.

MARY GRAY SCHWARTZ

Birth: 1878 - Died: June ?, 1953

Liberty County Times

June 11, 1953

Final Services Held for Mary Schwartz

Funeral services for Mary Gray Schwartz, 74, of Gildford were held at the Holland and Bonine funeral home in Havre Monday.

Mrs. Schwartz was born in Scotland in 1878, and came to the United States when she was three years old. She lived with her family in Minneapolis for several years, and in 1888 the family moved to Big Sage, south of Fort Benton, where Mrs. Schwartz grew up.

In 1901 she was married to Henry F. Schwartz at Fort Benton, and two years later they moved to Gildford where their son Kenneth was the first boy to be born in that community.

Survivors include, besides Mr. Schwartz, Henry F. Schwartz, Jr., of Nespelem, Washington; Kenneth Schwartz of Torrance, California; Allan Schwartz of Salt Lake City, Utah; Robert Schwartz of Big Sandy; and Mrs. Ben Sprague of Gildford; 16 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Margaret G. Buck; and a brother, Allan E. Gray of Great Falls.

ALBERT TRUESDELL

Birth: N/A - Died: July 28, 1953

Liberty County Times

August 6, 1953

Services Held For Albert Truesdell Friday Afternoon

Albert Truesdell, 66, passed away in a hospital at Warm Springs Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Truesdell had been living in Kalispell for the last 18 years. He was stricken with high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries last fall and had been ill since that time. Lately he was taken to the hospital at Warm Springs where it was believed he would have better care than he could get at home. Death was caused by a stroke.

Mr. Truesdell will be remembered by many people here as he lived in this community for several years. His sister, Mrs. Murl Davis was with him at the last, having gone to Warm Springs from her home in Indiana several weeks ago when it became evident Albert could not survive for long.

Grave side services were held and interment was in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery Friday afternoon at 3:30.

EDWIN O. TWEDT

Birth: November 13, 1881 - Died: August 17, 1953

Liberty County Times

August 20, 1953

Edwin Twedt Dies

An apparent heart attack Monday morning caused the death of Edwin O. Twedt, 71-year old Kremlin farmer. Tentatively, funeral services are being planned for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Holland and Bonine funeral home, with interment in Highland cemetery in Havre.

Mr. Twedt died at his home south of Kremlin, which the family homesteaded after coming to Montana from Seattle in 1913.

He was born November 13, 1881, in Iowa, and was married to Emma Olson in Seattle in 1910. They have operated the Kremlin farm since moving here early in the century.

A member of the Lutheran church, Mr. Twedt was an outdoors man and liked hunting and farming.

Besides the widow, survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Stella) Wilson and Hazel Rolston, both of Kremlin; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Fox and Hilda Huber, Palo Alto, Calif.; eight grandchildren; two nieces, Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, Gildford, and Mrs. Leonard Listou, Chinook; and two nephews, Hans Hanson, Tacoma, Washington, and Finn Hanson, Gildford. —Havre News

LILLIAN URBAN

Birth: N/A - Died: November ?, 1953

Liberty County Times

November 26, 1953

**Funeral Services For
Lillian Urban Held**

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 16th at the Holland-Bonine and Eliason funeral home in Havre for Lillian Urban, who was fatally injured in a car accident north of Chinook last week. Pall bearers were Joe and Otto Farnik, Arnold Michaelson, Norman Welte, Vince Sedivy and Phillip Larson. Interment was at Calvary cemetery.

LIISA WALKMAN

Birth: 1874 - Died: January 2, 1953

Liberty County Times

January 8, 1953

Liisa Walkman

Mrs. Liisa Walkman, 79, mother of Jacob Walkman of this community passed away at her home in Great Falls last Friday.

She was born at Simfropal in the Crimea. She resided in this community near Tiber for thirty-two years, moving to Great Falls about ten years ago. Her husband, Karel Walkman, preceded her in death in 1939.

Survivors are five sons: Jake of Chester, John of Blackfoot, Oscar, Edward and Arthur of Great Falls; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Sigler of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Mrs. Wilma Chase of Charleston, South Carolina, one grandchild; and three brothers, Jake Malberg of Walla Walla, Wash., Ed Malberg of Sunburst, and John of Spokane, Washington.

Funeral services were held January 7, 1953 in Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester. Pall bearers were Joe Oraw, Carl Yurman, John Kulpas, Mike Yurman, Pete Smith and Dodds Keith. Interment in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery.

FRANK WELCH

Birth: December 22, 1927 - Died: September 20, 1953

Liberty County Times

September 24, 1953

Three Locally Known Men Killed in Truck Accident Near Kevin Sunday

(Great Falls Tribune), Shelby-Three Toole county men died early Sunday morning in freak two-truck accident one-half mile east of Kevin. Two of the victims drowned when their truck landed upside down in a mudhole. The third burned to death when he was trapped in the cab of his flaming truck.

Drowned were Frank Welch, 25, Oilmont, and Wallace King, 52,

George Henry Dahlen, 23, Kevin was burned to death.

A passerby, Red Whitt, Kevin, suffered superficial burns and cut hands when he attempted to free Dahlen from the burning truck.

There were no witnesses and officers still were investigating late Sunday to learn what caused the accident. They had pieced together enough evidence to point to the following version of the fatal wreck:

Welch and King were in a late model pickup truck which apparently had stalled along the highway into Kevin. Dahlen's pickup truck, traveling in the same direction, is believed to have struck the other vehicle from the back.

It boosted the stalled truck off the road, where it landed upside down in a mudhole in the ditch, trapping Welch and King inside. The impact set Dahlen's truck afire and he was unable to free himself.

Whitt was the first to arrive on the scene. Hearing Dahlen's screams, he attempted to get him out of the cab by breaking the window but was unsuccessful.

Highway Patrolman Tom Yost and County Coroner W. F. Burns, who investigated, said the men apparently were on their way home. They set the time of the accident at between 1:30 and 2:15 a.m.

They had to use a winch to pull the truck from the mud before the bodies of Welch and King could be freed. Dahlen's truck had to be cut open before his body could be removed.

All the bodies are at the Burns Funeral home here. Funeral

services for Dahlen will be Tuesday at 2 from the Community Methodist church in Shelby with Reverend George Sanders officiating. Burial will be in the soldiers' plot of the Shelby cemetery. Funeral services are pending for Welch and King.

Welch was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Welch, who live northeast of Oilmont. He was born Dec. 22, 1927. King was born Dec. 7, 1901. His parents are believed to reside in Lethbridge. A brother, Howard, lives near Lothair.

Dahlen was born Dec. 7, 1929, at the ranch of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theadore Dahlen, six miles west of Kevin. He attended Kevin schools and had returned home about two months ago after serving seven years with the Navy. Two years of that time he had spent in the Japan-Korea area. He was employed as a farm hand near Kevin by Oscar Nepsstead.

Survivors include his parents, three sisters, Mrs. Sam Potter, Kevin; Mrs. Edgar Woods, north of Chester; and Mrs. James Andrews, Oklahoma City, and two brothers, Carl Dahlen, Cut Bank, and Pete Dahlen, Kevin.

Frank Welch and Wallace King both have been employed by Nelson Bingham of the Whitlash neighborhood. Welch started work for Bingham some time this spring, while King had been with him for the last thirteen years.

JACOB EARL WOOD

Birth: June 16, 1890 - Died: March 21, 1953

Liberty County Times

April 9, 1953

Jacob Earl Wood

Jacob Earl Wood, 62, of Moiese, Montana, died Saturday March 21, at a veteran's hospital in Portland, Oregon after an extended illness. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 26 at the Ronan English Lutheran church, Rev. E. F. Tollefson officiating.

Under the direction of the Shrider mortuary, interment was made in the Mountain View Cemetery, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion holding joint military services.

Pallbearers were Norman Bond, A. J. Balfour, Henry Ward, James Bowler, Earl Schoonover and M. L. Kingery all of Moiese.

Mr. Wood was born at Milan, Missouri on the 16 day of June, 1890. He moved from Joplin to Lake County in 1936 and located at Charlo where the family lived for seven years before moving to Moiese.

He is survived by his widow, whom he married at Havre in 1919; six sons, Carl and Thomas of Joplin, Forrest, of Inglewood, California, Charles, of Libby, and Harold and Lewis of Moiese; three daughters, Mrs. George Colbry of Chester, Mrs. E. G. Richards of Port Orchard, Washington; and Mrs. N. D. Eldridge of Long Beach, California; twenty grandchildren; one brother and four sisters.