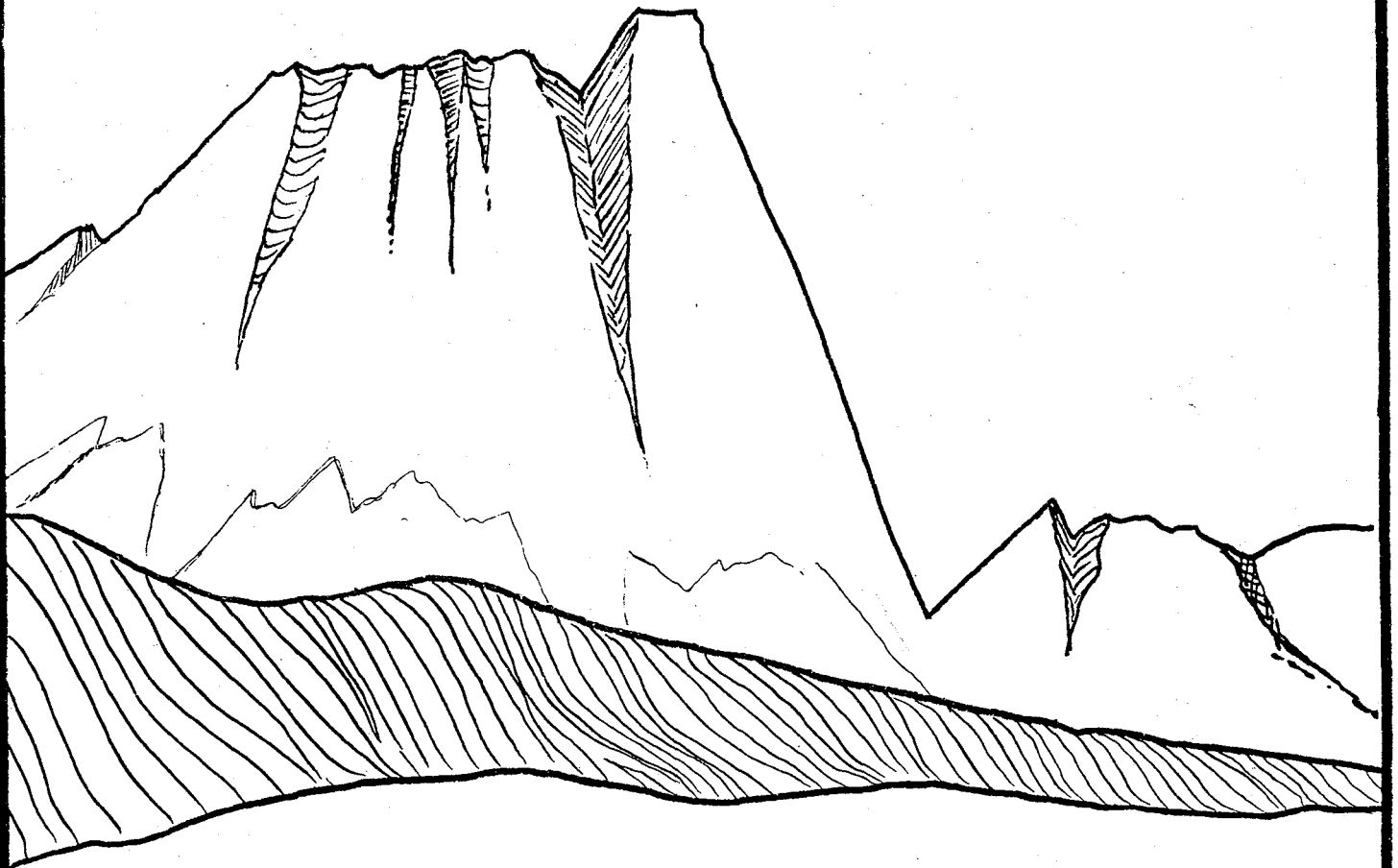


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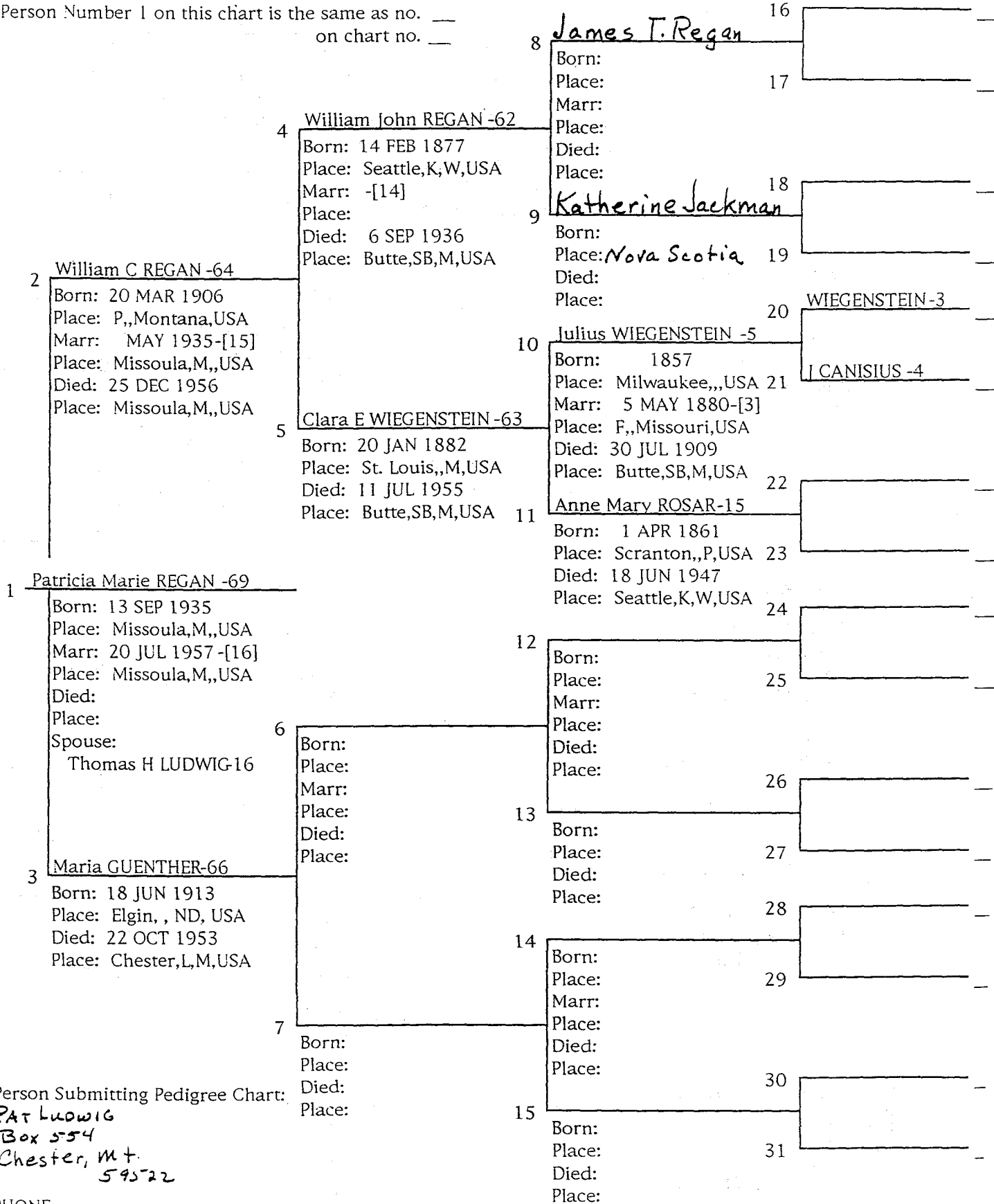
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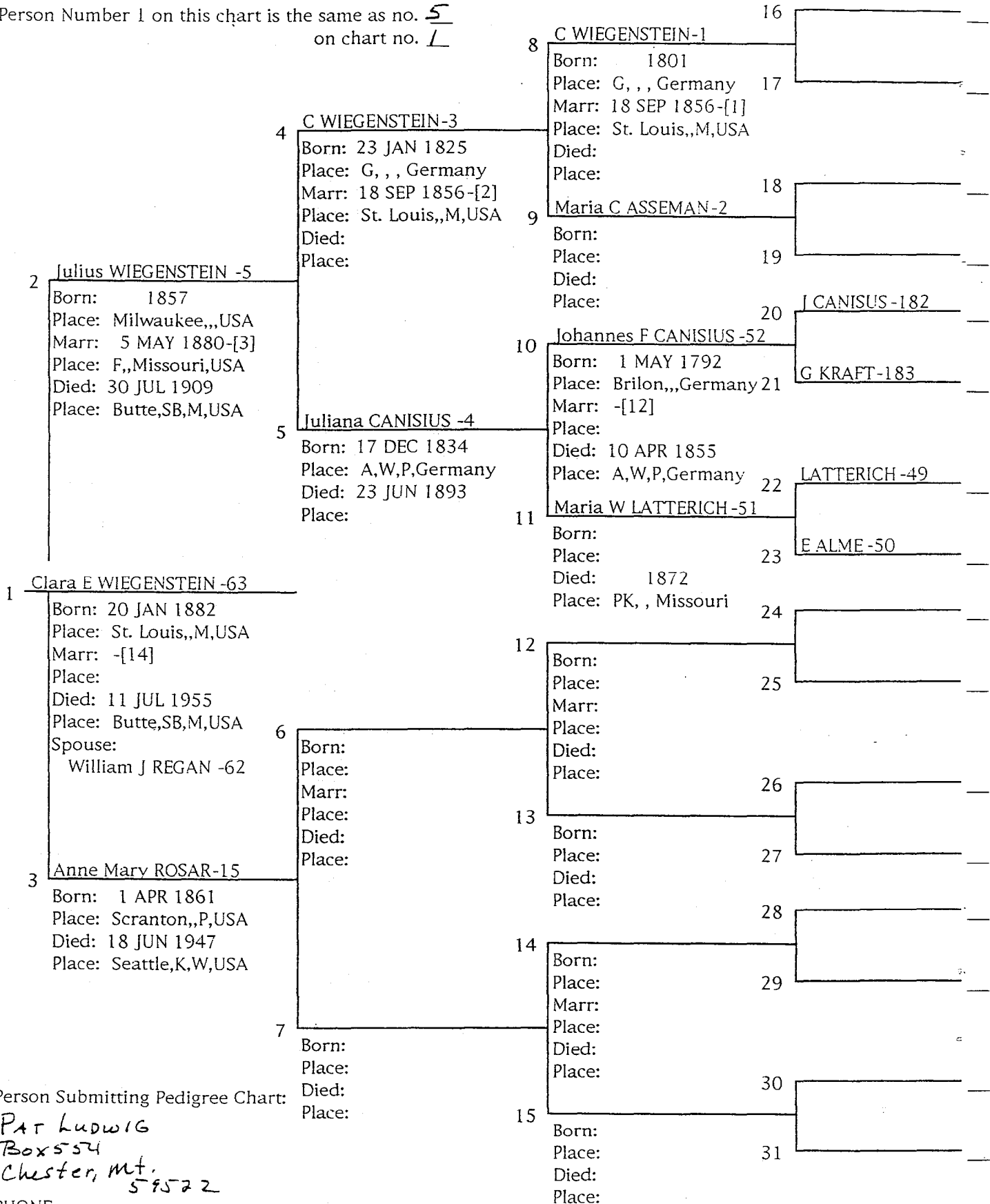
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- 1— Joes CANISUS -182
 - sp- Gertrudis KRAFT -183
 - 2— Johannes Franz (Franciscus) CANISIUS -52 (1792)
 - sp- Maria Wilhelmina LATTERICH -51
 - 3— Gertrud Josephine CANISIUS -53 (1824)
 - 3— Henrich Theodor CANISIUS -54 (1826)
 - 3— Joannes Georgius Ostwaldus CANISIUS -55 (1828)
 - 3— Henricus CANISIUS -56 (1830)
 - 3— Maria Catharina Josephina CANISIUS -57 (1832)
 - sp- TONNELLI -67
 - 3— Juliana CANISIUS -4 (1834)
 - sp- Christopher WIEGENSTEIN -3 (1825)
 - 4— Julius WIEGENSTEIN -5 (1857)
 - sp- Anne Mary ROSAR -15 (1861)
 - 5— Clara Elizabeth WIEGENSTEIN -63 (1882)
 - sp- William John REGAN -62 (1877)
 - 6— William Clifford REGAN -64 (1906)
 - sp- Maria GUENTHER -66 (1913)
 - 7— Patricia Marie REGAN -69 (1935)
 - sp- Thomas Howard LUDWIG -16 (1932)
 - 8— Jeanne Marie LUDWIG -70 (1958)
 - sp- Timothy Louis KUCERA -75
 - 9— Thomas Daniel KUCERA -76 (1986)
 - 9— Margaret Marie KUCERA -77 (1992)
 - 8— Jerome Joseph LUDWIG -71 (1959)
 - 8— Jackie Lynn LUDWIG -72 (1961)
 - sp- Rusin VANDYKE -78
 - 9— Alexandria Lynn VANDYKE -79 (1994)
 - 9— Daniel Paul VANDYKE -121 (1996)
 - 8— Jennifer Louise LUDWIG -73 (1963)
 - sp- David Roland WICKS -80 (1961)
 - 9— Patrick Joseph WICKS -81 (1986)
 - 9— Matthew David WICKS -82 (1988)
 - 9— Kari Christine WICKS -83 (1991)
 - 8— Jeri DeAnne LUDWIG -74 (1964)
 - sp- Brian Conrad MAY -84 (1965)
 - 9— Steven Joseph MAY-120 (1996)
 - 7— William John REGAN -68 (1936)
 - sp- Betty BROWN -105
 - 8— Terry Lynn REGAN -106 (1959)
 - sp- Malcolm WALTER -108
 - 9— Amanda WALTER-109
 - 9— Kayleigh WALTER -110
 - 8— William John REGAN -107

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- sp- Tracy -111
 - 9— Alexander REGAN -112
 - 6— John Rosar REGAN -65 (1912)
 - 5— Anna WIEGENSTEIN -17 (1884)
 - sp- Louis LIENEMAN Sr. -28
 - 6— Clara Monta LIENEMAN -29 (1904)
 - sp- NIGRO -32
 - 7— Eugene NIGRO -33 (1935)
 - 7— Gerald NIGRO -34 (1946)
 - 6— Louis LIENEMAN Jr. -30
 - 7— Robert LIENEMAN -113
 - 7— Mark LIENEMAN -114
 - 7— James LIENEMAN -115
 - 7— LIENEMAN -116
 - 8— LIENEMAN -117
 - 6— Francis LIENEMAN -31
 - 5— Henry John WIEGENSTEIN -18 (1886)
 - sp- Mary Ellen LAHIFF -24 (1891)
 - 6— John T. WIEGENSTEIN -25 (1917)
 - sp- Louise SHELDON -175
 - 7— Mary WIEGENSTEIN -189
 - 7— Jane WIEGENSTEIN -190
 - 7— Ann WIEGENSTEIN -191
 - sp- Scott FLEISCHMAN -194
 - 8— Andrew FLEISCHMAN -195
 - 8— Laura FLEISCHMAN -196
 - 7— Margaret WIEGENSTEIN -192
 - 7— John WIEGENSTEIN -193
 - sp- Laurie HEMAN -197
 - 8— Grace WIEGENSTEIN -198
 - 8— Emma WIEGENSTEIN -199
 - 6— Mary Rita WIEGENSTEIN -26 (1918)
 - sp- Dave L'ESPERANCE -88
 - 7— David L'ESPERANCE -180 (1950)
 - 7— John WIEGENSTEIN -184 (1952)
 - sp- Rebecca -200
 - 8— Garth L'ESPERANCE -201
 - 7— Mark WIEGENSTEIN -185 (1954)
 - 8— Michael WIEGENSTEIN -202
 - 8— Ryan WIEGENSTEIN -203
 - 7— Greg WIEGENSTEIN -186 (1959)
 - 7— Tony WIEGENSTEIN -187 (1960)
 - sp- Betty -204
 - 7— Phillip WIEGENSTEIN -188 (1963)

- sp- Pamela -205
 - 6— Jean WIEGENSTEIN -27 (1920)
 - 5— Joseph WIEGENSTEIN -23 (1889)
 - 5— Agnes WIEGENSTEIN -20 (1891)
 - sp- William ROGERS -86
 - 6— Gail ROGERS -122
 - sp- BUXTON -173
 - 6— Joel ROGERS -174
 - 5— Gertrude WIEGENSTEIN -19 (1894)
 - sp- McPherson -85
 - 5— Marguerite WIEGENSTEIN -21 (1896)
 - sp- BOWERS -87
 - 5— Jules WIEGENSTEIN -22 (1904)
- 4— Henry WIEGENSTEIN -6
- 4— Joseph WIEGENSTEIN -7
- 4— Anna WIEGENSTEIN -8
- 4— John WIEGENSTEIN -9
- sp- Dorothy MULKEY -100
 - 5— Mary GRAHAM -101
 - 5— Donna MURPHY -102
 - 5— Jerry WIEGENSTEIN Dr. -103
 - 5— Robert WIEGENSTEIN -104
- 4— Frank WIEGENSTEIN -10
- 4— Christopher WIEGENSTEIN -11
- sp- Mary RION -89
 - 5— Julia WIEGENSTEIN -90
 - 5— John WIEGENSTEIN -91
 - 5— Eileen WIEGENSTEIN Sister -92
 - 5— George WIEGENSTEIN -93
 - 5— Marie WIEGENSTEIN -94
 - 5— Ann WIEGENSTEIN -95
 - 5— Gladys WIEGENSTEIN -96
 - 5— Linus WIEGENSTEIN -97
 - 5— Lucina WIEGENSTEIN -98
 - 5— Frances WIEGENSTEIN -99
- 4— Albert WIEGENSTEIN -12
- sp- Augusta SPRINGMEYER -35
 - 5— Frank J. WIEGENSTEIN Sr. -36
 - sp- Florence WALSH -42
 - 6— Frank J. WIEGENSTEIN Jr. -40
 - 6— Mary F. WIEGENSTEIN -41
 - sp- William CALLAWAY -43
 - 7— Daniel CALLAWAY -44
 - 7— David CALLAWAY -45

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- 7— Teresa CALLAWAY-46
 - sp- Richard CLARK -47
 - 8— Kevin CLARK -48
 - 5— Albert N. WIEGENSTEIN -37
 - sp- Marcella LYNCH -118
 - 4— George Antone WIEGENSTEIN-13 (1876)
 - sp- Anna ST. CLAIR -123 (1886)
 - 5— Marguerite WIEGENSTEIN -124
 - sp- Norman DAY -130
 - 5— Henry WIEGENSTEIN -125
 - sp- Marjorie BURGESS -131
 - 6— Michael WIEGENSTEIN -132
 - 6— Bettina WIEGENSTEIN -133
 - 7— Shelby -136
 - 7— Lance -137
 - 6— Amy WIEGENSTEIN -134
 - 6— David WIEGENSTEIN -135
 - 5— Blanche WIEGENSTEIN -126
 - sp- Joseph COOK-138
 - 6— Brenda COOK-139
 - sp- Tom NORRIS -142
 - 6— Mary Beth COOK -140
 - sp- Robert GOLDMAN -143
 - 7— Joshua Joseph GOLDMAN-144
 - 6— Sally COOK -141
 - sp- Robert MAYER -145
 - 5— Edna WIEGENSTEIN -127 (1913)
 - 5— Raymond WIEGENSTEIN -128
 - sp- Birdeen MCCLARNEY -146
 - 6— Katherine Ann WIEGENSTEIN -147
 - sp- Truman VASCO-149
 - 7— Mark VASCO -150
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 - 7— Jeffrey VASCO-153
 - 7— Renee VASCO-154
 - 6— Glenn WIEGENSTEIN -148
 - 5— Michael Paul WIEGENSTEIN -129
 - 5— Virginia WIEGENSTEIN -155
 - sp- William J. BREWEN -156
 - 6— William Joseph BREWEN -157
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- 7— Lucas Cooper BREWEN -163
 - 6— Gerald BREWEN -158
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 - 7— Steven Paul BREWEN -165
 - 5— Eugene Christopher WIEGENSTEIN -166
 - sp- Margery Faye BREWEN -167
 - 6— Timothy Eugene WIEGENSTEIN -168
 - sp- Barbara ANDREW -170
 - 7— Ronald Joseph WIEGENSTEIN -171
 - 6— Steven Christopher WIEGENSTEIN -169
 - sp- Sharon BUZZARD -172
 - 4— Minna WIEGENSTEIN -14
 - sp- HAYHURST -119
 - 3— Wilhelm CANISIUS -58 (1838)
 - 3— Maria Anna CANISIUS -59 (1840)
 - 3— Ernst August CANISIUS -60 (1843)
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The Broken Mountains Genealogical Society will be celebrating their 20th year of being organized as a group. In our planning we will be hosting a program of "Discovering Your Hertiage" a unique "hands-on" genealogical workshop to be held **Sept. 19, 1998** yes you are reading right its**1998**. Keep this in mind and you will be hearing from us later on. This event will be put on by the "Everton's Genealogical Helper" staff.

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The following article on the Bingham Family came from the Hertiage Book put together by the Liberty Museum in 1976. It is used with the premission of the Museum Board. Thank you.

BINGHAM FAMILY

Nelson Hamilton Bingham came to the Sweetgrass Hills in 1901 from Port Huron, Michigan. He had worked for the Hudson Bay Company in Saskatchewan and Manitoba trading with the Indians. He was very impressed with the grasslands of the prairie and decided to move his family from the small farm in Michigan and take up a homestead in the beautiful Sweetgrass Hills area. He went to work for Pat Buckley in the Sweetgrass-Coutts area to learn the sheep business. In 1902, his son James or Jim came west to help his father settle. They bought out some squatters by the name of Fox and Moltz. The International boundary survey had not been approved, but when it was the Bingham had 2 1/2 miles of Canadian fence on the north. Some of the settlers were not so fortunate. They suddenly found they were Canadians. The land had a good spring where the log cabin was located. The early day Indians would use it as a stopping place on their way into Canada. The earlier settlers reported that an Indian woman was killed at the springs in a hail storm.

When Jim decided to come west he didn't want to spend his precious money on railway fare. He and a friend, Bob Johnson, found a railway car on the Canadian Pacific loaded with immigrants belongings, including a cow, that looked like a good ride. Along the way Jim developed a bad case of Quinsey. At Regina when the train stopped he found a doctor who lanced his throat and he continued on to Lethbridge and Coutts. He always claimed the fresh milk from the cow saved his life.

Nelson's wife, Nora Fulton Bingham (third cousin of the Steamboat Fulton) and daughter Mabel came west as soon as possible and all filed homestead claims. Nelson H. had purchased sheep with the holdings and ran them in the summer north of Galata, lambing and wintering them at the ranch. The sheep were sheared "down on the flats" with Nora, Achsa or Mabel going down to cook for the shearing crew.

The first year or two the mail was gotten from Fort Benton by horseback, but soon a route was established to the post office at Laird.

The Bingham ranch has been in three counties: Chouteau, Hill and Liberty. Mabel Bingham entered a contest in 1908 from the Havre Newspaper and won first prize of a trip to Europe. This was a very great prize. She enjoyed touring France, Italy, Great Britain and many other places with Cook and Sons as tourist guides.

The neighbors were Lairds to the east and Iversons and Wallaces west, Schafers were south as were the Laueners. When the home folks wanted an outing they would ride horseback or take a buggy and go from one neighbor to the other for several days to visit.

The staple groceries were ordered from the ranch through an agent of John W. Sexton Co. of

Chicago, who traveled from home to home. Every thing was purchased in case lots and freighted home by wagon teams once or twice a years from Chester. Nora Bingham's definition of a good cook was one who could take what was on hand and make a good meal. She, Mabel and Achsa were past masters in this field.

Coal was the main fuel and sometimes mined by hand and hauled from a spot on down Police Coulee. The ranch is located at the head of Police Coulee. Later years it was hauled from the mine at West Butte or from Taylor's mine in Canada.

In 1905, Jim married Achsa Parsell. Achsa (pronounced Axa) had been born in Brock, Nebraska, and came west when one year old with her parents and several families in emigrant cars, to settle in Heppner, Oregon. When she was four years old, her father died of typhoid fever, leaving her Mother a widow and with seven children. Ollie, Fred and Roy were the oldest, and helped earn the living for the family. Fred and Roy came to the Sweetgrass Hills in the 1890's to shear sheep, and eventually settled as did Harvey and Chet. Harvey eventually moved to Dillon and Roy to Sprague, Washington. Achsa came to visit her brothers in 1903, and worked in the area as a cook for Morris Price on the "company" ranch, south of Whitlash. She cooked for Mr. Dohrs, who owned the land the Iversons now have, when Jim claimed her for his cook.

Nelson H. and Nora Bingham retired in 1911, and moved to Spokane, Washington to make their home, selling their interest to Jim and Achsa in 1914. Jim bought out other homesteaders, as they decided to leave, to enlarge the ranch.

In 1911, Jim had appendicitis, and was rushed to Great Falls. He went by buggy to Chester, by train to Havre, then onto Great Falls. While he was in the hospital recuperating from the operation, Achsa gave birth to Nelson G.; Olive Katherine came along two years later.

When the flu epidemic hit in 1918, Jim and Walter Wuotila had gone to Chicago with a shipment of livestock. They were both stricken there, and went to see a doctor. He told them to get home as fast as possible, as the people were dying like flies. By the time they arrived home, they were both pretty sick.

Jim seemed to have such a hard time recuperating from the flu. He decided to sell the sheep and lease the ranch. In 1919, they loaded belongings in a railroad car at Galata, including the team, and Jim's favorite saddle horse, Silver, and shipped them to Kalispell. The family moved to a small farm near Kalispell, where Olive and Nelson could go to school.

Jim leased the ranch to Grant Acher, who had been raised with Jim near Port Huron, Michigan. Grant had married a local girl, Elizabeth Wuotila from Aden, Alberta Community. Grant soon developed asthma, and had to give up his lease on the Bingham ranch in 1921. They eventually

settled in Tacoma, Washington where the climate agreed with Grant. The two families are still close friends. The Archer homestead is still owned by the heirs of Grant and Lizzie in Flat Coulee area.

In 1921, the Bingham's moved back to the ranch, with Jim buying cattle in Kalispell and shipping them by rail home. Old Silver seemed to know where he was going, and didn't make any fuss getting into the boxcar to come home. He didn't like the timber country.

Olive and Nelson attended Bear Gulch School. It was four miles from home, held in the summer months. Some terms were only three months, some four or five. The school consisted of Anna and Carl Iverson, Nora and Jimmie Townshend and Olive and Nelson. Sometimes there were other pupils for a short time. For Nelson, school meant getting up early to wrangle the horses and milk cows, saddle up the horses or hitch up the buggy, if the teacher was staying at Bingham's. When they arrived at school the horses had to be taken care of and watered at noon. Hitched up again after school for the trip home.

In the early days of Bears Gulch School the district was so small they didn't have enough territory for a tax base to support more than three or four months of school. Jim got out a petition to transfer some land from the Laird district to Bear Gulch. This enabled Bear Gulch to hold a longer term each year.

Jim was always interested in community and government affairs and always had fun wherever he went with his lively jokes and quickwit. He was especially enthused about the developing oil and gas discoveries in the area. Some of his enthusiasm must have rubbed off on his son, Nelson, for when he was only about ten or twelve years old he rigged up his first drilling rig. A tripod with a piece of rope and a pulley at the top with a piece of iron as his bit and 2" casing for his baler. He drilled a hole 15' deep, probably as long as his rope was. He and Carl Iverson then rigged up one at Carl's place and drilled one 15' deep there. Both boys had an early start in the drilling business! The Harold Brown gas well was one of the first gas wells drilled by the Gladys Bell Company. The Western Natural Gas Company had drilled gas wells on the Wallace and Townshend places. A gas line was laid from the Sweetgrass Hills into Great Falls by Montana Dakota Utilities and gas had been sold from the Whitlash field by the end of 1930. Montana Power Company bought these holdings in the 50's, and built a compressor station at Whitlash. Wells have been added to the system over the years from Grandview, Utopia field, Haystack Butte area, Flat Coulee, East Keith Field, Mt. Lily, Blackjack and Whitlash in Liberty County, and many wells from Canada and northeast Tootle County. To date, approximately 108 billion cubic feet of gas has been produced and marketed from Liberty County. In 1926 oil was discovered on the Hick's place and a year or two later in Flat Coulee. Many oil wells have been

developed in north Liberty County with Western Natural Gas Company most active in the early days. A.W. Patterson of Spokane, Washington was the president of the company with George Lane as manager in the field. In the early 30's there wasn't much of a market for the crude that had to be hauled to Kevin or Sunburst to the refinery or Chester to be shipped by rail. Lots of the high grade crude was sold to American and Canadian farmers for \$1.00 or \$1.25 a barrel, to be used as fuel for their tractors in the depression years. They would burn it straight and never had to buy any lubricating oil as it would fill the crankcase too full every day. They never had motor trouble using the crude, but needed to carry two or three extra sets of spark plugs. When A. W. Patterson retired, the management of the Western Natural Gas Company went to Gail White of Anaconda with Carl Iverson as manager in the field, pumping the wells and carrying on the drilling program. Carl Iverson reserved part of the holdings of Western Natural Gas Company which is very active yet today in northern Montana.

Quite a few of the farmers and ranchers made themselves crude refineries and refined their own gasoline. It would ping in the motor when pulling up hill, but was cheap fuel in the days when you had to stretch your dollars.

Over the years many wells have been drilled--some producers--some dry holes, but all reveal some important facts of the structure to help understand what took place deep in the earth many thousands of years ago.

Many big companies and small have contributed to the development of this industry in Liberty County where according to the statistics, from the Board of Oil and Gas conservation, The Whitlash, Flat Coulee, Laird and Bear Den fields have produced 6,431,000 barrels of oil and sold for \$17,253,565.00 as of January 1, 1975. The taxes paid to Liberty County on the gas and oil pipelines as well as the natural gas and crude oil have added considerably to the monetary gain for all of the people of Liberty County in the tremendous tax take from this industry.

Nelson Bingham and Carl Iverson, who started when they were kids with their toy rig have always had a keen interest in geology and development of oil and to date have developed over 125 wells either alone or with other interested owners.

Grandparents Bingham lived in Spokane until Granddad died in 1928. Aunt Mabel Townshend had not been well for a couple of years and after Granddad died Grandma Bingham leased her home and came to live with the Townshends.

William Townshend came to the Sweetgrass Hills early in the 1900.s from Dillon, Montana as foreman for Poindexter and Orr Cattle Company. He bought a place on Bear Gulch Creek and was in partnership with Tom Maynaise until he and Mabel Bingham were married in 1910, at which time the partnership was dissolved. They resided on their ranch raising their two children

there. Nora was born in 1913 and James (Jimmie) in 1917. Both attended Bear Gulch School with some school time spent in Spokane with Grandparents Bingham. Mabel was always active in the community. She organized the first Westminster Guild, a youth fellowship of the church. She organized a sewing club for the young girls of the community and was active in the Ladies Club. Will Townshend was noted for his dry wit and his ability to play his violin. Mabel's illness with cancer was steadily getting worse in spite of anything the doctors could do and she slipped away in 1930 at the age of 50 years. Grandmother Bingham stayed with the Townshend family until 1937 when Will sold the ranch to Jim Bingham. She then came to the Bingham ranch to make her home.

Will Townshend passed away in 1939. Nora married John Engstrom of Chester and they had two sons, James and John Roger. Nora settled in Missoula, Montana. Jimmie Townshend married Mabel Edwards of Lothair and they had three children. William (Bill), Byron and Pamela. They now live in Carmichael, California, Johnny and Gladys Morrison now own the Townshend ranch. Jim Bingham became ill with a brain tumor and died in Rochester, Minnesota in August of 1940. Grandmother Bingham passed away in 1943. She had buried her husband and both of her children.

Olive Bingham married Alvin Roberts in 1931 in Spokane and they and their two sons Larry and Lyle moved to the Townshend ranch in 1937

. Son Ronnie was born in 1939. In 1944 they moved to Bozeman where daughter Marilyn was born in 1946. In 1948 they moved to Anchorage, Alaska where Olive and two of her children now live. Olive was a beauty operator for many years. Ronnie was killed in a plane accident in 1960. Larry resides in California. Alvin died in 1971. Achsa Bingham lived at the ranch with some time spent in Bozeman until 1948 when she moved to Shelby. She lived in Shelby, making several trips to Alaska, until 1971 when she was unable to live alone any longer. She celebrated her 93rd birthday in the Liberty County Nursing Home in March of 1976.

Nelson and Beva Lester of Kalispell were married in 1937 and have made their home on the ranch. They raised sheep for a number of years, but now raise Black Angus cattle. In 1951 Nelson bought a rig with a partner and started to pursue the oil business in earnest.

They have three daughters, Carol, who married Marvin Belcher and lives in Spokand with their four children, Jerry, Danny, Carrie and Ricky. Marjorie, who is married to Frank Tenney lives in Spokane also. They have three children, Candy, Jim and Robbie. Judy is married to Gary Wentling and has six children: Debbie, Patrick, Beverly, Mike, Mark and Charles Bingham (C.B.). The Bingham name will run out with Nelson as he was an only son as was his father and grandfather.

MARRIAGE RECORDS FOR CHOUTEAU COUNTY

DATE	APPLICANT	BRIDE	LICNU	BKNU	PGNU	NOTE
01/19/1909	Kellerman, William F.	Moran, Meda M.	1172	C	280	
04/27/1909	Kellar, Harry	Polley, Cora J.	1187	C	295	
07/06/1910	Kunzelman, August P.	Noyes, Pauline Edith	1294	C	402	
09/10/1910	Kier, LeRoy	Walker, Damie	1318	C	426	
10/04/1910	Klabunde, Herman L. T.	Lippert, Margaret A.	1330	C	438	
10/20/1910	Khan, Shawlee	Lackaer, Helen	1336	C	444	
11/15/1910	Kenny, Thomas W.	Curtis, Anna	1344	C	452	
12/14/1910	Kline, William H.	Moore, Virginia D.	1353	C	461	
12/24/1910	Kuka, Peter J.	Wodarz, Mary Hattie	1359	C	467	
02/07/1911	Kubicka, Albert R.	Delby, Dora	1377	C	485	
07/08/1911	Koenemay, William P.	Fader, Anna	1430	D	36	
07/13/1911	Kip, Elmer	Jones, Ida Bell	1435	D	41	
07/28/1911	Kneadarnier, Anthony	Preston, Margaret	1441	D	47	
12/23/1911	Kennedy, Everett	Holford, Allison	1506	D	112	
01/13/1912	Keen, Jay M.	Behrends, Mabel C.	1522	D	128	
02/06/1912	Keith, Milam P.	Nutt, Mae	1528	D	134	
08/01/1912	Karlsgodt, Olaf	Odegaard, Clara	1552	D	158	
02/17/1913	Kellogg, Lester N.	Shrailkill, Estella A	1583	D	189	
03/24/1913	Kelly, Edward J.	Embleton, Elizabeth	1585	D	191	
08/23/1913	Kreis, Bernard H.	Enewaldson, Grace I.	1603	D	209	
09/08/1914	King, Thomas	Chmelik, Anna	1679	D	285	
09/29/1914	Keller, Ray	Hare, Bessie	1689	D	295	
06/23/1915	Kujawa, Joseph	Brouillard, Mary	1763	D	369	
11/09/1916	Kilander, Sherwood	Stretlien, Anna	1877	D	483	
12/14/1916	Keller, Cleo C.	Emmens, Irene A.	1892	E	8	

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DATE	APPLICANT	BRIDE	LICNU	BKNU	PGNU	NOTE
01/27/1917	Kendall, George Lewis	Rost, Olga Charlotte	1907	E	23	
06/20/1917	Kraumwiede, Otto	Schmann, Elizabeth	1936	E	52	
07/23/1917	Kiefer, Edward	Anderson, Dillah	1948	E	64	
09/13/1917	Kovatch, Joe A.	Durr, Fannie	1968	E	84	
11/28/1917	Korsgaard, Chris	Bloom, Hilma Caroline	1997	E	113	
06/07/1918	Koch, Julius O.	Downhour, Rose E.	2024	E	140	
08/20/1918	Kenoyer, Rodney B.	Starr, Wilda	2047	E	163	
10/14/1918	King, Raymond Lee	Burnett, Helen Irene	2068	E	184	
11/13/1918	Kelley, Thomas W.	Norton, Madge	2074	E	190	
12/22/1919	King, Gordon J.	Kline, Anna Elizabeth	2140	E	256	
08/18/1920	Kersch, Joe Carl	Clinard, Esther Kathryn	2176	E	292	
11/17/1920	King, Walter G.	Lidstone Ruby D.	2185	E	301	
03/31/1923	Kolnitcher, Andrew	Hardy, Adeline	2285	E	401	
08/04/1923	King, L. E.	Delp, Katie B.	2301	E	417	
10/02/1923	Kirwan, William Joseph	Morrison, Alice Virginia	2309	E	425	
11/10/1923	Kolska, Walter	Lali, Kate	2314	E	430	
04/21/1924	Kline, William Wilson, Jr.	Thomas, Sara Irwin	2328	E	444	
12/27/1924	Keegan, Frank	Morris, Audrey	2359	E	475	
06/25/1925	Klay, Carl	Courtnage, Winona Rosabelle	2372	E	488	
06/14/1926	Kinney, Fred O.	Johnson, Ida May	2399	F	19	
06/15/1927	Kovatch, George	Wagner, Gertrude	2458	E	78	
06/01/1928	Kee, Cecil Norris	Chamberlin, Anna Beryl	2520	F	140	
09/08/1928	Kyger, Eugene Wayne	Cunningham, Margaret	2537	F	157	
09/20/1928	Kohoutek, Albert	Tisdell, Ruth	2546	F	166	
10/06/1928	Koch, Carl George	Mogstad, Opal	2547	F	167	

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06/29/1929	Koutecky, Emil	Creynor, Christine	2576	F	198	
10/30/1929	Koefeldt, Joseph John	Melega, Josephine Rose Marie	2617	F	237	
02/17/1930	Knox, Frank W.	Mokovsky, Alice	2629	F	250	
08/14/1930	Klessig, George Robert	Schwartz, Mary Ann	2655	F	275	
10/01/1930	Kristiansen, Heitman E.	Edwards, Helga Johnson	2662	F	282	
10/03/1930	Knapp, Milton S.	Erickson, Stella	2663	F	283	
07/15/1931	Kinkaid, Scott Benjamin	Owens, Margaret Pearl	2705	F	325	
01/16/1932	Knapp, Beryl LeRoy	Morack, Theodora	2731	F	351	
03/08/1932	Krous, William M. N.	Heisel, Loretta Frances	2736	F	356	
07/29/1932	Kinkaid, James Howard	Lacey, Lucile	2750	F	370	
07/30/1932	Keegar, Francis Dewey	Garfield, Ruth	2751	F	371	
11/28/1932	Kane, John Frances	O'Malley, Beatrice	2772	F	392	
10/03/1933	Kostuck, Edward L.	Johnson, May Elizabeth	2823	F	443	
10/19/1933	Kirhaug, Ted	Crofoot, Florence	2829	F	449	
04/09/1934	Kelleher, Jerry Roosevelt	Tennant, Kathleen Irene	2860	F	480	
06/16/1934	Knight, Harold	Gray, Helen Louise	2875	F	495	
01/11/1935	Kleiv, Olav	Ness, Margaret	2930	F	550	
06/22/1935	Kuplin, William	Frochlich, Edna	2979	F	599	
12/03/1935	Kennedy, Edwin	Grove, Mabel	3037	G	15	
12/18/1935	Krause, Albert	McCullough, Emily	3041	G	20	
01/03/1936	Koke, Bernard Monroe	Cruickshank, Gertrude	3048	G	27	
06/11/1936	Krall, Matt J.	Thomas, Laura A.	3080	G	59	
07/29/1936	Klassen, Robert Ted	Allum, Dorothy E.	3097	G	76	
05/01/1937	Koski, Mathew Victor	Funk, Elizabeth	3153	G	132	
05/08/1937	Kavulla, Mike	Pepos, Marie Alice	3155	G	134	

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06/10/1937	Keating, Robert	Mourning, Lou Belle	3167	G	146	
07/31/1937	Klane, Royal James	Lewis, Lola Shelton	3189	G	168	
09/18/1937	Kind, Oscar	Dollinger, Wanda Gene	3203	G	182	
06/06/1938	Kulbeck, Marshall Wallace	Buchholz, Emma Elizabeth	3254	G	233	
08/05/1938	Klay, Arthur Oscar	Bechard, Esther Irene	3274	G	253	
08/23/1938	Korner, Frank Joseph	Schilling, Orma Viola	3277	G	256	
10/01/1938	Kernaghan, Robert Burrows	Luoma, Elsa	3295	G	274	
10/15/1938	King, Cecil	Davison, Irene	3301	G	280	
01/31/1939	Karhiahio, Frank	Cole, Lucille	3332	G	311	
04/22/1939	Kilminster, Stanley	Scott, Sadie L.	3349	G	328	
06/03/1939	Krotcha, Raymond	Layton, Myrtle	3374	G	353	
08/29/1939	Karst, Robert Joseph	Ackroid, Helen Irene	3406	G	385	
09/13/1939	Klock, Robert Bruce	Rodgers, Evangeline	3410	G	389	
10/24/1939	Kulbeck, Charles Walter	Rugtvedt, Mildred Florine	3422	G	401	
01/20/1940	Krienke, Clyde	Doran, Josephine	3453	G	432	
02/02/1940	Kleinert, Al	Voeller, Margaret	3456	G	435	
04/08/1940	Knott, James Russell	Burfening, Lucille Ione	3476	G	455	
05/25/1940	Koenig, Earl Louis	Wilson, Lotella Ramona Mae	3493	G	472	
05/29/1940	Korby, John	Koski, Anna	3494	G	473	
08/26/1940	Kettenring, Paul Donald	Willys, Lillian Maybelle	3532	G	511	
10/01/1940	Knight, Charles Joseph	Goodell, Edith Juanita	3548	G	527	
11/22/1940	Kueffler, Herman Joseph	Thompson, Norma Lois	3568	G	547	
11/23/1940	Koch, Leonard Earling	Hamilton, Hazel Bernice	3569	G	548	
12/28/1940	Kline, Melvin Keath	Tacke, Helen Agnes	3578	G	557	
03/22/1941	Kraman, George Franklin	Johnson, Lillian Mabel	3609	G	590	

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05/03/1941	Kranberj, Gerald Joseph	Deffenbaugh, Eileen	3621	G	602	
05/03/1941	Kelly, Joseph C.	Monroe, Hazel M.	3622	G	603	
06/30/1941	Kirby, James W.	Mundy, Jean W.	3643	G	624	
07/02/1941	Kangas, Arvi Arnold	Marble, Shirley	3645	G	626	
09/22/1941	Kuebler, Carl	Orum, Harriett Calvina	3671	H	10	
01/17/1942	Kolar, Clarence Frank	Dusko, Lucille Elizabeth	3708	H	46	
03/07/1942	Kangley, Wilford Francis	Cunnings, Jessie Ruby	3727	H	65	
09/01/1942	Kueffler, Adolph Michael	Hill, Eleanor Beatrice	3778	H	116	
11/30/1942	Killinger, Ralph T.	Brandon, Emma E.	3799	H	136	
06/21/1943	Kirk, Walter Sylvester	Lundy, Bertha Mae	3842	H	179	
01/20/1944	Kanta, Francis Joe	Ness, Irene A.	3886	H	223	
06/27/1944	Kassmeir, Herman John	Hannum, Delores May	3919	H	256	
08/07/1944	Kelly, Richard Anthony	Kuhnert, Helen Tressa	3930	H	268	
01/25/1945	Kelly, Harold J.	Warrington, Josephine	3984	H	322	
03/30/1945	Kerr, Robert Somerville	Woods, Ivy Ruby	3999	H	337	
06/14/1945	Kirby, Reese William	Landon, Emily Jewkes	4013	H	351	
06/20/1945	Knudson, Donald Eugene	Rupp, Eva Nita	4015	H	353	
07/11/1945	Kaun, Herbert Richard	DeBruin, Aaltje Eliza	4022	H	360	
08/18/1945	King, James Outlar	Owens, Louise	4037	H	374	
09/16/1945	Knudson, Owen Wilfred	Ruegg, Barbara June	4042	H	378	
04/28/1946	Keck, Lewis Eugene	Young, Anna Lucille	4113	H	448	
05/23/1946	Karhi, Louis	Wamsley, Erma J.	4125	H	460	
06/29/1946	Kulbeck, Neil Donald	Kober, Amelia K.	4145	H	479	
08/31/1946	Koliff, Robert J.	Fisher, Darlene	4173	H	508	
09/13/1946	Kimmey, Lorren	Burger, Reba	4177	H	512	

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12/04/1946	Kingsbury, Burt Frank	Smith, Mary Reatha	4202	H	538	
02/08/1947	Komar, Clifford	Fields, Evelyn Marie	4220	H	556	
06/03/1947	Keech, Evan J.	McCarthy, Rena M.	4247	H	583	
06/16/1947	Kremer, Lawrence Edward	Short, Doris Jean	4257	H	593	
09/14/1947	Knott, James Russell	Henderson, Luella E.	4277	H	613	
09/14/1947	Katzenberger, Fred Donald	Frieling, Margaret Maxine	4278	H	614	
10/12/1947	Kline, Willard Ray	Dykeman, Barbara Lenore	4294	H	630	
11/01/1947	Klassen, Clarence	Jones, Ellen	4296	H	632	
06/02/1948	Knudson, Owen W.	Sundberg, Doris	4345	I	31	
07/16/1948	Kovis, Jerome M.	Redding, Florence	4361	I	47	
07/28/1948	Kelsey, Morris L.	Green, Alberta M.	4363	I	49	
08/14/1948	Kelleher, Micheal Joseph	Lindsay, Shirley Ann	4368	I	54	
09/04/1948	Kennedy, David William	Laulo, Marjorie	4375	I	61	
10/02/1948	Karjala, Sulo Eugene	Croff, Ethel Leona	4389	I	75	
12/28/1948	Katzenberger, Carl Robert	Ennis, Mary	4418	I	105	
04/17/1949	Kelley, Robert Russell	Frieling, Altha Christine	4440	I	127	
06/17/1949	Kuebler, Donald Dean	Milledge, Arleen Sarah	4465	I	152	
07/22/1949	Karst, James A.	Entsminger, Hilda M.	4474	I	161	
08/14/1949	Kurth, Richard Manley	Evers, Judith Marion	4483	I	170	
08/26/1949	Kissinger, John Phillip	Will, Wanda Faye	4487	I	174	
11/06/1949	Kelly, Willie Joe	Dunham, Joyce	4526	I	213	
01/01/1950	King, Raymong E.	Littlefield, Lillian Ruth	4541	I	228	
10/21/1950	Keeney, Raymond M.	Zimmerman, Norma M.	4634	I	321	
10/31/1950	Krummel, Daniel Edward	Luona, Charlotte May	4637	I	324	
12/27/1950	Kenneson, Vinal Wilson	Courchane, Myra	4656	I	343	

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06/16/1951	Kennedy, Michael J.	Laulo, Ailene Pearlle	4688	I	375	
07/20/1951	King, Charles C.	Tabbert, Jacqueline A.	4693	I	380	
02/16/1952	Knudsen, Arthur	Knudson, Joyce Gwendolyn	4745	I	432	
05/11/1952	Klatz, David Bernard, Jr.	Hartman, Wanda Wynona	4763	I	450	
06/21/1952	Koenig, Walter A.	Boyd, Helen Marie	4777	I	464	
10/24/1952	Kelly, John Edward	Pimperton, Eleanor Marie	4816	I	503	
07/29/1953	Kopp, Rudolph Theodore, Jr.	Ulrich, Dolores Theresa	4887	I	574	
12/08/1953	Kitterman, James	Peterson, Delores Mae	4926	I	611	
03/24/1954	Keller, Virgil I.	Schreffler, Patricia Lee	4953	J	1	
07/11/1954	Kuehner, Charles Arnold	Weaver, Ardice Laureva	4972	J	20	
12/24/1954	Kivinen, Victor J.	Johnson, Evangeline	5023	J	70	
01/07/1955	Kruse, Neil A.	Zipperian, Carol J.	5027	J	74	
06/04/1955	Kingsland, Clyde	Roberts, Beatrice P.	5055	J	101	
10/09/1955	Komie, Samuel Louis	Dutchak, Gertrude Barbara	5101	J	148	
01/21/1956	Kirkendoll, LeRoy	Moon, Luella Edna	5135	J	182	
05/04/1956	Kantola, Kenneth Karl	McClain, Marlene Anne	5167	J	214	
05/19/1956	Kline, William Wilson	Thirlkill, Georgia Pearl	5174	J	221	
05/19/1956	Kuich, Ralph James	Keith, Marilyn Ann	5175	J	222	
08/31/1956	Krasselt, Donald Allison	Hagfeldt, Dorrine Rose Mary	5214	J	261	
12/22/1956	Kelly, John Donald, Jr.	Eystad, Lorelie Gertrude	5246	J	293	
01/11/1957	Kester, Donald Lee	Randall, Ardith Elaine	5248	J	295	DIS.
04/18/1957	Koval, Joseph	Reed, Bernice Lillian	5268	J	315	
04/20/1957	King, William Lee	Konrady, Margaret Ellen	5269	J	316	
05/05/1957	Knottnerus, Klaas Otto	Vlym, Cornelia	5276	J	323	
09/11/1957	Kovich, Louis Earl	Briscoe, Myrna Rae	5318	J	365	

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11/01/1957	Keiper, Franklin George	Raty, Marilyn Coleen	5335	J	382	
12/02/1957	Kapphan, Edward Roy	Long, Patricia Ellen	5350	J	397	
12/15/1957	Karki, James William	Jensen, Karen Lee	5355	J	402	
06/25/1958	Knudson, Eldon Carnet	Knudson, Adolphia Augusta	5417	J	464	
07/01/1958	Krieg, Marvin Arlos	Hood, Margaret Ann	5425	J	472	
08/29/1958	Kulzer, Roman Gerhart	O'Brien, Marion Rose	5453	J	500	
09/06/1958	Kumm, Philip Eugene	Besich, Gloria Ann	5457	J	504	
11/10/1958	Kilminster, Stanley Ray	Flin, Caryl Ann	5481	J	528	
11/13/1958	Kreas, Robert Bernhardt	Morgan, Alma C.	5483	J	530	
11/29/1958	Kostelnik, Gereon Raphael	Bogner, Mary Ann	5487	J	534	
12/17/1958	Kirkendoll, LeRoy	Gagen, Andie	5493	J	540	
01/02/1959	Koenig, Merle Joseph	Trettenbach, Ruth Marie	5502	J	549	
04/18/1959	Komotios, John Henry	Hernandez, Grace Adaline	5533	J	580	
05/05/1959	Kline, William Gene	Lundy, Carol Joy	5538	J	585	
08/17/1959	Kaldor, Robert Eugene	Bissman, Betty Ann	5577	J	626	
09/01/1959	Kee, Herbert Wayne	Reco, Sharon Neva	5581	J	630	
11/07/1959	Kelly, Fred	Hagler, Nancy June	5602	J	651	
11/16/1959	Kleinhans, Lawrence E.	Mikkelson, Claudia Jane	5607	J	656	
07/30/1960	King, Gerald Thomas	Miesmer, Mary Ann	5681	K	62	
10/07/1960	Kaenel, Lester John	Kent, Lolla E.	5707	K	88	
02/21/1961	Kosel, Robert L.	Gusick, Sharlene L.	5749	K	130	
05/03/1961	Kekaulua, George M.	Wienholz, Carole Sue	5775	K	156	
06/30/1961	Kuska, Monte Maurice	Hinkle, Nellie Illene	5804	K	185	
08/25/1961	Kaiser, Edwin Dale	Broesder, Kathalene Jean	5815	K	196	
09/02/1961	Koenig, Albert Henry	Klimas, Carolyn Rae	5817	K	198	DIS.

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01/25/1962	Kelly, Robert Blaine	Paul, Emalene C.	5848	K	229	
08/09/1962	Kuehne, Lloyd Elroy	Terry, Lucille Elaine	5896	K	276	
10/27/1962	Kingery, Fred Charles	Williams, Diana Jean	5915	K	295	DIS.
01/05/1963	Kegel, Dennis Mark	Huffman, Linda Camille	5930	K	310	
03/22/1963	Keyser, Eugene	Fisher, Hazel I.	5958	K	338	
06/15/1963	Kibber, Harry R.	Ophus, Joanne Elaine	5974	K	354	
10/03/1964	Kulbeck, Neil C.	Ramaker, Rita Mae	6029	K	409	DIS.
11/28/1964	Kittelman, Daniel A.	Edens, Regina Mae	6037	K	417	
12/27/1964	Killenbeck, Roy	Gudatis, Isabelle	6043	K	423	
08/10/1965	Kelly, Michael Kenneth	Isaacs, Marie Dolores	6066	K	496	
12/04/1965	Kaiser, Arthur Raymond, Jr.	Farley, Dorothy Louise	6081	K	461	DIS.
03/26/1966	Keough, Gerald Cecil	Sherburn, Marion	6088	K	468	DIS.
08/13/1966	Keeney, Robert Allan	Cook, Linda Sue	6099	K	479	
11/08/1966	Klukes, Peter George	White, Cheryl Loray	6111	K	491	
11/11/1966	Kirk, Walter Sylvester	Rowe, Louva Lee	6112	K	492	
03/25/1967	Koumwiede, Larry Ed	Booth, Barbara Joan	6131	K	512	
07/15/1967	Kulbeck, Phillip Noel	Peterson, Donna Lee	6148	K	528	
07/29/1967	Kalanick, Raymond Thomas	Kesler, Diane Rae	6151	K	531	
08/20/1967	Klofstad, Glenn Sande	Goldhahn, Charleen Kay	6154	K	534	
12/30/1967	Kulbeck, Don Lee	Cavitt, Kathleen Rae	6176	K	556	
12/30/1967	Koller, Dennis Lee	Albers, Lynn Rhea	6178	K	558	
06/14/1968	Kulbeck, Glen Albert	Courtage, Penny Jean	6189	K	568	DIS.
06/29/1968	Kline, William Gene	Parker, Dina Jean	6193	K	573	
09/14/1968	Killham, Robert Taft	Murphy, Margaret Jo	6209	K	589	
03/29/1969	Kelly, Gene Arnold	Irving, Matie Eunice	6237	L	19	DIS.

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11/17/1969	Kane, Lawrence Walter	Stave, Gwen Marie	6265	L	47	
06/27/1970	Keeley, David Patrick	Cline, Vicki Rae	6290	L	72	DIS.
08/14/1970	Knaff, David Allen	Henderson, Joyce Marie	6293	L	75	DIS.
08/29/1970	Katthoff, Arnold William	Kind, Renee Loretta	6296	L	78	
03/23/1971	Ketterling, Jacob	Williams, Florence Montana	6318	L	100	
05/01/1971	Kurth, Douglas Manley	Pearson, Rhonda Ilee	6322	L	104	
06/06/1971	Kirkman, John David	Larson, Susan Jane	6321	L	103	
06/07/1971	Kistler, Daniel K.	Frey, Gail Ann	6326	L	108	
06/19/1971	Kelley, Orville A. Jr.	Nold, Donna Rae	6332	L	114	
07/16/1971	Klatt, Ralph Alfred	Mathson, Alvira Nadine Lee	6339	L	121	
07/24/1971	Kulbeck, Joel Quinlan	Singer, Carleen A.	6337	L	119	
10/02/1971	Kolste, Marshall	Russell, Marilyn Jean	6354	L	136	
01/03/1972	Kohler, Steven Leon	Lenington, Judith Irene	6367	L	149	
01/17/1973	Killion, James F.	Killion, Jane A.	6408	L	190	
08/25/1973	Kalanick, Richard Daryl	Darlington, Donita Rae	6431	L	213	DIS.
12/22/1973	Knudson, Russell Neil	McCleary, Diana Jean	6445	L	227	
07/06/1974	Kaleczyc, Stanley T., Jr.	Darlington, Holly J.	6469	L	251	
08/24/1974	Kegel, Curtis Alley	Stepman, Mary Jacalyn	6473	L	255	
09/06/1974	Knottnerus, Hillenius	Bartkoske, Patricia Allderdice	6474	L	256	
07/12/1974	Kegel, Gregory Dean	Lippert, Sharon Marie	6524	L	306	
11/19/1975	Keeth, William Douglas	Schnaible, Betty Louise	6541	L	323	
02/01/1976	Katzenberger, John R.	Burg, Iola Y.	6552	L	334	
12/03/1976	Knecht, Steven Karl	Thompson, Caro Lee	6597	L	379	
06/11/1977	Knecht, Michael David	McBurney, Jeanne Lynn	6622	L	404	
02/04/1978	Kassmier, James Leonard	Streit, Mary Regina	6656	L	438	

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03/25/1978	Knecht, Thomas Paul	Leazenby, Peggy Sue	6660	L	442	
03/25/1978	Kaun, John Lester	Wick, Ruby LeRae	6661	L	443	
11/22/1979	Kummer, Steve Richard	Kirschner, Susan Marie	6745	L	527	
10/04/1982	Kippenham, Oscar Theodore	Stoos, Annie Mary	6886	M	86	
02/05/1983	Kleinjan, Dennis Ralph	Bach, Teri Jean	6902	M	101	
07/01/1983	Kulbeck, Glen Albert	Vasecka, Vicki Lee	6918	M	118	
06/01/1985	Kulbeck, Neil Christian	Silvius, Ruth Renee	6984	M	187	
09/28/1985	Keller, Harvey Lee	Ray, Demrece Jean	7007	M	205	
10/18/1986	Kittredge, Kevin William	Yirsa, Deborah Lynn	7047	M	246	
06/21/1988	Kirkpatrick, Kenneth Post	Fought, Marion Evelyn	7090	M	287	
06/03/1989	Kane, Richard Allan	Williams, Renee Teresa	7113	M	310	
08/11/1989	Kelly, Edward Joe	Hansen, Renae (Bobbie) Denise	7127	M	322	
12/27/1989	Keels, Lloyd Randall	Gamradt, Stacy Dawn	7143	M	339	
09/14/1990	Knight, Gene Howard	Tomlinson, Bonnie Marie	7167	M	366	
07/06/1991	Kalawsky, Kevin Michael	Holmes, Cindy Rae	7197	M	388	
07/16/1991	Kippenham, Dean Marvin	McQuire, Elizabeth Eileen Rose	7198	M	391	
08/31/1991	Kinnunen, Joel Ross	Ament, Stephanie Ann	7201	M	396	
02/14/1992	Kelly, Kevin Dean	Kerrick, Jana Dee	7211	M	407	
11/18/1887	Loberg, Nils P.	Kyhn, Helga Marie	5	A	2	
08/26/1888	Lepage, Charles	Scloss, Katherine C.		A	28	
12/15/1888	Lund, Nicholas	Dean, Maria		A	36	
04/20/1889	Lee, John P.	Geary, Mary		A	46	
10/29/1889	Luse, David N.	Mardeu, Clara M.		A	68	
11/08/1889	Lewis, Joseph R.	Hartenstein, Sarah		A	7	
11/18/1889	Ledgewood, Daniel	Babbage, Sarah A.	1	A	72	

MEDICAL PEOPLE and FACILITIES

5 Sept. 1902 RIVER PRESS - Chester News Notes

Dr. J.D. Smoot, formerly of Memphis, Missouri, has located permanently in our town. He comes highly recommended, and as there is a good field for a physician here, we predict him a good practice.

5 Nov. 1908 CHESTER SIGNAL - Dr. Harris coming to Chester.

7 Oct. 1909 - A drug store will soon be located in the room to be vacated by the Chester Cash Store, in the Hall building. A complete line of medicines, toilet articles and fine stationery will be put in.

7 Oct. 1909 - Dr. W.H. Melvin of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was in town the fore part of the week looking over the situation and may decide to locate here.

19 Nov. 1909 - Dr. Montgomery, a dentist from Malta has an office in the Prairie Inn and comes to town on a regular basis.

9 Dec. 1909 - C.H. Drake, who owns drug stores at Choteau, Conrad, Valier and Cut Bank and is the principal owner of the Teton County telephone system, was in town the fore part of the week looking over the business situation with an eye on the phone business. Mr. Drake informed THE SIGNAL man that he intends putting in a drug store at Shelby after the first of the year and may extend his operations to Chester if conditions warrant it in the spring.

16 Dec. 1909 - Dr. and Mrs. Melvin expect to move into their room this week in the rear of their new drug store.

6 Jan. 1910 - Showcases and furniture arrive for Dr. Melvin's drug store.

2 Feb. 1910 - W.H. MELVIN, M.D., PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Office at the Prairie Inn

10 March 1910 - Chester Drug Company purchased from Dr. Melvin by R.H. Fuller, prescription druggist.

17 March 1910 - Dr. Melvin expects a new Hudson car at an early date.

7 April 1910 - Dr. Melvin is erecting an office between the Strode store and the drug store.

CHESTER DRUG COMPANY - Squirrel Poison, Formaldehyde for soaking wheat. Books, Stationery, Candies, Domestic and Key West cigars, in fact anything you will find in any up-to-date Drug Store you can buy here. Give us a trial.

19 May 1910 - Roy Fuller who has had charge of the Chester Drug Company for some time past, resigned several days ago and returned to Havre with his wife.

16 June 1910 - The Chester Drug Co. is well represented and their line is in keeping with the space they take. The store is well stocked with goods to heal the sick and a line to make the happy happier. Drop in and see.

10 March 1911 - Chester offers a splendid opening for a competent dentist.

11 May 1911 - Dr. Mayland has decided to locate in our city and will open an office in a short time.

15 July 1911 JOPLIN TIMES - The surgeons succeeded yesterday in removing the rifle ball from the foot of young Bert Meader. The lad is doing nicely now.

12 Aug. 1911 - Dr. T.A. Ewart has just completed a barn on his homestead west of town.

21 Sept. 1911 CHESTER SIGNAL - Dr. and Mrs. Melvin sell Chester Drug Company to J. Clausen from North Dakota.

Dr. Melvin has recovered from the appendectomy with complications that he underwent several months ago. Even though he has sold his drug store, they will remain in Chester.

Dr. Ewart, the dentist, will leave Chester Saturday, September 9th. Anyone wishing to have dental work done better arrange for a date before that time.

19 Oct. 1911 - Dr. A.A. Pastene left Friday for Boston to be gone four or five months.

14 Jan. 1912 - Dr. R.B. Shrock who is associated with Dr. Hamilton in Fort Benton has come to Chester to open a dental parlor and is getting things in shape over the First State Bank.

9 Feb. 1912 INVERNESS INDEX - Dr. Mayland, doctor from Chester, treated a child north of Joplin recently.

15 Feb. 1912 CHESTER SIGNAL - Dr. Husser was in town Friday while on his way from California to Chicago. He will return in April and begin a practice here.

29 Feb. 1912 - TRAINED NURSE. Fourteen years experience at Fort Assinniboine. Experienced in all sorts of cases and have the best of recommendations. Mrs. M. Furlong, at the residence of E.R. Furlong, Chester, Mont.

4 April 1912 - Drs. T.A. Ewart and A.A. Pastene are in Helena this week taking the state medical examinations.

6 June 1912 - Dr. A.A. Pastene has opened up an office in the building formerly occupied by Haley and Gorman on Washington Avenue.

13 June 1912 - A.A. PASTENE
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
CHESTER, MONTANA

20 June 1912 - DR. L.L. MAYLAND
PHYSICIAN and SURGEON
Office over First State Bank
CHESTER, MONTANA

14 July 1912 CHESTER DEMOCRAT - TRAINED NURSE Mrs. Furlong is again at the residence of her son, E.R. Furlong and will be ready to answer calls at any time. Mrs. Furlong is a graduate of an institution in England and has had a lot of practice at the old Fort Assinniboine, as a trained nurse and physician. She has been very successful in her practice and will always be ready for duty.

31 Oct. 1912 - VOTE FOR DR. PASTENE FOR CORONER. It will save expense.

12 Dec. 1912 - Dr. Pastene has moved his office to the building recently occupied as a photograph gallery on First Street.

26 Dec. 1912 - Dr. Mayland's stocking seems to have had a hole in it. Taft handed him the Chester postmastership, but Senator Meyers says it belongs to one of the faithful.

24 April 1913 - Ralph Wilson has returned from the east and is now employed at the Chester Drug Store.

Dr. Buisson returned from the East on No.3 this morning and will resume his practice of dentistry along the Hi-Line.

NOTE: Dr. Daniel Buisson died at Townsend, Montana in August of 1958 at the age of 78 years. He homesteaded near Havre, practiced dentistry there for a number of years, and at one time in the early teens had a dentist office in what is now the bank building in Chester.

R.L. POLK & CO. DIRECTORY -

MEDICAL	1911-1912	Mayland, Lewis L.	Physician and Surgeon
		Melvin, Wheeler H.	" "
	1913-1914	Ewart, Thomas A.	Physician and Proprietor of Chester Hospital
		Mayland, Lewis L.	Physician
		Melvin, W.H.	"
		Pastene, Albert A.	"
	1915-1916	Buisson, Daniel S.	Dentist
		Ewart, Thos. A.	Physician
		Melvin, Wheeler H.	"
		Pastene, Alb. A.	"

CHESTER HOSPITAL 1913-1914 T.A. Ewart, proprietor
Parr, Margaret, nurse

DRUGS	1911-1912	Clausen, John K.	Drugs
	1913-1914	Clausen, John K.	Drugs
		Wilson, C. Ralph	Clerk
		The Corner Drug Store W.B. Hawley, Proprietor Druggists and Stationers	
		Weagant, Charles J.	Clerk
	1915-1916	Clausen, John K.	Drugs
		Wilson, C. Ralph	Clerk

26 June 1913 CHESTER SIGNAL - THE CHESTER HOSPITAL

It will not be many days until Chester has a full fledged hospital - something that has long been needed and advocated by this newspaper. Dr. Thos. A. Ewart who recently leased the Slade building for a term of years has been having it refitted for the work in hand and although not completed one can readily see how cozy and comfortable the place will be when opened for business.

With Dr. Ewart, Drs. Pastene and Melvin will be associated as consulting physicians and in this trio we have the utmost confidence, and feel sure the Chester hospital will be in a position to render the best of assistance to suffering humanity. With two drug stores, a hospital and a bunch of splendid doctors, Chester people will not likely die for lack of medical attention.

ANOTHER DRUG STORE - Wm B. Hawley, a druggist of Minot, North Dakota, was in Chester several days last week and before returning to Minot entered into an agreement with E.S. Albright to lease the room now occupied by Lon Arthurs for a term of five years and will at once remodel the same and then put in a complete stock of drugs, sundries and toilet articles. Mr. Hawley believes we have the future town of the high line country and is willing to stake his business with us.

THE CORNER DRUG STORE

EVERYTHING IN THE DRUG LINE
PRESCRIPTION WORK A SPECIALTY

W. B. HAWLEY, Prop.

Chester, Mont.

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HISTORY OF MONTANA, VOL.II by Helen Fitzgerald Sanders 1913
WHEELER H. MELVIN, M.D. In a new community the services of none of the professions are so much required as those of the physician. Practically at the founding of the now thriving town of Chester, there located among the merchants and other citizens, Dr. Wheeler H. Melvin, who has offered his skill to this community and has not only been a successful physician, but has gained a large influence in the citizenship of this locality.

Dr. Melvin was born in Vernon county, Wisconsin, May 20, 1882 and received his preliminary education in the public schools at Chashton, Monroe County, of his native state. His preparation for the profession of medicine was in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Chicago, then the medical department of the University of Illinois where he was graduated M.D., June 6, 1905. His first practice was in Taylor, Wisconsin for three months, and then for three years in Beach, North Dakota. In 1909 he established his office in Chester, and has since attended an increasing practice and has acquired some good property in this vicinity.

Melvin's father was Winfield Scott Melvin, who was born in Ohio in 1846 and has been a resident of Wisconsin since the fifties, being one of the substantial farmers of that state. The mother was Hannah (Snider) Melvin, a native of Pennsylvania whence her family emigrated to Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She died in 1891 at the age of thirty-two. The doctor was the third of their six children, the others being named as follows: Philo H.; Mrs. Nellie Stewart, of Lothair, Montana; and Misses Katie, Beulah and Ruby.

Dr. Melvin married at Beach, North Dakota October 16, 1906, Miss Etta May Caldwell, and to them on April 29, 1912 was born a son, Wheeler William Scott Melvin. The doctor is a member of the blue lodge in Masonry and the Modern Woodmen of America, and belongs to the American Medical Association and is a secretary of the Chester Board of Health. He is a Progressive Republican, and his wife has membership in the Congregational church.

24 July 1913 - Dr. Pastene purchased the building formerly occupied by Biggs & Johnson as a lumber office and has had it moved to a site next the meat market and will fix it up for his office and added another room.

7 Aug. 1913 - Mrs. Alfred Hicks has returned to her home in the Sweet Grass Hills after treatment at the Chester Hospital.

Miss May Alice Hall, granddaughter of Mrs. N.C. Hawley of Whitlash, is seriously ill at the Chester Hospital.

28 Aug. 1913 - NEW DRUG STORE OPENED

25 Sept. 1913 - Dr. Pastene went to Havre the latter part of the week and returned with a brand new 1914 Hupmobile and there is some class to the way he gets over the roads now.

DOCTOR PASTENE WILL HELP YOU

HEALTHY

W. H. MELVIN
 "Doc" was the first bone cutter to locate in Chester, having arrived here among the very first newcomers and has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession ever since. Between administering to the sick and those thinking they are sick, running a steam plow outfit and teaching the young "Doctor" how to roll pills our good doctor is a busy man.

A. A. PASTENE
 Dr. Pastene came here from the great bean city—Boston—about three years ago and took up a homestead and it was some time before he let the fact become known that he was a medicine man, but when he opened a shop in town he soon demonstrated the fact that he was on to his job and is making good, both as a farmer and as a physician.

J.K. CLAUSEN - CHESTER DRUG COMPANY

REGISTERED PHARMACIST

J. K. CLAUSEN
 Mr. Clausen is the man that fills the bills the doctors hand you when you think you are sick. He understands the business and has a nice stock of fresh drugs and sundries and is the man on the job all the time. His business is growing and he is a popular man.

L. L. MAYLAND
 Dr. Mayland located with us almost two years ago and later took up a claim south of town, but suburban life was too strenuous in connection with writing prescriptions so he recently commuted and will now devote his time to his profession and politics. He was recently named as the post-master of our city by President Taft but the foolish democrats tied his appointment up for one of the faithful.

W.W. MELVIN M.D. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

YOUVE GOT JUMANINCO PROBOSTACKUS OR MONOQUIZ ZIMZUMA

DOCTOR MAYLAND PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

YES YOUVE GOT KABCUSMUN XYGOACDIO OF THE JMOURXISSE.

- 25 Sept. 1913 CHESTER SIGNAL - CHESTER DRUG COMPANY - the Rexall Store
Just Received a Shipment of CHESTER EMBOSSED STATIONERY.
A large linen finish tablet with name of your town on every sheet.
While they last - 25¢
- 9 Oct. 1913 - C.J. Weagant, of the Corner Drug Store received his license this week from the State Board of Embalmers.
- 30 Oct. 1913 - Dr. L.L. Mayland left for Great Falls and will practice his profession there.
- 11 Dec. 1913 - T.A. EWART, M.D.
Chester, Montana
General Surgery, Obstetrics,
Diseases of Women & Children a Specialty

PRIVATE HOSPITAL

Nurse in charge. Consulting Physicians
Dr. A.A. Pastene, Dr. W.H. Melvin

22 Jan. 1914 - Again the ranks of bachelorhood have been invaded by the little God of Love; and the remaining ginks are wondering when the little fellow with bow and darts will aim their way. Last week, our popular druggist, John K. Clausen, and one of the popular young women of the town, Selma Eia, hied themselves to Great Falls, secured the necessary license, and then hunted up the proper person and had the knot of matrimony tied hard and fast. This move was a surprise to most of the good people of our city; but nevertheless they are all pleased to know that we have one less bachelor and that we have the material right at home to place him on "Happy Avenue". The newlyweds will make Chester their home and we join in the heartiest congratulations and very best wishes.

29 Jan. 1914 - BE YOUR OWN BEAUTY DOCTOR - THE REXALL STORE
We have the requirements and you can make your dressing table complete with toilet requisites at a very little cost. Let us suggest for instance:
Arbutus complexion cream
Velvetina complexion cream
Rexall complexion cream
Velvetina massage cream
Velvetina complexion soap

16 July 1914 - The stock of drugs and the fixtures formerly belonging to the Corner Drug Store were sold to Druggist Clausen of Chester and the Joplin Drug Company, and everything was moved from the room formerly occupied by the concern by the purchasers this week.

15 Oct. 1914 - Last Sunday Dr. Pastene arrived in town after an absence of several months which he spent taking lectures on medicine and surgery in New York and Boston.

12 Nov. 1914 - The painters are putting the finishing touches on Dr. Melvin's new house this week.

7 Jan. 1915 - A delegation headed by Dr. Melvin went down the line Tuesday working on county cession affairs.

11 Feb. 1915 - Dr. Buisson and wife, who have been in Minneapolis and other places for the past six weeks, returned to Chester Tuesday. The doctor is now

busily at work in his dental parlor and it will be some time before he can get caught up with his delayed work and get back on regular schedule.

11 March 1915 CHESTER SIGNAL - Dr. Pastene is having his machine (auto) repainted and put into shape for the coming season. Charles Schoonover is doing the work.

30 April 1915 - Dr. Melvin is planting trees around his spacious home this week and is also otherwise beautifying the grounds.

June 1915 - C. Ralph Wilson working at the Chester Drug Store.

Pastene is improving his office residence by a new coat of paint. He has also added a new summer porch and other additions which has added much to the beauty and appearance of his residence as well as his office.

Dr. Ewart received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of his mother, which occurred on that day at Wyoming, Ontario. On account of full particulars are lacking, we are unable to give same, but will publish complete obituary when the Doctor returns, having left for home Tuesday evening on No.4.

28 April 1916 - Bruce Vredenburgh, an expert pharmacist has accepted a position at the drug store of J.K. Clausen.

17 Nov. 1916 - Dr. Ewart bought the Presbyterian manse this week.

November 1916 CHESTER DEMOCRAT - HEALTH REGULATION - Town of Chester NOTICE is hereby given that all ash heaps, rubbish or litter are ordered removed on or before April 20, 1917.

Further ordered that all privies must be repaired or so constructed as to be fly-proof and sanitary in conformity with Health Regulations.

Slops and garbage must be kept in fly-proof metal covered containers. It is ordered that you supply yourselves with such.

All State and Local Regulations will from the above date given, be strictly enforced.
Albert A. Pastene, M.D.
Health Officer

5 April 1918 - LOCAL OVERFLOW-

Dr. Ewart had the misfortune of running into a large hay stack on his way to answer a call in the country. The hay stack was completely demolished. The Doctor's flivver is still intact.

16 Aug. 1918 - Four Nurses Enlist from Chester - Lillian Houck, Eva Erickson, Esther Bieber, and Ella Caldwell.

November 1918 - There were so many deaths from the "Spanish Influenza" - also a lot attributed to pneumonia which very frequently was an aftermath. Washington reported that the recent epidemic of influenza in the United States caused more deaths than occurred among the American Expeditionary Forces from all causes from the time the first unit landed in France until hostilities ceased.

29 Nov. 1918 - Mrs. Lillian English is acting as nurse at the CHESTER HOTEL, where there are fourteen cases of influenza.

6 Dec. 1918 - Last Saturday when returning to Chester from Joplin after attending to some flu patients, Dr. Ewart was slightly scratched and bruised when his "tin Lizzie" struck something and turned turtle. We are not familiar with the details of the mishap, but - a - keep both hands on the wheel, Doc!

During the last three months of 1918 there were 37,567 cases of influenza.

27 June 1919 - Delicious four course dinner served, after which cards and dancing at a gathering to bid adieu to Dr. Melvin who leaves soon for California to reside permanently. It was held at the Assembly Hall of the Athletic Club.

5 Sept. 1919 - If you want your toilet cleaned, see Dr. Ewart. Fugle is on his vacation.

7 May 1920 - Donald Fugle had the misfortune to have his right arm broken Tuesday evening while cranking his Ford. Dr. Ewart dressed it for him and he is able to be around, of which we are all glad to hear.

25 June 1920 CHESTER REPORTER - Dr. W.H. Melvin is visiting in town. He is now practicing in Kalispell.

20 Aug. 1920 - CANCER - Write today for our free booklet on cancer and its treatment. It is FREE. Dr. William's Sanitarium, Minneapolis, Minn.

19 Aug. 1921 CHESTER DEMOCRAT - Anton Larson, who is a patient at the local hospital is recovering nicely from the wounds received when his horses which were hooked to a binder ran away last week. He will be able to go to his home north of Lothair Friday.

Mrs. John Spaberg was brought in from her home south of Inverness last Saturday for treatment. She is being taken care of by Miss Mary Graham, whose home during this summer has virtually been turned into a local hospital.

28 Nov. 1921 - Doctor Ewart was called to the Bellfield home 25 miles north of Inverness Tuesday to minister to Mr. Bellfield, who has suffered a paralytic stroke.

EL HOGAR

A MATERNITY HOME

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

DR. B. A. PRICE
Proprietor

Phone 35
Chester

5 Nov. 1924 - Dr. Melvin resigned as county physician and health officer - Dr. B.A. Price appointed.

Wheeler H. Melvin M. D.

18 Sept. 1925 -

Physician and Surgeon

This to certify that I have this date Sept 18 - 33, sold to E A Engstrom one Dodge runabout remains known as the Watson car for One Dollar and other considerations.

W. H. Melvin

25 Dec. 1925 LIBERTY COUNTY FARMER - Dr. A.B. Price appointed County Health Officer for one year.

11 July 1929 THE CHESTER REPORTER - Clausen's Drug Store
B.A. Price, M.D. Physician & Surgeon
Chester, Montana

25 Sept. 1930 - Dr. W.G. Hough, the new Chester doctor accompanied Sheriff Dodds Keith to Joplin on a short visit today.

20 Nov. 1930 - DR. W.G. HOUGH CHESTER
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Calls to Joplin answered night or day

9 May 1931 - FIRE! CLAUSEN DRUG STORE-SEVERELY DAMAGED BUILDING AND DRUG STOCK-just north of the COOK restaurant.

14 May 1931 - Merle Oakley has been helping J.K. Clausen move his fixtures from the old drug store building into the store building at Sekoras. Clausen is shipping all his drug merchandise to Seattle, Washington where it will be disposed of in a "fire sale".

9 July 1931 - J.K. Clausen plans to begin work on the remodeling of his drug store this week.

Oct. 1931 - Dr. W.G. Hough of Chester underwent a major operation at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre Tuesday.

28 May 1932 - COUNTRY DOCTOR TAKES A DRIVE

Monday night about eleven P.M. the Chester garageman rang Dr. Free's telephone and asked if he was in the market for a thirty mile drive to Robert Lehrman's home place between the old Sullivan ranch and the Sweet Grass Hills. Thirty mile drives over spring roads are doctor's favorite fruit! Nothing happened, except water in the gas and the driver works for Charlie Smith and knew how to draw off the bootlegged water through the good, old Dodge's gozzle and the trip was made in plenty of time for the birth of a fine baby girl to Chester Rudolph's wife. Mrs. Rudolph is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lehrman. By a coincidence, both Chester medical men were out of town, one being in Harlem and the other in Shelby.

22 Sept. 1932 CHESTER REPORTER - Dr. Lande, salary and mileage,
County Health Officer \$78.67
Dr. Lande, salary and drugs,
County Physician 74.16
Nelson Pharmacy-drugs to poor 18.15

10 Nov. 1932 - DR. L.E. LANDE
PHYSICIAN and SURGEON
CHESTER

24 Nov. 1932 - Dr. Lande, prominent physician at Chester examined the basketball players.

6 April 1933 - For stubborn cases of stomach trouble take CLAUSEN'S COMPOUND. Guaranteed to give positive relief or your money back. John K. Clausen, Chester

10 Aug. 1933 - Dr. James K. Free has returned to Joplin after taking a post graduate course in his specialty of CHILDBIRTH. He can be found at Room 5 in the Park Hotel. He will be glad to answer calls - anywhere at any time.

21 Sept. 1933 - LIBERTY COUNTY MATERNITY HOME Will be open for patients this week.

28 June 1934 - Dr. Lande drove to Havre Sunday bringing Mrs. Lande and new son

home with him from the hospital.

6 June 1935 - DR. FREE, FOUND GUILTY: GIVEN TEN YEARS, \$1,000 FINE

Dr. James K. Free, was convicted Monday night in District Court at Chester of unlawful sale of narcotics to Fred Brown, an informer for the Federal Narcotic Bureau. Judge C.B. Elwell pronounced sentence Tuesday morning of the ten years in the State penitentiary and \$1,000 fine.

13 June 1935 SHELBY PROMOTOR - CLAUSEN WILL START DRUG STORE IN SHELBY

J.K. Clausen, of Chester, has leased the office quarters in the McCrohan building now occupied by County Assessor W.T. Evans and when the new courthouse is available will establish a drug store here. Mr. Clausen was proprietor of the Rexall Drug Store at Chester for many years. He has spent the past year in California.

26 Sept. 1935 LIBERTY COUNTY FARMER - HOSPITAL

Now open for business at the Methodist parsonage in Chester. A registered graduate nurse is in charge. The institution is under the supervision of Dr. Lande. See Dr. Lande for reservations and terms, or see Miss Carroll at hospital.

16 Jan. 1936 - J.K. Clausen who formerly owned a drug store at Chester has established a like business at Shelby. He left Chester after losing his business in a fire in 1931. Most of the fixtures have already been installed and drug and other stock has been arriving daily. Included in the new fixtures is a beautiful 14 foot soda fountain and back bar. It is of the latest design and cost more than \$3,000. Mr. Clausen states that the store will carry a full line of Rexall goods. This place of business will be known as the Clausen Drug Store. He is a registered pharmacist as is also Harry Ames who arrived here this week from Great Falls. Clausen decided Montana was the best place to be.

20 Feb. 1936 - Dr. L.E. Lande, Physician & Surgeon appointed County Health Officer - Chester.

MONTANA MAGAZINE - COUNTRY NURSE by Earlene Meyer

In the early 1930s, medical care often was scarce in Montana. But in Chester, a small town on the Hi-Line, a young nurse and a doctor achieved a level of medical service that was unusual.

Ann Carroll had graduated in 1932 from Saint Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in Billings. For about two years she worked as a private duty nurse. In June of 1934 she found herself between patients, so she and her widowed mother traveled to Joplin, a tiny town 10 miles east of Chester, to visit one of Ann's sisters.

There, Ann was approached by three businessmen who had learned of her background. They wanted her to open a hospital, explaining that the previous doctor and nurse had been convicted of drug violations and sent to prison. The clinic equipment had been stored in one of the businessman's buildings, so Ann would have something to start with if she agreed to the proposition. Ann talked with her family and with Dr. Lande, who had been covering the Chester-Joplin-Lothair area, and who would be affiliated with Ann's undertaking. They decided on Chester as the location for the clinic.

In Chester Ann and the doctor found an abandoned parsonage in which to begin their medical practice. Ann's mother joined them as an assistant and housekeeper. The little clinic became an emergency and maternity hospital. Patients in need of extensive surgery or those with illnesses requiring full hospital care were transferred to Havre. Ann and the doctor delivered babies, treated injuries, and performed tonsillectomies.

Ann's initial investment came to about \$600 plus the furniture and household possessions she and her mother had shipped from Billings. Despite access to the previous doctor's equipment, Ann had to improvise to gain basic necessities. The first hospital beds were regular beds that Ann had borrowed from local residents. As she began to make some money, she bought hospital beds, one at a time, and eventually she owned 10 beds. She created baby bassinets from laundry baskets, painted them white, and lined them with flannel and padding. To keep the babies warm she used bootleg whiskey bottles found stored in a basement in Joplin. Filled with hot water and tucked between layers of flannel and padding, they kept the newborns cozy. High school students built bedside tables in shop class. The parsonage's old rolltop desk held medications and surgical supplies.

Eventually, to gain space, Ann moved her hospital out of the parsonage and into an old boarding house. The doctor visited every day, but he also made house calls - in the winter he had to get around on a tractor. Because of the harshness of the winters, pregnant women arrived at the hospital a week or two before delivery. They did not "take to bed" but rather boarded for a dollar a day. When they delivered their babies they were assigned a bed and became patients.

The living conditions were not unusual for 1934 in Montana. Ann's mother cooked meals on a wood stove, and the reservoir on the back of the stove provided instant hot water. Ann owned an electric wringer type washer, a blessing with all the laundry generated by a hospital. In the summer, clothes were hung outside. In winter, however, they dried in the attic. There, temperatures often dropped so low that the clothes froze dry. In a letter to a family member in Joliet, Ann wrote: "It's so cold you need to take a blow torch to the outhouse with you to make sure you have a way to get up when you're done".

One of her patients became so ill she suggested his sons come from California to be with him. One of those boys, Edward Cain, fell in love with Ann and they were married. She sold her hospital and moved with her husband to California and continued in the nursing profession until her retirement.

December 1936 - Dr. Delaney, Chester

17 March 1938 LIBERTY COUNTY TIMES - HOSPITAL

Chester is to have a fully equipped hospital in the near future. Mrs. Mary Lynn Knutson will arrive in Chester Friday to take over the house formerly owned by Mrs. Nees. The house will be made modern in every way and will be reconditioned inside and out. Mrs. Knutson is coming with sufficient equipment and supplies to do business as soon as two of these rooms can be put in proper shape, which will be about April 5th. Mrs. Knutson is a graduate of the Deaconess Hospital of Great Falls and has had several years of practice in hospitals, doctor's offices, and special duty nursing.

7 April 1938 - The Chester Hospital, taking advantage of the greatly improved telephone service lately installed a phone in the hospital - for the hospital. Call No. 18. Improvement a mark of the new hospital - looks as though we had something - just a little home patronage is all it needs to make it permanent.

22 April 1938 - BENEFIT DANCE FOR HOSPITAL

A movement is on foot to have a big dance in the High School gym for the benefit of the Mary Lynn hospital, Sunday, June 4th is the date decided on for the dance.

John Keldrauk and son, John are carpentering at the hospital; Roy Goodbar is wiring the place and Ed Ross is painting. The hospital is rapidly being transformed into an ideal place for those ailing.

5 May 1938 LIBERTY COUNTY TIMES - Mary Lynn Hospital sure looks something in its new coat of white paint on the outside and fine new painted rooms on the inside. Just what the old towns has needed for many years. Inside is one of the most accomplished nurses in Montana. When the painting and re-arranging is done it will be about as neat and nifty as desired.

12 May 1938 - BORN, to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ross at the Mary Lynn Hospital on May 9th, a bright little baby girl - Dr. Delaney attending physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ross are receiving a visit from his mother, Mrs. George Ross of Rexford. She says the rest of the Ross family are in good health and happy, having spent a fine winter up in the mountains.

26 May 1938 - HOSPITAL DRESSING UP. New coats of paint outside, rooms partitioned off and everything nice and new and clean down at Mary Lynn Hospital make our institution for the care of the sick something to be proud of.

2 June 1938 - City Dads are having a new grade scraped out between the Roosevelt Service Station and the hospital.

9 June 1938 - Dr. M.F. Keller, Optometrist of Great Falls will be at the Chester Hotel on Thursday, June 30. Please make appointments at the Chester Hotel.

14 July 1938 - Mrs. Barrett, Proprietor of Mary Lynn hospital at Chester enjoyed a pleasant visit from her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Dickson of Klamath Falls, Oregon, who were on their way back to their homes on the coast from a visit in Iowa. They stopped over night at the hospital and the next morning they continued on their homeward journey. Mrs. Dickson is a former Chester girl, and graduated from the Chester High School in 1922 as Miss Viola Hull.

4 Aug. 1938 - THE HOSPITAL BECOMING A BEAUTY SPOT

Mary Lynn Hospital deserves a generous hand from the people of Liberty County. It is slowly becoming a beauty spot, introducing visitors to the city. This once unsightly building is now a beauty spot by the roadside. Well painted and repaired, surrounded by gravel driveways and newly planted shrubbery, and shimmering with neatness inside. It is an institution of which our people may well be proud.

24 Nov. 1938 - HOSPITAL IMPROVES SERVICE

Mary Lynn Hospital continues to improve its service - this time with a new automatic oil heating system which is being installed by the Shelby Sheet Iron Works. These mechanics have been working down there for several days and will have it all ready in a few more days. This is a long stride forward for the hospital.

Christmas 1938 -

NELSON'S PHARMACY - May your holiday season be pleasant and the New Year ahead be one of prosperity and happiness. GREETINGS N.P. Nelson Chester

MARY LYNN HOSPITAL - Extends best wishes to the patients made well at this institution during the past year and wishes they may remain healthy and strong from this time forward. Thank You for the cooperation of the public that has made the development of our hospital a possibility.

HAPPY HOLIDAY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR Chester, Montana

6 April 1939 - Mary Lynn Hospital received a valuable addition to its equipment and efficiency one day last week when the local organization of the Chester Volunteer Firemen presented it with a new Oxygen tent. The tent cost the Fire Lads \$85 and is one of the best of its kind.

