

HAROLD ABEL

Born: N/A - Died: 1919

Chester Democrat

February 7, 1919

Mrs. A. L. Lakey, of Chester, received word Monday morning of the death of her brother, Harold Abel, who had been wounded August 11 while serving in the U. S. army in France.

NETTIE BELL ROSE BALLOU

Born: February 10, 1876 - Died: December 31, 1919

Chester Democrat

January 9, 1920

OBITUARY

Friends of Mrs. Wm. Ballou at Lothair were shocked by the news that she had passed away Wednesday afternoon, December 31, at about two o'clock. Mrs. Ballou had been suffering from a complication of diseases for several months; but she retained her faculties and ambition to such an extent that the end really came much sooner than neighbors and friends expected. Double leakage of the heart was the factor that hastened her death.

Nettie Bell Rose was born in Red Oak, Iowa, February 10, 1876, and was married to William Ballou January 1st, 1900, at Waterloo, S. Dak. With her husband she came to Lothair in June 1917, and from that time until the beginning of her last illness she was very active in the community life. During the war she served very efficiently as treasurer of the local Red Cross and in the absence of the president she attended to much of the administrative work of the organization. Death came as she was approaching her forty-fourth birthday and only one day before her twentieth wedding anniversary.

As an expression of the love of her friends and the sympathy of the community for the bereaved family a memorial service was held Thursday evening, Rev. J. R. Beebe officiating. The remains were taken on Number Two that evening for interment beside relatives at Montivideo, Minnesota.

The broken family consists of the husband, a nephew, Gay Rose, and a niece, Grace Rose, who reside at Lothair, and a brother, Dwight, who lives at Bellingham, Minnesota, and a daughter, Blanche Weingarter, residing in Minneapolis.

EBBEN BARNES

Born: 1905 - Died: June 29, 1919

Chester Democrat

July 4, 1919

DROWNS WHILE BATHING

While bathing in the Marias west of the bridge south of Galata last Sunday afternoon about three o'clock, Ebben Barnes, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Barnes, got into deep water and drowned. He along with his brother and the oldest Edmister boy went up the stream a distance of several hundred yards from the party they were with, and when the accident occurred, Ed. Flint being the closest to the scene, rushed up the river, but could do nothing, because the boy after calling twice for help never appeared above the surface. Charles Wolfe, I. V. Wagner and others there immediately began a hunt for the body. Mr. Wolfe, after several hours of attempt, was tired out, and Mr. Wagner, when swimming across the river with a rope attached to a piece of wire netting, which became caught on the bottom of the river, nearly went under had it not been for the assistance of Mr. Wolfe in a couple of instances.

The parents were immediately notified, Mrs. Barnes having just arrived from Dunkirk on the Skidoo. A futile attempt was made Sunday evening to find the body, and on Monday morning the spot was dynamited, but that failed to raise it. A hook was then brought in to play, and in a short time Sheriff Alsup located the body within 30 feet of where it sank, and raised it to the surface.

Funeral services were held at the church on Tuesday afternoon and the body laid to rest in the local cemetery, Rev. J. R. Beebe officiating. There were many friends and acquaintances the family came down from Dunkirk and Shelby to attend the last rites.

JOHN BUBNASH

Born: 1891 - Died: May 30, 1919

Chester Democrat

June 6, 1919

John Bubnash, age 28, passed away Friday evening at his home southeast of Chester, having been drowned from the rain and the hail which fell that evening. Mr Bubnash started after the cattle and passed a coulee which had been filled up by the rain and was drowned. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Geo Bubnash who will mourn his loss. He also leaves brothers and sisters. He was laid to rest in the Erickson Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

GLADYS BURCH
BABY OF MR. & MRS. ROY BURCH
Born: November 25, 1918 – Died: June 28, 1919
Chester Democrat
July 4, 1919

The little baby of Mr and Mrs
Roy Burch passed away Satur-
day afternoon after a brief ill-
ness.

TOM COOK

Born: 1880 - Died: March 9, 1919

Chester Democrat

March 14, 1919

On Monday Mrs. Tom Cook received a message from Cut Bank telling her of the death of her husband, who was employed there. On Sunday Mr. Cook was not feeling well and went to see a doctor and while there had a minor operation performed and died while in the operating chair under the anesthetic. A post mortem was held on Monday and the verdict of that body was that he came to his death from valve heart trouble.

Mr. Cook was well known around Chester, he having a farm one mile north of Bison. He was 39 years old, leaves a wife, two children and several other relatives to mourn his death. The remains were shipped from Cut Bank to the Kay undertaking parlors at Havre, where they were prepared for shipment to Mondovi, Wisconsin. The remains were accompanied east by Mrs. Cook and E. P. Cook, his father.

CHARLES CRAMER

Born: April 11, 1882 - Died: December 7, 1919

Chester Democrat

December 12, 1919

Charles Cramer

This community was shocked last Monday morning when the news was given out that Charles Cramer had succumbed to the ravages of typhoid fever.

Mr Cramer had been employed near Cut Bank and about a week prior to his passing away came home feeling ill. Typhoid developed, and although everything was done to check the dreaded disease, the end of the fight came on Monday morning, December 7, 1919.

Mr Cramer was born in Monroe Co, Pa. on April 11, 1882 and resided there until 1903 when he came to this vicinity. Later he was married and to this union were born three children, who with their mother deeply mourn his loss. He also leaves a mother three brothers and four sisters living in the state of Pa.

His uncle and aunt, Mr & Mrs Wm. Cramer, and cousins Paul Cramer Mr and Mrs Herbert Smith were here from Pennsylvania to attend the funeral, as were also Mrs Helen Brigger, Ernest Vague from Spokane and Mrs Lauson of Great Falls.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Beebe, of Lothair and interment was made in the local cemetery.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the family in their hour of grief.

SARAH J. CUMMINGS

Born: 1827 - Died: August 11, 1919

Chester Democrat

August 15, 1919

Mrs Sarah J. Cummings passed to the Great Beyond Monday evening after a brief illness of a few days. Mrs Cummings was a mother to Mrs Bassett and N. B. Walden of this city and has lived here for several years. Mrs Cummings was 92 years old at the time of her death. Remains will be shipped to La Grande, Ore. to be buried.

WILLIAM DOHRS

Born: 1844 - Died: April 29, 1919

Chester Democrat

May 2, 1919

William Dohrs, an old time resident north of East Butte, died of influenza last week. He came up from Chester on Monday and stopped at the Harry Demarest home near Whitlash, but when he became ill he wanted to go to his home about 6 miles northeast. On Wednesday evening Harold Brown went to his cabin and found the body, death is supposed to have taken place Tuesday evening. He was about 75 years of age and had been running sheep for many years.

WILLARD GLEASON

Born: N/A - Died: May 29, 1919

Chester Democrat

June 6, 1919

The sad news reached Chester Saturday of the death of Willard Gleason which occurred May 29, at his home in Alhambra California, Mr Gleason was a resident of Chester having been for a number of years manager of the St. Anthony and Dak. Lbr. yard until two years ago when he was taken for the service of Uncle Sam. He was in active service in France returning about six weeks ago to his home in California. He was called away by the sleeping sickness. He leaves to mourn his loss a father two sisters and two younger brothers also a number of friends who will greatly miss him. He was laid to rest in Cemetery at Alhambra, Cal.

THOS. HEALY, SR.

Born: N/A - Died: March 7, 1919

Chester Democrat

March 14, 1919

The sad news reached Chester Friday stating the death of Thos. Healy Sr. who passed away at the Deaconess Hospital at Great Falls, Friday morning after a brief illness. Mr. Healy and family have been residents of this city for five or six years and have made a host of friends who will greatly miss him. He leaves a wife, two sons and three daughters who were able to attend his funeral. He was laid to rest Monday morning in the Calvary Cemetery in Great Falls.

CHILD OF MR. & MRS. EMIL JABES

Born: June ?, 1918 - Died: June 28, 1919

Chester Democrat

July 4, 1919

The year old child of Mr and Mrs Emil Jabes passed away Saturday evening while Dr. Ew-arts office. The Child took sick suddenly the day before it was laid to rest in the Chester Cemetery Sunday morning.

MRS. KEWE

Born: N/A - Died: July ?, 1919

Chester Democrat

August 1, 1919

News of the death of Mrs Kewe came as a shock to the people of Tiber and vicinity. Mrs Kewe was ill but a few days, being a victim of Sleeping sickness Interment was mad in the Chester Cemetery Sunday.

PALMER KJER

Born: 1901 - Died: June 17, 1919

Chester Democrat

June 20, 1919

Palmer Kjer son of Mr and Mrs Jorgen J. Kjer passed away Tuesday morning after an illness of but a few days with pneumonia. Palmer was born in Minnesota coming to Montana about nine years ago with his parents and family locating about ten miles southeast of Chester. He was eighteen years old at the time of his death and leaves behind many dear friends and relatives who will greatly miss him. Behind him he leaves his mother and father and brother, Olof who are all ill with the same sickness. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Martha Holmquist of Joplin, and Clara Kjer who resides at home. He was laid to rest in the Chester Cemetery Thursday morning.

PETER PHOTTOS

Born: N/A - Died: July 9, 1919

Chester Democrat

July 11, 1919

News reached Chester Thursday of the death of Peter Phottos, a fireman on the G. N. was killed in an auto accident Wednesday evening while riding with a few of his friends. Mr Phottos is well known here and has many friends who will regret his loss.

MRS. OSCAR G. LARSON

Born: N/A - Died: January 11, 1919

Chester Democrat

January 17, 1919

Mrs. Oscar G. Larson passed away at her home in Havre last Saturday morning after a short illness of the flu. Mr. and Mrs. Larson were well known residents of Chester, having moved to Havre but a few months ago. Mrs. Larson was a woman of good deeds and a leader of the W. C. T. U. in Havre, taking a great interest in that work. She was laid to rest in the Joplin cemetery Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Houston of Havre officiating. Mr. Larson is very ill at his home in Havre with the influenza.

MRS. ALLEN R. SANDERS

Born: N/A - Died: April 1, 1919

Chester Democrat

April 4, 1919

Mrs. Allen R. Sanders passed away at her home eight miles south east of Chester Tuesday morning after a short illness of the "flu" which developed into pneumonia. Mrs. Sanders has been a resident of Montana for several years and has a host of friends to leave behind who will greatly miss her. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband one daughter, and a sister, all of Chester, one sister of Norma, N. D. a father, mother, and brother who are all in Denmark. Her sister Mrs. Paul Peterson of Norma, N. D. attended the funeral which was held Thursday but the deceased's daughter and sister Mrs. Henry Cargill were too sick to attend both being ill with the same disease. Mrs. Sanders was laid to rest in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery Thursday afternoon, Rev. Stone officiating.

INFANT DAUGHTER OF JACOB SCHAFER

Born: N/A - Died: November ?, 1919

Chester Democrat

November 21, 1919

The little daughter of Mr and
Mrs Jacob Schafer passed away
Friday morning after a weeks
illness with spinal meningitis.
The little one was laid to rest in
the local cemetery Sat afternoon.

JOHN SKIERKA
Born: N/A - Died: 1919
Chester Democrat
January 17, 1919

Word was received here Monday stating the death of John Skierka who was killed while fighting with the boys overseas. John is the son of Albert Skierka, Sr., living south of Chester and has been with the colors for about 15 months. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow.

GUST SMITH

Born: N/A - Died: June ?, 1919

Chester Democrat

July 4, 1919

**Murdered Man Found in Marias
River.**

The body of Gust Smith was found last week in the Marias river near the Connelly, ranch, near where he had a homestead. The body was in a bad condition having been in the river some time, but on examination it was found that a bullet hole had been made over the heart. On post mortem it was found that a soft nosed 32 cal. bullet had passed through the heart and back and was found in the outer tissues of the skin of the back.

The body was buried on the ranch that deceased had owned, and since County Attorney Henderson and Sheriff Alsup have been examining the ground, and facts relative to the case.

As far as known, Mr. Smith was last seen at Conrad on June 2 and the body was not found until June 19th.

The shack of deceased was found open but nothing taken.

The officers are making a diligent effort to bring the guilty party to justice and they have hopes that they will succeed.—
Shelby Promoter.

HIRAM F. SMITH

Born: 1864 - Died: April 10, 1919

Chester Democrat

April 11, 1919

H. F. SMITH BREAKS NECK IN AUTO ACCIDENT

**Prominent Rancher in Car
Accident That Causes
His Death**

Hiram F. Smith, a wealthy rancher of near Whitlash, was instantly killed Thursday afternoon, when the car he was driving turned over on the road 9 miles north of Chester, breaking his neck, death resulting instantly. Mr. Smith and C. H. Murray were coming to town in the former's Ford car, when one of the front wheels broke causing the car to turn over in such a way as to catch the unfortunate man in a manner that caused his death. Mr. Murray escaped from the accident with a few scratches and bruises, and at this date is able to be around.

Mr. Smith is well known in Chester and vicinity, having resided on his ranch near the Sweet Grass hills for some time, and he is also a stockholder in the First State Bank here. He was about 55 years old.

ALEX STRONACH

Born: N/A - Died: October 9, 1919

Chester Democrat

October 17, 1919

Prominent Man Laid to Rest.

Alex Stronach, a prominent ranchman near Laird, who was accidentally shot by a high-power rifle as he was reaching for it to take a shot at a coyote, was operated on Tuesday, Oct. 7, but failed to rally, passing away on Thursday morning, Oct. 9, at 3 o'clock. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church in Chester Monday afternoon at two o'clock. His father came down from Toronto, Canada, and a sister and brother were up from Butte. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Mary Stronach, two daughters, Ethei and Aileen, one son, Roy; father and mother at Toronto; four brothers, George and Ernest, of Toronto, James, of Alberta, and John, of Butte; four sisters, Mrs. Wm. Carr, Mrs. Harry Thomson, and Helen, of Toronto, and Mrs. A. H. Stephenson, of Butte.

Mr. Stronach came to Montana nine years ago and purchased the Philbrick ranch near Geyser. Three years ago he purchased the Frank Laird holdings and had built up a fine stock business.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow.

Undertakers Kay and Ainley prepared the remains for interment in the local cemetery.

MRS. C. A. SULLIVAN
(Lucinda)?

Born: 1876 - Died: January 16, 1919

Chester Democrat
January 17, 1919

Mrs. C. A. Sullivan of Lucerne passed to the great beyond Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Sullivan had been in poor health for several weeks but it was a great shock to her many friends and relatives. She has two children Mrs. Dodds Keith and Twain Sullivan to mourn her loss, both of this city. Funeral services will be held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon and the remains will be interred in the Chester cemetery.

WILLIAM SHERMAN TUCKER

Born: N/A - Died: 1919

Chester Democrat

January 17, 1919

Wm Sherman Tucker formerly a lawyer of Chester, died of wounds in France, was the report of recent date. Mr. Tucker was one of the first Chester boys to enlist and was stationed at Ft. Harrison Montana for some time. He was with the 163rd infantry leaving for France about a year ago.

JAMES F. O. YOUNG
Born: N/A - Died: November 17, 1919
Chester Democrat
November 28, 1919

James F. O. Young, Son of Mr and Mrs W. J. S. Young formerly of Chester, but who left here about two months ago for Seattle died Monday Nov 17, from pneumonia. James had just joined the Merchant Marines. We are very sorry to hear of his death and he has many friends in our city who will greatly miss him. Remains were taken to Devils Lake N. Dak.