**GEORGE JAMES BONINE**
Born: 1871 - Died: May 28, 1942
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George James Bonine, 71, first auditor of Hill county, well and favorably known in Chester, and a member of the state legislature for two terms, died early last Thursday in Havre, following an attack of acute appendicitis after a few days' illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, with Rev. Charles G. Cole of the Methodist church and Rev. Howard B. Pitcher of the Baptist church officiating. Burial was in Havre.

Mr. Bonine, a native of Boone, Ia., was married there to Miss Mary Parnementer June 12, 1893. For a time they lived at Balfour, N. D., and moved to Havre from Fort Benton in 1912, after living there two years.

During his last term in the legislature, the bill was passed establishing Northern Montana college.

He became associated with the Holland and Bonine funeral home in 1926 and helped organize the Havre Federal Savings and Loan corporation in 1929, of which he was vice president. He was a member of the Deaconess hospital board and of the Kiwanis club.

He was a former president of the latter organization. He was Montana grand master, I. O. O. F., in 1925-26 and chief patriarch of the grand encampment, I. O. O. F., in 1924-25.

He likewise was a member of various Masonic bodies and had served as grand master of the grand council, R. & S. M. He was grand scribe of the grand chapter of the R. A. M. at the time of his death. He also had membership in the Modern Woodmen and was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors are his widow, two sisters and a brother.
MRS. FRANK (MARY) DOLEZAL

Born: January 25, 1877 - Died: April 10, 1942

Liberty County Times

April 16, 1942

Mrs. Frank Dolezal

Answers Final Summons

Mrs. Frank Dolezal, highly respected matron of the community north of Chester for many years, passed away at the local hospital on Friday, April 10th, at the age of sixty-five years, following an attack of paralysis suffered on Friday, April 3rd.

Mrs. Dolezal, with members of her family, was attending services at the Catholic church, and when leaving the building was stricken. She was taken to the hospital, where every care possible was provided, but her condition gradually became worse until the expected end came shortly before one o'clock Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Dolezal had lived with her family in the community north of Chester since 1916, when they established their home on land taken up by Mr. Dolezal as a homestead. From this nucleus the Dolezas built up one of the fine stock and grain ranches of the north country, and have taken a prominent part in all community activities. Mrs. Dolezal was a woman of splendid character and womanly graces that endeared her to all who had the privilege of her acquaintance, and the news of her passing was received with sadness by her many friends as well as the relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic church in Chester at nine o'clock Monday morning, and burial was in the local cemetery.

Obituary

Mrs. Frank Dolezal was born January 25th, 1877, at Bechyn, Minnesota, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Kodet. She was married to Frank M. Dolezal at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 4th, 1893. For twenty-three years the family lived at Bechyn, where Mr. Dolezal operated a store and acted as postmaster. In 1916 the family came to Montana, settling on a homestead north of Chester, where they continued to make their home until the present time.

Of the immediate family, the husband, four sons and three daughters survive, besides two sisters and three brothers.

The sons are Henry Dolezal, of St. Paul, Minn.; Frank J. Dolezal, of Olivia, Minn.; Ben J. Dolezal, serving in the U. S. air corps at Sacramento California; John D. Dolezal, of Chester, who operates the farm. The daughters are Mary Dolezal, of Helena; Mrs. Bertr Oswood, of Chester, and Mrs. Henry Rockman of Chester. One sister, Sister Mary Francine, of Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, and another sister, Mrs. Joe Serbsu, of Danube, Minn., survive. There are also three brothers, John, Jim and Aloise Kodet, and one sister, Emma, all of Bechyn, Minnesota.
Mrs. Robert C. Frost
Died Last Saturday

Mrs. Robert C. Frost, 75, passed away Saturday morning at the Mary Lynn Hospital in Chester after an extended illness.

In addition to her husband Mrs. Frost is survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary Hackerott of Natoma, Kansas, and a brother, William Koehler, of Urbana, Illinois.

Mrs. Frost was born Lenora Dora Sophie Koehler in Waverly, Iowa, June 11, 1867, and moved to Kansas at 11 years of age. She came to Montana in 1914 settling eight miles northeast of Nashua with her husband whom she married in Hill City, Kansas, March 22, 1914. At Nashua the Frostes operated a restaurant business, farmers' supply and grain buying concern.

Mr. and Mrs. Frost moved to Joplin in 1927 and Mr. Frost managed the Imperial elevator there. They resided in that community ever since. Mrs. Frost was a devout member of the Lutheran church and her death has brought grief to a large number of friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Lutheran church at Joplin at 2 o'clock with the Rev. M. T. Gilbertson officiating. Interment was made in the Joplin cemetery.
Former Chester Man
Dead Near Hays

The body of John Galehouse, about 70 years old, was found Tuesday near Hays, where he had been herding a band of sheep belonging to Henry C. Kuhr. Sheriff C. B. Reser and Coroner Herman Kuper, who went out to investigate, stated that apparently the man died of a heart attack. He had been cutting some brush, to use in making a corral, when stricken.

Galehouse had worked around here for a number of years, but lived most of the time near Chester. The body was brought to Chinook for burial. No relatives are known.—Chinook Journal.

The John Galehouse referred to above was well known in the Chester community. He came here from Texas about 30 years ago and at one time owned a farm south of town.
Mrs. Leonard Plank Receives Sad News

Mrs. Leonard Plank received the sad news of the death of her father, Mr. J. H. Goodman, in Thermopolis, Wyoming, on Monday night of last week, July 27th.

Mr. Goodman lived for a number of years in Liberty county where he farmed southeast of Chester. He had made his home in Thermopolis for a number of years.

Death was not unexpected, as Mr. Goodman had been in poor health for several months, and his condition was considered critical for weeks. Mrs. Plank visited with him just before he died, returning home only a few days before the end came.
Lewis C. Griffin
Died August 17th

Lewis C. Griffin, prominent farmer of the Inverness community, died at a local hospital in Havre Monday noon, August 17th, following a lingering illness, at the age of 70.

Mr. Griffin had been in failing health for the last year, and about three weeks ago suffered a stroke of paralysis. He was removed from his home to the Havre hospital, but failed to respond to treatment, and gradually grew worse until the end came on Monday of this week.

Mr. Griffin was born in Greenfield, Iowa, May 26, 1872, the son of Henry Griffin and Lydia Guile Griffin. He came to the Gallatin valley from Iowa in 1904, later moving to Inverness in 1911 where he ranched two miles northeast of the city. In 1896 Mr. Griffin married Laura M. Newman.

In addition to his widow the deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Scollard of Billings; two sons, Morris of San Diego, Calif., and Lyle of Inverness; a sister, Mrs. Belle Chase of Corning, Iowa, and two brothers, Charles of Afton, Iowa, and W. H. of Des Moines, Iowa. Six grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Griffin was a member of Joplin Lodge No. 116 A. F. and A. M.

Funeral Services Friday

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon of this week at two o'clock from the Holland & Bonine funeral home in Havre, with Joplin Lodge No. 116, A. F. & A. M., in charge. Rev. Charles Cole, pastor of the Havre Methodist church, will deliver the funeral sermon, and special music will be provided by Mrs. John Lyle of Joplin and Mrs. T. A. Busey of Chester.

Burial will be in the Havre cemetery.
SUSAN MAY HANSON

Born: March 23, 1871 - Died: February 18, 1942

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February 19, 1942

Mrs. Susan Hanson, Pioneer
Chester Matron, Passes Suddenly

Mrs. Susan May Hanson, pioneer and highly respected matron of Chester and Liberty County, since 1919, died very suddenly at her home in Chester about seven o'clock Wednesday morning, February 18th, from a heart attack.

Mrs. Hanson had been in her usual health up until the time she was stricken early Wednesday morning. She had gotten out of bed at her usual rising time shortly before seven o'clock and started a fire in the kitchen stove, and then gone back to bed. She called to one of the girls who were boarding with her, and asked for a drink, and then got up again and went to the kitchen, where she fell on the floor and expired before assistance could be called. Dr. Benke was called at once, but Mrs. Hanson had died before he arrived.

Deceased had made her home in Liberty County since 1919, when she arrived with her family from Alberta, the family settling on a ranch near Whitlash. The husband passed on in 1929, when she moved to Chester, and had resided here continuously since that time.

Mrs. Hanson was a lovable character, and had a wide circle of friends throughout the community. She had maintained her own home in Chester, and was active in religious and social circles. News of her passing was received with deepest sorrow by her many friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hanson were married in Alexandria, Minnesota, on July 3rd, 1889. They farmed in Minnesota and North Dakota, and for a time Mr. Hanson was engaged in the real estate business. They moved to Alberta, Canada, in 1913, where they lived until 1919, when they came to Montana, establishing a ranch near Whitlash. Mr. Hanson died in 1929, and Mrs. Hanson moved to Chester, where she had resided continuously since that time. She was born March 23, 1871, and was 70 years, 10 months and twenty-five days old at the time of her death.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Harry Hoffner, of Chester, and Mrs. Jane Gifford, of Minot, North Dakota, and two sons, Chris, and Clifford Hanson, of Chester: twenty grand children and seven great grand children. She was a member of the Methodist church, and Mercy Rebelein Lodge of Chester.

Funeral services will be held in the Methodist church in Chester Saturday afternoon, February 21st, with Rev. A. B. Holliday, pastor of the Lutheran church of Fairfield, in charge. Burial will be in the Chester cemetery.
Albert G. Harvey, county attorney of Liberty county, was accidentally shot and instantly killed while hunting about two miles above the Circle bridge on the Marias river late Sunday afternoon.

The tragic accident occurred as Harvey was placing his automatic shotgun in the back seat of a car. In some way the gun was discharged, firing three shots in rapid succession, every charge striking the victim in the body before he fell.

Mr. Harvey and Dr. R. A. Benke had been hunting pheasants along the river bottom during the afternoon. About half past two o'clock Thos. L. Wright and Harry Holland, who were also hunting along the river bottom, met Harvey and Dr. Benke, and visited with them for ten or fifteen minutes. Dr. Benke and Harvey had scared up a covey of pheasant, which had flown across the river to a flat on the south side. Mr. Harvey inquired as to the best way to get across the river, and after receiving instructions as to the roads and trails, the party in the car drove back to the Circle bridge, and then went west to the flat where the pheasants had flown. They hunted around the flat until sundown, when they decided it was time to come home. Dr. Benke got into the car on the left side, preparing to start the engine, and Harvey walked around the car, opened the right hand rear door to put the guns inside, when the gun was accidently discharged. Dr. Benke states that three shots were fired in rapid succession. He rushed around the car and found Harvey, who had fallen backward, with three gunshot wounds in his chest and abdomen. Death was instantaneous.

Dr. Benke rushed to the Meisner ranch, two miles below, and sent word to Sheriff Keith, who immediately went to the scene of the accident. He found the gun laying on the back seat of the car, the muzzle pointing outside, and the accident victim where he had fallen, a few feet from the car.

The body was brought into town, and later taken to the Holland & Bonine undertaking parlors in Havre.

News of the terrible accident spread rapidly throughout the community, and was a severe shock to Mr. Harvey's many friends, and to his mother, who was scarcely able to comprehend the fact that the brilliant young attorney had met with such a tragic fate.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church in Chester, Rev. W. Friend Day, of the Episcopal church of Great Falls, conducting the services. The high esteem in which the deceased was held in the community was attested by the large concourse of sorrowing and sympathizing friends and neighbors who gathered to pay their last respects to the memory of the departed, and the profusion of floral tokens which encircled the casket.

Pall bearers, all former associates from the county personnel, were Otto Fossen, H. P. Nelson, John W. Hutchison, Thomas L. Wright, Karl H. Jeppesen, and George H. Gaul. Burial was in Chester cemetery.

Biographical Sketch

Albert Godwin Harvey was born in Chester, October 28th, 1910, the son of Jacob Nelson Harvey and Anna Simonson Harvey. At the time of his untimely calling he was just past 32 years of age. He attended school at Chester, finishing the eighth grade at Tampa, Florida, and attended high school for two years at Lake Worth, Florida, returning to Chester and graduating from the Chester high school. After finishing his high school education he attended North Montana college at Havre one year, and then entered the University of Montana, studying law. He later transferred to the University of Colorado, where he graduated in 1937, and immediately returned to Montana, passed the Montana bar examinations and then opened a law office in his home town. In 1938 he was elected county attorney of Liberty county, was re-elected in 1940 without opposition, and in the general elections held this year was elected for a third term.

Albert Harvey was one of Liberty county's finest characters, and enjoyed a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He was industrious, studious, efficient and possessed a lovable personality that endeared him to his associates. As an attorney he possessed outstanding ability, and was scrupulously honest and conscientious in handling the affairs of his clients. He had developed rapidly as a practicing attorney, and was rated as one of northern Montana's best lawyers.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Anna Harvey, to whom he was devoted. He had not been married. His father, Jacob Nelson Harvey, preceded him in death, having passed on in 1921, when the son was only a small boy. A sister, Clara Adelaide, passed away in 1914. He was an
Mrs. E. F. Hutcheson

Mrs. Edward F. Hutcheson, of the community north of Lothair, died at the local hospital early Friday morning of last week, July 24th, following a lingering illness, at the age of thirty-three years.

Mrs. Hutcheson had been in ill health for several years, and had received treatment both in the local hospital and in Rochester, Minnesota. Her death was not unexpected.

Deceased had lived in the Lothair community for a number of years following her marriage to Mr. Hutcheson in 1932. She was born in Great Falls and attended the schools of that city and the University of Montana. Before her marriage Mrs. Hutcheson was employed in the classified advertising department of the Great Falls Tribune for several years. She was the daughter of Frank H. McDonnell, owner of the Montana Mustard company of Power.

Besides the husband and father, Mrs. Hutcheson is survived by three brothers and three sisters. The brothers are Jack, Frank and Dick McDonnell, the sisters Mrs. W. H. McIntyre and the Misses Jane and Nancy McDonnell, all of Great Falls.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the Catholic church in Chester, with Rev. Father John Konkhe of the local Hi-Line parish, in charge. Burial was in the Chester cemetery. Pall bearers were Willis Violet, John Swank, Francis Moran, Lawrence Hemmer, John Dolezal and Clarence Adams.
Mrs. Ella Irvin

Mrs. Ella Irvin, 77, died Tuesday evening, December 22, 1942, at her home in this city. Death was attributed to the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Irvin had been gradually growing weaker for some time past, and death came without suffering.

The deceased was born at Altoona, Pennsylvania, in 1865. Her maiden name was Ella Thompson. In 1887 she was married, and came west at that time, first living in the state of Washington, then in Wyoming, and the family homesteaded in Spionkop, Mont. She came to Shelby in 1924 and has made her home here since that time. There were nine children in the family; a boy, David, died at the age of 13, and eight children are still living. They are Mrs. Sidney Hall, Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. Earl Rathbun of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Evelyn Isaacs of Great Falls; Mrs. Herman Swan, Chester; and Joe W. Irvin, Mrs. W. F. Henderson, Mrs. Earl Addy and Herb Irvin of Shelby. There are 24 grandchildren.

Mrs. Irvin was a well-liked and highly respected matron, and was active in the affairs of the Community M. E. church here. Possessing a sunny disposition, she made many firm friends who will miss her greatly.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the Community M. E. church, with burial in the Shelby cemetery. Pallbearers were Tom Daley, Jean Hasquet, Clyde Bail, Frank Kincaid, P. J. Sauer and John McCormick.

Shelby Promoter.
JOHN KELDRAUK
Born: 1884 - Died: October 12, 1942
Liberty County Times
October 22 - 29, 1942

John Keldrauk Killed
In Seattle Monday

Word was received in Chester Monday that John Keldrauk, old time resident of Chester, who went west in August to enter defense work, had been killed when he fell from a five-story building. Only meager details have been received here of the accident. Sons and daughters of the deceased have been notified. The body is expected to arrive from Seattle tonight. Funeral arrangements have not as yet been announced.

John Keldrauk

Funeral services for the late John Keldrauk, pioneer resident of the Chester community, who was killed when he fell from a five-story building in Seattle on Monday of last week while doing defense work, were held on Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church in Chester, with Rev. J. Torrance Harvey in charge. A large number of old friends and neighbors gathered at the church for the service to pay their last respects to the memory of an esteemed pioneer and express their sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family.

Pall bearers were Carl Yurman, Mike Yurman, Nick Laas, Walter Laas, Joseph Orav and Edward Valkman, all old friends and neighbors. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

John Keldrauk was born in Estonia, a Russian province in the Black Sea area, in 1884, being a little past 58 years of age at the time of his passing. He came to America when a very young man, locating first in Canada, and then came to the Chester community in 1910, where he has made his home with his family since. He left here in August to go into defense work on the coast, taking work in a ship yard plant at Seattle. He was working on a five-story building where the fatal accident occurred that caused his death. He fell from a scaffold, and death was almost instantaneous. He died in an ambulance on the way to a hospital following the accident.

Mrs. Keldrauk and the two minor children, Ella and Jerry, were living in Chester and were notified of the accident. The body was brought to Chester, arriving here Thursday night. Other members of the family were notified, and all except one son, Roland, who was inducted into the armed services in California Monday, came for the funeral.

Survivors include the wife and five sons and three daughters. The sons are John, Walter, Alex, Roland and Jerry, the latter being at home. The other sons are all either in the service or in defense work. The daughters are Mrs. Elvins Meldrum, Mrs. Loreida Griffin and the younger daughter, Ella, living at home. Mrs. Meldrum and Mrs. Griffin live at Culver City, California.

John Keldrauk was a hard working, sturdy pioneer citizen and had many warm friends, especially among the old timers. His tragic passing was a shock not only to his family but to his friends as well. The family have the sincerest sympathy of the entire community.
JOHN ROBERTSON LAIRD

Born: November 23, 1889 - Died: July 11, 1942

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John Laird, Prominent Farmer of County, Dies Following Operation

John Robertson Laird, pioneer resident and prominent farmer and stockman of the Alma community, north of Joplin, died at the hospital in Havre Saturday morning of last week, July 11th, at nine o'clock following an operation.

At the time of his passing Mr. Laird was 53 years of age. He had spent most of his adult life in what is now Liberty County, in and near the Sweet Grass Hills. He came here in 1909 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Laird, direct from Scotland, and for a time worked on the ranch of his uncle, Frank Laird, recently deceased.

When the era of farming and grain raising started to supplant stockraising in this section of the state, John Laird established a farm in the Alma community, and became one of the most successful of the grain raisers in that fertile region. He was a veteran of World War No. 1, and in recent years took an active part in the American Legion. He was a high class citizen, a good neighbor and a man the community could ill afford to lose. His passing is sincerely mourned not only by his immediate family, but by the community as a whole.

Mr. Laird was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, November 23, 1889, the son of James Laird and Agnes Robertson Laird. He came to this country with his parents in 1909. He was married to Marie Daly in Havre May 17, 1920. He is survived by his widow, five sons, John, Robert, James, Richard and Donald, and by a daughter, Rita. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Laird, also survive. Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Jean Anderson of England; an aunt, Mrs. Frank Laird, and cousins, Helen and James Laird.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church in Chester on Monday afternoon, Rev. Lyman W. Wilson, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Havre, in charge. Music was provided by the choir of the Lutheran church of Joplin. Pall bearers were George H. Gau, Herbert Mansfield, John Dalamati, Albert Langeman, Emil Nelson and Julius Van Dassell. Burial was in the Chester cemetery. The ritualistic service of the local post of the American Legion being used in the committal ceremony.
FRANK LAIRD
Born: February 1, 1864 - Died: June 12, 1942
Liberty County Times
June 18, 1942

Frank Laird, Prominent Stockman and Pioneer Resident, Passes Away

Frank Laird, pioneer stockman of the Sweet Grass Hills country, died at a local hospital on Friday morning, June 12th, following a lingering illness at the age of 78 years.

Mr. Laird had been confined to the hospital for several months, first suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism, which developed other complications. He was given every possible care and medical attention, but the ravages of disease and the infirmities of age were insurmountable, and the end came as a relief from a long period of patient suffering.

Frank Laird was a sturdy pioneer in the very best sense of that term. He was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, February 1, 1864, being seventy-eight years, four months and twelve days old at the time of his passing. He received his early schooling in his home district in Scotland, and came to the United States in 1888, locating first in Colorado, where he remained for about one year, and then came to Montana. The first year in Montana was spent near Fort Benton, and then he came to the Sweet Grass Hills country, working for a time on some of the larger ranches of that day. A short time later, he homesteaded on Sage Creek near the northeast rim of the Sweet Grass Hills, and from this nucleus built one of the finest sheep ranches in northern Montana.

Mr. Laird came to what is now Liberty county first in 1890, thus spending more than half a century in this community, all of which time he made his home on the ranch with the exception of three years spent in California, from 1917 to 1920, and one year spent in Great Falls.

He was a typical stockman of the pioneer type, sturdily honest, hospitable, and always ready to lend a helping hand to those in distress and do his part in every worth-while community enterprise. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, holding his membership in the various Masonic bodies in Helena, which point at the time of his admission to these bodies was the closest point where he could be admitted. He was also a member of the Presbyterian church, affiliating with that church during early manhood.

Mr. Laird was married on September 1, 1899, to Lucy Turner at the home of Dr. J. A. Wright in Havre. To this union two children were born, Helen and James. Helen now makes her home on the ranch, and James is in the armed service, serving in a training camp in California.

Deceased is survived by Mrs. Laird, the son and daughter, one brother, James Laird, of the Alma community, and a wide circle of friends and intimate acquaintances.

Funeral Services Monday
Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. Lyman W. Winkle of Havre in charge. The pallbearers, all lifelong friends of the deceased, were T. P. Strode, John Fey, Tony Fey, John Brinkman, Murray Johnson and Dr. Wright.

Mrs. Frank Eggers, Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. Ralph Ward, Mrs. Archie Violett and Miss Ella Warnes, accompanied by Mrs. L. E. Matkin, sang very beautifully.

It was one of the largest funerals ever held in Chester, Liberty county turning out practically en masse, as well as many from Hill, Toole and other counties.
PIONEER PASSES

Funeral services were held for Bessie Mae Lehrman Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church in Chester.

Mrs. Lehrman was one of the old settlers of this community, having come to the Sweet Grass Hills country in the early homesteading days.

Bessie Mae Lehrman was born in Kentucky on July 24th, 1885. From Kentucky she went to Wisconsin with her parents and remained there until she married Albert Lehrman of Chester in 1910.

She leaves to mourn her passing two daughters, Mrs. Paul Rudolph and Mrs. Chester Rudolph, and two sons, Leonard and Elmer, both of the Sweet Grass Hills country. Also one brother in LaVally, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Frances Brown, Miss Ella Warnes, Mrs. Ralph Ward and Mrs. Frank Eggers sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Mrs. L. E. Matkin accompanying them.

J. Torrance Harvey officiated.

Her husband preceded her in death about a year.
PVT. THURMAN OLIVER MANSFIELD

Birth: March 10, 1914 - Died: May 26, 1942

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February 10, 1949

Military Honors For Inverness Man Tuesday

Full military honors and graveside rites for Pvt. Thurman Oliver Mansfield, repatriated Inverness war hero, will be accorded at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Holland and Bonine Funeral home in Havre.

Pvt. Mansfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mansfield of Inverness, died in a Japanese prison camp at camp O'Donnell, Luzon, Philippines on May 26, 1942.

Rev. A. L. Swarens, Hi-Line Methodist Pastor, will officiate at the funeral rites. Members of the Inverness Methodist Choir will be in charge of choir music. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Graveside military services will be conducted by the Hingham American Legion.

Pvt. Mansfield was born on March 10, 1914 at Inverness. He attended Inverness grade and high schools and was active in school musical programs. He played with the Joplin Community band for several years prior to 1941.

Enlisting in the U. S. Army at Havre on February 9, 1941, the youth received military training at Fort McDowell, Angel Island, California.

Following his training, he was sent to the Post of Manila, Manila, Philippines. Serving in Company K, 31st Infantry, his group was one of the first to see action against the invading Japanese.

Taken prisoner early in World War II, Pvt. Mansfield died among the horrors of Japanese torture in the dreaded Camp O'Donnell. First declared missing in action late in 1942, the youth’s parents were advised of his death in the horror camp last summer.

In addition to his parents, a sister, Mrs. Frank Skierka of Chester survives.
Andrew Mattson Is
Victim of Heart Attack

Andrew Mattson, well known pioneer farmer of the community north of Chester, died very suddenly at his home about noon on Saturday of last week from a heart attack.

Mr. Mattson was in usual health up until the time he was struck on Saturday. He was past 61 years of age, having been born in Denmark on January 9, 1881. He came to this community with the first contingent of homesteaders in 1910, taking up land about 17 miles north of Chester, and had made his home in that community continuously ever since that time. Mrs. Mattson preceded him in death several years ago.

Deceased is survived by three sons, George, Allen and Jennings. Allen lives in this county, and Jennings is engaged in defense work on the coast, while George is serving in the army, being stationed at present in California. All three sons came home for the funeral services. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. David Johnson, and six brothers. Two brothers, Matt, of Duluth, and Chris, of St. Paul, were here for the funeral.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church in Chester, with Rev. M. T. Gilbertson, pastor of the Joplin Lutheran church, in charge of the service. Mr. Mattson was a member of the Lutheran church.
Russell Miles Drowned

The body of Russell Miles, former prominent farmer of the community north of Joplin, was found in a small artificial lake on the grounds of the state hospital at Warm Springs on Tuesday afternoon of this week, January 27th.

Miles had been at the hospital since 1931, with the exception of a few weeks in 1934 when his condition had improved to such an extent that it was thought a permanent cure had been effected. Later the same year he returned to the institution, and had been there since.

On January 6th Miles disappeared from the institution, and Sheriff Keith was notified that he had escaped. No further word was received until Tuesday afternoon, when the sheriff was again notified of the finding of the body.

It is supposed that the unfortunate man had accidentally fallen into the pool while walking around the grounds. The pool had frozen over and it was not until the mild weather of this week that the ice melted, and the discovery of the body was made.

Mrs. Miles, who with her daughters still reside on the farm north of Joplin, were notified, and arrangements were made to have the body returned to Joplin for funeral services and burial.

Funeral Services for Russell Miles

Funeral services for Russell Miles, 51, former prominent resident of the community north of Joplin, were held in Joplin on Saturday afternoon of last week in the Lutheran church, with Rev. Torrance Harvey, pastor of the Methodist Hi-Line parish officiating.

Special music was provided by a choir composed of Mrs. Gordon Wolf, Miss Haug, Mr. Max Sopher, Miss Olive Anderson, Mrs. Morris Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Prosper Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hanson, Mr. Sanford Anderson and Mrs. A. B. Anderson, with Mrs. Sanford Anderson as pianist. The choir sang “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross,” “Rock of Ages,” and “Nearer My God to Thee.”

Pall bearers were Art LaValley, Burle Wilson, Roy Miller, David F. James, W. C. Woods and John Lyle.

The services were largely attended by old time friends and former neighbors, and the casket was banked with many beautiful floral tokens.

Burial was in the Joplin cemetery.

Obituary

Russell Miles was born March 6, 1890, at Elk Valley, Tenn. He was married to Alba Holman, Dec. 18, 1914, in Springfield, Mo. He has been a resident of Montana since 1911, having homesteaded 14 miles north of Joplin, that having been his home ever since. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Joplin.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Alba Miles, Joplin; five daughters, Mrs. Fred Joy, Joplin, Mrs. Allen Dyrud, Brady, Mrs. Severino Stuchelli, Great Falls, Miss Opal Miles and Miss Grace Miles, Joplin; and five grandchildren, two girls and three boys.

Also surviving are five brothers, Charlie Miles, Oregon City, Ore., Joe, Springfield, Mo., Howard, Portland, Ore., Clinton, Tacoma, Wash., and Linn, Portland.
Mrs. Finlay Murray Is Victim of Heart Attack

Mrs. Finlay Murray, pioneer matron of the community northeast of Chester, died of a heart attack at a local hospital about 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Mrs. Murray had been in the hospital about a month, receiving treatment for a broken hip suffered from a fall at the ranch home. She was apparently recovering satisfactorily, and Monday morning seemed in better condition than usual. She ate a hearty breakfast, and seemed quite cheerful as she visited with hospital attendants and members of the family. Shortly before 9 o'clock she was stricken with the heart attack and passed away within half an hour.

Mrs. Murray was one of the well-known and most loved matrons among the old time residents of the community near the Sweet Grass Hills. She came here with her husband as a bride in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Murray established their home on the Murray ranch, which Mr. Murray had acquired the year previous, and they have made their home there continuously since. She is survived by her husband, Finlay Murray, and one son, Alister, who is at home.

Mrs. Murray was born in Scotland and came to America in 1902. She was married to Mr. Murray in Chicago in 1903, and came at once to Montana. Besides the immediate family, she is survived by a sister and brother living in Scotland, and relatives in Canada.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon from the Methodist church in Chester. Burial will be in the Chester cemetery.
Fred Gustav Ohman

Fred Gustav Ohman was born in Horness, Sweden, on February 15, 1890. He was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith in Sweden. In 1909 he came to America with his parents and settled in Montana, where he engaged in farming.

He passed away very suddenly on November 2, at his home south of Joplin. At the time of his death he was 52 years, 8 month, 18 days old. He was preceded in death by his mother, his father, a sister, Agnes, and a brother, Ferdinand. He leaves to mourn his passing two sisters, Mrs. P. M. Walworth of Great Falls, and Mrs. Mary Kidd of Joplin, a brother, John, of Missoula, a nephew, Donald Kidd, of Vancouver, Washington, two nieces of Ironwood, Michigan, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Bethel Lutheran church in Joplin with the Rev. M. T. Gilbertson officiating. The church choir sang three songs—"Abide With Me," "Have Thine Own Way" and "Some Day We'll Understand." The pallbearers were six old time friends—Clifford Anderson, Peter Spoonheim, Otto Fossen, David James, Martin Dahler, and M. O. Farden.

A group of relatives and friends are presenting to the church a pulpit antependium in memory of Mr. Ohman.
MRS. CHARLES OTTESEN  
Born: August 13, 1883 - Died: June 13, 1942  
Liberty County Times  
June 18, 1942

Ole Smestad's Sister  
Passes in Spokane

Mrs. Charles Ottesen, sister of Ole Smestad of Chester, died at her home in Spokane on Saturday of last week, June 13th. Mr. Smestad has been advised.

Mrs. Ottesen visited her brother here last fall. She was born in Cass county, North Dakota, August 13, 1883, and had made her home in Spokane for many years.

Funeral services were held in Spokane on Tuesday of this week, June 16th.
LIEUT. COM. LEE PANCAKE
Born: 1907 - Died: 1942
Liberty County Times
November 5, 1942

Mrs. Richardson's Brother Is Killed

Malta, Mont., Nov. 3—Lieut. Com. Lee Pancake, 35, of the navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pancake of Malta, was killed in action in the south Pacific and buried at sea, according to word received by his parents.

Pancake was born in North Dakota and came to Phillips county about 25 years ago with his parents, who homesteaded north of Wagner. He graduated from Malta high school and from Ananols. His career in the navy was brilliant as is indicated by the fact that he was one of the youngest lieutenant commanders.

He was married in Maryland. His wife is living on the west coast. Other survivors are three sisters, Mrs. Carl Veseth, Malta; Mrs. Rudolph Erickson, Ecao, and Mrs. Gilbert F. Richardson, Chester, and four brothers, Dick of Malta, Leslie and James of Central Valley, Calif., and Stanley of North Wagner.

No details of the action in which Pancake lost his life were learned and the name of his ship is withheld at the request of naval officials.
JOHN REBSTOCK
Born: 1871 - Died: March ?, 1942
Liberty County Times
April 2, 1942

MRS. JOSEPH CICON ADVISED
OF DEATH OF A BROTHER

Mrs. Joseph Cicon of the community northeast of Chester, received word this week of the death of her brother, John Rebstock, at the Soldiers' Home in Sawtelle, California. Military funeral services were held for her brother at Sawtelle on Monday, Mrs. Cicon stated, and burial was in the Sawtelle National cemetery.

Deceased was 71 years of age at the time of his passing. He was born near Winona, Minnesota. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American war. Surviving relatives include two brothers, Charles, of Ketchum, Sask., Canada, and Ernest, of Mankato, Minn., and two sisters, Mr. A. J. Smith, of Winona, Minnesota, and Mrs. Joseph Cicon, of Chester.
NASSIF REHAL

Born: 1860 - Died: August 17, 1942

Liberty County Times
August 20, 1942

Nassif Rehal of Great Falls Died on Sunday

Nassif Rehal, father of Postmaster Shebel Rehal and Mrs. S. O. Shamey of Chester, and pioneer farmer and stockman of the Joplin community, died at a local hospital in Great Falls on Sunday morning last, August 17th, from the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Rehal had enjoyed almost perfect health throughout his long lifetime, and only a few weeks before his death became ill. He was removed from his home to the hospital, but gradually grew weaker until the end, which came peacefully Sunday morning.

Mr. Rehal came to America from Syria, where he was born in 1860, in 1902, with his family of three daughters and one son. He stopped first in Great Falls, where he lived until 1905, when he came to what is now the Joplin community, and homesteaded land. His original homestead included the land where the town of Joplin now stands, and he plotted the first Joplin townsite in 1910. He first engaged in the cattle business, and later developed a fine grain farm. He continued to live on his Joplin land until 1929, when he retired and moved to Great Falls, where he made his home until the time of his death.

Deceased is survived by one son and one daughter, Shebel Rehal and Mrs. S. O. Shamey of Chester; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. His wife died before he left Syria, and he never remarried. One daughter died in 1907.

Funeral services were held in the Catholic church in Great Falls at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 18th. Burial was in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Great Falls.
Mrs. Maud F. Schultz  
Died Last Tuesday

Mrs. Maud F. Schultz, prominent matron of the Chester community for many years, died in a local hospital in Great Falls on Tuesday of this week, August 4th, following an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Schultz had been in ill health for several months, and a few weeks ago underwent an operation in the Great Falls hospital. She seemed to be recovering satisfactorily, but two weeks ago took a turn for the worse, and returned to the hospital. She gradually grew weaker until the end came Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon in the Methodist church, with Rev. Holland of the Fairfield Lutheran church officiating. Burial will be in the Chester cemetery.

Mrs. Schultz was born April 6, 1894 in Missouri and had lived in the Chester community for about 30 years. Her husband, August Schultz, died three years ago. Survivors include two sons, James and William Schultz of Chester; her mother, Mrs. Ella Jane Ferguson of Tacoma, Wash.; four sisters, Mrs. Thomas Davidson of Great Falls, Mrs. Fred Wason, who lives in Oklahoma, Mrs. Rachel Galligan and Miss Mary Ferguson, both of Tacoma, and four brothers, O. S. Ferguson of Xavier, Charles Ferguson of Hardin, Walter Ferguson of Oregon City, Ore., and James Ferguson of Fort Lewis, Wash.
William Silberman Has Passed Away

William Silberman, prominent Chester citizen for many years, died at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) following a heart attack at his home during the early morning hours.

Mr. Silberman was at his duties in the state liquor store until closing time Wednesday evening, and apparently was in his usual good health. Shortly after midnight Thursday morning he was stricken with the heart attack and never regained consciousness.

Funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed.

William Silberman

William Silberman was born on December 16, 1874, in Hanover, Germany, and died in Chester, Mont., on September 10, 1942.

He was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith as a child in Germany. In 1892 at the age of 17, he came to the United States with his parents who settled in Minnesota. In 1911 Mr. Silberman was united in marriage to Anna Dreier of Gibbon, Minn. In 1911 they came to make their home in Chester and lived here since that time.

To this union were born seven children, five sons, Otto Silberman, who passed away two years ago at Springville, Utah; Herbert, in armed service; William, Jr., of Blackfoot; Alfred of Shelby; John of Springville, Utah; and two daughters, Mrs. Martha Crane of Brady and Mrs. Reese Wilkins of East Helena.

Besides his wife and six children, he also leaves to mourn his death three brothers, Henry, Fred and Richard, all of Minnesota; two sisters, Mrs. Ehlers and Mrs. Janke, also of Minnesota. There are also five grandchildren and many other relatives, besides a host of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Silberman was stricken suddenly Wednesday evening with a heart attack and passed away Thursday afternoon, at the age of 67 years, 8 months and 24 days. During his few hours of illness he was tenderly and lovingly cared for by his devoted wife. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mrs. Silberman and her family.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Chester Monday afternoon with Rev. Merrill T. Gilbertson, pastor of the Joplin Lutheran Church, in charge. A Chorus composed of Miss Ella Warner, Miss Ellen Voight, Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. Earl Gaden and Mrs. Frank Eggers, accompanied by Mrs. L. E. Matkin, sang "Some Day, Some Time, We'll Understand," "I Come to the Garden," and "Face to Face.

The pallbearers, all long time friends of the deceased, were John W. Hutchinson, George H. Gun, E. J. Blanchard, Henry Kolsted, Karl Jeppesen and S. O Nordstrom.

Interment was made in the Chester cemetery early Tuesday morning.
MRS. KATHERINE TAPLIN PASSES FOLLOWING LINGERING ILLNESS

Mrs. Katherine Taplin, pioneer matron of the Chester community, died at the Deaconess hospital in Havre at 7:30 a. m. on Tuesday of this week, February 10th, following a lingering illness, at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Taplin, who had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. William Marshall, in Chester, for some time, was taken to the Havre hospital last week. Her passing was not unexpected.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon in the Methodist church in Chester, with Rev. Lyman W. Winkle, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Havre, in charge. Interment will be in the Chester cemetery.

Six grandsons will act as pallbearers. They are Clyde Heydon, Franklin Heydon, Cecil Hepdon, Lloyd Heydon, Lyle Heydon and Darrell Marshall.

Mrs. Taplin came with her husband 31 years ago from Kingsley, la., they homesteading 17 miles north of Chester. Her husband died July 5, 1927. Following his death she left the homestead, and has since lived in Chester. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Taplin was born March 10, 1869, in Ireland, daughter of Samuel and Sarah McKelvey Moorhead.

Surviving her are eight daughters and one son, 32 grand children and ten great grandchildren. One son, Roy L. Taplin, a World war veteran, preceded her in death, September 10, 1923.

The surviving children include: Mrs. Merle Narnst, Eugene, Ore.; Mrs. C. D. Williams, Havre; Mrs. B. A. Johnson, Joplin; Mrs. Frank Heydon, Mrs. William Marshall, Chester; Mrs. W. M. Head, Eugene, Ore.; Mrs. B. Brennan, Vida, Ore.; Mrs. D. A. Ray, Dexter, Ore.; and Ralph, of Chester.

Out of town relatives here for the funeral are Mrs. Merle Narnst, of Eugene, Oregon; Mrs. D. M. Head, of Eugene; Mrs. M. Narnst, of Whitefish, and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Williams, of Havre.
T. B. Williams
Funeral Wednesday

Funeral services for Theodore Byron Williams were held at the Methodist church in Chester on Wednesday, June 17th, at two o'clock. Mr. Williams was born in Minnesota in 1866 and came to Montana in 1910. He homesteaded in the Sweet Grass Hills country and made this community his home until a year ago when he went to Havre to live. He has been confined to the Kennedy Deaconess hospital in Havre for the greater share of the year.

He is survived by his wife, four sons, Everett of Rendondo Beach, Calif.; Charles of Portland, Ore.; Clarence of Havre, Mont., and Herbert of Bremerton, Wash. Also one daughter, Irene, of Havre. Also fifteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Dodds Keith, Otto Whelchel, George Gan, Hans Jensen, Andrew Matson and C. C. Kolstad.

Mrs. Fred Brown, Miss Ella Warnes, Mrs. Archie Violett and Mrs. Frank Eggers, accompanied by Mrs. L. E. Matkin, sang "Nearer My God to Thee," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "The Old Rugged Cross." J. Torrance Harvey officiated.
HENRY WOARE

Born: June 30, 1887 - Died: January 19, 1942
Liberty County Times
January 22, 1942

Henry Woare Dies Suddenly in Helena from Heart Attack

HELENA, Jan. 19.—Henry Woare, executive secretary of the Montana Press association and coordinator for the printing business in the state dropped dead of a heart attack here late today.

Woare, who was ill for several months last winter from a heart ailment was stricken as he rode an elevator from his office in a downtown building. Less than an hour before that, he had been visiting friends at the state capitol, and apparently was in good health.

Woare was named code administrator for the Montana printing industry during the days of the national recovery administration, and when the NRA was invalidated by the supreme court, remained as coordinator under a code retained by the state's printers.

Popular throughout the state, and well-known in virtually every community, Woare's reelection as executive secretary of the state press association was almost routine during the last several state conventions of the newspaper fraternity.

HELENA, Jan. 21.—Scores of friends, both from Helena and many from throughout the state, attended last rites in the Opp and Conrad chape this afternoon for Henry O. Woare, 55, widely-known Montana man and secretary-treasurer of the Montana Press Association, who died Monday afternoon of a heart attack.

The Rev. L. C. Hicks of St. Paul's Methodist church officiated and burial was in Forestview cemetery.

Pallbearers were Edmund Mac-Haffie, Fergus Pay, Cecil Wilson, A. G. Fitzpatrick, all of Helena, Roy Ruhle of Butte and Senator Dan Drumheller of Cut Bank.

Obituary

Born in Quincy county, Ill., June 30, 1887, Mr. Woare went to Iowa with his parents in 1903 and received his schooling there. In 1904 they went to Silverton, Ore., where he was married in 1910, to Marie Gjertsen. They moved to Montana in 1914, and filed a homestead near Galata in Toole county. He purchased the Galata Journal in 1916, and the Chester Reporter in 1918. In 1923, Mr. Woare purchased the North Montana Enterprise in Joplin.

Prior to his being named president of the press association in 1926, he served as postmaster at Chester and also belonged to a number of civic and fraternal organizations there, including the Chamber of Commerce of which he once served as president.

He held membership in Galata lodge A. F. and A. M., the Algeria Shrine, the I.O.O.F., Knights Templar, Eastern Star, Kiwanis, Scandinavian Fraternity of America and several other organizations. He also was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and St. John's Lutheran church. He was a past president of the Scandinavian Fraternity.

Musical Activities

Mr. Woare devoted much time to various Helena musical groups and organized, managed and sang in the Shrine quartet. He also was secretary-manager of the Diamond Jubilee celebration in Helena in 1939.

Survivors include his widow and three children, Dolly and Allen, all of Helena, and Mrs. Marvin Fislow of East Helena; one grandson, Henry Irving Fislow; his father, O. M. Woare of Seattle; five brothers, Ed S. of Silverton, Ore.; Oscar of Portland, Martin of Los Angeles, and Holden and Milfed Woare of Seattle; four sisters, Mrs. Sam Bartredt and Mrs. Irvin Gogger, both of Seattle, Mrs. J. O. Visby of Lind, Wash., and Mrs. Cliff Lucas of Spokane.