

## WILLIAM HENRY ANKCORN

Born: 1857 - Died: May 28, 1945

Liberty County Times

May 31, 1945

### Local Barber Found Dead in Bed Tuesday

William Henry Ankcorn, better known to his friends as "Bill the Barber", was found dead in his room in a local hotel on Tuesday of this week, death evidently having occurred some time Monday from a heart attack.

Anchorn came to Chester about a year ago from Shelby to work in the Albright barber shop, and had been employed continuously in that position since. He was a native of Canada, but had worked at his trade as a barber in Shelby, Conrad and other Montana towns for many years before coming to Chester. He had been in poor health for some time and was suffering from high blood pressure and other ailments.

William Henry Anchorn was 58 years of age at the time of his death, and had a long and honorable military record, having served with the Canadian forces during World War I. He had served in both England and France with the 166th Battalion, and was honorably discharged on March 15th, 1919. He is survived by five brothers and three sisters, all of whom live in the eastern United States and Canada. He had no known relatives in Montana. A brother in Detroit and a sister in Chicago were located, but none of the relatives were able to come to Montana for the funeral services.

Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon of this week from the Holland & Bonine funeral parlors in Havre, and burial will be in the Havre cemetery. It is expected that military funeral services will be held, probably under the auspices of the Havre American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## ERNEST ROY BROWN

Born: 1940 - Died: July 10, 1945

Liberty County Times

July 12, 1945

### Tragic Accident Cause Of Small Boy's Death

Ernest Roy Brown, little five year old colored boy, whose parents have been working at the Red Morrison ranch in the Whitlash community for the past year and a half, died at the Chester hospital on Tuesday afternoon of this week from severe burns sustained at the Morrison ranch on Monday afternoon when his clothing caught on fire while he was playing out in the yard.

Just how the tragic accident occurred is not known. The boy had been playing outside with a younger brother, while the mother was inside the house. The younger brother rushed into the house and told his mother that his brother's clothing was on fire. The mother rushed to the child, but before she could reach him his clothes were all nearly burned, and the little body was badly seared. The child was rushed to the hospital in Chester, but the best of care and almost immediate medical care failed to save his life. He regained consciousness only for a brief period after reaching the hospital, but was unable to give any information as to how the accident occurred. It is thought that he must have gotten hold of some matches, which in some way became ignited and caught fire to his clothing.

The Browns came to this country from Linsdale, Texas, last year, and have been working at the Morrison ranch since. Mr. Morrison had known them from Texas, and brought them here to work on the ranch. They are steady, industrious people and have the sincere sympathy of their neighbors and acquaintances in their tragic grief. Ernest was the oldest of three boys in the family.

Funeral services will be held in Shelby, Friday.

## JAMES E. CADY

Born: June 17, 1868 - Died: March 27, 1945

Liberty County Times

March 29 - April 5, 1945

### James E. Cady Answers Final Call

James Elliott Cady, honored and respected citizen of the Joplin and Chester communities for thirty-five years, died at his home in Chester Tuesday afternoon, March 27th, following a lingering illness.

Deceased was a typical Montana pioneer, coming to this state from Dakota with the first contingent of homesteaders in 1910. He took up land north of Joplin, and from that time until his health became impaired a few years ago, conducted farming operations, while at the same time he carried on other activities more or less as a side issue. He was a civil engineer of more than average ability, and in his earlier days worked at that profession in Iowa, Colorado, Neb., and Illinois. He was an experienced well driller, and was engaged in oil drilling in the early days of that industry in the state, having worked in the Cat Creek field, in Canada, and in other fields in Montana. He also drilled hundreds of water wells for homesteaders and farmers throughout the Hilline district, and was credited with drilling more than 30,000 feet of wells during his lifetime. He was also a grain buyer in the earlier days, and at one time managed an elevator in Joplin.

Failing health compelled Mr. Cady to curtail his operations several years ago, and he moved to Chester, where he was employed by the county for several years as manager of the county yards. For the past two or three years he had been unable to do any active work, and spent his winters mostly at Hot

Springs, west of the mountains, but invariably came back to Liberty county for the summers. His condition gradually grew worse, and for weeks he had been confined to his bed most of the time, the end coming as relief to a long period of suffering.

Jim Cady, as he was familiarly known to his many friends, was an upstanding, forthright man in every sense of the word. Firm in his convictions, he was also tolerant of views and opinions of others. He was an honored and devoted member of the Masonic fraternity, and for years his lectures, council and advice were sought and appreciated by his brother Masons. He was a strong organization man, believing in and supporting any organization that was for the uplift of humanity. He was never affiliated with any church organization, his Masonry and his philosophical views of life constituting his religion.

James E. Cady was born in Iroquois county, Illinois, June 17, 1868, being 76 years, nine months and ten days old at the time of his passing. From Illinois he moved to Nebraska, and later to Iowa, where he was married to Miss Agnes Whelchel on January 22, 1902. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Cady moved to New Rockford, N. D., and then came to Montana in 1910.

Mr. Cady is survived by his wife and one son, Elwin, who now resides on the original Cady home place north-west of Joplin.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon, April 2nd, at 2:30 in Joplin, with Rev. F. A. Squires, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church of St. Mark's Episcopal church of Havre, delivering the eulogy. Services will be under the auspices of Joplin Lodge No. 116, A. F. and A. M., of which deceased was an honored member.

#### James Cady Services

Many friends filled the Royal Neighbor hall at Joplin Monday afternoon to attend services for James E. Cady, well known Liberty county resident who died at Chester last Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Frank Squires, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church of Havre officiated.

Pallbearers were Tom Colbry, Frank O'Neil, Ed Temple, Ole Christopherson, Robert Woods and Burle Wilson.

Graveside rites were conducted under the auspices of Joplin lodge No. 16, A. F. & A. M., with William Meldrum as acting master. Order of Eastern Star members attended in a body.

Miss Connie Meldrum sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and Miss Meldrum and Miss Margaret Lyle sang a duet, "Just As I am." Miss Lyle sang a solo "Lead Kindly Light." Mrs. John Lyle was accompanist.

Mr. Cady is survived by his widow and one son Elwin who now resides on the original Cady home place northwest of Joplin.

Relatives and friends from out of town who were here to attend the funeral were Mrs. Olive Nichols, sister of Mrs. Cady, from Reeder, sister of Mr. Cady, from Reeder, North Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cramer of Missoula; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ward, Moise; Mr. and Mrs. Landheim, of Lewistown; sisters of Mrs. Cady. Mr. and Mrs. A. Neuser, of Oilmont; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whelchel and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whelchel, and daughter Loretta, of Cut Bank; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green, of Big Sandy; Mrs. Martin Narnst, of Whitefish, and Mrs. Eliza Williams, of Havre.

North Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cramer of Missoula; Mr. and Mrs. A. Neuser, of Oilmont; Mr. and Mrs. G. Landheim, of Lewistown; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whelchel and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whelchel, of Cut Bank; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green, of Big Sandy; Mrs. Martin Narnst, of Whitefish, and Mrs. Eliza Williams, of Havre.

## FRED N. ERICKSON

Born: 1881 - Died: April 13, 1945

Liberty County Times

April 19, 1945

### Fred N. Erickson

Fred N. Erickson, well known and highly respected farmer of the community south of Chester, died at a Havre hospital on Friday of last week, April 13th, following a lingering illness, at the age of sixty-four years.

Mr. Erickson had been in ill health for nine years, and for the past year or more his condition had been critical. His death came as a relief to this long period of suffering.

Coming to this county in 1913, Fred Erickson had been a resident of the county for thirty-two years. When in health, he always took an active part in community affairs, had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the county.

Mr. Erickson was born in Minnesota, in 1881, coming to Montana in 1913 from Dakota. He was married to Emma Erickson in 1906 in North Dakota. Besides his widow, he leaves to mourn his passing three daughters and three sons, Mrs. Clifford Hanson, Mrs. Joel Smith and Mrs. Frederick Ouren, of Camas Hot Springs, Howard and Chester Erickson, of Chester, and Sgt. Oscar N. Erickson, now in the armed forces, and twelve grand-children. He is also survived by his mother, now 86 years of age, who resides in Tacoma, Washington, and two sisters and one brother. A son and daughter preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church in Chester on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Gilbertson having charge of the service. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

## JOHN T. ERICKSON

Born: January 8, 1880 - Died: August 10, 1945

Liberty County Times

August 16, 1945

### JOHN ERICKSON DIES

John T. Erickson, pioneer homesteading resident of the Chester community, died at the local hospital early Friday morning of last week, August 10th, following a lingering illness, at the age of sixty-five.

Mr. Erickson had been in poor health for several months, and spent much of his time at Hot Springs. He returned here several weeks ago and entered the Mary Lynn hospital, where he remained until his death.

Deceased came to Montana in 1909 and filed on a homestead north of Chester, where he resided until his health failed a few years ago. He was never married.

Mr. Erickson was born in Oland, Sweden in 1880, coming to this country when a young man. He is survived by one sister, now living in Sweden, one sister living in Chicago, and one brother in Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Lutheran church in Chester. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

**JAMES ROBINSON EVANS**

**Born: 1937 - Died: April 24, 1945**

**Liberty County Times**

**April 26, 1945**

**Evans Boy Dies**

James Robinson Evans the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Evans, passed away in the Conrad hospital on Tuesday morning, April 24.

James had been ill for several weeks with rheumatic fever but it was only a few days ago that his condition became acute and he was taken to Conrad on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans with their five boys live on a farm south of Chester. Mrs. Evans has been living in town this winter where the children could attend school. James was in the third grade.

Funeral services will be held in Conrad Friday afternoon at two o'clock, with burial in the Conrad cemetery.

MRS. A. H. FAY  
Born: 1865 - Died: April 3, 1945  
Liberty County Times  
April 5, 1945

**Mrs. A. H. Fay Dies at Home  
In The Gold Butte Community**

Mrs. A. H. Fay, pioneer resident of the Gold Butte community, died at her home on Tuesday morning of this week, after a very brief illness, at the age of 80 years. She was born in New York.

Mrs. Fay, with her husband, came to the Gold Butte community in 1890, and established the first hotel at that place, when gold mining in that section of the Sweet Grass hills was first started, and Gold Butte was quite a flourishing community. Mr. and Mrs. Fay had lived in that community continuously since 1890, and had many friends, especially among the old timers. They would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in June.

Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon of this week in Shelby.

## JOHN FENZL

Born: March 19, 1887 - Died: July 25, 1945

Liberty County Times

August 9, 1945

### John Fenzl Killed

John Fenzl, old time resident of the Chester community, died in San Francisco, Cal., on July 25th from injuries received in an automobile accident, according to information received here the first of the week.

Fenzl left Chester about a year ago by car, going first to Reno, Nevada, where he visited for a time with two daughters, and later visited with a son in the service at a camp in California, and then went to San Francisco, where he took employment in a shipbuilding plant. He remained in the California city until his death.

According to more or less meagre information received here, the accident occurred in the city of San Francisco, when Fenzl's car, being driven by a woman at the time, collided with another car at an intersection. There were five people in the Fenzl car at the time of the accident, and the woman driver is being held on a manslaughter charge by California authorities, it is reported. The other four passengers in the car were not fatally injured, but Fenzl died as a result of his injuries two days after the accident. The body was taken to the old home in Oshkosh, Wis., for burial.

Fenzl came to this locality in 1910, it is recalled by oldtimers, and homesteaded land seven miles north and one mile east of Chester. He

made his home on this farm until two or three years ago, when he moved into Chester. At one time he worked for the railroad during the early days, and in later years did farm and other kinds of work. He was attracted to the west coast by the big wages being paid in war production plants.

The following item concerning the accident and burial services is taken from the Oshkosh, Wis. Daily Northwestern on August 4th:

"Commitment rites for John Fenzl, former Oshkosh resident, who died July 25 of injuries received in an auto accident in San Francisco, where he was employed by a shipbuilding concern, were held this afternoon in private at Riverside cemetery. Funeral services were held on the west coast earlier and the body arrived here this morning.

Mr. Fenzl, a resident of Chester, Mont., was injured July 23. He was born March 19, 1887, in Oshkosh, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fenzl.

Survivors are four daughters, Rose, Portland, Ore., Margaret, Tracyton, Wash., and Helen and Goldie of Reno, Nev., one son; John Jr., stationed at Camp Corcoran, Calif.; three brothers Joseph, Max and Frank, all of Oshkosh; and two sisters, Mrs. William Haidlinger and Mrs. Rose Dichtl both of this city.

The Rev. Hubert Niiles of the Sacred Heart Catholic church officiated at the commitment services this afternoon."

AMBROSE J. FEY

Born: 1883 - Died: December 24, 1945

Liberty County Times

December 27, 1945

**Former Resident  
Here Passes  
At Glasgow**

Ambrose J. Fey, 62, manager of the Glasgow office of the United States employment service, died in a hospital there Monday morning after a week's illness. Rosary will be said in the Holland chapel this evening at 7:30. Funeral services will be conducted at St. Raphael's church Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in the Glasgow cemetery.

Fey had been a Montana resident for more than 30 years. He homesteaded in the Sweet Grass hills north of Chester when he first came to the state. He had been affiliated with the employment service for more than 10 years.

He is survived by his widow and a son, Joseph, an army private.

PAUL FEY

Born: 1863 - Died: August 14, 1945

Liberty County Times

August 16, 1945

**PAUL FEY DROWNED**

Paul Fey, old time resident of the Gold Butte community, was drowned in a reservoir near Gold Butte on Tuesday night of this week. No details of how the fatal accident occurred are available.

Fey was 82 years of age, and had lived in the Gold Butte community for many years. He came to Montana in 1894 from New York. He had a ranch near the Sweet Grass hills for many years, but sold out about six years ago, and since that time had lived in and around Gold Butte. He had made his home with Tony Fey since the death of Mrs. Tony Fey about a year ago.

Funeral services will be held Friday in Shelby.

MRS. ISABEL FLINT

Born: July 3, 1863 - Died: September 20, 1945

Liberty County Times

September 25, 1945

**Former Resident Dies**

Mrs. Iona Shettel recently received a copy of the Whitefish paper which contained an account of the burial in that city of Mrs. Isabel Flint, an old friend and a pioneer resident of this community who will be remembered by many of the older residents. The account of the service follows:

"Funeral services for Isabel Underwood Flint, 82, were held from the Catron chapel at 2:30 Monday afternoon, Sept. 24. Rev. A. F. Nelson, of the Church of the Nazarene officiated and burial was in Whitefish cemetery under direction of the Catron mortuary.

Isabel Underwood Flint was born at Hudson, Wisconsin, July 3rd, 1863 and was united in marriage to Andrew Flint, July 3, 1879, at Hudson. She passed away at Poulsbo, Wash., September 20, 1945, at the age of 82 years, two months and 17 days.

Mrs. Flint was an early pionerr in South Dakota, later moving to Alberta, Canada, and then moving to Montana, where she lived for 32 years. She moved to the state of Washington in 1943, and made her home with her children.

Surviving are three daughters, and five sons. Mrs. Alice Bennett, Mrs. Mabel Clemensen of Olympia, Wash.; Mrs. Ellen Reed, Yakima, Andrew, William and Roy Flint, of Great Falls, and Harry Flint of Poulsbo, Wash., with whom she was staying at the time of her death.

Mrs. Flint had been a charter member of the Nazerene church in Whitefish.

## MRS. EFFIE (REED) FOOTE

Born: March 25, 1854 - Died: July ?, 1945

Liberty County Times

July ?, 1945

### Death Summons Beloved Mont. Pioneer Wed.

Mrs. Effie R. Foote  
Who Came to Alder  
Gulch in '64 Dies

Death summoned Mrs. Effie Reed Foote, 91, beloved Montana pioneer at 10 p. m. Wednesday night in a local hospital. Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but it is believed the body will be taken to Tacoma, Wash., for interment at the side of her daughter, Mrs. Edna Foote Freeman, who passed away in October, 1924.

Left to mourn Mrs. Foote's passing are her daughter, Mrs. Matt Morgan, Havre; seven grandchildren, G. O. Freeman, Sr., S/1c in the navy; Warrant Officer Henry C. Morgan, serving in the navy; S/Sgt. Matt Morgan, Pfc. Leigh Morgan, Mrs. Frank Hurst, Havre; Mrs. A. J. McCarty, Bremerton, Wash., and Miss Dorothy May Morgan, Washington, D. C. A great grandson, George O. Freeman, Jr., S 2/ in the navy. There are seven great grandchildren.

Mrs. Foote had been ill several months, but in spite of her serious condition kept up her reading of magazines and maintained an interest in current events until a few days before her death.

She was born March 25, 1854, at Erie, Pa., and was one of the earliest Montana pioneers coming to Alder Gulch with her parents, George W. Reed and Nancy Crawford Reed in the fall of 1864. From Alder Gulch the Reeds moved to Helena in May, 1865. Mrs. Foote's mother passed away in 1896 and her father died in 1903.

Mrs. Foote was married in Helena, September 22, 1873, to George Binny Foote, also a pioneer of 1864. He passed away October 10, 1908. After her husband's death, Mrs. Foote lived in Butte several years then homesteaded near Chester in 1913. After proving up on her homestead she moved to Chester. She later made her home in Harlem and the past seven years has lived in Havre.

The deceased was an Episcopalian and a former member of the Harlem's Women's club.

## CAROLINE FREEBURG

Born: August 7, 1854 - Died: February 6, 1945

Liberty County Times

February 8, 1945

### Mrs. Freeburg Passes

Mrs. Caroline Freeburg, mother of Fred Daleen, of the community northeast of Chester, died at the Daleen home on Tuesday of this week, February 6th, at the age of 90 years five months and 29 days.

Mrs. Freeburg had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Daleen for several years. Up until recently she had enjoyed good health, and was unusually strong and well considering her advanced age. She had lived with the Daleens since 1917, and had many warm personal friends in the community.

Mrs. Freeburg was born in Vastergotland, Sweden, August 7, 1854, and came to the United States with her parents in 1871. The family settled in Brooklyn, where the daughter married Charles Frederick Daleen on June 10th, 1880. To this union three children were born, two having died in infancy. In 1885 the family moved to Fairfield, Iowa where Mr. Daleen died. Later Mrs. Daleen married Samuel Freeburg, who died in March, 1917. Mrs. Freeburg then came to Montana, and has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daleen since. Surviving relatives are the son, Fred Daleen, and one grandson, Charles LaVerne Daleen, of Crockett, California.

Deceased was a life-long member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Funeral services will be held from the Joplin Lutheran church, but the exact date and time will not be announced until word is received from the grandson in California.

## EDWARD HANSEN

Born: June 7, 1862 - Died: February 20, 1945

Liberty County Times

February 22, 1945

### Edward Hansen Passes

Edward Hanson, 82, Inverness resident since 1926 passed away at his home Tuesday morning of this week.

Hanson was born in Goodhue County, Minnesota, June 7th, 1862 and spent his childhood in that territory. He married Julia Hoff at Ottertail, Minnesota in 1899. To this union were born ten children who with his widow survive him, four of the younger sons are serving in the armed forces and a fifth son is a veteran of the African campaign.

The Hansens came to Inverness in 1926 and have since made their home there and have been engaged in farming and ranching in Hill County.

Mr. Hanson was a member of the Inverness Methodist Church and a stalwart supporter of the finer elements of living. He has constantly been in touch with the progressive elements in his community and has served as a member of organizations for community betterment. His passing, even after a year of inactivity due to illness, comes as a shock to his many friends.

The following of his family survive him:

His widow, of Inverness, Ralph, Joe and Mrs. Anna Smith of Inverness, Mrs. Agnes Larson of Holt, Minnesota, Floyd of Hot Springs, Montana, Mrs. Victoria Bronson of Seattle and Henry, Russel, Lester and Carl in the armed services. All his sons in the service have seen overseas duty.

## CARL JOHN HARRISON

Born: February 11, 1878 - Died: July 9, 1945

Liberty County Times

July 19, 1945

### FORMER ALMA RESIDENT DIED AT GREAT FALLS HOME

Carl John Harrison, pioneer resident of the Alma community, died at his home in Great Falls on Tuesday of last week, July 9th.

Mr. Harrison was born in Winchester, Winnebago county, Wisconsin on February 11, 1878, and died on July 9th, 1945, in Great Falls, Montana. He was preceded in death by a son, Clifford, a daughter, Genevieve, and his wife, Tina Marie.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Phillip Wicklund, of Joplin, and two sons, Morris, of Libby, Montana, and Gerhard, who is now in the armed forces on Luzon and seven grand children. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Thore Brandvold, of Spokane, Washington and a brother, Henry Harrison, of Stockton California.

Mr. Harrison was re-married to Mrs. Elizabeth Beatson in 1938, who also survives him.

Mr. Harrison came to Montana in 1916 and farmed 25 miles north of Joplin until 1924, when he moved to Great Falls, where he made his home until the time of his death.

## HORACE SHERMAN HILL

Born: September 13, 1865 - Died: May 13, 1945

Liberty County Times

May 17, 1945

### H. S. Hill Passes Away

Horace Sherman Hill, a long time resident of Liberty county, passed away at the Chester hospital on Sunday morning, May 13, at the age of 79 years.

Mr. Hill was born September 13, 1865 at Jackson, Ohio, where he spent his early life. He was married at Havre, Montana on June 4, 1912 and in 1914 Mr. and Mrs. Hill came to Chester and took up a homestead, where they have since made their home.

In addition to his widow he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. T. A. Gibson of Kevin and Mrs. Bernice Curfman of Chester. One son, Sherman H. Hill is with the Marines in the Hawaiian Islands. Four grandchildren and two great grandchildren are also left to mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Chester on Wednesday at two o'clock. J. Torrence Harvey officiating.

Music was furnished by: Mrs. Frank Eggers and Mary Plank and Edna Beckman, accompanied by Leonard Plank.

**JOHN WALLACE HUGHES**

**Born: N/A - Died: December 15, 1945**

**Liberty County Times**

**December 26, 1945**

**John Wallace Hughes Killed  
On Transport in Pacific**

Mrs. Jennie Hughes, north of Joplin, received an official government message Tuesday, July 24, that her son, John Wallace Hughes had been killed in action on a transport in the Pacific, December 15, 1944. Further details were lacking.

Young Hughes went into the service from Hill County, his home being just across the line in the Alma community.

## PETER JENSEN

Born: February 17, 1870 - Died: August 31, 1945

Liberty County Times

September 6, 1945

### Peter Jensen Passes

Peter Jensen, pioneer resident of the Joplin community, and father of Walter and Harold Jensen, of Chester, died peacefully at his home on Friday night of last week, at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Jensen had not been in the best of health, but had been around as usual, and on Friday worked at his trade as brickmason. He went to his home early in the evening, and died some time during the night.

Peter Jensen was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on February 17, 1870, and came to the United States 58 years ago. He lived for a time at Alden, Minnesota, where he worked at his trade as a stoneman. He later moved to North Dakota, where he lived with his family for a time, and then came to Montana, arriving in the Joplin community in 1909, where he took up a homestead and followed farming for a number of years. In later years he made his home in Joplin, and worked at his old trade up until the very last.

Pete Jensen, as he was lovingly known by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, was one of the best known men in the entire county. He was a man of sunny disposition and formed and kept many warm friendships during his long residence in the county. He was a skilled craftsman, and assisted in building of many structures throughout this part of the state. His memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

Survivors are three sons, Harold and Walter Jensen, of Chester and Victor Jensen of Pasco, Wash.; four daughters, Mrs. Easton Anderson of Los Angeles, Mrs. Rudolph Reisenauer of Vancouver, Wash., Mrs. George Haney of Butte and Mrs. Allen Schwartz of Gildford; 13 grandchildren and 2 brothers.

WILLIAM F. KALIEBE

Born: 1880 - Died: March 21, 1945

Liberty County Times

March 22, 1945

## Shelby Man Dies In Store in Chester

William F. Kaliebe, 65, a resident of Shelby for a number of years, died suddenly in the Shamey Grocery store in Chester Wednesday morning, from a heart attack.

The stricken man had come to Chester with the wholesale grocery wagon belonging to the Lawrence Casey company of Great Falls and Shelby. Kaliebe was helping the driver, Ronald Bruce, of Conrad, and a shipment of supplies had been unloaded at the Chester Trading company before driving to the Shamey store. Kaliebe rode on the lowered platform of the truck from the Chester Trading company to the Shamey store, and when the truck backed up in front of the latter store, he stepped off and went inside, when he reached the rear of the store he crumpled down, and apparently died immediately.

The body was removed to the sheriff's office, and Sheriff Keith notified Coroner W. H. Burns, of Shelby, who came over at once and took the body back to Shelby.

The Toole county coroner held a preliminary hearing in the sheriff's office about noon, questioning several eye witnesses.

Kaliebe was a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and had a membership card in the U. S. Veterans of Spanish-American war. He had a considerable amount of money on his person, and a bank book showing a balance of between five and six hundred dollars in a Shelby bank. He had been acting as a watchman at the warehouse of the grocery company in Shelby, and up until the time he was stricken was apparently in normal health. He lived alone in Shelby, and nothing was known of his family or relatives. His fishing license showed his age as 65, but it is believed he was considerably older than the age indicated.

## FRANK KEMP

Born: November 22, 1872 - Died: September 3, 1945

Liberty County Times

September 6, 1945

### Frank Kemp Dies

Frank Kemp, well known farmer and resident of the community northeast of Chester for many years, died at his sister's home in Minnesota last week.

Mr. Kemp sold his farm in this county three or four years ago, and since that time has been here only occasionally, spending most of his time with a daughter who lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, and at his sister's home. His health had not been good for some time, and the news of his death was not altogether unexpected.

The following account of Mr. Kemp's passing was published in a Winona paper:

Frank F. Kemp, 72, died at 6:10 p. m. Monday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Otto Volkman, 259 East Sanborn street, following a heart attack and an illness of a few days.

Mr. Kemp was born in Milwaukee, November 22, 1872, son of August and Bertha (Polzin) Kemp. He came to Winona with his parents at the age of 14. He went to Chester, Mont., in 1910 to homestead land. He married Henrietta Rackow. He added to his land holdings and was a prominent rancher at Chester until 1941, when he sold his ranch and purchased forest land at Kalispell. Since that time he has divided his time between his business interests in Montana, his daughter's home in Lincoln, Neb., and his sister's home here.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Ross (Adelaide) Williams, Lincoln, Neb.; two sisters, Mrs. Volkman, Winona, and Mrs. Bertha Poetzl, Joplin, Mont.; two brothers Fred Kemp, Milwaukee, and Albert Kellerman, Waconia, Minn., and one granddaughter Barbara Williams, Lincoln. One daughter, Dorothy, died in 1924. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Joplin.

Christian Science services will be at the Breitlow funeral home at 2 p. m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

**CHARLES LARSON**

**Born: 1860 - Died: October 9, 1945**

**Liberty County Times**

**October 18, 1945**

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**Funeral Services Held in Joplin  
For the Late Charles Larson**

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church in Joplin on Thursday afternoon of last week, October 11, with Rev. Lee, of Hingham, in charge of the service.

Charles Larson had made his home in the Joplin community since 1910, when he came there to homestead. He was 85 years of age at the time of his death. He was never married. In recent years he had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Algot Carlson, where he died on October 9th.

**ANTON MADSON**

**Born: 1869 - Died: September 8, 1945**

**Liberty County Times**

**September 20, 1945**

**Anton Madson, Former Resident  
Of Joplin, Dies in Kalispell**

Anton Madson, pioneer resident of the community north of Joplin, died very suddenly at his home in Kalispell, on Saturday morning, September 8th, according to information received here during the

Mr. Madson homesteaded north of Joplin, and made his home in that community for many years. He was 76 years of age at the time of passing.

Funeral services were held from Bethel Lutheran church in Kalispell, with burial in the Conrad Memorial cemetery at that city.

**ANDREA MARGARET MILLER**

**Born: February 1, 1850 - Died: May 16, 1945**

**Liberty County Times**

**May 17, 1945**

**MRS. ANDREA M. MILLER DIED  
AT HER HOME WEDNESDAY**

Mrs. Andrea Margaret Miller died at the home of her son, Victor Miller 15 miles south of Chester, early Wednesday morning, May 16, at the age of 95.

Mrs. Miller was born February 1, 1850 at Bornholm, Denmark. She was married to Swan Peter Miller in Denmark in 1868 and came to the United States in August, 1894.

Surviving are five sons, Theodor A., of Manitoba; Victor, of Chester; Peter and Lawrence, of Sask. Can.

Two daughters, Lydia of Dillon, and Mrs. Sanne Kallstrom, of Chester. Also left to mourn her passing are seven grand children.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 18. Rev. J. Torrance Harvey officiating at the Chester Methodist church.

MRS. CARRIE MORRISON

Born: N/A - Died: September 11, 1945

Liberty County Times

September 20, 1945

**Mrs. Oliver Morkrid's Mother  
Dies at Her Home in Seattle.**

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Morkrid write from Seattle that Mrs. Morkrid's mother, Mrs. Carrie Morrison, passed away there on Tuesday of last week, September 11th, after a short illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Morkrid left for Seattle the last of August, after receiving word that Mrs. Morrison was entering a hospital in that city for a major operation.

Mrs. Morrison had spent the last two weeks of July here visiting her daughter and son-in-law.

KITTIE MUDGETT

Born: 1872 - Died: July 8, 1945

Liberty County Times

August 16, 1945

**FORMER RESIDENT DIES**

Mrs. Kittie Mudgett passed away at the home of her daughter in Pasco, Wash. on July 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Mudgett homesteaded northeast of Chester in 1910 and made their home here for a number of years. Mr. Mudgett preceeded his wife in death, having passed away several years ago.

Mrs. Mudgett visited in Chester and Hayre last fall and winter, leaving here in April for the home of her daughter in Pasco. She was 73 years old.

## RUSSELL NEWTON

Born: N/A - Died: August 10, 1945

Liberty County Times

September 20, 1945

### **Russell Newton Killed In Action Over Tokyo**

Russell Newton, who was Smith-Hughes instructor in the Chester High School for two years, in 1941 and 1942, was killed in action over Tokyo on August 10th, last, according to information received here this week.

Newton was born and raised in Powder River county, and graduated from the Broadus high school, after which he took a course in the agricultural college at Bozeman, qualifying extension work either as a Smith-Hughes instructor or county agent. He came to the Chester high school to take the position of instructor, succeeding Ted Thorson. He was registered with the local Selective Service, but at the close of the school year in 1942 went to Great Falls and enlisted in the air corps.

While in Chester Newton was not only a popular and efficient teacher, but was well liked and highly respected by all who knew him. He took an active part in civic and social affairs of the community, and during his last year here headed the County-wide Red Cross fund drive. His many friends in this county will learn with sorrow of his tragic sacrifice, almost at the close of the war.

He was a pilot of a torpedo bomber in air group 6 aboard the Carrier Hancock in Admiral Halsey's Third fleet.

## MYRTLE READ

Born: N/A - Died: February 12, 1945

Liberty County Times

February 15, 1945

### Inverness Matron Dies

Mrs. Myrtle Read, wife of Leslie Read of Inverness passed away at their home east of Inverness on Monday evening. Her passing comes as a climax of a lingering illness that has confined her to the house for almost two years.

Funeral services will be held in the Holland and Bonine Funeral parlors at Havre on Thursday afternoon of this week. Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of the Hi-Line Circuit officiating.

Mrs. Read has been extremely active in the affairs of her community and its organization. She has served on the Inverness P. T. A. Council and has been organist at the Inverness Methodist Church for over a decade.

Besides her husband, her immediate family consists of one daughter, Mary Ann, a student in the Inverness High School.

## GEORGE W. ROLPH

Born: November 28, 1881 - Died: July 17, 1945

Liberty County Times

July 19, 1945

### G. W. Rolph Dies After Protracted Illness

George W. Rolph, one of the real pioneer homesteading residents and substantial farmers of Liberty county, died at his home eight miles northeast of Chester this week, July 17th, following a lingering illness with a stomach disorder.

While he had been in ill health for many months, and his condition had gradually grown worse of late, he had been up and around most of the time until two weeks ago. His death was not unexpected.

Mr. Rolph came to the community which is now Liberty County in 1912 and filed on a homestead eight miles northseat of Chester. He established his home on the place the following spring, and has lived continuously there since that time. He was one of the successful farmers of the county, and had a wide circle of friends throughout the county.

George Washington Rolph was born in the town of Utica, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, November 28th, 1881. After reaching maturity he farmed in Wisconsin until 1908, where he lived until 1913, when he moved with his family to Montana. He was married to Iola Chapin in August 2nd, 1915, and to this union one daughter was born. Mrs. Edwin Foster, whose home is also northeast of Chester, near the Rolph home. Mrs. Iola Rolph preceded him in death on September 29, 1937. He later married Naomi Lenz, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on February 20, 1939, at Mason City, Iowa.

Mr. Rolph is survived by his wife, his daughter, four grandchildren, his step-mother, Mrs. E. A. Rolph, one brother, H. E. Rolph, of Joplin, and two sisters, Mrs. James Haigh, of Fargo, N. Dak. and Mrs. Roy Miller, of Joplin, and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon of this week, at two o'clock in the Lutheran Church in Joplin. Burial will be in the cemetery in Havre. Pallbearers will be George Reisinauer, George Isaacs, George H. Gau, Herman Swan, Ernest Minckler and Arvid Sundgren.

## MARGARET ELLEN ROLPH

Born: April 24, 1871 - Died: July 21, 1945

Liberty County Times

July 26, 1945

### Joplin Matron Dies Following Long Illness

Death came as a relief after a long period of illness to Mrs. Margaret Ellen Rolph, mother of Mrs. R. J. Miller, H. E. Rolph and the late George W. Rolph, all of Joplin, on Saturday of last week, July 21st.

Mrs. Rolph died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Miller, in Joplin, at five o'clock Saturday afternoon. She had been seriously ill for a number of years and for nearly four years had been confined to her bed most of the time.

Margaret Ellen Rolph was born April 24th, 1871, at Synco, Wisconsin. She was married to Eugene Rolph at Appleton, Wisconsin, April 20th, 1893. She spent her girlhood and young womanhood in Wisconsin. About 1904 she and her husband moved to Fessenden, North Dakota. In 1918 Mrs. Rolph, with her husband and family, moved, settling on land northwest of Joplin. She has made her home here continuously since that time until her passing last week.

Mrs. Rolph is survived by one son, H. E. Rolph, of the Joplin community; one daughter, Mrs. R. J. Miller, of Joplin; one step-daughter, Mrs. James Haigh, of Fargo, North Dakota, and one brother, Leonard Loflin, of Green Bay, Wis., nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren, besides numerous other relatives and friends. One son, George W. Rolph, who lived for many years in the Joplin community, died just recently.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon from the Lutheran church in Joplin, with Rev. Olaf Anderson, of Havre, in charge of the services. Interment was in the Joplin cemetery. Pallbearers were George H. Gau, Ernest Minckler, George Isaacs, Oscar Anderson, Oscar Hagen, and Leif Amundson.

## CHESTER RUDOLPH

Born: August 16, 1897 - Died: November 29, 1945

Liberty County Times

December 6, 1945

### Chester Rudolph Passes Away At Stryker

Chester Rudolph, 48, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rudolph of Chester, passed away at Stryker, Mont., last Thursday, November 29, after having undergone an operation. Mr. Rudolph was getting along nicely from the operation but had a relapse and died suddenly.

Chester was born at Green Prairie, Minnesota, August 16, 1897, and, after living there and in Canada and several western states, moved to Montana in 1914 with his parents. He was married here to Almira Lehrman on June 3, 1931, and to this union two children were born: Wilma, 13, and Carl 9.

The family resided north of Chester until March, 1944, when they moved to a farm near Stryker. He joined the Christian Alliance church at Fortine in October, 1944, and was an active member until his death.

Besides his widow and two children, Mr. Rudolph is survived by his parents, one sister, Mrs. Fred Maher, and two brothers, Levi and Paul, all of Chester, one sister, Gladys, of Conrad, one brother, Lowell, of Billings and another brother, Ray of Joplin. Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held in Fortine Monday, December 3 at 2 p.m. and burial was in Whitefish cemetery. The Rev. Arvid Erickson officiated.

## LYLE RUDOLPH

Born: October 13, 1913 – Died: February 20, 1945

Liberty County Times

February 22, 1945

# Lyle Rudolph Accidentally Killed at Prescott Ranch

Lyle Rudolph, 31, life long resident of Liberty county, and a valued employee at the Prescott ranch, was killed at the ranch late Tuesday afternoon of this week, when a load of hay overturned, pinning the unfortunate victim underneath, and probably causing death instantly.

Just how or exactly when the accident occurred is not known, and probably never will be. Harold Prescott, manager of the ranch, had come into town earlier in the day, and left instructions for Rudolph to haul a load of hay to one of the sheep camps. There was a bad hill on the route, and Prescott warned Rudolph to be particularly careful at that particular place, and if it looked dangerous to go around it. On returning to the upper ranch home about dark, Prescott found that Rudolph had not returned, and at once set out in search of him. The first place he went was to the hill he had considered dangerous and there found the hay rack, loaded, right side up, about thirty feet from the road. The wagon gears and team were missing, indicating that the load had overturned. He then found a gate in the field that had been completely demolished, and knew then that Rudolph had either gone after the horses, or was under the load. He then went to the Knute Oswood home, near by, and summoned help, and an investigation was made. Rudolph's body was found under the rack, pinned down by the two heavy center beams. It was necessary to construct a temporary tripod and use a pulley to raise the rack and its load, which was quickly done, and the body removed. Death had apparently occurred some time previously, and was undoubtedly instantaneous.

Sheriff Dodds Keith was notified, and he and County Attorney Peter M. Rigg and Clarence Langley went out to the ranch at once, and after ascertaining the facts surrounding the accident, brought the body into town, and it was later taken to Havana.

Final arrangements for funeral services had not yet been completed Thursday morning, pending word from some of the relatives who live at a distance. It is probable the funeral will be held Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church in Chester, with Rev. Gilbertson, of the Lutheran church, in charge of the service.

Lyle Rudolph was a fine young man who spent most of his life in Liberty county. He came here from Canada with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rudolph, when he was only three years old, and spent the rest of his life in the community south of the Sweet Grass Hills north of Chester. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham G. Rudolph, who survive him, and survived, by six brother and sisters, one brother having preceeded him in death.

The unfortunate accident was a shock to the entire community, and the bereaved family have the sincere sympathy and condolence of a large circle of friends.

## LOTTIE SHEPHERD

Born: September 27, 1893 - Died: December 3, 1945

Liberty County Times

December 6, 1945

### Death Summons Mrs. Lottie Shepherd Monday

Mrs. Lottie Shepherd, 52, long-time resident of this community, passed away at a Havre hospital Monday morning after a lingering illness of several years. She came to Chester at the age of two and, in her many years here, was a well-loved friend, neighbor and mother.

Mrs. Shepherd was the daughter of William and Martha Mitchell and was born at Fort Benton, Mont., Sept. 27, 1893. She was married to Glen Shepherd of Chester at the Methodist church here, July 3, 1913, and to this union were born five children: One daughter, Mrs. Robert (Carrie) Bracken of Seaside, Ore., and four sons, Ralph and Harold of Chester, and Pfc. Neil and A-S Leo in the services.

Besides her husband and children, Mrs. Shepherd is survived by her mother, of Monte Bello, Calif., three brothers, Harley Mitchell of Whittier, Calif., Walter of Monte Bello, and Ray of Hope, Alaska. Also, three half-brothers, James Fitzpatrick of Seattle, and William and John Fitzpatrick of Billings.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at two o'clock in the Methodist church here.

The deceased had many friends and her kindness and good nature were known throughout western Hill county and Liberty county.

## ETHEL MAY GRIENER STAUDACHER

Born: October 1, 1894 - Died: July 25, 1945

Liberty County Times

July 26, 1945

### Mrs. John Staudacher Called by Death

Mrs. John M. Staudacher, well known and highly respected matron of Chester and the Lothair communities for many years, died at her home in Chester on Wednesday morning of this week at 9:45 a. m., following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Staudacher had been suffering from a cancerous affliction for many months, and while her death was not unexpected, the passing was a grievous shock to her family, relatives and a host of friends.

She had lived in the Lothair community and in Chester most of her adult life. She came to the Lothair community with her family in 1910, and lived on the place they homesteaded just south of the town-site until her marriage in 1927 to Mr. Staudacher. Previous to her marriage, she graduated from Havre High School, and later worked in the court house in that city for several years, taught school, and also worked for a time in a clerical position in Spokane. She then returned to Chester, where she was a valued employee in different offices in the court house until the time of her marriage.

Ethel May Griener was born October 1st, 1894, at Park River, Walsh County, North Dakota. She was married to John M. Staudacher on November 1st, 1927, and to this union three children were born, Raymond J., 17, Mary Evelyn, 15, and Margaret Ann, who preceded her mother in death in January, 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Staudacher lived on their farm south of Lothair for ten years, moving into town later to give their children the benefit of educational facilities here.

During her long residence in the community Mrs. Staudacher attained a position of highest respect and admiration for her sterling traits of character and lovable disposition, and her passing is mourned by all who knew her. Her memory will be cherished not only by members of the immediate family, but also by her wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

In addition to the immediate father mother, Mrs. Anna Maud Greiner, of Lothair; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Funderhide, of Lothair, and Mrs. Minnie Byrne, of Kevin; one brother, Harry, of Chester, and an uncle, Roy Slater, also of Chester.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning, July 28th, in the Catholic Church in Chester. Interment will be in the family plot in the Chester cemetery beside her daughter, Margaret Ann.

Pallbearers will be George H. Gau, Dodds Keith, Ernest Minckler, Frank Schorer, Harold Jensen, and Lawrence Schaefer.

## ROBERT BRUCE THOMPSON

Born: N/A - Died: March 7, 1945

Liberty County Times

March 8, 1945

### Conrad Publisher Dies

Robert Bruce Thompson, founder and publisher of the Pondera County News at Conrad, died at seven o'clock last night in the Conrad hospital, following an illness of several weeks.

Thompson spent most of his adult life in Montana, first working at his trade as a printer, and in later years publishing and editing his own paper. In the early days he worked for Harry Brooks on the old Chinook Opinion, and when the oil boom struck in Toole county he established a paper at Kevin, which he published for several years. In 1928 he moved his plant from Kevin to Conrad, and established the Pondera County News, which he published with credit to himself and the newspaper fraternity until his death.

Bruce Thompson was a typical pioneer newspaper man of Montana, and for many years was a warm friend of the publisher of the Times, as he was to practically every other newspaper man in the state. His passing will be sincerely mourned not only by his immediate family, but by his wide circle of friends throughout the state, especially in northern Montana.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon of this week in Conrad, and burial will be in the Conrad cemetery.

JOHN E. (Dutch Ed) TROMMER  
Born: April 14, 1859 - Died: March 10, 1945

Liberty County Times

March 15, 1945

### John E. Trommer

Funeral services were held on Wednesday of this week for John E. (Dutch Ed) Trommer, old-time settler of this section of the country. Trommer passed away Friday evening after only a very short illness, although his health has been failing for a number of years.

He was born in Colberg, Germany in April of 1859 and came to the United States as a young man. Shortly after the Northern Pacific started their railway westward. He had been in Montana for 65 years. Among the first jobs he held after leaving the employ of the Northern Pacific was freight-boss on a freighting string from Fort Benton to Fort Browning. Later he married a woman that had come to Montana to teach school. She was employed at the schools in Browning. After their marriage they came to the Lothair district and he settled there to make his home and operate a ranch. At the time the land was opened to home-steading he was operating a successful horse ranch north of Lothair. By squatter rights he obtained a homestead and has remained on it the rest of his life.

The most of his family has been gone from this country for considerable time. It is known that he had five children, 2 boys and 3 girls. One of the boys has been in Panama for a number of years. The whereabouts of the rest is not certain.

Interment was made in the local cemetery following services in the local Methodist Church.