Minnie Seifferman, 1868 - 1903

Mrs. Minnie Seifferman, wife of Jacob Seifferman, one of our most prominent farmers, died at her home west of the city last Saturday. She was sick for about a week, having an attack of what was supposed to be appendicitis. An operation was performed but she was past medical aid. Mrs. Seifferman was about 35 years old, and besides a husband and two children, she leaves one sister, two brothers, and her father. The funeral took place Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev. Baker of Crossville. Interment was in the Ridge cemetery.

Maud[e] Schmittler, Nov. 20, 1873 - ~ Jan. 24, 1903

Mrs. Maud Schmittler, wife of Joseph Schmittler, died at her home in this city early last Saturday morning of consumption, after an illness of several months' duration. She was aged about 29 years, and leaves, besides the husband, four children to mourn her death. The remains were taken to Fairfield, the former home of the deceased, on Sunday, and the funeral services were held Monday, interment being in the cemetery at Fairfield.

Mrs. Schmittler, whose maiden name was Miss Maud Reeves, was born in Wayne county, Nov. 30, 1873. On July 27, 1890, she was married to Mr. Schmittler, and since then they have resided in Grayville the greater part of the time. Mrs. Schmittler was a good wife and mother, and her demise is a severe blow to the husband and motherless little children.

Hubbard Taylor Smith, 1854 - Feb. 10, 1903

The body of the late Hubbard Taylor Smith, vice consul general at Cairo, Egypt, who died at Genoa, Italy, arrived at Vincennes, IN, last Friday over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The casket was overwhelmed with floral offerings, the gifts of friends in Washington. The body was in charge of Cyrus Smith, brother of deceased, who accompanied it from New York. The casket was conveyed to the home of the father of the late consul, Dr. H.M. Smith, by Funeral Director George Gardner. The funeral took place at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. William A. Hunter, D.D. officiating.

J.C. [James] Toops, Jan. 31, 1837 - Mar. 2, 1903

Concerning the death of J.C. Toops, father of A[mos] S. Toops of this city, the Princeton Democrat says:

'The remains of James C. Toops, the father of Mrs. Ben Murphy of this city, were brought here today from Louisville, where the venerable man's death occurred at a hospital in that city at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. He was 67 years of age. The funeral services will take place Wednesday afternoon at the residence of B.F. Murphy in North Prince Street. Rev. Watson, of Paoli, IN, an old ministerial friend of the deceased, will conduct the services. The remains will be interred in the Mapel Hill cemetery.

J.C. Toops was a native of Indiana, having lived the greater part of his life in this state. The last two or three years he has resided in Elizabethtown, KY, where he conducted a wholesale poultry business. He died in Louisville after undergoing a surgical operation. The deceased leaves a wife and seven children as follows: W.F. Toops of Bowling Green, KY, George H. of Mt. Carmel, John F. of this city, Mrs. B.F. Murphy of this city, James F. of Ft. Branch, Amos of

Grayville, Clifford Toops. The deceased was a great grandfather and his death is the first one ever sustained in a large family of grandchildren and great grandchildren.'

James R. Peck, ~1840 - Mar. 29, 1903

James R. Peck, better known as "Doc" Peck, died at his home in North Grayville, Sunday, Mar. 29, of consumption, after a lingering illness. He was an old settler and a veteran of the Civil war. He was aged about 63 years and leaves a wife to mourn his demise. The funeral took place Monday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Finn. Interment was in the city cemetery.

Ed Kershaw, Oct. 8, 1847 - Apr. 3, 1903

Ed Kershaw died at his home in North Grayville on Friday afternoon, Apr. 3rd, of typhoid fever. He was sick for about two weeks. Mr. Kershaw was a native of White county, having been born in Phillips township, about 5 miles south of the city, in 1857. At the age of 14 years, he entered the service of Uncle Sam and served three years in the civil war. Upon his return from the war, he taught school a few terms and later studied law.

When first married, he located in Edwards county and his residence has ever since been in that county. He was married three times. He was aged about 55 years and leaves a wife and five children to mourn his death. He was a member of the Masonic order and the GAR post. The funeral took place from the residence Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev. Weimer of the Christian church. Sheba lodge No. 200, AF & AM, and the GAR post also took part in the services. Interment was in the city cemetery.

Job Johnson, Oct. 20, 1847 - Apr. 22, 1903

Job Johnson, a prominent Edwards county farmer, died at his home, one and one half miles north of this city, on Wednesday, April 22, 1903. He had been sick about 9 days with an attack of la grippe, which, together with an attack of heart disease, caused his death. Mr. Johnson was born in Sussex, England, Oct. 20, 1847 and came to Illinois with his parents in 1850, the family locating in Edwards county.

On Jan. 1, 1871, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Celia Addeline Austin. To them were born seven children, of whom all but one are left with the widow and mother to mourn the death of a good husband and father. The funeral services were held Friday, being conducted by Rev. G.M. Weimer of this city. Interment was in the Johnson cemetery.

W.J. Felter, 1865 - May 6, 1903

W.J. Felter, whom The Mercury reported very low last Wednesday, died shortly after the paper had one to press. He had been sick a few weeks with an attack of typhoid fever. Mr. Felter came here from Cairo last September and was employed by R.H. Eastwood, he being a druggist. He was a pleasant, sociable man, and soon made a host of friends here, who were shocked to learn of his death. He was aged about 38 years and leaves besides his father, some sisters and brothers, a widow, who has the sympathy of the people of the city.

The remains were conveyed to Cairo Thursday afternoon, being accompanied by his relatives and Messrs. Nat March and Will Butler of the Woodmen camp, as he was a member of that order. The funeral took place Friday, interment being in the cemetery at Cairo.

Harry Clyde Rigall, Apr. 29, 1875 - Oct. 28, 1903

Harry Clyde Rigall, son of James and Etta Rigall, was born in Grayville, IL, Apr. 29, 1875, and died at his home, corner of Main and Mill streets, in this city, Oct. 28, 1903, aged 28 years, 5 months, and 29 days. His death was the result of typhoid fever, having lingered on his death bed for 34 days. Through his entire affliction, he was patient and some were caused to remark that they had never seen such patience. Clyde was a successful business man and was kind to all, but was said to be especially devoted to his mother. His two sisters residing in Kahoka, MO, were present during the latter part of his illness to assist in ministering unto his needs.

He leaves a father, mother, two brothers, and two sisters, besides numerous other friends and relatives to mourn his death. Funeral services were conducted from the home Friday at 2 p.m. by C.M. Smithson, minister of the Christian church. Interment in the city cemetery. Those who attended the funeral from a distance were Miss Daisy Chauncey of Olney, IL, Mrs. Jno. Stokes of Sumner, IL, Mrs. H.C. Land and Mrs. Flora Ashcraft of Carmi, IL, and R.H. Stokes and wife of Crossville, IL.

Abel V. Driggers, Mar. 20, 1841 - Dec. 12, 1903

Abel. V. Driggers died very suddenly at the home of his son in this city last Saturday evening. He had been in poor health for some time, but his death came as a surprise. He was said to have had congestion Friday night, but his death is attributed to heart failure. Mr. Driggers was born in Phillips township, Mar. 20, 1841, and was 62 years, 8 months, and 22 days old at the time of his death. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Jane Coogan on Oct. 24, 1867. To this union were born three sons and a daughter. One son died in infancy and Mrs. Driggers and been dead about nine years.

Mr. Driggers enlisted in Co. D. 87th Reg. Inft. Volunteers on Aug. 13, 1862, and served his country nearly three years. He was a worthy member of the local G.A.R. post. Mr. Driggers was a man who had a host of friends and was devoted to his family. He was converted some three years ago and was a member of the M.E. Church. The funeral took place from the M.E. Church Monday; the services being conducted by Rev. Harmon. Interment was in the city cemetery.