**Chester H. Melrose, 1867 - 1950**

Chester H. Melrose, 83, widely-known retired Grayville merchant, died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Maple Grove nursing home annex at Mt. Carmel. He had been in failing health for several years and had been a patient in the nursing home for some time. The body was brought to the Sturm Funeral home here, but funeral arrangements had not been completed yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Melrose is survived by his wife, Hattie; two sons, E.C., of Fairfield, and Robert R., of Tucumacari, NM; a daughter, Mrs. L.D. Webber, of Oklahoma City, OK. He also leaves a brother, Samuel H. Melrose, of Seattle, WA; and seven sisters, Mrs. Alvah Woods, Mrs. Ed Yeakle, both of Grayville; Mrs. U.S. Staley, of Fairfield; Mrs. Tom Barnett, of Bloomington, IN; Mrs. C.E. Weed, of Baraboo, WI; Florence and Mirian Melrose, of Madison, WI.

**John F. Johnson, May 23, 1875 - Dec. 18, 1950**

John F. Johnson, 75, widely-known retired Edwards county farmer, died Saturday morning at his home north of Grayville on Center road. A life-long resident of Edwards county, Mr. Johnson had served two terms as road commissioner in district 8, north of Grayville. He was a member of Center school district board of education for 15 years. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the First Christian church here, with Rev. James O. Trousdale officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery, with the Sturm Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

The son of John Fuller and Mary Elizabeth Johnson, he was born May 23, 1875. He was married to Lelia Hall in 1900, and she preceded him in death in 1933. On Apr. 3, 1935, he was married to Mrs. Hattie Boewe, of Parkersburg, who survives. Mr. Johnson also leaves three daughters, Mrs. Grant Mode, of Grayville, Mrs. Edwin Peters, of Decatur, and Mrs. Elmore Elliott, of Enfield; two sons, Carroll of Flora, Cyril, of Indianapolis, IN; and a step-son, George Ahlfield, of Arlington, VA. Pallbearers were Clarence Proctor, Chester Johnson, Willard Bannon, R.M. Eastwood, Homer Smith, and Joe Buckley.