Ivan D[ee] Hortin, June 5, 1915 - Feb. 28, 1951

A Wabash county coroner's jury ruled last Thursday that Ivan D. Hortin, 35, of near Albion, died "accidentally" in an automobile crash on route 15 west of Mt. Carmel last Wednesday night. The accident occurred about 9:45 p.m., three miles west of the Wabash county seat. Witness said Hortin was alone in his car, headed for Mt. Carmel.

State police said Hortin's car, after leaving the highway, jumped a drainage ditch near Beckerman airport, and overturned in a field. It is believed the victim died instantly. Dr. Ben F. Stein, Wabash county coroner, said death resulted from a broken neck and other injuries. The body was returned to the Nale funeral home at Albion for arrangements. Hortin, who lived with his father, Frank Hortin, south of Albion, was an Edwards county farmer. Besides his father, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Charles Rayl, of Albion, and Mrs. Everett Curtiss, of Browns.

Joseph Schmittler, Mar. 2, 1865 - Mar. 15, 1951

Joseph Schmittler, 86, retired farmer and butcher, died last night at his home west of Grayville. The body was removed to the Sturm Funeral home here, and arrangements were incomplete this morning. The body was to be taken to the family home this afternoon. Mr. Schmittler, who retired from active business life 27 years ago because of ill health, was a member of the Grayville Christian church and the Modern Woodmen lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Vina; six sons, Frank, Harry, Maurice, Edwin, and Lawrence, of Grayville, Kenneth, of Hazel Park, MI; and five daughters, Mrs. Hattie Hodgson, Mrs. Betty McNew, of Grayville, Mrs. Vivian Schonaman, of Browns, Mrs. Ruth Pinkstaff, of West Slaem, Mrs. Anna Hon, of Springerton. He also leaves a brother, John Schmittler; a sister, Mrs. Kate Werzner; a half-sister, Mrs. Rosa Glover, and two half-brothers, Frank of Grayville and Steve of Princeton, IN.

Ed Cox, April 16, 1871 - Mar. 22, 1951

Funeral services for Ed Cox, 79, retired Calvin farmer, who died last Thursday morning, were held Saturday afternoon at Little Wabash church. Elder Elijah Doty conducted the services, and burial was in Oak Grove cemetery here. The Sturm Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

A life-long resident of Phillips township, Mr. Cox died at Fairfield Memorial hospital, where he had been a patient only a few days. He had been in failing health for eight weeks. Born on Apr. 16, 1871, near Calvin, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cox. He was married to Elizabeth Butsch on Aug. 8, 1891, and they would have celebrated their 60th anniversary this summer.

Besides his wife, Mr. Cox leaves a son, Fred L. of near Crossville; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Helck of Grayville; two brothers, Arthur of Nevada and Frank of California; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Rosie Pearson, Oct. 18, 1885 - Mar. 28, 1951

Mrs. Rosie Pearson, 65, wife of James Pearson, of Grayville, died at 9:30 p.m. last night in Welborn Baptist hospital in Evansville, IN. She had been in ill health for several months and

had been hospitalized three times since the first of the year. The body was returned to the Sturm funeral home here, where services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Pearson was a member of Ben Hur Lodge and had belonged to the Church of Christ here for 30 years. Surviving are her husband; four children, Mrs. Florence Ashcraft, and Mrs. Becky McDaniel, both of Grayville; Alva, of Sullivan, IN; and George, of Wichita, KS; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Montgomery, of Detroit, MI, and Mrs. Alta Wuertz, of Overland, MO.

Lucy Tillman, Mar. 15, 1862 - Apr. 1951

Mrs. Lucy Tillman, 89, a resident of Grayville for many years, died Friday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Marie Schroder, in Cincinnati, OH. Mrs. Tillman, who had been making her home with another daughter, Mrs. Wilma Parks, in Harrisburg, was stricken while on a visit to Cincinnati.

A native of Grayville, Mrs. Tillman had been in ill health for the past 10 years. She was born here on Mar. 15, 1862, the daughter of John and Harriet Hassell Hoover. Besides Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Schroder, she leaves another daughter, Mrs. Vernita Taylor, of Cincinnati, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The body was bought to the Sturm Funeral home here, where services were conducted by Elder Oscar Wallace at 2:30 p.m. Monday. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

[Daniel] Lawrence Kuykendall, 1856 - Apr. 17, 1951

Lawrence Kuykendall, 95, widely-known retired farmer, died Tuesday at the home of a son, Gene, near Crossville. Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Carmi funeral home chapel, with Rev. Andrew Rister and Rev. Raymond Richardson officiating. Burial will be in Stokes Chapel cemetery. Mr. Kuykendall, who retired several years ago, had spent most of his life in Phillips township, near Crossville. He leaves, besides his son, his wife, Agnes, and one brother, Charles D., of Grayville.

Laura B. Johnson, Jan. 1, 1863 - July 2, 1951

Funeral services for Mrs. Laura B. Johnson, 88, of Crossville, who died July 2 at Fairfield Memorial hospital, were held last Thursday afternoon at the Sturm Funeral home here. Rev. Raymond Richardson, of Crossville, and Rev. T.A. Shaffer, of Grayville, conducted the services. Graveside rites at Oak Grove cemetery were in charge of the Crossville Royal Neighbor lodge, of which Mrs. Johnson was a charter member.

A resident of Phillips township most of her life, Mrs. Johnson had been in ill health for several months and had entered the hospital three weeks before her death. She is survived by two sons, Paul and Radford, both of Crossville; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Pallbearers for the services were Vincent Kallenbach, Robert Rawlinson, Walter Brown, John Johnson, Theodore Johnson, Radford M. Johnson Jr. Members of the Royal Neighbors lodge served as flower bearers.

Sidney T. Spring, Mar. 15, 1871 - July 4, 1951

Funeral services for S.T. Spring, 80, retired mail carrier, who died last Wednesday, were held Saturday afternoon at the Sturm Funeral home. Rev. George J. Clementson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated at the services, and burial was in Moravian cemetery at West Salem.

A resident of Grayville most of his life, Mr. Spring was a member of the Presbyterian church board. He leaves his wife, Clara; two sisters, Gertrude Baily, of Beeville, TX, and Mrs. Hally Wilson, of Silverlake, KS; a daughter-in-law, and a grandson. Pallbearers for the services were Warren Johnson, Robert Jordan, Edwin Kries, Alvin Groff, Lawrence Eschbach, and Cloyd Gentz.

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Sidney T. Spring, 80, retired mail carrier and grocery clerk, died at 10:45 a.m. yesterday at his home on West North street, following a week's illness. The body was removed to the Sturm Funeral home, where services will be conducted by Rev. George Clementson at 2 p.m. Saturday. BUrial will be in Moravian cemetery at West Salem.

A resident of Grayville most of his life, Mr. Spring was the son of the late Lindsey and Harriet Taylor Spring. He lived in and around this city for 12 years. Mr. Spring was a member of the First Presbyterian church, where he served for many years on the church board, and the Royal Neighbors lodge here. He is survived by his wife, Clara; two sisters, Gertrude Bailey, of Beeville, TX, and Mrs. Hally Wilson, of Silverlake, KS; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Helen Spring, of Detroit, MI, and a grandson. A son, Lindsey, preceded him in death five years ago.

Mary Jennings, Nov. 2, 1866 - July 10, 1951

Mrs. Mary Jennings, 84, widow of E.M. Jennings, who operated a grocery here for many years, died Monday night at the Maple Grove nursing home at Mt. Carmel. In failing health for some time, Mrs. Jennings had been a patient at the nursing home for the past two and a half months. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. yesterday at the Sturm Funeral home with Rev. James O. Trousdale officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Born on Nov. 2, 1866, in Edwards county, Mrs. Jennings was a member of the First Christian church, the Eastern Star and Royal Neighbor lodges. She leaves a son, Charles L. Jennings, of Grayville; one daughter, Mrs. Amy Bostick, of Hermosa Beach, CA; two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Sinn, of Portland, OR, and Mrs. Jessie Oliver of Tampa, FL.

Aaron D. Smith, Jan. 16, 1884 - July 10, 1951

Aaron D. Smith, 76, Grayville carpenter, died early Tuesday at Wabash General hospital in Mt. Carmel, where he was admitted as a patient on July 4. In failing health for several months, Mr. Smith's condition became worse after he learned of the death of a grandson in the Korean campaign earlier this year. Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Antioch church, north of Cowling. Rev. Herschel Hawf, of Grayville, is to officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery, with the Sturm Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

A native of Franklin county, Mr. Smith was born on Jan. 16, 1884. He had been a carpenter here for several years. Surviving are two sons, Virgil and William, both of Grayville; three daughters, Mrs. Goldie Booten, of Grayville, Mrs. Frank Thompson, of Houston, TX, and Mrs. W.E> Baun, of Seattle, WA. He also leaves three brothers, John B. Smith of St. Louis, Theodore and Edward Smith of Benton, and a sister, Mrs. Mandle Farrell, of Galesburg.

Connie Jean Jordan, July 10, 1951 - July 14, 1951

Connie Jean Jordan, four-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Jordan, of Grayville, died Saturday at Gibson General hospital in Princeton, IN. Graveside rites were conducted Sunday afternoon at Oak Grove cemetery here by Eulon Knox, pastor of the Church of Christ. The Sturm Funeral home was in charge of the arrangements. Besides the parents, the child is survived by her grandparents, Mrs. Della Duley, of Mt. Vernon, and Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan, of Grayville.

James Fred Bass, Mar. 5, 1884 - July 22, 1951

James Fred Bass, 67, retired Grayville building contractor, died Sunday at Sun Valley, CA. A resident of Grayville for many years, Mr. Bass and his wife moved to California this summer to make their home with their son, Dwain A. Bass, who is employed at an aircraft factory. Mr. Bass had been in failing health for several months.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Meyer funeral chapel in Van Nuys, CA. Interment was in Valhalla cemetery at Burbank, where his brother, Frank Bass, is buried. Mr. Bass was born on March 5, 1884 in Lawrence County. He was the son of John and Lucinda Bass. During his long residence here, he became widely known as a builder and cabinet maker. Surviving are his wife, Gertrude; one son, Dwayne [sic]; three brothers, William A. of Akron, O, Henry M. of Wabash, IN, and Kent of Crossville; and several nieces and nephews.

Bessie Perryman, Sept. 17, 1902 - July 30, 1951

Mrs. Bessie Perryman, 48, life-long resident of Grayville, died Monday at Barnes hospital in St. Louis, where she had been a patient for the past seven weeks. The body was returned here for services at 2 p.m. yesterday at the Sturm Funeral home. Rev. E.P. Nay, of Mt. Vernon, IN, officiated, and burial was in Oak Grove cemetery. Born on Sept. 17, 1902, in Edwards county, Mrs. Perryman leaves her mother, Mrs. Nora Siegert, and a niece, Wanda Siegert, of Evansville, IN.