Sarah Imogene Robinson, 1914 - 1949

Sarah Imogene Robinson, 34, died suddenly Saturday morning at her home. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Sturm Funeral home, with Rev. Hugh Enicks, pastor of the Free Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery. The daughter of James and Rose Butler, she was a native of Grayville. Surviving are a son, James Edward, of Patton; two brothers, Joe and Harry Butler, of Grayville; a half-brother, Orville, of Gorham; and an aunt, Mrs. John Cross, of Carmi. Pallbearers were Benny Hall, Clyde Wilborn, Paul Wilborn, Clyde Mossberger, A.C. Robinson, and James Mossberger.

Florence May Williams, 1889 - 1949

Mrs. Florence May Williams, 60, died early Wednesday morning at her home here. Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Sturm Funeral home, with Rev. Calvin L. Rigdon, pastor of the Grayville Full Gospel church, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Williams is survived by a daughter, Albert Chism, of Peoria; two sons, Fred L., of Pekin, and Claude V., of Springfield, MO; five sisters, Mrs. Liddie Campbell, Mrs. Lavena Becker and Mrs. Rada Johnson, all of Terre Haute, IN, Mrs. Carrie Headley, of West Salem, and Mrs. Myrtle Cooper, of Grayville; and two grandchildren.

Elizabeth Schiach, - Jan. 1949

Elizabeth Schaich, a resident of Grayville for many years, died last night at the White county nursing home near Carmi. In ill health for several months, Miss Schaich entered the nursing home Monday afternoon. She had made her home here with Ada Fieber. The body was returned to the Sturm Funeral home here, and arrangements were incomplete this morning.

Mrs. [Helen Helm "Ella" *Gray* Boyd], Jan. 9, 1862 - Jan. 7, 1949

Mrs. James S. Boyd Sr., member of the pioneer Grayville family and a sister of John J. Helm, of this city, died last Wednesday night at her home in Carmi. She would have been 87 years old Saturday. Funeral services were held at 2 pm Sunday at the Kittinger Funeral home chapel in Carmi, with Rev. WA Robinson, pastor of the Carmi Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in Maple Ridge cemetery.

A daughter of the late Capt. John H. Helm, who settled in Grayville after a colorful sea career, Mrs. Boyd was the granddaughter of James Gray, one of the founders of Grayville. Born on Jan. 9, 1862, in Tennessee, Mrs. Boyd was married to the late James S. Boyd in 1880. Her husband was a newspaper man in Grayville for many years and later was employed at Carmi. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Martin Ude of Cleveland, O., Mrs. Richard T. Tuck and Mrs. Fred White, both of Carmi, and Mrs. MB Corcoran of Chicago; one son, Lyle of Carmi; two brothers, William Helm of Arcadia, Cal., and John J. Helm of Grayville; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

William Hansbrough, Sept. 22, 1871 - Jan. 9, 1949

William Hansbrough, 77, said to be the first man in White county to own and drive an automobile, died Sunday morning at his home in Enfield. Funeral services were held

yesterday afternoon at the Enfield Presbyterian church, with Rev. Harry Ayken officiating. Burial was in Enfield cemetery.

A native of Poseyville, IN, Mr. Hansborough retired in 1937 as operator and agent for the B. & O. railroad at Enfield. He was said to have owned the first automobile in White county, which he purchased and drove to the St. Louis world's fair in 1904. Mr. Hansborough leaves his wife, Nora; a son, Irl; and a daughter, Mrs. Louise Land, of Cresswell, Oreg. Also surviving are four sisters, Bessie, of Enfield, Mrs. William Connoly, of Hartman, CO, Mrs. John Flatley, of McLeansboro, and Mrs. Bernice Fyie, of Springerton; a brother, John, of San Antonio, TX.

Ida [Adelia] Tait, Dec. 18, 1876 - Jan. 10, 1949

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Tait, 72, former Grayville resident, were held Jan. 15 at Lewiston, MT, where she and her husband, Ralph, had made their home since 1936. Mr. and Mrs. Tait were married here in 1894 and moved to Eugene, OR, in 1912. Later they moved to near old Ft. McGinnis in Montana. Surviving are her husband and four children.

Hattie Barnett, Jan. 19, 1877 - Jan. 30, 1949

Hattie Mae Barnett, 72, of north Grayville, died Sunday at an Olney hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. yesterday at the Sturm Funeral home here, with Rev. Hugh Enicks, pastor of the Free Methodist church, officiating.

Mrs. Barnett, who was born on Jan. 19, 1877, is survived by a sister, Mrs. Pearl Bump, of Cowling.

William Danny [Daniel] Holtzclaw, Mar. 8, 1931 - Feb. 14, 1949

William Danny Holtzclaw, 17, of Carmi, son of Raymond Holtzclaw, of Grayville, died at 9 a.m. Monday in an Evansville, IN, hospital, four hours after he was found unconscious in his automobile with a bullet wound in the head. Coroner Victor G. Conen, of Evansville, ruled that his death was suicide. The youth was found at 4 a.m. Monday in a car parked outside the home of his girl friend, Hazel Robbins, 16, of near Carmi. Miss Robbins, according to White county authorities, said she and Holtzclaw quarreled before he took her home at 1 a.m. He drove away, officers said, and Miss Robbins discovered the car parked in the yard at her home at 4 a.m. The youth was taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Lorena Holtzclaw, near Carmi, and then rushed to Welborn hospital. Sheriff Kenneth Cole said a .22-calibre rifle was found in young Holtzclaw's automobile.

Funeral services have been set for 2 p.m. today at Big Prairie church near Carmi. Rev. L.M Lyerle was to officiate, and burial was to be in the church cemetery. Surviving besides the mother and father are two brothers, Charles, at home, and Glennard, in the army; a sister, Mrs. Gene Higginson, of Crossville; and a grandmother, Mrs. Essie Holtzclaw, of New Haven.

Charles S[heldon] Field, Feb. 1, 1874 - Mar. 4, 1949

Charles S. Field, 75, retired Eudora, Ark., newspaperman and one-time publisher of The Grayville Independent, died March 4 at his home, it has been learned here. Funeral services for Mr. Field, who left Grayville in 1919 to go to Arkansas, were held March 6 at Scott Memorial Methodist church in Eudora. Burial was in Mt. Carmel cemetery there.

Mr. Field, who retired in 1946 after 56 years in the newspaper field, had published papers at Lamont, Ia., Melrose, IL, and Lake Village, Ark., in addition to Grayville and Eudora. His wife, who was associated with him in his newspaper ventures, died shortly after he retired. Surviving are a son, Sheldon E. Field, of Little Rock, Ark.; one brother, R.B. Field, of Leavenworth, Wash., and two grandchildren.

Royal J. Young, Jan. 17, 1908 - Mar. 28, 1949

Royal J. Young, 41, prominent Gray township farmer, died suddenly at his home on College street here Monday morning. Mr. Young, who operated large farming acreages west of this city, had been in ill health for several months, and had returned recently from Mayo clinic in Rochester, MN. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church. Rev. E.P. Nay, pastor of the First Christian church, Rev. T.A. Shaffer, Methodist minister, and Rev. D.F. Marlin, of Princeton, IN, former Baptist pastor here, officiated. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mr. Young, who was born on Jan. 17, 1908, near Grayville, was the son of Jefferson and Cora Frost Young. He was married to Vera Casebier on Aug. 29, 1930. They lived on a farm west of this city until six years ago when they bought a home here. Mr. Young was a member of Sheba Masonic lodge here, Hadi Temple Shrine, and Scottish Rite of Evansville. He was a member of the First Methodist church. Surviving are his wife, Vera; a daughter, Barbara; his father, Jefferson Young, of Grayville; two brothers, Marion, of Albion, and Carroll, of near Carmi; and a sister, Mrs. Daley Griffith, of Carmi. Pallbearers for the funeral were Edward Coad, Chancy Williams, Robert Williams, Othel Goldsmith, Clement Tate, and Vertis Spencer.

Clyde H. Smith, June 26, 1875 - Apr. 4. 1949

Estate of Clyde H. Smith, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons that June 6, 1949, is the claim date in the estate of Clyde H. Smith, Deceased, pending in the County Court of White county, IL, and that claims may be filed against the said estate on or before said date without issuance of summons. – Elva Smith, Administrator. Joseph T. Scott, Atty. Grayville, IL.

John J. Kraft, 1871 - Apr. 14, 1949

John J. Kraft, 77, a resident of Grayville for many years, died this morning at the Mt. Carmel nursing home, where he had been a patient for several weeks. The body was returned to the Sturm Funeral home here, and arrangements were incomplete this morning. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. George Werzner, who lives in the family home on North First street.

John E. Handley, Jan. 20, 1890 - May 29, 1949

John E. Handley, bridge gang foreman for the Illinois Central Railroad, died at 6:15 a.m. Sunday at his home in north Grayville. He was 59 years of age. Mr. Handley, who had made his home here for the last 40 years, had been in ill health for several months and had undergone an operation at Barnes hospital in St. Louis last January. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E.P. Nay at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Christian church. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

The son of the late Thomas and Sarah Ellen Handley, he was born on Jan. 20, 1890, near Ridge church. He came to Grayville with his parents in 1909. For the last 34 years, Mr. Handley had

been employed by the Illinois Central Railroad as a bridge and building carpenter. He has been bridge and gang foreman for seven years.

He was married to Ola M. Cooper on May 22, 1910, and she survives. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Lydia Bellamey, and two sons, Maj. Walter Handley, of Ft. Knox, KY, and Sgt. Kenneth Handley, stationed at Dayton, O. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Tate and Louella Mosbarger, both of Grayville; a brother, Elmer, of Harrisburg; and five grandchildren. Pallbearers for the funeral were Willie Hawkins, L.J. Mosbarger, Charles Watson, Albert Johnson, Donald Gray, and Wright Marshall.

[Nancy E.] Tate, Jan. 2, 1884 - July 1, 1949

Mrs. John T. Tate, 65, life-long resident of White county, died last Friday at her home in Burnt Prairie township, west of Grayville. Rev. Steve Shehorn conducted funeral services Sunday at the Concord General Baptist church. Burial was in Centerville cemetery, of Carmi, in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Tate was born on Jan. 2, 1884, in White county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Penn. She was married to John T. Tate on June 23, 1907 and he survives. She also leaves three children, Clement and Mrs. Cumae D. Burroughs, of Grayville, Carl, of Carmi; a half-sister, Mrs. Baylus Hargrave, of Carmi; one step-brother, Charlie Baird, of Eldorado, and four grandchildren. Mrs. Tate was a member of Concord General Baptist church. Pallbearers for the services were Elvin Hargrave, Chester Hargrave, Lester Hargrave, Durard Detroy, Allison Casebier, and Mervin Burroughs.

Oscar Levi Tice, Nov. 26, 1886 - July 26, 1949

Oscar Levi Tice, 62, of Cowling, died Tuesday afternoon at his home in Cowling. Funeral services were scheduled for 2:30 p.m. today at Antioch Christian church, northeast of Cowling, with Rev. Herschel Mowery and Rev. John Walser officiating. Burial was to be in the church cemetery. Mr. Tice is survived by his wife, Goldie; six sons, Doyle, of Grayville, Elson, Ernest, Franklin, all of Cowling, Roy, of Mt. Carmel, and James, of Keensburg; a brother, John, of Olney; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Davis and Mrs. Laura Ellis.

Bert Fitzgerald, Mar. 1, 1883 - Aug. 30, 1949

Mrs. Bert Fitzgerald, 66, wife of E.E. Fitzgerald, former city police chief and an official at Menard state prison, died suddenly at 5 a.m. Tuesday at her home on route 1 north. Mrs. Fitzgerald had suffered a hemorrhage two weeks ago. She returned home last week after spending a few days in an Olney hospital and was believed to be recovering satisfactorily. Rev. N.D. Motzer, of Christopher, was to conduct the funeral at 2:30 p.m. today in the First Methodist church. Burial was to be in Oak Grove cemetery, with the Sturm Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

A native of Burnt Prairie, Mrs. Fitzgerald lived for a number of years near Phillipstown. She was a member of the Carmi Eastern Star lodge, Mt. Carmel White Shrine, and the Phillipstown Methodist church. The Grayville Eastern Star lodge was to conduct the graveside rites. Surviving are her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Thelma Harrington of Pontiac, Mrs. Hildegarde Hearsum and Mrs. Virginia Bartley, of Grayville; a sister, Mrs. Myrt Helck, of

Grayville; three half-brothers, Ed Cox, of Calvin, Frank Cox, of Los Angeles, CA, and Arthur Cox, of Toonopah, Nev.; and four grandchildren.

Lena Langford, 1874 - Aug. 30, 1949

Mrs. Lena Langford, 76, mother of Mrs. Pearl Hockman, of Grayville, died early Tuesday at the family home in Crossville. She was in ill health for several years. The wife of Dempsey H. Langford, she was a native of Phillipstown, and had spent most of her life in and near Crossville.

Surviving besides Mrs. Hockman are the husband; five other children, Harvey, of New Albany, IN, Mrs. Nell Ramming, of Carmi, Mrs. Marie Thomas, of Evansville, IN, Mrs. Bell Hughes and Hazel Langford, of Crossville; two sister, Mrs. Lillian Oglesby, of Crossville, and Mrs. Queen Caplinger, of New Harmony, IN; 15 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Joseph S. "Jodey" Coles, Feb. 7, 1866 - Oct. 19, 1949

Joseph S. (Jodey) Coles, 84, a native of Grayville, died early last Wednesday at St. Mary's hospital in Evansville, IN. Funeral services were held last Thursday, with burial in Oak Grove cemetery here. Mr. Coles was born on Feb. 7, 1866, near Grayville. He was the son of Henry and Rebecca Coles.

Surviving are a son, Murrel of Houston, TX; daughters, Lena Lewis of New Albany, IN, and Jessie Rollins of Louisville, KY; a sister, Mrs. Mattie Porter of Lawrenceville; and several grandchildren. Those from out-of-town who attended the services were: Mrs. Essie Campbell of Lare Leandro, CA, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Riesing and family of Evansville, IN, Mrs. Annie Buchanan and son, Clarence, of Lawrenceville, Norma Jean Rollins of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thrash of Evansville.

William Elvis Belk, 1887 - Oct. 25, 1949

William Elvis Belk, 60, Grayville real estate dealer, died at 2 a.m. Tuesday at his home. He had been seriously ill at his home for more than a week since suffering a heart attack.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today at the Sturm Funeral Home here, with Rev. E.P. Nay of Mt. Vernon, IN, former First Christian church pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in Oak Grove cemetery. Mr. Belk is survived by his wife; one son, Edward of Chicago; and two grandchildren.

Nellie Groff, Dec. 20, 1859 - Oct. 25, 1949

Mrs. Nellie Groff, 89, of Grayville, died Monday night at the White county nursing home where she had been a patient for several months. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Sturm Funeral home here. Rev. T. A. Shaffer, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated, and burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

A native of Edwards county, Mrs. Groff was born on Dec. 20, 1859. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lee McKnight, of Crossville; a son, Charles, of Albion, and five grandchildren. She was the widow of the late Fred Groff Sr. Pallbearers for the service were William Millar, Frank Millar, Kenneth Groff, Dan Groff, Alvin Groff, Fred Groff.

Dick Frizzell, 1870 - Oct. 26, 1949

Dick Frizzell, 79, retired Grayville businessman, died late yesterday at the White county nursing home near Carmi. He had been a patient there for several months. The body was brought to the Sturm Funeral home here, where services will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery. Mr. Frizzell operated a billiard parlor here for a number of years and was widely known in this area.

Daniel B. Hill, Oct. 1, 1889 - Nov. 14, 1949

Graveside rites for Daniel B. Hill, former Grayville man, who died at Indianapolis, IN, were to be held at Oak Grove cemetery here this afternoon. Rev. D.F. Marlin, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist church, was to officiate at the services. The body was brought here Wednesday afternoon following services in Indianapolis. Mr. Hill, who formerly lived on a farm west of Grayville, is survived by his wife, Ethel L. Hill, and six children, Mary Martha, James Eldon, George Jefferson, Morris Jack, Johnny and Helen.

A.L. "Shorty" Casebier, Nov. 6, 1906 - Nov. 20, 1949

A.L. (Shorty) Casebier, 43, Carmi mechanic and a former Centerville man, died suddenly of a heart attack while sitting in his automobile Sunday afternoon at Fairfield. A Wayne county coroner's jury ruled that a heart attack caused the death at an inquest held Monday in Fairfield funeral home. Mr. Casebier, it was reported, had gone to Fairfield Sunday afternoon to get a nurse, Mrs. Este Johnson, who was to help care for Mrs. Casebier's mother, Mrs. Mary Haefele, at their home in Carmi. He was waiting in the car while Mrs. Johnson prepared to leave, and she found his body.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Burnt Prairie Presbyterian church, with Rev. John Maulding officiating. Burial was to be at the Burnt Prairie cemetery. Born on Nov. 6, 1906, he attended rural schools near Centerville. He was married to the former Mary Haefele, of Burnt Prairie, on Jan. 26, 1933. Mrs. Casebier, who is deputy White county treasurer, survives.

Mrs. Casebier also leaves four sisters, Mrs. Elmer Reed of Fairfield, Mrs. Elmer Wallace of Carbondale, Mrs. Alfred Duckworth of Anderson, IN, and Mrs. John Rockett of Burnt Prairie; two brothers, Case of Anderson and Chester of Rantoul. Mr. Casebier was a member of the Masonic lodge and the Royal Arch Masons at Carmi.

Grover Bosecker, Oct. 25, 1884 - Dec. 9, 1949

Grover E. Bosecker, 65, a former Grayville resident, died recently at his home in Murrayville, where he had lived for the last 32 years. Mr. Bosecker, a retired Alton railroad brakeman, had been in ill health for several months. He was born on Oct. 25, 1884, here, the son of Henry and Minnie Bosecker. He was married to Doris Seymour, who survives.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Bosecker leaves seven children, Harold and Wayne of Peoria, Mrs. Lucille Wildrick of Carthage, Mrs. Hazel Sexton and Mrs. Annabel Lonergan of Jacksonville, Mrs. Helen Sooy and Mrs. Bernice Coumbes of Murrayville; 14 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a brother, Winfield, of Mt. Carmel.

Eva S. Curtis, May 28, 1862 - Dec. 14, 1949

Mrs. Eva Curtis, 87, widow of John Curtis, died Saturday night at her home in Browns Chapel community, northwest of Grayville. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Ridge church, with Rev. T.A. Shaffer, pastor of the First Methodist church here, officiating. Burail was in Ridge cemetery.

Mrs. Curtis was born on May 28, 1862, at Flora, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jennings. When she was a youngster, her parents moved to Grayville, and she spent the remainder of her life in and near here. She was married to John Curtis, who preceded her in death, on Sept. 12, 1894. She was a member of Browns Chapel Methodist church for 55 years. Surviving are a son, B.H. Curtis, and a daughter, Mrs. Harry Tinckham, along with six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Edward [Lawrence] Bowman, Oct. 18, 1917 - Dec. 15, 1949

Edward I. Bowman, 32, Farmersburg, IN, a tool pusher for the Gilliam Drilling company, was killed last Thursday night when his automobile overturned in a ditch north of Mt. Carmel after colliding with another car. Police said his automobile went out of control after side-swiping a machine occupied by three Allendale women. The women were unhurt.

A verdict of accidental death was returned Friday at an inquest conducted by Wabash county Coroner Ben F. Stein. The body of Bowman, who formerly lived in Albion, was taken to Effingham for funeral services.

Daniel V. Elkins, May 5, 1865 - Dec. 15, 1949

Funeral services for Daniel V. Elkins, 84, of Keensburg, who died last Thursday, were held Sunday afternoon at Antioch church, in southern Wabash county. Rev. H.H. Williams, assisted by Rev. Herschel Mowery, conducted the funeral. Burial was in Highland Memorial cemetery at Mt. Carmel.

A native of Gibson county, IN, Mr. Elkins had lived in Keensburg, where he was engaged in farming, for the last 57 years. He was a member of Antioch Christian church and the Modern Woodmen of America. Surviving are his wife, Lelia; one son, Dr. Harold A. Elkins of Mt. Carmel; and three grandchildren.

William L. Questell, ~1866 - Dec. 17, 1949

William L. Questell, 83, Herald Prairie township farmer, died Saturday night at his home near Herald. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M.E. Morse and Rev. Don Baker Tuesday afternoon at Union Ridge church. Burial was in Union Ridge cemetery.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Questell had lived in Herald Prairie township since he was two years old. He was an elder in Union Ridge Presbyterian church, and had been a member for many years. Surviving are his wife, Flora; two sons, Elmer, of Carmi, and Henry, of Herald; two daughters, Mrs. Lee Edwards, of Herald, and Mrs. Roy R. Bryant, of Carbondale; one grandson and one great-grandson.

Henry J. Garner, July 15, 1872 - Dec. 18, 1949

Henry J. Garner, 77, widely-known White county farmer, died Sunday afternoon at his home in Garnerville after a year's illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the family home, with burial in Kuykendall cemetery.

Mr. Garner, a life-long resident of White county, owned extensive holdings in White and Saline counties. He was long active in agricultural circles, and was a member of the Christian church. He was born on July 15, 1872. He was married to Stella M. Ridens, and she preceded him in death two years ago. Surviving are two sons, Charles and Henry, Jr.; a daughter, Viola Garner, all living near here, and two nephews and a niece.