Henry W. Reynolds, 1873 - 1954

Henry W. Reynolds, 80, of Grayville, died at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Wabash General hospital in Mt. Carmel. A retired farmer, Mr. Reynolds entered the hospital Sunday. He was one of Jehovah's Witnesses. The body is to lie in state a t the home of a son, Alva Reynolds, on S. Water street, until services at 2 p.m. Friday at the Sturm Funeral home. Burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery. Mr. Reynolds leaves a daughter, Mrs. Ida Mae Houchin, of Evansville, IN; three sons, Alva and Chris, of Grayville, and Bill, of Rockford.

Effie Locke, 1882 - 1954

Mrs. Effie Locke, Mt. Carmel, a former Grayville resident and sister of Charles Keeling, of this city, died there Monday. Funeral services were scheduled for Thursday at a Mt. Carmel chapel, with graveside rites at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove cemetery here. Mrs. Locke is survived by three daughters, three sons, and two sisters, Mrs. Ann Moore and Mrs. Lucy Crooks, both of Mt. Carmel.

Myrtle B. Stein, Jan. 2, 1888 - 1954

Mrs. Myrtle B. Stein, 66, wife of Charles I. Stein, living a mile and a half north of Crossville, died at 11 p.m. Monday at Carmi township hospital. Mrs. Stein had been a patient in the Carmi hospital since Feb. 1.

Mrs. Stein was born on Jan. 2, 1888, at Calvin, and has been a life-long resident of White county. Surviving are her husband; one sister, Mrs. C.E. McCaleb, of St. Louis; a brother, Morris Boultinghouse, of Miami, FL; and two nieces. Rev. J.H. Boelens conducted funeral services at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Sturm Funeral home here. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Robert W. Graham, Dec. 3, 1932 - Jan. 4, 1954

Robert W. Graham, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Graham, living west of Grayville, died at 5 p.m. Monday at Fairfield Memorial hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Grayville First Methodist church, with Rev. Donald Watson and Rev. James Owens officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery, with the Sturm Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Graham, who has been in ill health for several months, is survived by his parents, two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Brown and Mrs. Gayle Hortin, all of Grayville, one niece and a nephew. Pallbearers for the services were Donald Graham, Dallas Graham, Bobby Graham, Dean Hortin, Dean Baker, and Tommy Perkins.

Anna *Jennings* Watkins, - Jan. 4, 1954

Mrs. C.J. Watkins, of Denver, CO, the former Anna Jennings, of Grayville, died Jan. 4 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R.B. Quick, it has been learned here. She had been in ill health for some time. Funeral services and burial were conducted in Denver. Mrs. Watkins leaves her husband; two daughters, Dorothy Watkins and Mrs. Quick, all of Denver; two sisters, Mrs. Lois Donaldson, of Grayville, and Mrs. Irene Batson, of Palestine, along with nieces and nephews.

[Vicki L.] Mosbarger, Jan. 6, 1954

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mosbarger, of Grayville, was born dead at 6:18 a.m. Wednesday at Carmi township hospital. Surviving are the parents; two brothers, Jerry Allen and Merrill Ray; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel E. Mosbarger, of Grayville, and Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Bulkley, of Evansville, IN. Graveside services were conducted at 10 a.m. at Oak Grove cemetery by Rev. Dwight Hazlett.

Edward Hoover, Apr. 23, 1879 - Jan. 12, 1954

Edward Hoover, 74, retired Edwards county farmer, died at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday at his home, five miles west of Grayville. Funeral services were scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today at Mt. Zion church, with Elder Elijah Doty officiating. Burial was to be in the church cemetery, with the Sturm Funeral home in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hoover is survived by his wife, Gladys; one daughter, MRs. Albert Daniels, of Grayville; and a granddaughter.

Edmond Bowers, Nov. 5, 1874 - Jan. 17, 1954

Edmond Bowers, 79, of Grayville, died at 8 am Sunday at the White county nursing home at Carmi. Funeral services for Mr. Bowers, a retired teamster, were held at 2 pm Tuesday at the Sturm Funeral home, with Bro. Willie Cravens and Bro. Arthur Hanson officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mr Bowers, who was born on Nov. 5, 1874, in Kentucky, had lived in Grayville for many years. He was a member of the First Baptist church. Surviving are his wife, Mrinda [sic]; two sons, Clarence and Robert, both of Kankakee; two daughters, Mrs. Edna Schlomer of Vincennes, IN, and Mrs. Alice Fetgattor of Grayville; eight step-children, Leslie, Edgar, and Isaac Nesler, and Mrs. Lela Cochran of Grayville, Beulah Sumner of Marsha, MO, Zella Riley and Mary Mayhall of Farmington, NM, and Neoman Warren of St. Louis.

Nannie [Nancy Ann] Morris, Nov. 8, 1870 - Jan. 19, 1954

Mrs. Nannie Morris, 83, mother of D.M Morris, Grayville cable tool firm operator, died Tuesday at Richland Memorial hospital in Olney. Mrs. Morris had made her home in recent years with her sons, H.L. Morris, of Olney, and D.M. Morris, and family, of Grayville.

Funeral services were scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at the Sturm Funeral home here, with Rev. Marvin Doolin, of Olney, officiating. The body was to be taken to Rogersville, MO, for services at 2 p.m. Friday and burial. Surviving are the two sons; four brothers, Charles and Robert Shipman, of Hallett, OK, Noah Shipman, of Rogersville, and Clarence Shipman, of Springfield, MO; 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Floyd E. Wilson, Mar. 14, 1892 - Jan. 21, 1954

Floyd E. Wilson, 41, Phillips township farmer, was found dead in his bed at 5:30 a.m. last Thursday at his home west of Crossville. Under a doctor's care for several weeks, his condition had not been considered serious. A native of Beardstown, Mr. Wilson was reared at the Baptist Children's home near Carmi. He had lived near Crossville for the past five years.

Surviving are his wife, Cora; a son, Dwight Eugene; one daughter, Delores Jean; a brother, Glenn Wilson, of Leyard, IA, and two sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Trone and Mrs. Melvin Hamilton, both of Beardstown.

Rosa Glover, Sept. 6, 1887 - Jan. 25, 1954

Rosa Glover, 66, wife of John Glover, of Grayville, died at 12:05 p.m. Saturday at Wabash General hospital in Mt. Carmel, where she had been a patient since last Thursday afternoon. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Sturm Funeral home here, with Rev. Earl Lytle officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Born on Sept. 6, 1887, in White county, Mrs. Glover was a member of Ridge church, west of Grayville, and Ridge Ladies' fellowship. Besides her husband, Mrs. Glover leaves two brothers, Frank Schmittler of Grayville and Steve Schmittler of Princeton, IN; two half-sisters, Mrs. Kate Werzner of Grayville and Mrs. Della Ayers of Francisco, IN. Pallbearers for the services were Arthur Werzner, Lawrence Schmittler, Maurice Schmittler, Leo Glover, Bill Irvine, and Ivan Schmittler.

Mary O. Chism, April 1, 1879 - Feb. 3, 1954

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary O. Chism, 74, wife of Clyde Chism, of Grayville, were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian church. Rev. J.H. Boelens officiated at the services and burial was in Oak Grove cemetery. Mrs. Chism died last Wednesday at her home on North First street.

Born on April 1, 1879, near Grayville, Mrs. Chism was the daughter of Thomas and Martha Coad Fearn. She was married to Clyde Chism in 1908, and they made their home in Albion for several years before moving to Grayville. Until her marriage, she was a member of the Ridge church, west of Grayville. She and her husband later joined the First Presbyterian church at Albion.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Chism leaves a son, Albert, of Pekin; a brother, P.A. Fearn, and a sister, Minnie Fearn, both of Grayville. Pallbearers for the services were Harrison Curtis, Mark Coad, Frank Stanhope, Ben Millar, Herman Robinson, and O.E. Robinson.

Russell Leroy Cox, Feb. 1 - Feb. 5, 1954

Russell Leroy Cox, 5-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cox, of Grayville, died Feb. 5 at a premature baby center at Christian Welfare hospital in East St. Louis. The child was the 14th born to Mrs. Cox, who is 40 years of age.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Sturm Funeral home, with Rev. Carl H. Stone officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery. Besides the parents, the child leaves five sisters and four brothers.

David Smith, 1864 - April 1954

David Smith, 89, Albion, father of Vanell Smith, of Grayville, died Sunday at Fairfield Memorial hospital, where he had been a patient since the preceding Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Nale chapel in Albion, with Rev. J. Mitchell Hoye officiating. Burial was in Graceland cemetery at Albion.

A life-long resident of Albion and Edwards county, Mr. Smith retired in 1938 after spending a number of years as a retail clerk for Albion firms. Surviving are his wife, Minnie; another son, Lynden, of Albion; a brother, Dan, a patient at the Grayville Nursing home; one sister, Mrs. Olive Watkins, of Princeton, IN, and one grandson.

Herschel E. Deffendall, Nov. 2, 1883 - Apr. 5, 1954

Herschel E. Deffendall, 70, retired Mt. Carmel barber and father of Cecil Deffendall of Grayville, died Saturday at his home in Mt. Carmel. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at a Mt. Carmel chapel, with Rev. J.C. Greer officiating. Burial was in Highland Memorial cemetery.

Mr. Deffendall was a Mt. Carmel barber for 43 years. A native of Marion, IN, he hadlived in Mt. Carmel for 44 years. Surviving, besides the son here, are his wife, Elsie; four other children, Mrs. Frances Pop, Mrs. Lois Adams, and Gilbert Deffendall, all of Mt. Carmel, Mrs. Margaret Wiseheart, of Chicago; three brothers and a sister.

Hetty A. Butler, - April 11, 1954

Hetty A. Butler, 77, a retired federal civil service worker, died Sunday afternoon at her home on E. South street, following a heart attack. Miss Butler, who taught school here a number of years ago, made her home with a sister, Mrs. Emily Smith. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jack Boelens, First Presbyterian church pastor, at 2 pm Tuesday at the Sturm Funeral home chapel. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Miss Butler taught school here prior to entering government service during World War I. She later was employed by the veterans administration at Dallas, TX, for several years, and was an active member of the First Presbyterian church. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. SMith, Mrs. Edna Johnson of Grayville, and Mrs. Ella Judge of Albion.

Eva L[eota] Morrison, Dec. 8, 1872 - May 7, 1954

Mrs. Eva L. Morrison, 81, Burnt Prairie, widow of James R. Morrison and a former Grayville resident, died Friday at Fairfield Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Frank Sanders and Rev. Lloyd Blades at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Burnt Prairie Cumberland Presbyterian church. Burial was in Burnt Prairie cemetery.

Born on Dec. 8, 1872, at Odin, Mrs. Morrison was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James R. Ennis. She spent her childhood at Grayville, and later moved to Burnt Prairie with her parents. In 1889, she was married to James R. Morrison, and he preceded her in death. She was a member of the Burnt Prairie C.P. church and a charter member of the Burnt Prairie chapter, 500, Order of Eastern Star. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Veda Wright, of Burnt Prairie, Mrs. Katheryn Dieckman, of Chicago; a foster daughter, Mrs. Letha Coale, of Burnt Prairie, and four grandchildren.

Edward S. Henry, Oct. 27, 1876 - May 21, 1954

Edward S. Henry, 77, of Calvin, died at 9 p.m. Friday at Carmi township hospital following a two-year illness. Mr. Henry, a retired farmer, spent most of his life in the Calvin area. He was born on Oct. 27, 1876, at Batesville, IN, the son of the late Jacob and Lena Million Henry.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Sturm Funeral home here, with Rev. Ralph Gill officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery. Pallbearers for the services were James Byford, Vertis Ackerman, Joe Bond, Howard Ely, Frank Bisch, and Floyd Owens.

Eunice *Davis* Woodard, Nov. 28, 1875 - June 19, 1954

Mrs. Eunice Davis Woodard, 78, a member of a pioneer Grayville family, died Saturday at Wabash General hospital in Mt. Carmel. She was the widow of the late Dr. D.T. Woodard, Grayville dentist for a number of years, a former Democratic state senator, and prominent Gray township farmer. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Methodist church here, with Rev. James Owens officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery, with the Sturm Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Woodard, who had been in ill health for several months, was taken to the hospital last Wednesday, following a stroke. Born on Nov. 28, 1875, Mrs. Woodard was the daughter of the late W.W. and Alice Kershaw Davis. She was the great granddaughter of Richard Davis, who came to this area from Virginia in 1808. She was a member of the Eastern Star and Rebekah lodges, the Grayville Woman's club and the First Methodist church. Surviving are a son, W.C. Woodard, of Grayville; three daughters, Mrs. E.J. Briswalter, of Columbus, NE, Mrs. R.M. Robinson, of Tuscon, AZ, Mrs. Ray Koehler, of Grayville; 10 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Artie Missie Parks, Feb. 21, 1863 - June 21, 1954

Mrs. Artiemissie [sic] Parks, 91, of St. Louis, a former Grayville resident, died June 21 at St. Louis, it has been learned here. Funeral services were held June 23 at a St. Louis chapel, with burial in Sunset Burial park. Mrs. Parks leaves her husband, Charles Parks, a former Smith Produce company employee here; a daughter, Mrs. Maude Gast; three sons, Claude, Clayton, and Hubert Parks.

[Charles] Chester Proctor, Dec. 18, 1901 - July 6, 1954

Chester Proctor, 52, widely known south Edwards county farmer, died at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at his home north of Grayville. Mr. Proctor died a few minutes after he was stricken by a heart attack. Although he had been in ill health for about two years, he had driven to Grayville and back with his wife a short time before his death. The body was to lie in state at the Sturm Funeral home here until funeral services at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist church. Rev. Ralph Gill and Rev. Carl H. Stone were to officiate. Burial was to be in Oak Grove cemetery.

A member of a pioneer tri-county family, Mr. Proctor had farmed on the family's extensive land holdings for several years. He was a member of the First Baptist church of Grayville. Surviving are his wife, Marie; two daughters, Mrs. Joyce Cagle, of Rockford, and Sarah Louise, at home; two sons, Billy Wayne and Kenneth Ray, of Grayville; two sisters, Mrs. Louis Cowling, of Albion, and Mrs. John Tipton, of Mt. Carmel, and a brother, Allen, of Ellery.

John A. Scamahorn, Apr. 20, 1868 - Sept. 26, 1954

John A. Scamahorn, 86, a former resident of Grayville and Maunie, died Sunday morning at his home in Chaffee, MO. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Thebes Methodist church, with burial in a cemetery at that city. Mr. Scamahorn, who spent most of his life near Maunie, leaves six daughters, Mrs. Ola Nibbling, of Akron, OH, Mrs. Eunice Grosclose, of Chaffee, Mrs. Vashti Saltzman, of Mt. Vernon, IN, Mrs. Mary Kinsall, Illmo, MO, Mrs. Juanita Woods, of Crossville, and Mrs. Jim Foster, of Grayville; two sons, John W., of Maunie, and William, of Crossville. He also leaves 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Tommy [Tommie] Ann Johnson, Apr. 25, 1869 - Oct. 2, 1954

Mrs. Tommy Ann Johnson, 85, of Grayville, died Saturday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Mary Hildebrand, in Rantoul. Mrs. Johnson, widow of the late Jasper Johnson, of Grayville, was visiting her daughter when she died. The body was returned here for services at 2 p.m. Monday at the Sturm Funeral home, with Rev. James W. Owens officiating. Burial was in Ridge cemetery.

A native of Grayville, Mrs. Johnson was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Lindsey Thrash. She was a member of the First Methodist church. Surviving are the daughter, Mrs. Hildebrand; a son, John Thomas Johnson, of Evansville, IN; one sister, Mrs. John Nash, of Antigo, WI; and a granddaughter. Pallbearers for the services were Fred Ward, Charles Kuykendall, Floyd Thrash, Orville Robinson, Charles Nickolaus, and Royal Hoerner.

Aaron D. Ridens, Mar. 6, 1884 - Oct. 10, 1954

Aaron D. Ridens, 70, of 418 N. Main street, died Sunday at Carmi township hospital, where he was a patient for about three weeks. He was a retired farmer. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Carmi Funeral home chapel, with Rev. Andrew Rister, of Crossville, officiating. Burial was in New Harmond, IN, cemetery.

Mr. Ridens was born on Mar. 6, 1884, in White county, the son of James and Hannah Colvin Ridens. He was married to Pauline Manis, who survives. Mr. Ridens also leaves six children, Charles, of Crossville, Louie and Darrell, of Astec, NM, Dale, of Alameda, CA, Mrs. Viola Allen, of Carmi, and Mrs. Anita Tobak, of Fall River, MA; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Estes, of Eldorado, Mrs. Nora Golay, of Marlow, OK, and 10 grandchildren.

Eliza Wheatcroft, Apr. 13, 1866 - Nov. 1954

Eliza Wheatcroft, 88, of 205 W. Mill St., died at 3 a.m. Tuesday at her home, following a two-year illness. Funeral services were to be conducted by Rev. Charles Zapp, of Evansville, IN, and Rev. Dwight Hazlett at 2 p.m. Thursday at the family residence. Burial was to be in Oak Grove cemetery, with the Sturm Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Miss Wheatcroft, a life-long resident of Grayville, was born on Apr. 13, 1866, here. She was the daughter of the late William G. and Mary Miller Wheatcroft. Surviving are a niece, Mrs. Raymond Douglas, of Evansville, In; two nephews, William E. Wheatcroft, of Cowling, and Harry G. Wheatcroft, of Grayville; a great-niece, Barbara Smith, who made her home with Miss Wheatcroft.

Lillian Clodfelter, Jan. 15, 1868 - Nov. 5, 1954

Mrs. Lillian Clodfelter, 86, former Olney resident, died at 7:45 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A.K. Ratcliffe, 502 W North Street. The widow of Levi Clodfelter, an Olney attorney, Mrs. Clodfelter had made her home here with her daughter for 24 years. She had been ill two weeks.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Sturm Funeral home here, with Rev. George Clementson officiating. Burial was in Haven Hill cemetery at Olney. Mrs. Clodfelter leaves another daughter, Mrs. Karl A. Gaffner, of Olney; one brother, James Harvey, of Naylor, MO; a half-brother, Merrill Daubs, of Calhoun; two half-sisters, Mrs. Ethel Hayes of Calhoun and Mrs. Bertha Sams of CHampaign; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church here.

Mary Conour, 1893 - Nov. 8, 1954

Mrs. Mary Conour, Olney, a former Grayville resident, died Monday afternoon in Richland Memorial hospital at Olney. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Olney, with Rev. Lawrence Schmittler, of Cynthiana, IN, officiating.

Mrs. Conour was formerly Mary Ramsey, of Grayville, and was a sister of Ben, Norman, and Joe Ramsey, all of this city. In addition to the three brothers, Mrs. Conour leaves a daughter, Mrs. Helen Houser, of Marfield; two sons, Marshall of Marshal and Robert of Sterling, CO; 11 grandchildren.

Mrs. John [Sarah Malvina “Mall”]Fertman, 1868 - Nov. 28, 1954

Mrs. John Fertman, 86, a former Grayville resident, died at 7 p.m. Sunday at San Francisco, CA, it has been learned by relatives here. She had been in ill health for several weeks. Surviving are a daughter, Birdie Lee Ferman, of San Francisco; a sister, Mrs. Ida Noel, of Selina, CA, and a brother, D.F. Frost, of Grayville. Mrs. Fertman left Grayville in 1917 to move to California. Funeral services and burial were in California.