Vonda McCoy, ~1926 - 1952

Mrs. Vonda McCoy, 28, stricken 15 months ago by cancer, died at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at her home here. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R.W. Yow and Rev. Carl Stone at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Sturm funeral home. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mrs. McCoy leaves her husband, Claude; three daughters, Claudette, Rosemary, and Nancy, all at home; two brothers, Franklin Broster, of Carmi, and Cyril, of Grayville; three sisters, Mrs. Earl Schmittler, of Grayville, Mrs. Gene Jordan, of Carmi, and Mrs. Clifford Young, of Augusta, GA.

Henry Simmons, Mar. 28, 1887 - 1952

Henry Simmons, 69, of Grayville, died Wednesday morning at Fairfield Memorial hospital, where he had been a patient for a few hours. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Sturm Funeral home, with Rev. Lyle S. Bundy, of the Free Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery here.

Mr. Simmons leaves eight children, Mrs. Sherman Russell, Mrs. Onie Cowles, John Simmons, Blanche Simmons, all of Grayville, Mrs. Maudie Briens, of Cowling, Mrs. Dorothy Whitlock, of Henderson, KY, and Robert Simons, of Peoria. Also surviving are a half-sister, Mrs. Grace Glass, of Crossville, and three half-brothers, Jim and Fred Simmons, of Nick, KY, and Juey Simmons, of Crossville; 29 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

James B. Simpson, Mar. 24, 1884 - 1952

James B. Simpson, 68, formerly of Carmi, died at 6 p.m. Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra McKenzie in Grayville. Mr. Simpson had lived in Grayville for the past year. A trailer house, which he occupied on North Main street road, was destroyed by fire last Aug. 30. Mr. Simpson had been in failing health for several months, but his condition became serious only a short time ago.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Kittinger Funeral home in Carmi, with Rev. Dannie F. Martin officiating. Burial was in Stokes Chapel cemetery. Surviving are a brother, Ernest Simpson, of Grayville, a grandson, and a daughter-in-law. One son, Elwood, was killed during WWII while serving with the army in Italy. Another son, Shirley, died in Feb 1951 in a Michigan veterans' hospital.

Anna *Blair* Seil, Jan. 25, 1867 - Jan. 2, 1952

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Blair Seil, 84, who died last Wednesday at her home here, were held Friday afternoon at the Sturm Funeral home. Rev. George Clementson, pastor of First Presbyterian church, conducted the services. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

A life-long resident of Grayville, Mrs. Seil was the wife of W.J. Seil, retired editor and publisher of The Mercury-Independent. She was a member of the Carnegie public library board for many years. Mrs. Seil also was a charter member of the War Dads Auxiliary, Grayville Woman's club, and the Rebekah lodge here. She was one of the oldest members of the First Presbyterian church. Surviving are her husband; two sons, N.B. Seil, of Grayville, and m.D. Seil, of Champaign; a grandson, William S. Seil, and two great-grandchildren.

Mary A. Hoelzle, July 15, 1859 - Jan. 8, 1952

Mary A. Hoelzle, 92, believed to be Grayville's oldest resident, died at 11 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Carmel's Wabash General hospital. She had been a patient at the hospital since Dec. 7, when she fell at the family home here and suffered a broken hip.

Funeral services are scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic church at Mt. Carmel, with Fr. Raymond Donovan officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery here. The body is at the Cunningham Funeral home in Mt. Carmel.

A life-long resident of Grayville, Mrs. Hoelzle was born on July 15, 1859, in the family's old residence, across North street from the present home. She was the daughter of the late Frank and Barbara Hoelzle. She was a member of St. Mary's church and the Altar and Aid society at Mt. Carmel. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Rose Ilg, and a brother, Jack Hoelzle, with whom she made her home here.

Ermil V[ernon] Adamson, June 23, 1904 - Jan. 15, 1952

Ermil V. Adamson, 47, Sohio Petroleum company pumper, died suddenly at 4:15 a.m. Tuesday at his home on North street following a heart attack. Funeral services were held yesterday morning at the First Baptist church here with Rev. R.W. Yow and Rev. Carl Stone officiating.

Following the services here, the body was taken to Madill, OK for services at 10 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist church. Burial will be in Woodberry Forest cemetery. The Sturm Funeral home is in charge of arrangements. Born on June 23, 1904 at Mt. Ida, AR, Mr. Adamson came to Grayville 11 years ago from Madill. He was a member of the First Baptist church here and belonged to Sheba Masonic lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Willie; two sons, Billie Burl, of Grayville and Doyle V. of Henderson, KY; a sister, Mrs. Jewel Lockhard of Madill; and one brother, Walter Adamson of Vurcell, OK.

Pallbearers for the services were Edward Haney, Bill Rodgers, H.E. Crocker, Jim Gilliland, Otis Denton, and J.D. Sullivan. Flower bearers were Mrs. Maggie Kirk, Mrs. Mary Hagedorn, Mrs. Flora Fry, Mrs. Lottie Paschal, Mrs. Billie Gilliland, Mrs. Cecil Boutwell, Mrs. Faye Eaves, Mrs. Faye Enlow, Mrs. Fern Price, and Mrs. Dean Girot.

Arch S. Taylor, Sept. 25, 1893 - Feb. 10, 1952

Arch S. Taylor, clerk at Sayler Park post office in Cincinnati, OH, and a former Grayville resident, died early this week at his home, following a heart attack. Taylor, who was 58, was a brother of Rodman and Denzil Taylor, of Grayville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, with burial at Maple Grove cemetery.

John Schmittler, Aug. 10, 1873 - Feb. 27, 1952

John Schmittler, 78, retired Grayville butcher and farmer, died at 4:45 p.m. yesterday after he was stricken by a heart attack. He was found unconscious in the yard of his West South street home by neighbors and died before medical attention could arrive.

Born in Carmi and a resident of Grayville for 60 years, he leaves three sons, Walter and Clarence, of Grayville, Leonard, of Louisville, KY; a daughter, Carolyn, a city school teacher; 13 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. The body will be taken from the Sturm funeral home to the residence today, and funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at the First Methodist church. Rev. T.A. Shaffer will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Grove cemetery.

Ezra P[earl] Pottoroff, Aug. 18, 1901 - Mar. 1, 1952

Ezra P. Pottoroff, 50, of Grayville, died at 12:15 a.m. Saturday at Fairfield Memorial hospital, where he had been a patient since last Wednesday. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Sturm Funeral home here, with Rev. R.W. Yow, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery. Mr. Pottoroff, who was employed by the Skiles Motor company, was born on Aug. 18, 1901, at Burnt Prairie, the son of the William and Margaret Daniels Pottoroff.

He leaves his wife, Thelma; a daughter, Mrs. Loveda Hamilton, of Peoria; two step-children, James Adams, of Grayville, and Judith George, of Kankakee; his mother, Mrs. Margaret Pottoroff, of Grayville; two brothers, William, of Grayville, and Carson, of Albion; two sisters, Mrs. Tom Tillett, of Grayville, and Mrs. Mary Whitecotton, of San Diego, CA; a half-brother, Elvis Cox, of Grayville, and a half-sister, Mrs. Anna Stafford, of Decatur. Pallbearers for the funeral were Chester Stevens, Vertis Ackerman, Orville Cooper, Carlos Hearsum, Leonard Mossberger, Robert Reese.

Florence Reiling, Sept. 21, 1872 - Mar. 1, 1952

Funeral services for Mrs. Florence Reiling, 79, of Crossville, who died Saturday in South Bend, IN, were held yesterday afternoon at the Crossville Primitive Baptist church. Elders Elijah T. Doty and Oscar Wallace officiated at the services. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery at Grayville. Mrs. Reiling, a life-long resident of White county, died Saturday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Harold Johnson, in South Bend. She had lived in Crossville for 30 years. Mrs. Reiling was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist church. She also belonged to the Crossville Rebekah and Royal Neighbors lodges.

Surviving are a son, Herman, of Washington, DC; one daughter, Mrs. Johnson, who is a former Grayville resident; one brother, Charlie King, of Long Beach, CA; a sister, Mrs. H.S> Reeves, of Portland, OR. She also leaves four half-sisters, Edith King, Mrs. Maggie Smith, and Mrs. Maude Hertlein, of Carmi, and Mrs. Lena Conrad, of Mill Shoals; a grandson.

William Hoerner, May 27, 1881 - Mar. 4, 1952

William Hoerner, 70, retired Gray township farmer, died Tuesday at Fairfield Memorial hospital. Mr. Hoerner, a life-long resident of White county, had entered the hospital two days before his death. Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. yesterday at the Sturm Funeral home here, with Elder Oscar Wallace officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mr. Hoerner was born on May 27, 1991, in White county. He was the son of Nickolas and Katherine Rickens Hoerner. Surviving are two brothers, George and Albert Hoerner, of near Grayville, and a nephew, Royal Hoerner, of this city. Pall bearers for the services were Clyde Rhinehart, Fred Ward, Chester Potter, Clyde Chism, John Rhinehart, WIlburn Gross.

Catherine Pickering, ~ 1870 - Mar. 4, 1952
Catherine Pickering, 86, a former Grayville resident, died Tuesday, Mar. 4, in Jamaica, LA. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Mar. 7. Miss Pickering was a sister of Martha and the late Mrs. Mary F. Streever, and was the daughter of Mrs. Delia Pickering. They resided here for a number of years before moving east.

Earl J. Schofield, Jan. 3, 1903 - Mar. 10, 1952
Funeral services for Earl J. Schofield, 50, Mt. Carmel, who was killed in an automobile accident near Keensburg, were held last Thursday afternoon at the Mt. Carmel Gospel Assembly church. Burial was in Highland Memorial cemetery. Mr. Schofield, a former Grayville resident and minister, was injured fatally on Mar. 10 in a three-car collision on state route 1 north of Keensburg. He died a short time later at Wabash General hospital. His father, James Schofield, of Grayville, and his wife, Blanche, also were in the car, were hospitalized with serious injuries.

Mr. Schofield, one-time minister of the Grayville Gospel Assembly church here, was a business agent for a laborer's union at the Paducah, KY, atomic project at the time of his death. Born here, he is survived by his wife, father, four children, two brothers, and a grandchild.

Charles D. Kuykendall, Mar. 8, 1865 - May 16, 1952
Charles D. Kuykandall [sic], 87, widely-known retired Gray township farmer, died Friday at Fairfield Memorial hospital. A life-long resident of White county, Mr. Kuykendall had been in failing health for several months. He entered the hospital three weeks before his death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. George Clementson and Elder Oscar Wallace at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the first Presbyterian church here. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery, with the Sturm Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Kuykendall was born on Mar. 8, 1865, near Crossville. He was the son of the late Dan and Sarah Stuart Kuykendall. A member of the Salem Primitive Baptist church, he made his home with his son, Charles, and family in Union community southwest of Grayville. Surviving besides his son are 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Ralph Kuykendall, Ronald Kuykendall, Jerry Kuykendall, Stuart Kuykendall, Norman Frankland, and John T. Kuykendall.

Thomas J. Curtis, July 1875 - May 21, 1952
Thomas J. Curtis, 76, a native of Grayville, died last Wednesday at an Indianapolis, IN, hospital. He had lived in south Indianapolis for several years, leaves a brother, Harrison Curtis, of Grayville, and a daughter, Easter, of Taft, TN. Mr. Curtis was born in July 1875 in Ridge community, west of this city. He was the son of the late Daniel and Mary Coad Curtis.

Charles Balding, Jan. 26, 1879 - July 11, 1952
Funeral services for Charles Balding, 73, north Edwards county farmer and father of Raymond Balding, of Grayville, were held July 14 at Pleasant Hill church. Rev. Joe Wallace and Rev. A.L. Browning officiated at the services. Burial was in Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Mr. Balding, a life-long resident of Edwards county, died July 11, following an extended illness. He leaves his wife, nine children, Mrs. Enos Mason, Joe Balding, Mrs. Weisenberger, and Mrs. Robert Coleman of Edwards County, Mrs. Glen Ile, Mrs. Jack Lindsay, and Mrs. Nellie Schmittler of Albion, Raymond of Grayville, and Marvin of Denver, CO; a brother; nine half-brothers; 28 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Sherman D. Killough, June 14, 1890 - July 22, 1952

Funeral services for Sherman D. Killough, 62, of Albion, former Grayville barber, were conducted Saturday afternoon at the Nale Funeral home in Albion. Rev. H.L. Metcalf officiated at the services. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery at Mt. Carmel.

Mr. Killough was found dead late Wednesday afternoon in a Fairfield hotel. He had gone to work Tuesday in a Fairfield shop for a barber who was on vacation. It was reported he became ill Tuesday afternoon, and went to the hotel. Mr. Killough had worked in shops here and at one time had his own establishment in Grayville.

Surviving are his wife, the former Laura Ravenstein Blood; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Saxe, of Albion, and Mrs. Ora Gould, of Moline; three brothers, Floyd, of Robinson, Fred, of Danville, and Preston, of Arizona.

Nellie *Baker* Mitchell, Mar. 7, 1867 - July 28, 1952

Mrs. Nellie Baker Mitchell, 85, one of Grayville oldest residents, died at 10 a.m. Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mitchell — Eastwood on West North St. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. yesterday at the Sturm Funeral home here, with Rev. T.A. Shaffer, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Mitchell, a native of Harrisburg, was the widow of William S. Mitchell. She had made her home with her daughter here for the last 16 years, and formerly lived in San Diego, CA. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Mitchell leaves four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She belongs to the Harrisburg Methodist church.

Alice Judge, Feb. 11, 1878 - Sept. 23, 1952

Mrs. Alice Judge, 74, wife of James Judge, of Grayville, died at 4:10 a.m. Tuesday at the Olney sanitarium. Mrs. Judge, a life-long resident of Grayville suffered a stroke last Friday. She was taken to the hospital at Olney Saturday. Funeral services were scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Christian church, with Rev. Dwight Hazelett officiating. Burial was to be in Oak Grove cemetery. The Sturm Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Judge was a member of the First Christian Church and the Royal Neighbors lodge. Surviving besides her husband, are a son, Arnold, of Evansville, IN, and three daughters, Mrs. Helen Seybold and Alma Judge, both of Evansville, and Mrs. Marie Robinson, of Grayville. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Lloyd Rotramel, of San Antonio, TX; a brother, Chester Johnson, of Grayville; and 11 grandchildren.

Myrtle *Silverthorne* Butler, Sept. 18, 1882 - Sept. 27, 1952

Mrs. Myrtle Butler, 70, wife of LD Butler, of Grayville, died at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the family home on North Main street. She had been in failing health for several years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dwight Hazlett at 3:30 p.m. Monday at the First Christian Church. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery, with the Sturm Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Butler was born on Sept. 18, 1882 in Grayville. She spent most of her life here, except for a few years the family lived in Evansville, IN. She leaves her husband and one son, Edwin C., both of Grayville. Pallbearers for the services were Chester Johnson, Carl Baun, Claud Robinson, Darrel Frankland, EP March, and James Orr.

Mary Delashmit, Mar. 11, 1875 - Sept. 27, 1952

Mrs. Mary Delashmit, 77, died at 1:30 a.m. Saturday at her home following a long illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon by Rev. Carl Stone and Rev. R.W. Yow at the Sturm Funeral home. Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Delashmit was born on Mar. 11, 1875, in Posey county, IN, but had lived in Grayville for a number of years. She was a member of the North Side Baptist church. She leaves four daughters, Mrs. Elva Smith, Mrs. Louise Frost, both of Grayville, Mrs. Dan Stocker, of Canal Fulton, O., and Mrs. Delbert Boyers, of Wooster, O., and a son, Eddie Delashmit, of Elkhorn, Wis. Also surviving are a grandson, Cyril Bowers, whom she reared; five other grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a brother, Frank Richard, of New Harmony, IN. Pallbearers for the funeral were Arch Schmidt, Ted Rotramel, Alvin Groff, Guy Jarboe, Wallace Hearsum, and Darrell Smith.