Elliott Waller Was
Killed Tuesday

Falling Wall of Old Store Building
At Vermont Crushed Him
To Death

Elliott Waller, 44 years old, of
Bunceton, was killed Tuesday morning
beneath a crumbling wall of
brick and stone at the old store
building in Vermont, south of Bunceton.

Waller was crushed to death while
working with Ed Harrod on the
building. He was standing by the
wall when it crumpled upon him.
Death was instantaneous, it was
reported. The workmen were
dismantling the old building when the
accident occurred.

Funeral services for Mr. Waller,
were held Wednesday afternoon at 2
o'clock at the Christian church in
Bunceton.

The coroner's inquest, held late
Tuesday, reached a verdict that Mr.
Waller came to his death accidentally.

The coroner's investigation,
conducted by Dr. R. L. Anderson,
revealed that Mr. Harrod and Eugene
Bittner, son of the victim's
died, narrowly escaped when the
wall fell. The workmen had
removed the lumber from the building.

Mr. Waller was walking inside the
walls, carrying a timber to the lumber
pile. Suddenly Mr. Harrod saw
the wall crumble and start
down. He yelled to Mr. Waller to jump.
Mr. Waller looked back before he
jumped. He was too late. The
heavy stone wall caught him and he
fell over the timber. He was
crushed to death between the timber
and the stone. Mr. Harrod
barely jumped beyond reach of the
wall. Eugene, who had been
carrying bricks from the wall, had just
stepped to a place of safety a
moment before.

Mr. Waller was well known
in Bunceton and community. He had
served in the navy during the war.
He won distinction in that service
by being awarded the highest
physical rating of any man west of
the Mississippi. Only a few
moments before the accident he had
been joking with Mr. Harrod and
telling incidents which happened
in the old Vermont store while that
institution was enjoying a flourishing
business.

Mr. Waller is survived by his
wife, Mrs. I. N. Waller, county
welfare officer, his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. W. P. Waller of Vermont, two
brothers, Truman, at home: Clyde,
of Wright City and one sister, Mrs.
Lottie Waller Bittner, of Bunceton.
He served in the navy during the
World War and returned to private
life after an honorable discharge.
He was a well known stockman in the
Bunceton community.

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Gross Rites Were
Held Last Tuesday

Former Resident of Pilot Grove
Community Died In Butte,
Montana

Funeral services were held last
Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at St.
Martin's church by Father P. J.
Weber for Jacob Gross, who died at
the home of his son, William Gross,
in Butte, Mont., after an illness of
only a day or two.

Mr. Gross had been in good
health until stricken and his death
came as a shock to his many
friends in this community where he
had lived, his entire life until seven
years ago when after the death of
his wife he went west to make
his home with his son, William,
and daughter, Mrs. William Tempel.
Mr. Gross was a life long mem-
ber of the Catholic church.

Jacob Gross was born Feb. 12,
1855 at Belleville, Ill., and moved
when a child with his
parents to Missouri and settled in Butte,
Mont. Later Mr. Gross bought a farm
near Martinsville. He was united in
marriage in 1877 to Miss Elizabeth
Beringer to this union were born
seven children, two of whom,
Josephine and Anna, died in infancy.
Those that survive are Mrs.
William Ashmead of Pilot Grove,
Mrs. W. J. Tempel of Livinston,
Mont., William Gross of Butte,
Mont., Herman Gross of Kansas
City and George Gross.

MRS. CROSS DIED IN 1935.
In 1936 Mr. Gross was married to Mrs.
Mary Ashmead of Martinsville who passed away in
1924. Mr. Gross is also survived by
two stepchildren, William Ash-
mead of Pilot Grove and Mrs.
Charles Hull of Lamine, seven
grandchildren and 1 great
grandchild.

Pallbearers were nephews of Mr.
Gross, Frank, Edward and John
Gross of Howard County, Barney
Gross of near Boonville, and John
Schulze of Pilot Grove.

Interment was made in St. Mar-
ten's cemetery.