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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

Waller was crushed to death while working with Ed Harned on the building. He was standing by the wall when it crumbled 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 inquiry, 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. Harned, and Eugene Bittner, son of the victim's sister, 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. Harned 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. Harned 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. Harned and telling incidents which happened in the old Vermont store while that institution was enjoying a flourishing business.

Mr. Waller is survived by his widow, 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.

Gross Rites Were Held Last Tuesday

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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.

Gross

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 out West to make his home with his son, William, and daughter, Mrs. William Tempel. Mr. Gross was a life long member 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 Boonville. 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 him are Mrs. William Ashmead of Pilot Grove, Mrs. W. J. Tempel of Livingston, Mont., William Gross, of Butte, Mont., Herman Gross, of Kansas City and George Gross. Mrs. Gross died in 1895. In 1898 Mr. Gross was married to Mrs. Mary Ashmead of Martinsville who passed away in 1924. Mr. Gross is also survived by two stepchildren, William Ashmead 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 Schuster of Pilot Grove.

Interment was made in St. Martin's cemetery.

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