

# Obituaries of Cooper Countians 1890-1899

**01 Apr 1890**

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser**

**For Anna Otten**

**Submitted by Julie Spencer**

## MRS ANNA OTTEN'S DEATH

Mrs. Anna Otten died at the residence of her son, John Otten, in this city, April 1, 1890, in her eighty-eighth year. She was born in Hanover, August, 1806, and came with her husband and family to the United States nearly a half-century ago. The family resided in Morgan and Benton counties for a number of years. Mrs. Otten came to Boonville after the death of her husband, about eighteen years ago, and was a member of her son's household, in this city, to the time of her death. She leaves to mourn her loss, two sons, Claus H., and John, and a number of grand and great-grandchildren. The deceased had been remarkably healthy and well-preserved for one of her age, but was stricken down with typhoid fever last Saturday, and on Tuesday morning she died. She was respected by all who knew her, and the many friends of her surviving relatives will sympathize with them in their loss.

After funeral services at the German Methodist church, on Thursday morning, she was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, a large number of relatives and friends attending the funeral services.

**04 Jul 1890**

**From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser**

**For Frank Stretz**

**Submitted by Julie Spencer**

## SUDDEN DEATH OF POLICEMAN STRETZ

Frank Stretz, for six years on the police force of Boonville, died on the morning of the 4th of July, at his residence on Morgan Street. He was in his usual health the day before and was on duty until just before midnight when he went home. A short time after arrival at home he was seized with violent cramps and notwithstanding the efforts of his physician to relieve him, he died in the early hours of the morning. He was a faithful officer and a good citizen, and had many friends. He was thirty-five years of age, and seemingly yet far removed from the borders of the land of the dead. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his untimely death. His funeral was largely attended, Rev. Mr. Tubman conducting the funeral service at the house. He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, with impressive ceremonies of the A.C.U.W., Vine Clad Lodge, of which he was a member, attended the funeral in a body. He was born in Baden, Germany in 1854 but had been living in Boonville since childhood. His wife, to whom he was married in 1883, is a daughter of George Rentschler, of this vicinity.

**19 Sep 1890**

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser**

**For Adolph Hilden**

**Submitted by Neil Smith**

## AFFAIRS OF CURRENT INTEREST

Adolph Hilden died last Tuesday, September 16, 1890, at the home of his son Eberhard Hilden, near Billingsville, Cooper county, Mo. He was a native of Prussia, born in 1811, and in 1854 became a resident of this country. Funeral services were held Thursday in the Catholic church, this city, after which the remains were buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Three sons and seventeen grandchildren survive him.

**20 Jun 1891**

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser**

**For Johannah née Westerman Otten**

**Submitted by Julie Spencer**

## DEATH OF MRS JOHN OTTEN

Died, at her home in Boonville, Mo., June 20, 1891, after a brief illness, Mrs. (complete next line blacked out by crease in newspaper) the esteemed citizens of our town. Up to a few hours before her death, she appeared to be in her usual good health, but after retiring, Friday night, was taken ill and was unconscious when the physician, who was hastily summoned, arrived at her bedside, and she died at eleven o'clock the next day. Her death resulted from paralysis of the brain.

She was born in Baden, Germany, April 12, 1830, and was married, in 1849, to the husband who survives her. She became the mother of eight children, four of whom preceded her to the grave. Her surviving children are Mrs. C. H. Brokmeyer, Mrs. A. Schnedler, Mrs. E. W. Pfaffenberger and Frank Otten, all of this city.

Funeral services were held at the German Methodist church, she being a member of that denomination. Rev. Mr. Hausam, of Sedalia, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. T. M. S. Kenney, of the Baptist church, and Rev. Henry Leesman, of the Evangelical church.

The esteem in which the deceased was held was evinced by the large number of persons who attended the services and followed the remains to their last resting place in Walnut Grove cemetery. Floral tributes, wrought into many beautiful forms, were laid upon her grave, some having been sent by friends in Sedalia, and St. Louis.

In her death the church has lost a faithful communicant, the community one whose example was worthy of emulation, and the sorrowing husband and children, an affectionate wife and mother. To them the sympathy of all who knew the worth of the deceased, is extended in the time of their bereavement.

**Mar 1893**

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser**

**For George Westerman**

**Submitted by Julie Spencer**

George Westerman died last Sunday, at his home in the western suburbs of Boonville, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. His death was caused by typhoid-pneumonia, after an illness of about two weeks. The funeral took place at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning from the Catholic church to the Catholic cemetery. He leaves a wife and nine children - four daughters and five sons.

(George Westerman s/o John Westerman & Johannah Henhöfer, 1st wife was Genovefa 'Eva' Strickfaden, 2nd wife was Mary Stretz)

**20 Feb 1895**

**Dr. William H. Trigg**

**Obituary -From the Boonville, (Mo) Democrat, February 22, 1895**  
**DEATH OF DR. WILLIAM H. TRIGG**

After an illness of several weeks, which commenced during a visit to his grandson, Walton Trigg, at Albuquerque, N. M., but from which he so far recovered as to be able to return home, Dr. William H. Trigg died in this city at 3:55 p.m. on Wednesday last, February 20th, 1895. For more than a week he had been gradually sinking, and finally became unconscious, and quietly and without apparent pain passed through the valley of death.

He was among the oldest, best-known and most wealthy citizens of this city, and to a large circle of friends in this locality and in the state he leaves a pleasant memory and an honored name.

He commenced life during his youth on his own account by such employment as he could obtain, and by assiduous study qualified himself to teach school; then he studied medicine and became a practicing physician; after a time he engaged largely in merchandising; banking was then shortly added to his other interests; and soon became one of the leading business, wealthy and prominent citizens of this county.

The deceased was born in Wilson county, Tenn., January 24, 1808. His father, Daniel Trigg, was a native of Bedford county, Va., and was born in March, 1776. When a young man Daniel Trigg went to Tennessee with his father's family, and there subsequently married a daughter of Rev. William Hodge, of North Carolina. Of this union seven children were reared, of whom William H. Trigg was the second. The father died April 28, 1830, and Mrs. Trigg, September 22, 1823. In youth William H. worked in various occupations and attended such schools as were convenient, and subsequently taught school himself. About this time he commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Hodge, of Sumner county, and afterwards continued it under Drs. Hodge & Blackmore, of Gallatin, Tenn. In 1830 he commenced the practice of his profession in Wilson county, where he was born and reared, and remained there a year. Thence he went to Kainesville, Tenn., and the following year located in Gallatin, of that state, where he practiced until 1834.

In February of that year he came to Boonville, where he at once entered upon the practice of medicine again, and followed it until his other business became so important as to require his whole attention. Here, during the first year of his residence, he began merchandising, and was a member of the firm of Boyers, Blythe & Trigg. This continued two years. He then became a partner in the firm of Wyan & Trigg, which lasted until the death of Mr. Wyan in 1842.

In 1846 Dr. Trigg engaged in the banking business, which he followed without a partner until 1858, when Messrs. James M. Nelson, Joseph L. Stephens and others became his associates, and the house was then known as W. H. Trigg & Co. This firm was

dissolved eight years afterwards, in 1866. In the meantime, however, in 1861, he and others organized a mercantile company under the name of W. H. Trigg & Co., which did business in Boonville until 1864, when they went to Courtland, N. Y., where they carried on business until the fall of 1865. Returning then to Boonville, they resumed business here, and also added banking as a branch of their business. Two years afterwards, however, the banking department was dispensed with, and until 1892 they confined themselves to their mercantile interest exclusively, at which time they retired from business.

This house was one of the largest retail establishments in Central Missouri, and had an extensive and profitable trade throughout the surrounding country for many miles.

On the 14th of April, 1835, Dr. Trigg married Miss Sarah G., daughter of Jacob Wyan, an old settler of Cooper county. She was born December 25, 1818, and died July 10, 1884. They have four children -- Josephine H., who is the wife of John T. Piggott; Julia A., wife of William M. Johnson; and Anna M., wife of William Lionberger; and an only son, William W. Trigg, all residing in this city.

As a business man Dr. Trigg achieved a degree of success that stamped him a man of superior ability and enterprise. As a citizen he was always public-spirited and among the foremost to offer help, both material and otherwise, in all movements calculated to promote the general interest of the city and surrounding country.

His funeral will take place this (Friday) p.m. at 2:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church (of which he was a member,) and the burial immediately after at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

**16 Mar 1895**

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser**

**For John Otten**

**Submitted by Julie Spencer**

#### **JOHN OTTEN DIES SUDDENLY**

John Otten, the well-known merchant tailor of Boonville, died very suddenly from apoplexy, Saturday night, March 16th, at about 10:30 o'clock, at his home on Main street, in this city, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. A few minutes before he expired he was feeling unusually well, and was conversing with members of his family. He had eaten a hearty supper that evening, and went from his home to the store, where he remained until after 9 o'clock. While at his store he talked with friends about the unusual good health he was enjoying. He retired about 10 o'clock, and shortly thereafter arose, complaining that it was with difficulty that he could get his breath. Dr. McClanahan was hastily summoned, and arrived in a few moments. The physician placed his ear to the patient's breast, but the heart had ceased to beat. Within ten minutes after the beginning of the attack, the spark of life had gone out. He never spoke after he made the request to send for his physician.

Mr. Otten had suffered from two previous attacks of apoplexy - the first about eighteen months ago, the second about six months thereafter. The second attack was a very severe one, and it was feared then that he would succumb before medical aid could afford him any relief. He was very fleshy, and during the last twelve months subjected himself to a system of dieting, by which his weight was reduced thirty or forty pounds. During the last few weeks, however, he has had a very hearty appetite, and steadily gained in weight.

John Otten was born in Germany, in 1828, and when eleven years old came with his parents to America, and settled on a farm near Florence, Mo. He came to Boonville in 1849 and learned the tailoring trade. For thirty-five years he was associated with William Johnson in the clothing and tailoring business, and became a partner with Mr. Johnson in 1886. In 1892 he purchased Mr. Johnson's interest, and conducted the business himself until the fall of 1894, when his son, Frank, and Antone Hain became partners with him.

He was a benevolent, good-hearted man; modest, unassuming and ever ready to help those in need. He was a consistent member of the German M. E. church of Boonville, in which he officiated as trustee, steward, and superintendent of the Sunday-school. The funeral services were held in that church, on Tuesday afternoon, and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. H. Wipperman, assisted by Rev. Dr. Leyburn, of Boonville, and Revs. H. Houser and L. Weber, Sedalia. The interment was in Walnut Grove cemetery.

Deceased was twice married, his second wife surviving him. Four children by his first wife also survive him. They are Mrs. C. H. Brokmeyer, Mrs. A. Schnedler, Mrs. E. W. Pfaffenberger and Frank Otten, all of this city.

**09 Aug 1895**

**Issue of The Boonville Weekly Advertiser**

**For Mrs. Mary Edwards**

**Submitted by Neil Smith**

#### **Affairs of Local Interest**

Mrs. Mary Edwards died Wednesday evening, August 7th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Rush, in Pilot Grove. She had been an invalid for about four years, part of which time she was a helpless paralytic. The funeral services and interment took place yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at Mt. Hermon Baptist church, near which place Mrs. Edwards was born and spent the most of

her life. She was married to Cornelius Edwards, now deceased, who for nearly fifty years was a resident of this county. She leaves two sons and three daughters -- John and Robert Edwards; Mrs. Clark Bowers and Mrs. Chas. Parker, of the Mt. Hermon neighborhood; and Mrs. Arthur Rush, of Pilot Grove. Deceased was a sister of Wm. C. and Adam Scott, of this city.

**27 Aug 1897**

**Issue of The Boonville Weekly Advertiser**

**For Mr. Thomas W. Drinkwater**

**Submitted by Michele Matthews**

### **Tragic Death of Tom Drinkwater**

The remains of Thomas W. Drinkwater arrived in Boonville Thursday morning, and were taken from the M., K., & T. depot directly to Walnut Grove cemetery where they were laid to rest.

He was killed in an accident on the R. I. & P. railroad at Princeville, Ill., August 24, 1897. He married a daughter of the late James Harrison, of Boonville. His wife and twelve-year-old son survive him. They came with his remains to Boonville.

Deceased was a member of the order "Brothers of Railroad Trainmen," and Grand Master Griffen and Brothers Rutledge, Cook and Huff, of the order, came with the body to Boonville.

Mr. Drinkwater was born in Clarksburg, MO., was forty-three years of age at the time of his death, and is kindly remembered by friends in Boonville, where he once lived. THE ADVERTISER extends sincere sympathy to the stricken family.

**27 Jan 1898**

**Issue of the Central Missouri Republican**

**For William P. Back**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

Death has again invaded our community and this time chose for his mark a young man, who but a week or so before was the picture of health. William P. Back died at his home about seven miles from Boonville on Thursday, January 20, 1898, after a short illness of pneumonia. His condition was not thought to be serious until the day before he died and his sudden taking away was a great shock to his many friends. He was born in Boonville July 4, 1863, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Back. January 10, 1892,

**23 Feb 1898**

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser**

**For Mittie Armilda née Edwards Stretz**

**Submitted by Julie Spencer**

Mrs. Henry Stretz died on Feb. 23, 1898 at her home in East Boonville, buried in the Catholic cemetery. She left eight children, youngest few weeks old, eldest 11 years.

(Mittie Armilda Edwards Stretz, b 1864 MO, d/o Joseph Arthur Edwards & Abbie Evaline Potts.)

**05 Aug 1898**

**Henry Dick**

### **INSTANTLY KILLED**

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Henry Dick Has His Life Crushed Out by an Engine Falling on Him.

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Accident Occurred Two and a Half Miles East of Pisgah

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Henry Dick, who lived about 3 miles east of Pisgah, met a horrible death Wednesday evening between one and two o'clock. He was assisting Frank Rau to take an engine and separator across a bridge, when the accident which cost him his life occurred. The front wheels of the engine had crossed the bridge when the rear wheels dropped down through the bridge, and caught him in such a manner as to almost instantly crush his life out. The weight of the engine was against his chest and he was caught in such a position that it required some time to extricate his body. One of his legs was caught between the engine and a log and almost severed from his body. The accident occurred about 2 1/2 miles east of Pisgah and half a mile south of the residence of 'Squire T.A. Harris. The engine belongs to Frank Rau and Mr. Dick was assisting him to get it across the bridge. The deceased was a man of family and probably about 40 years of age. The funeral services were held yesterday (August 4, 1898) evening at 2 o'clock at the German (Moniteau Evangelical) church 8 miles southeast of Pisgah.

From the Bunceton Eagle.

**14 Dec 1898**

**Dr. Charles S. Boarman**

#### **An Eminent Physician Dies**

About 8 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday March 15, 1898, at his residence in this city, after a short illness, Dr. Charles S. Boarman died of pneumonia. He was one of the oldest, and best known and most distinguished physicians and surgeons in Central Missouri, but who several years ago, was compelled by advancing age, to retire from active practice. Withal he was an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, a devout member of the Catholic Church and a gentleman of the old school.

Dr. Boarman was born in Baltimore, Maryland, August 24, 1816, and in March 1841 married Miss Eliza A. Smith of Warrenton, Farquhar County, Va., who died in this city in 1858. To this union 8 children were born, 6 of whom survive him, namely: John R. Boarman, attorney-at-law, Anaconda, Montana; Rev. Marshall I. Boarman, Jesuit Missionary of St. Louis; Jerome S. Boarman, Springfield, Missouri; Frank B. Boarman, Seattle, Washington; Mrs. R. H. Keith, Kansas City and Mrs. Dr. Chas. Lyon, Montoursville, Penn.

Dr. Boarman located in Boonville in February 1848, but first for a short time in Old Franklin.

In May 1861, Dr. Boarman married Miss Pauline Sloan who survives him. To this marriage four children were born, two sons and two daughters -- Misses Adelaide and Lillie and Messrs. A. R. and Thomas T. Boarman, Texarkana, Ark.

His funeral services occurred at the Catholic Church at 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning. The following persons acting as pallbearers: Active--Thomas B. Steel, R. W. Whitlow, Thomas P. Lester, W. A. Smiley, W. W. Trigg, W. Speed Stephens. Honorary--Dr. J. D. Potts, Dr. R. S. Holman, Dr. F. R. Smiley, Dr. W. H. Cooper, Dr. P. L. Hurt, Dr. C. H. Van Ravensway, William Mittelbach and Col. W. F. Switzer.

After solemn and impressive services at the Catholic church conducted by Fathers Kussman, Boarman of St. Louis and Ambrose of Clear Creek (Father Boarman being a son of the deceased) the remains were followed by a large funeral cortege to Walnut Grove cemetery, where they were interred by the side of the remains of his first wife.

At the conclusion of the services at the church Father Kussman delivered a short appropriate and solemn discourse touching the life and character of Dr. Boarman. (Copied from the Boonville, MO. newspaper, the MISSOURI DEMOCRAT .

From MAJOR WILLIAM BOARMAN by Mary Louise Donnelly, p. 115 A portion of the Obituary as published on the front page of WEEKLY ADVERTISER on March 18, 1898.

"Dr. Boarman came to Boonville to live when a young man and being an intelligent gentleman, well schooled in his profession, was early engaged in a successful practice, which he maintained until a few years ago when he retired from active work. He was a skillful physician and his surgery was after the most scientific methods.

We are informed that he placed the first patient in the St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City. For a time he was surgeon for both the Union and Confederate hospitals in Boonville. He was not only a skilled physician and a good citizen but he was a gentleman of the old school and a pleasant companion.

Last Sunday morning he was suddenly stricken with a pain in his side and immediately announced that he was ill of pneumonia and that it would prove fatal. It was but a few days until he died. Dr. Boarman was one of the most faithful members of the Catholic Church and though growing feebler year by year, he always observed its requirements and attended its services."

"Rev. Kussman at the close of the Mass preached a beautiful and appropriate sermon in which he reviewed Dr. Boarman's life as an honorable citizen, a skillful surgeon, and a devout Christian."

**14 Dec 1898**

**Nancy Potter**

From a Boonville newspaper - Died at the Age of 96.

Mrs. Nancy Potter, one of the oldest residents of this county, died at her home Wednesday, December 14, 1898 after a tedious and patient suffering from a broken limb, which she received some time ago, aged 96 years and 14 days. Mrs. Potter was born in Wayne County, Ky., December 1, 1802. Deceased leaves two sons and two daughters and several other near relatives to mourn her death. The funeral services were held in the Hale Ridge school house at 2 o'clock p. m., Friday, Dec. 16, 1898, and interment was made in the Hale Ridge cemetery, followed by a large concourse of people. May she rest in peace, is the wish of us all.

**27 Jan 1899**

**Joseph Potter**

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

Joseph Potter, living at Overton, died of pneumonia Friday, January 27, 1899. He was buried at Hale Ridge cemetery Sunday January 29, 1899. Deceased was 68 years old. His wife preceded him several years ago. He leaves several children to mourn his departure, several of whom are residents of this city.

Mr. Potter was born and raised in Missouri and spent the largest part of his life in Cooper County.

Mr. Potter's mother died at Overton December 14, 1898 at the age of 96 years. A. K. Mills of this city had charge of both funerals.