

# Obituaries of Cooper Countians 1900-1909

**09 Feb 1900**

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser  
For Andrew Quint  
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

## DEATH OF MRS. BACK

Mrs. Elizabeth Barbara Back died at her home on West Morgan Street, in this city, Sunday, February 4th. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place Tuesday afternoon from the Evangelical church to Walnut Grove cemetery, the Rev. Kamphausen officiating.

Deceased was born in Sachsen-Coburg, Germany, December 22, 1835. She came to Boonville in 1849, and had resided here continuously ever since. In 1853 she was married to Philip Back, who died in November 1874. The surviving children are E. A. and Miss Emma Back, of Boonville; Wm. J. of Red Wing, Minnesota; Lawrence J. of St. Louis; Mrs. Mary Schleusner of Ballwin, Mo. Surviving sisters, Mrs. Mary Reinhardt of St. Louis, and Mrs. Mary Martnick of Jefferson City; also one brother, Frank Stegner of Leadville, Colorado. All the above, except Mr. Stegner, were present at the funeral.

Mrs. Back was one of Boonville's best women and the memory of her simple and devoted life will remain a precious legacy to those who loved so.

**03 Dec 1900**

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser  
For Leo Westerman  
Submitted by Julie Spencer**

## A VICTIM OF APOPLEXY

Liborius Westerman died suddenly of apoplexy at his residence on East Spring street early Monday morning. He had worked at his barbershop until nearly 12 o'clock Saturday night, when he began to feel ill and went home.

The funeral services were held at SS Peter's and Paul's church yesterday morning and the interment was in the Catholic cemetery. Many relatives and friends attended, and the floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Among the mourners were the widow, formerly Miss Lena Biechle; Frank Westerman and Mrs. Joseph Zschirpe, of Boonville; Mrs. J. Stegner, of New Palestine, Mrs. Henry Blum, of St. Joseph, brothers and sisters of deceased.

Mr. Westerman was born in Baden, Germany 56 years ago. He had been a barber in this city the past eighteen years. He was a member of the Catholic Knights of America, and carried \$1,000 life insurance with that organization. Deceased was ----- and a devoted husband. He had a kindly heart, and led a gentle and an ----- life. Death came to him in an ----- hour, but he had so ordered his ----- as to be able to answer the final ----- as a true Christian.

(Liborius, AKA Leo, Westerman s/o John Westerman & Johannah Henhöfer, h/o Mary Magdalene Biechele. The microfilm, or the newspaper, was not easy to read, thus the ----- where I could not read the words.)

**02 May 1901**

**Issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser  
For Gottfried Back  
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

## GOTTFRIED BACK

Gottfried Back, aged 74 years and 9 months, died Sunday afternoon, April 28, 1901 at his home on West Morgan street in this city. The funeral was held from the German Evangelical church to Walnut Grove cemetery Tuesday afternoon, Rev. E. L. Mueller officiating.

Deceased was born in Rettert, Nassau, Germany, August 26, 1826 and came to America in 1853, settling in Cooper county, where he has continuously resided. He has lived on a farm in this county until about six years ago when he moved to Boonville. Gottfried Back and Miss Katherine Saueressig were united in marriage in 1858. Five children were born to this union, three of whom are dead. The widow and two children, George Back and Mrs. Joseph Kessel, survive. He was the grandfather of 11 children. One sister, Mrs. Magdalena Huth, of Minneapolis, Minn., happened to be visiting in Boonville at the time of the demise of Mr. Back.

Deceased served at the beginning of the war in the Boonville Home Guard; he was a good man and a kind neighbor. May he rest in peace!

**21 Mar 1902**  
**Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle**  
**For "Aunt Katie" Cole**  
**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

**"Aunt Katie" Cole**

Died Last Friday - Born in Tennessee, Lived in Cooper County Since 1817

"Aunt Katie" Cole, one of Cooper County's oldest women, died last Friday, March 14, at her home west of Bunceton. She had been sick for some time, death resulting from the general debility incident to old age. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. I. B. Dotson, were held at Mt. Nebo Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, after which interment took place in the church cemetery. The historic old church was filled with friends and neighbors, most all of whom had known "Aunt Katie" from their childhood.

No other woman, living or dead, is or was as familiar with the history of Cooper County as was this kindly, sweet-faced, old-fashioned woman who had lived for more than four score years in this immediate community.

Her maiden name was Katherine Peters. She was born in Tennessee November 19, 1810, and when one year old, was brought by her parents to what was then the territory of Missouri. The family settled near the present site of Petersburg, from which the station many years later took its name. At that time the only permanent white settlement was at Boonville, where lived "Aunt Hannah" Cole, the first white woman to come to this county, and the mother of Samuel Cole, to whom the subject of this sketch was married some forty years later.

When twenty years of age, or in 1836, "Aunt Katie", then Miss Katherine Peters, was united in marriage with Thomas Patrick, who died in 1847. To this union, there were born seven children, all of whom are dead except "Uncle Walter"

Patrick of Bunceton and James M. Patrick of Houston, Texas. In 1856 she was again married, this time to Samuel Cole, who has been dead about fifteen years.

Mr. Cole was the father of two children. They are Mrs. Jennie Cash and Mrs.

R. S. Roe, both of whom live near Bell Air.

"Aunt Katie" had been a member of the Baptist Church for many years and was a good woman, loved and respected by all who knew her, but most by those who knew her best. Amid the varied scenes of life, she preserved unchanged the ways and manners, simplicity and sincerity, piety and honesty that characterized the people of her early childhood. Fortunate is the community that has been blessed by the presence of these gray-haired, God-fearing women with simple tastes and honest hearts.

**05 Sep 1902**

**Andrew Quint**

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

Andrew Quint died Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at his home two and one-half miles south of Pilot Grove. He was born in Prussia and came to America in 1852 with his parents. He was one of ten children, of whom there are living: Mrs. Paul Hofflander, Billingsville; Mrs. Jacob Haerle, Boonville; Mrs. Ernest Walji, Speed; and Mrs. Lizzie Willig, Kansas City.

The family settled in Clear Creek township, where Mr. Quint was married at the age of 22 to Miss Tabitha, a daughter of Jacob Ellis, a prominent citizen of Johnson county. Five children survive: Henry and Ernest, of Boonville; Edward and William of Pilot Grove, and Mrs. Fannie Wallace, of St. Louis. His first wife died in 1870 and he was married to Mrs. Martha Gordon, who survives.

Deceased had lived for 25 years on the farm where he died. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Pilot Grove, and the remains were interred in the cemetery there.

**13 Jan 1903**

**For Oliver Perry Davis**

**Submitted by Dorothy Harlan**

**OBITUARY**

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**Elder O. P. Davis, Pioneer Minister of Central Missouri, Gone**

Elder O. P. Davis, one of Cooper county's oldest citizens and one of the oldest ministers in the state, died Tuesday evening January 13, 1903 at 7 o'clock at the home of his son, Joe A. Davis, northwest of Prairie Home.

Mr. Davis was one of the pioneers of Central Missouri, and the most of his useful life was spent in Cooper county where he was prominently identified with the Christian church for more than half a century. Mr. Davis was the oldest of a family of sixteen children. He was born in Wayne county, Ky., on the 16th day of September, 1816. In the following year his parents moved to

Howard county, Mo. The subject of this sketch was then only a year old and was carried in the arms of his mother on horseback the entire distance from Kentucky to the new home, which was then little more than a wilderness.

After four years residence in Howard county Mo. Davis' parents moved to Cole county, where they remained 11 years. In 1832 they moved to Cooper county, and in 1843 removed to Macon county, but returned to Cooper county in 1856. O. P. Davis became a member of the Pisgah Baptist church in 1837. He removed to Macon county in 1839. He was licensed to preach by the Baptist church in the spring of 1843. In the year 1848 he identified himself with the Christian church and was one of the church's most active ministers until his health and strength failed.

He took up his permanent residence in Cooper county in 1857. He was largely instrumental in building up the Christian church not only in Cooper county but in the counties of Morgan and Miller as well.

He was married on September 12, 1843, to Miss Sallie L. Robinson. To this union were born eight children, of whom seven survive. They are D. L. Davis; U. E. Davis; J. A. Davis; Mrs. D. J. Judy; Mrs. J. H. Zollinger; Mrs. Hugh Logan, Sr.; and Mrs. Hugh Logan, Jr.

He left four brothers: F. M. Davis; U. E. Davis; and Thos. J. Davis.

The funeral services were held yesterday morning at the Walnut Grove church, near Clark's Fork. Eld. J. Allen, of Bunceton, conducting the services. A very large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends were present to pay the last tributes of respect to a good and noble man.

In the death of Eld. O. P. Davis Cooper county loses an exemplary citizen, the community in which he lived an excellent neighbor, and the church an ever true and consecrated minister--one whose aim in life was to advance and build up the Christian religion as he believed God would have it done.

The reverable old gentleman had for years waited patiently for the final summons to call him up higher. His was a life of service and good works and although his earthly pilgrimage is ended his influence for good will go on.

**20 Feb 1903**

**Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle**

**For Stephen Cole**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

#### **PASSING OF A PIONEER**

**"Uncle Steve" Cole Died Tuesday Morning, February 17**

**Aged almost Eighty Years - Died Within Sight of His Birthplace**

"Uncle Steve" Cole, one of Cooper County's oldest native-born citizens, and a direct descendant of the county's first white settlers, died of pneumonia Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock, at his home about five miles west of Bunceton. He was born within two miles of the spot where he died and would have been eighty years old in April. His wife died a number of years ago. Four sons and one daughter, all of Cooper County, survive.

"Uncle Steve" was a typical pioneer. In 1853, he crossed "the plains" and returned four years later, being seventy-three days astride a mule on the return trip.

While talking with the editor of the EAGLE some six years ago, "Uncle Steve" said:

"When I was a young I didn't fear man nor devil, but I was mighty badly scared once as we were coming home from California. The main party had gotten some distance ahead when we sighted about 300 Indians. We had been warned to look out for the devils, but had thought little about it until we saw them. They rode up around us, pointing their guns, drawing their bows, all the time yelling like wild men. We rode on at something better than a jog trot, too, and were not hurt. We found out afterwards that the red-skinned rascals were just trying to scare us, and they did it."

"Uncle Steve" was a great hunter, fisherman, and trapper, and always knew where game abounded and where fish would probably bite best. He loved nature and knew her secrets as do few of later generations. His stock of stories concerning incidents and adventures and early recollections was well nigh inexhaustible and made him a most entertaining companion. May the old pioneer, man of simple tastes and rugged honesty, rest in peace.

**02 Mar 1903**

**From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser**

**Mrs. Wilhelmina nee' Geuer Back**

Mrs. Anton Back died at her home on West Morgan Street Monday night, March 2, 1903 at 8 o'clock, aged 75 years and 19 days.

Wilhelmina Geuer was born in Germany on February 13, 1828; was married to Anton Back early in 1857, and in the fall of that year the young husband and wife became citizens of Boonville. Twenty seven years ago death entered the happy home and carried away the husband of 19 years, leaving to the care of the widowed mother the care of several small children. Guided and

directed by a mother's loving heart, inspired by the thought of their future usefulness and actuated by true Christian motives as a mother, she reared these children to splendid manhood and womanhood.

The children now living are: Philip and Joseph of Oklahoma Territory, Mrs. Louisa Potter, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Anton and William of Boonville. There are also 34 grandchildren and one sister, who is yet in her native country, living, to all of whom the public extends its heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Mrs. Back had lived in Boonville since the year 1857. Her life of almost half century among the people of this city was marked by that devotion to parental, church, and other duties as only a Christian mother and citizen can offer. Deceased was recognized as a Christian because she practiced by example as well as by precept those qualities that must be uppermost in the Christian mind and heart. She was a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and her everyday life was convincing proof of her devotion to the doctrine of her church.

The funeral service was held at the Catholic Church on Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock thence to Walnut Grove cemetery where the remains were interred under the direction of J. Ed Taliaferro.

**14 May 1903**

**Issue of the Central Missouri Republican**

**For Adolph Knack**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

#### **Took His Own Life**

Adolph Knack was born in Prussia, Germany, December 26, 1855, came to America in the early 70's, and about 1873 located in Boonville where he lived until his death on May 8, 1903.

On May 25, 1884, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Back, who died nine years thereafter - 1893. Four children were born to this union, three of who, Annie, Minnie, and Corinne, survive; the other died in infancy.

Just after eating his breakfast last Friday morning, Mr. Knack left his home on west High street to go to his place of business, the Phoenix saloon. There he remained a few minutes only, then went out on the street. He did not return as was his wont to do before noon, and one of his employees, having noticed for two or three days that he was acting in a peculiar manner, began to make inquiries in a quiet way. As nothing could be heard of him, a limited search was made in the immediate neighborhood during the afternoon, with no result, except to strengthen the suspicion that something serious had happened to him. Quite early Saturday morning, parties began again to look for the missing. Between seven and eight o'clock the lifeless body was found by C. R. Foster, the courthouse janitor, near the entrance to the old fairgrounds about a mile southwest of the city. The body was in a position that would indicate that death was without a struggle. The head was lying on the right arm as if the poison, carbolic acid, was swallowed and the victim had laid down and quietly awaited the end. A bottle, containing a small amount of carbolic acid, was found near the body. There was also evidence on the lips of the corpse that told plainly the cause of death.

The cause for the suicide can only be conjectured. Mr. Knack's business was flourishing, and it is barely possible that he was the least embarrassed in matters of finance. He was, however, of a disposition to worry over matters that would not affect others of a more genial nature.

Mr. Knack was a man of energy, thrift and honesty in business matters and was recognized as a citizen who possessed many qualities of merit. He was of a very charitable disposition and was ever ready to minister to the wants of any who merited charity in any way. His employees speak of him in the highest terms as an employer. Those who knew him best held him in high esteem as a man and friend. The surviving children will ever remember him as a kind, indulgent and considerate father. For these children, the REPUBLICAN has the deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Funeral services were held at the family home on High Street Sunday afternoon, Rev. E. L. Mueller, pastor of the German Evangelical church, officiating. Interment was made at Walnut Grove cemetery under auspices of the IOOF lodge of this city, of which the deceases had long been a very respected member. So passed away a citizen of Boonville who had been identified with the city's progress and advancement for about thirty years.

**16 Jun 1905**

**Mary Zschirpe**

Mrs. Mary Zschirpe died Friday, June 16, 1905, at the family residence on Sixth street, after a long illness. Her maiden name was Dohrmann, she having been born in St. Louis, September 18, 1842. When four years of age she was brought by her parents to Cooper county, where she had since resided. August 12, 1863, she was married to John Zschirpe, who met a tragic death by accident in 1884. Since that time Mrs. Zschirpe had lived in Boonville.

Five children survive - Mrs. Mathilda Blair, state of Nevada; Ed., of St. Louis, and Misses Antonia and Henrietta of Boonville. Mrs. Zschirpe was a member of the German Evangelical congregations at Billingsville and Boonville, and, until prevented by failing health, an active member of the Frauverein in Boonville. She was a pious and devoted Christian and a fond and indulgent mother. She will be mourned by a large circle of friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held at the residence at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon by Rev. E. L. Mueller, pastor of the Evangelical church. Interment was in Walnut Grove cemetery, under direction of Undertaker A. K. Mills  
From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

**18 Jun 1905**

**Albert L. Stone**

Albert L. Stone died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home on South Main street after a lingering illness. He had been in failing health for the past year, but had been confined to his bed for only about six weeks. For some time he had been carrier on rural route No. 2 out of Boonville. During the severe weather of last winter he was unable to attend to the work, but resumed with the opening of spring. The open air exercise seemed for a time to benefit him, but the disease had gained too great of a hold and his decline was rapid after he quit the work.

Mr. Stone was born in Cooper county September 13, 1872, and had spent all his life here. He was a young man of fine character, whose untimely end is deeply deplored by a large circle of friends. Besides a number of brothers and sisters, he leaves a widow, who was Miss Eliza Hale, and a son, Dorsey.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, the pastor, Rev. S. P. Gott, officiating. The Boonville Tent, Knights of Maccabees of which deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body. Interment was in Walnut Grove cemetery under direction of Undertaker A. K. Mills. The Advertiser joins with many friends in extending condolence to the bereaved wife and son, and other relatives.

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**05 Jan 1906**

**From the Boonville Advertiser**

**For Margaret Stretz**

In the death of Mrs. Margaret (Magdalena) Stretz Boonville loses (sic) another of her old citizens. The deceased was born in Germany on October 20, 1823, and removed to the United States in 1840, settling in Boonville soon after coming to America.

She was ill but a short while, dying at the residence of her son-in-law, Joseph Schuster, Friday morning, December 22.

The deceased was a very devoted member of the Catholic church, and her funeral was largely attended Sunday afternoon by the many friends who gathered to pay the last sad tribute.

She leaves a circle of relatives. She was the mother of eight children, 51 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and will be missed by a large circle of friends who loved her for her noble character and many acts of charity. The remains were buried in the Catholic cemetery.

(Magdalena the d/o Lorenz Reiter & Therese Brenneisen, w/o Frank Stretz. This obit states she was born on 20 Oct 1823, but Reiter information I got from Udo Strickfaden has her born 20 Sep 1823.)

**27 Jun 1906**

**Joshua J. Mize**

From the 06 July 1906 issue. The Sedalia evening Democrat of June 28<sup>th</sup> has the following: "Joshua J. Mize a young man who went to Kansas City from Boonville about ten months ago committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Frances Shriver in Kansas City, yesterday. Despondency was the cause.

Mize was 21 years old. He had been employed as a laborer by Flanagan Bros. Contractors. He was discharged Tuesday.

Yesterday morning he said good-bye to his cousin, walked out on the porch and drank two ounces of the acid. He then went back in the house and sat down.

Mrs. Shriver detected the odor of carbolic acid and learned he had drunk it. Dr. J. C. Boone was called, but in a half hour Mize was dead. His father who lives at Boonville was notified.

The young man never lived in Boonville, but at one time resided with his parents on a farm a few miles west of here. He left the county last winter and went to Kansas City, his parents leaving at the same time for Saline county where they now live, near Saline City

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser

**29 Jun 1906**

**Claude Zeigle**

Last Friday evening about seven o'clock, 7 miles west of Boonville, Casper Langlotz an old and respected farmer shot and almost instantly killed his son-in-law Claude Zeigle a young man of about 23 years.

Zeigle's wife who is a daughter of Langlotz left her home on Friday and went to her father's leaving a note for her husband bearing the information that she had left him for good.

When Zeigle came home in the evening he found the note and at once proceeded to the home of his father-in-law.

What followed on his arrival there is given in the testimony of Langlotz, his wife and daughter, who testified before Coroner Russell's jury which was summoned to investigate the killing, and in substance is about as follows:

My daughter Mary, Zeigle's wife, came to my house yesterday morning about 8 o'clock saying she could stand his abuse no longer and had taken him at his word and left him. I told her that she and my younger children must go back and get her clothes, but leave the furniture. The two children went and she followed later, returning about 11 o'clock. She left a note on the table telling him she had taken him at his word and left him.

Last night about dusk I saw him coming across the field toward my place walking fast. When he got to the gate he said: "Is Mary here?" My wife said: "You have beaten her enough; don't come in the house." I went in the house and my wife ran in and closed the door and held it. As he came to the door and pushed it open my wife said several times: "Get the gun, get the gun."

By the time he had jerked the door open and had got into the hall I had the gun and was standing in the door leading from the hall to the sitting room. My wife was beside him. When I shot him was about three feet away from him. I shot but once.

I shot him because he told his wife that he had brought a six shooter and was going to kill her and all the family. I thought he was there for that purpose.

After he was shot he said "I am shot, I am gone, I want to see Mary." Those were his last words.

I once more told him to get out because I did not know if he was badly hurt or had anything to shoot with.

He walked outside, falling about six feet from the door and died in about two minutes. When I saw that he was passing away I sent for some water and whisky, but they were of no avail.

Mrs. Langlotz' testimony was similar to that of her husband.

Mrs. Zeigle, the wife of the man who was killed testified that he had abused and mistreated her, that he said he wanted to get rid of her and threatened to shoot her and the whole family.

The jury returned the following verdict:

We the jury, empaneled to investigate the death of Claude Zeigle, do declare that he came to his death by a .38 caliber bullet which entered his neck, the bullet fired by Casper Langlotz when he, Zeigle was forcing an entrance to Langlotz's house

William L. Brickner, Foreman, J. R. Miller, Charles Fray, G. A. Brownfield, William Johnmeyer, E. Brownfield

The deceased was a son of Henry Zeigle one of Cooper county's best citizens and he belonged to one of the best families in the state, though he himself had always been considered a little wild and reckless. He was unarmed when killed.

They have been married about four years and have one child about 3 years of age.

No information had been filed against Langlotz and he has not been arrested though he came to Boonville and offered to surrender himself to the authorities.

The funeral which was preached by Rev. W. A. McClanahan at the Methodist church in Boonville Monday at 11 a.m. was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. The remains were buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser.

**29 Jun 1906**

**Ruth Westerman**

**From the Boonville Weekly Advertiser**

**Submitted by Julie Spencer**

The death of Miss Ruth Westerman, which occurred at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westerman, in this city, Friday evening at 7 o'clock, of appendicitis, was a particularity sad one. Miss Ruth had been ill for several weeks, and though her illness was of a serious nature, her loved ones hoped and looked for her recovery, but it was not to be. The same Lord who gave took unto Himself, this beautiful flower just beginning to bloom, and transplanted it in His garden above. Beautiful both in personal appearance and in character, she enjoyed the very highest esteem of all who knew her. Of a modest, though agreeable and friendly nature, she made friends and held their friendship. At the age of eleven years, she became a Christian, and at the time of her death, was a true and devoted member of the Presbyterian church. She was an earnest worker both in the Sunday school and Christian Endeavor, and her place there, as in her home, will be hard to fill.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. F. Abbott, who paid a beautiful tribute to the dear girl.

The pupils of Room No. 8 of the public school, of which she was a member, attended in a body.

The pall bearers selected from the school and Sunday school were: John Ryan, Lawrence Geiger, Wilbur Larry, Leo Weyland, Cecil Adams and Perry Johnson. After the services at the church the remains were conducted to Walnut Grove cemetery, where amid a veritable bower of roses, emblematic of the purity and sweetness of her life, she was laid to rest.

**12 Aug 1906**

**Ferdinand Stretz**

**From the Boonville Advertiser**

**Submitted by Julie Spencer**

**A Fifteen Year Old Lad Has Limb Torn From Body.**

One of the most Heart rending accidents it has been the province of the Advertiser to chronicle for many months occurred Saturday morning at the Boonville Brick Company's plant near the M.K.&T. Depot.

Ferdinand, the little 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stretz, while working at the brick yard, was amusing himself by shoving the mud into the mixer by putting his foot on it and pushing it down into the revolving shaft. While engaged at this the leg of his overalls caught in the fangs of the revolving wheel and in an instant his leg was drawn into the hopper. The foot was taken off and all the skin and flesh was stripped from the leg to his hip, necessitating an immediate amputation of the hip joint. He rallied after the amputation and for a day he appeared to be doing all right. Sunday night, however, he began to grow worse and at 9 o'clock Monday morning he passed away.

The funeral took place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from the Catholic church. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.  
(s/o J Henry Stretz & Mittie Edwards)

**07 Sep 1907**

**From The Bunceton Eagle  
Daniel E. Davis**

#### **DEATH OF DANIEL E. DAVIS**

Daniel E. Davis, brother of T. J. Davis, of Bunceton, and for many years a citizen of Cooper county, his home being near Clark's Fork, died two weeks ago at the Confederate Home at Higginsville. Mr. Davis was born December 5, 1832, and is survived by his wife, three daughters and one son. "Uncle Dan," as he was familiarly called, saw active service during the Civil War, and never shrank from duty. His many friends will be sorry to learn of his death.

**14 Oct 1907**

**William Trigg Lionberger**

#### **DEATH OF WM. TRIGG LIONBERGER**

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Lionberger, will sympathize with them in the recent severe affliction which has befallen them in the death of their son, William Trigg Lionberger, which occurred at their home at 5:30 o'clock Monday morning, October 14.

Mr. Lionberger had an attack of nervous prostration some months ago and has since been confined to his room. His condition at times became very much improved and it was believed that he would recover, but on Monday morning he began sinking, and it was apparent to his physicians and the loved ones who hovered over him in the awful anguish of the coming parting, that he was dying. In vain was earthly help. He died, as stated, and all over the city there was sincere grief.

Those with him when the end came, were his father and mother, his sister, Mrs. Harlan and twin brother, Dr. John Lionberger.

The deceased was a native of Boonville, having been born here December 29, 1875, was reared to manhood here, was educated here in the Kemper Military School and pursued his studies in that noted institution with marked ability and success. After graduation he entered upon the study of law in the office of Judge W. M. Williams. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1898 and soon became known as one of the most promising young barristers in the state. Some three years ago he was elected city attorney, which office he held at the time of his death. He was a young man of exceptionally bright intelligence, sound judgement, extensive reading and uniformly jovial disposition, and had he lived would undoubtedly have taken high rank as a citizen and a man in the community and in his profession.

When death comes to the old, it is as a rest to the weary, a balm to the world's wounds, but to die in life's morning with promise and hope and all the gladness, which threads through youth like the beads upon a nun's rosary, seems a sorrow so profound, that to approach it, is like an intrusion upon things sacred.

A few months ago there walked the streets of Boonville, a man, young, sunny of temperament, friendly, kindly, big of heart, and to every man, woman and child he was known by his childhood cognomen, "Will"--Will Lionberger. It seems hard to speak of him as "dead" and yet with the pallor and majesty which only death brings, lying upon his face; with the voice forever silent; with the tender, loving heart no more pulsing with life; with the cerements of the grave wrapped about him, we know that he has passed into that mysterious silence which however soft, it may enfold our loved ones, yet permits of no return.

It is possible that no young man in Boonville was better liked than he. As a boy he held the love of his companions, and grown to manhood he held the hearts of his friends in grips of steel, and it is not to be wondered at that his death has brought such wide-spread grief, or that those who were of his own family should be broken-hearted.

Since his death, telegrams and letters of regret have been coming from all parts of the country, and from all over the city those who looked upon his calm, sweet face, wept for the young life thus taken away.

The funeral services were held at the family residence on Sixth street Tuesday afternoon at 1:30, conducted by Rev. E. F. Abbott, pastor of the Presbyterian church with Mrs. Annie Brant in charge of the choir. The songs were "*Just as I am*" and "*Jesus Lover of My Soul.*" The services were very beautiful and impressive and with the beautiful mingling of hope and prayers for the

repose of the soul, there came over the auditors a sense of comfort which was as if an angel had stood in the midst and proclaimed the life, which knows neither pain, sorrow or death.

The remains were interred in Walnut Grove cemetery and the interment was witnessed by sorrowing hearts, for lo! he, whom they loved can come no more with cheery words, with light and laughter in his eyes and with voice that was always attuned to gentle speech.

The following gentlemen, cousins of the deceased, acted as pall bearers: John C. Pigott, Frank Pigott, Fred Pigott, Wilbur Johnson, Morris Johnson and Frank T. Walz.

**23 Nov 1907**

**From the Sedalia Daily Capital  
For Mrs. Hannah Potter  
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

**FUNERAL IN COOPER COUNTY  
Body of Mrs. Hannah Potter to be Buried at Old Home**

The body of Mrs. Hannah Potter, who died Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Phillips, Tenth and Mildred avenues, will be taken to Cooper County today for burial. Rev. R. C. Miller, of this city, will conduct the services which will be held at the Lamine Baptist Church at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. Potter was 81 years of age and had been ill for seven months. She was a member of the Baptist Church and is survived by nine children.

**04 Dec 1908**

**From the Sedalia Daily Capital  
For Mrs. Hannah Potter  
Submitted by Julie Spencer**

**Death of Mrs. Westerman**

Mrs. Mary Magdalena Westerman died at her home in Boonville, November 26, 1908, after a nine days illness of pneumonia. The funeral was held Saturday morning at nine o'clock at the Catholic church. Interment at the Catholic cemetery.

Mrs. Westerman was born in Clear Creek Township, Cooper county, November 15, 1858. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Biechel, both of whom have been dead a number of years.

Laborious Westerman and Miss Lena Biechel were united in marriage at the Catholic church, in Boonville about nineteen years ago. Mr. Westerman died in December 1900.

(Mary Magdalena Biechele, w/o Liborius Westerman, d/o Caspar Biechele & Catharine Meistrell. No children.)

**15 April 1909**

**From the Central Missouri Republican  
For Mary Huth  
Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

**Mrs. Mary Huth Dead**

Mrs. Mary Huth died at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Saturday, April 10, 1909 at the age of 80 years. Mrs. Huth was the wife of the late Peter Huth, who died some 12 years ago and lived on a farm near Rankin's Mill in Clarks Fork township. After his death she moved to Minneapolis where she has since resided.

Mrs. Huth leaves five children; three sons and two daughters, Peter Huth, of Prairie Home, Mo., Lon and August of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Henry Malone of Minneapolis, and Mrs. P. P. Neef of Boonville.

The remains were brought to Boonville Tuesday evening and the funeral services were held from the Evangelical church at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday. Interment at Walnut Grove cemetery.