

**Obituaries of Cooper Countians  
1930-1939**

**Thursday, September 25, 1930  
Issue of The Mulvane News  
For Nancy J. Woolery  
Submitted by Nancy LaGore**

AGED RESIDENT PASSES TUESDAY  
Mrs. Nancy J. Woolery dies at Home of Son, M.M. Woolery-----Was Invalid Many Years  
FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Mrs. Nancy J. Woolery, mother of M.M. Woolery of southeast Mulvane, died at the home of her son there, Tuesday afternoon, September 23. Mrs. Woolery, who had been an invalid and a patient sufferer for many years had made her home with her son and family here from Newkirk, Oklahoma, in 1918.

Mrs. Woolery was born in Illinois June 28, 1847. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ballard Huddleston. In 1865 she came with her family to Kansas and was married to N.J. Woolery on June 27, 1872. Her family was one of the pioneer families of Franklin County. Later Mrs. Woolery and her husband again followed the pioneer movement to a newer country and went to Oklahoma. Her husband died January 19, 1882.

Mrs. Woolery became a member of the Church of Christ at the age of 20 years, and remained a faithful member of the church for 63 years. She is survived by two sons, M.M. of Mulvane and H.B. of Wichita; one daughter, Mrs. W.W. Headlee, of Uneas, Oklahoma and by six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Mulvane Church of Christ this afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. H.A. Utley. Interment was made in Mulvane Cemetery. Gordon Mortuary in charge.

**17 Nov 1930  
Issue of the Sedalia Democrat  
For Daniel L. Farley  
Submitted by Bill Scroggin  
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**D. L. Farley**

D. L. Farley, aged 75 years, four months and 26 days, died at 8:45 o'clock this morning at the Bothwell Memorial Hospital while being operated on.

Mr. Farley was one of Pettis County's best-known farmers, who resided one-half mile south of Green Ridge, where he had made his home since 1905. Previous to that time he resided in the La Monte vicinity.

Mr. Farley was a good man with a legion of friends and was a member of the Baptist Church at Green Ridge.

He was born in Warrensburg, Johnson County, June 21, 1855 and spent his entire life in Missouri. August 6, 1876, he was married to Miss Arizona Akins, who preceded him in death on February 26, 1883. To that union three children survive, they being W. B. Farley, Sedalia; J. A. Farley of Parshall, Col. and Mrs. Q. H. Glenn of Peoria, Ill.

In 1886 he was again married, his bride then being Miss Mary L. Lee of Beaman, Mo., who preceded him in death also. He was again married in December, 1900, his third wife being Miss Minerva Ross and to them four children were born as follows: E. H. Farley, Bayfield, Col.; Col. D. D. Farley, Slater, Mo.; Mrs. J. C. Wood, Eldon, Mo. and E. M. Farley of the home address, and five grandchildren. Three brothers also survive, they being J. N. Farley, Basin, Wyo.; G. W. Farley, Henrietta, Mo. and J. H. Farley, Sedalia, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at Green Ridge at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Michaelowsky, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Warsaw, officiating.

Burial will be in Potter's cemetery north of Clifton City.

**05 May 1932  
Issue of the Boonville Daily News  
For Betty Robertson  
Submitted by Bill Scroggin  
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**Mrs. Betty Robertson of Cooper Co. Dies**  
**Was Born in This County Almost 94 Years Ago; Funeral Friday**

Mrs. Betty Robertson, aged Cooper County resident, died Wednesday morning at the home of her nephew, Warner Robertson, four miles southwest of Boonville at the age of 93. She would have been 94 years old June 2. Funeral services will be held at the Warner Robertson home this (Friday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. I. D. Borders, pastor of the Boonville Presbyterian church. Burial will be made in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Mrs. Robertson was born June 2, 1838 in Cooper County, the daughter of William and Nancy Potter Dillard. She spent practically all of her life in Cooper County. She is survived by three nephews and two nieces, T. B., Charles E., and Warner Robertson, Mrs. B. Miller, and Mrs. Joe Gilman, all of and near Boonville.

**22 Jul 1932**  
**Issue of the Boonville Advertiser**  
**For Thomas Franklin Woolery**  
**Submitted by Frances Smith**

**Thomas Franklin Woolery is Dead**  
**Funeral Service for Civil War Veteran were Held at Bunceton**

Wednesday Thomas Franklin Woolery was born Jan. 18, 1843, near Nebo Church in Cooper County and died at his home in Bunceton July 18, being 89 years and six months of age. Funeral services were held at the Christian Church at 2:30 pm, Wednesday, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. H. C. Clark, of Boonville, assisted by the Rev. C. E. Nickerson, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Woolery was married to Miss Lizzie Wilkes on Oct. 2, 1870. To this union seven children were born, four are living. They are Allen D. Woolery of Kansas City, Downing Woolery of Pueblo, Colo., Mrs. Charles Lauer of Boonville, and Mrs. Finas Reed of Pilot Grove. Mrs. Woolery died Nov. 5, 1891.

On Jan. 9, 1907, Mr. Woolery was married to Miss Lillie Doyle who survives with the following children by that union: Mrs. F. A. Case of Kansas City, and Miss Emma Mae and Thomas Taylor Woolery of the home.

Mr. Woolery joined the Baptist church at Nebo when a young man, and moved his membership to the Christian Church at Bunceton about 25 years ago. Mr.

Woolery was a farmer until about 18 years ago, when he and his family moved to Bunceton.

Mr. Woolery enlisted in the Confederate army in 1862, serving four years in Henry Titsworth company, Company A., Gordon Regeman Shelby's brigade. He fought in more than 40 battles and was never wounded. Mr. Woolery loved to tell about his early days and his war experiences.

Pallbearers were E. K. Ford, Rolla Hickerson, Ivan Robinson, Herbert Harris, E. P. Harned, and C. W. Culley. Burial was in Bunceton Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Woolery was the last of thirteen children.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Case, Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel L. Eaton, Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolery, Kansas City; Mrs. T. Carr, Kansas City; D. O. Woolery, Pueblo, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lauer, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Burton and daughter, Florence Mayfield, Boonville; Mr. and Mrs. Finas Reed and son, Pilot Grove; Mr. and Mrs. George Foster, Boonville; and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Doyle and daughter, Thelma of Pilot Grove.

**20 Jan 1933**  
**Issue of the Pilot Grove Weekly Record**  
**For Sarah Isabel Pulley Hazel**  
**Submitted by Frances Smith**

**MRS. SARAH I. HAZEL DIES**  
**Native Cooper Countian Dies At Age of Eighty Years**  
**Was Born Near Speed 1853**

Sarah Isabel Pulley Hazel died Thursday, morning, January 12 about 9 o'clock at the home of her son, Aubrey Hazel, just north of Pilot Grove, after a long illness. For seven years she had been failing in health, in that time having suffered several strokes of paralysis. For more than a year she had been confined to her bed, unable to speak, and entirely helpless. Last week she was again stricken and quietly and quickly passed on.

Mrs. Hazel was born near Speed, September 26, 1853, all her life having been spent in one community. On Nov. 23, 1872, she was married to J. J. Hazel of near Speed, Mo., and to that union four sons were born, three surviving: David Hazel, Boonville; Aubrey Hazel of Pilot Grove and Lester Hazel of Atchison, Kansas, the husband dying many years ago.

Mrs. Hazel united with the Pleasant Hill Baptist church when young and lived a consistent Christian life, although for many years of her life deprived of the privilege of worship in her church.

Funeral services were conducted in the Hays-Stoecklein funeral parlor, Saturday afternoon by Rev. H. H. S. DuBois of the Pilot Grove Methodist church, with music furnished by Mrs. John Shackelford, Miss Ruth Hays, P. E. Hays, and S. L. Stites.

Pallbearers were: I. M. Doyle, Robert Moore, Ross More, Joseph Turner, Harry Turner, and Lewis Turner. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery five miles east of Pilot Grove.

**13 Nov 1934**

**Issue of the Boonville Daily News**

**For Philip Peter Neef**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

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#### **PHILIP NEEF DIES AT HOME**

#### **Prominent Farmer Is Survived By Wife And 2 Sons**

Philip Peter Neef, prominent Cooper County farmer, died at his home eight miles west of Boonville about 5 o'clock this morning. He had been in failing health for some time but had been very ill since Sunday.

No funeral arrangements have been made.

Mr. Neef is survived by his wife and two sons: Carl A., who lives about three miles west of Boonville, and John H. of the home.

Philip Peter Neef lived in Boonville township all his life. He was born May 13, 1857, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Neef, natives of Germany.

He was but seven years old when his father was killed at the battle of Boonville. Early facing responsibilities and labors unusual for the average boy, he stuck to the farm. In 1882 he bought 85 acres, a part of the farm on which he died, and there established his home in a log cabin, clearing the ground of stumps. He added to his land holding throughout the years.

On December 28, 1879, he was married to Julia C. Huth, who also was born in Boonville township.

At "Riverside Farms" Mr. Neef gained a reputation as a farmer and stockman.

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**Issue of the Boonville Daily News**

**For Philip Peter Neef**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

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#### **Neef Services At Evangelical Church**

Funeral services for Philip P. Neef, prominent Cooper County farmer who died at his home west of Boonville yesterday morning, will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Boonville Evangelical church.

The Rev. George Kreuzenstein, pastor of the West Boonville Evangelical church, six miles west of Boonville, will have charge of the services. Burial will be in Walnut Grove cemetery.

Mr. Neef was confirmed as a boy as a member of the Boonville Evangelical church, but when the West Boonville church was started, he transferred his membership there.

**07 Dec 1934**

**Issue of the Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa**

**For Florence A. Roedell**

**Submitted by Kristen Watts**

Funeral of Florence Ada Roedell was held from the Huebsch-ris funeral home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A large circle of friends and relatives attended the impressive services conducted by the Rev. H. D. Atchison, of St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by the Rev. E. J. Starr, of the Center Grove Methodist Episcopal Church.

The male quartet of the University of Dubuque, composed of Robert Roedell, Robert Stirratt, Raymond Avery, and Ben Swede, sang several selections. Mrs. Charles Landgraf also sang a selection accompanied by Mrs. Ada Herrmann.

Pallbearers were Roy Bradley, Fred Bradley, Melvin Bradley, Henry Bradley, Clifford Bradley and Elmer Bradley.

Burial was made in the Linwood Cemetery.

Those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Lindsey, Billings MT; George Cousin, Chicago; and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Roedell of Syracuse NY.

**15 Apr 1935**

**Issue of the Sedalia Democrat**

**For Jasper M. DeWitt**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

Jasper M. DeWitt, 80 years old, passed away at the home of Mrs. Douglas Price near Beaman early Sunday morning. He had been ill for some time.

Surviving him is one son, Bert M. DeWitt of St. Louis, who arrived late Sunday. His wife passed away many years ago, as did a son, Carl, and a daughter, Gertrude.

The body is at the McLaughlin Funeral Chapel and will remain there until 12:30 o'clock Tuesday when it will be taken to the Lamine Baptist Church, where services are to be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Burial will be in Potter Cemetery. Complete arrangements have not been made.

**05 Nov 1936**

**Issue of the Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa**

**For Charles W. Landgraf**

**Submitted by Kristen Watts**

Funeral services for Charles W. Landgraf were held Tuesday afternoon at the Haudenshield funeral home. They were connected by R. P. Roedell. Miss Myra Bock presided at the organ. Graveside services in Linwood cemetery were conducted by Pastor Master E. A. Millius of the Masonic Lodge # 125, Dubuque; far Ashlar lodge # 111 of Fort Dodge, of which the deceased was a member. Pallbearers were David Malvaney, Frank Duffy, Harry Linderman, Sam Johnson, W. E. Peterson and Herman Schnack.

Out of Town relatives in attendance were Mrs. Charlotte Richmond, Mrs. Louise Young, Stanley Young and Mrs. William Landgraf all of Elgin, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Leetch, Bloomington, Illinois Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Clemmons, Clinton Illinois; Mrs. Charles Deremo, Spencer, Iowa

Illinois Central Railroad officials and employees in attendance from out of the city were C. R. Knowles, W. B. Bryant and Mrs. Bryant, John Hanley, Miss Adeline Keefe, Miss Olga Wanninger and Harry Linderman all of Chicago, Illinois R. C. Parlett of Mattoon, IL Ralph Larkin and Mrs. Larkin, E. S. Chaphand, H. E. Bishop and David Mulvaney all of Waterloo.

Other friends present were Sam Johnson and E. E. Miller, Chicago and Don Bodishbaugh of Mattoon.

**21 May 1937**

**Issue of the Bunceton Weekly Eagle**

**For George W. Potter**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

### **GEORGE W. POTTER PASSES AWAY FRIDAY**

**Otterville Man Succumbs to Lingering Illness; Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon**

George W. Potter, life-long Cooper Countian, died at his home in Otterville Friday following a lingering illness.

Mr. Potter, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jabe Potter, pioneer Cooper Countians, was born October 4, 1853. He was married to Miss Phoebe Dillard and to this union two children were born: Mrs. Bob Smith and Lobe Potter, both deceased. He was married September 10, 1921 to Miss Margaret Steele, who survives him as do 15 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren; and one brother, Jabe Potter, south of Otterville.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Otterville M. E. Church, of which he was a faithful member, with the Rev. C. K. Sullins of LaMonte, former pastor, officiating. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons of Mr. Potter.

**20 Jul 1937**

**Boonville Daily News – 22 Jul 1937**

**Dominicus Barnert**

**Barnert Funeral Rites To Be Held Saturday  
Very Reverend Monsignor Schilling to Conduct Services at SS. Peter and Paul's Church**

Funeral services for Dominicus Barnert, who died at his home on South Third Street Tuesday evening, scheduled for tomorrow morning, have been changed to allow a son, Merle, of Toronto, Canada, to come here for the rites.

Services will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at the SS. Peter and Paul's church, conducted by the Very Reverend Monsignor Schilling, in charge of Stegner-Koenig. The body will lie in state at the Stegner-Koenig Funeral Home until tomorrow evening at 4 o'clock when it will be taken to the home until time for the funeral Saturday morning. The Rosary will be said at the home tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

**20 Jul 1937**

**Boonville Daily News – 24 Jul 1937**

**Barnert Funeral Rites Are Held This Morning**

Funeral services for Dominicus Barnert, 74, were conducted at 9 o'clock this morning at the SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church here by the Very Reverend Monsignor Schilling. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery. The Rosary was said last night at the home at 8 o'clock.

Pallbearers were: Arthur Bradley, Oscar Kline, Clarence McCartney, William Pieper, William Potter, and Otto Schmalfeldt. Honorary pallbearers were: James Tucker, Gus Meyer, John Potter, Fred Bleckman, James Berry, and Jacob Deck, Sr.

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**FINIS READ, 76 NEW LEBANON, DIES**

Finis Read, 76, died at his home near New Lebanon Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock following a lingering illness.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Norwood Read, of Marshall and Chathan Read of the home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Pleasant Green.

**10 Dec 1937**

**Bunceton Weekly Eagle – 10 Dec 1937**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

**Elza B. Shannon Rites Held Saturday**

**Cooper County Farmer Dies At His Home Near Boonville Thursday Afternoon**

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in Boonville for Elza B. Shannon, who died at his farm home near Boonville Thursday afternoon, after an illness of about a month. Rites were held in the Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. David F. Murphy, assisted by Rev. H. C. Clark. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Shannon was born October 31, 1853, on the farm where he lived at the time of his death and where he spent his entire life.

He was united in marriage to Mary Catherine Miller in 1876, and to this union three children were born, Minnie Gray died at the age of two, Robert Alexander died in 1936, and Elza M., of Benton, Kansas. Mrs. Shannon died July 26, 1884.

On March 6, 1889, he married Jennie L. Johnston of Prairie Home. To this union five children were born.

Mr. Shannon is survived by his widow; two sons, Elza M. of Benton, Kansas, and Louis J. of near Boonville; three daughters, Mrs. B. H. Mills of Clark's Fork, Mrs. William Toellner of near Bunceton, and Miss Georgia Shannon; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

**07 Feb 1938**

**Issue of the Boonville Daily News**

**For A. C. Potter**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

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**A. C. Potter Funeral Rites are Held at Sedalia  
Former Cooper County Farmer And School Teacher Buried Saturday at Pettis County Seat**

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Gillespie Funeral home at Sedalia for A. C. Potter, former prominent Cooper County farmer of near Clifton City. The services were conducted by the Rev. Summers, pastor of the Calvary Church. Burial was in Crown Hill cemetery, Sedalia.

Potter was the son of the late William and Hannah Potter and was born April 7, 1849 in Johnson County. When but a child he moved with his parents to a farm near Clifton City, where he resided until 18 years ago. Since then he has resided at 519 East Fifth Street, Sedalia.

He taught school for a number of years and is well-known in Cooper and Pettis counties. He was married January 1, 1902, to Miss Julia Frank of Clear Creek, who survived with two children; Orson Potter and Mrs. Clarence Bates, both of Sedalia. He is also survived by the following brothers: Joe, of Sedalia; William, of Windsor; Nelson, J. L., and the Rev. Thomas Potter, all of St. Louis.

**20 Jan 1939**

**From 21 Jan Issue of Boonville Daily News**

**Louise B. Potter**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

**From newspaper collection, Newspaper Library, State Historical Society of Missouri**

**Mrs. Louise B. Potter, 79, Dies at Home Here**

**Funeral Services Will Be Held at Evangelical Church Monday Afternoon at 2:30 - Lived in Boonville Her Entire Life**

Mrs. Louise Barbara Potter, 79, died last night shortly before midnight at her home at 220 First Street. She had been in failing health for the past year.

Born in Boonville on March 1, 1859, she spent her entire life in this community. She was a lifelong member of the Evangelical church and served as clerk of the Woodmen's Circle here for the past 38 years: she was also a charter member of the Rebekahs and Maccabee lodges here.

Funeral services will be held at the Evangelical church Monday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by the Rev. E. F. Abele, pastor of the church, under direction of Stegner-Koenig. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove cemetery. The body will lie in state at the home after 1 o'clock today until time for the services Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Potter was the daughter of Anton and Wilhelmina Guyer Back. On February 13, 1876, she was married to George B. Stillwell to which union four children were born: Mrs. Savannah Burt, Pratt, Kas., and Joseph Stillwell, Higginsville, Mo., and George and Mary, who died in infancy.

On September 6, 1882, she was married to John H. Potter, Boonville. To this union, the following children were born: William J. Potter and Walter A. Potter, both of Boonville; Herman E. Potter, St. Louis; Mrs. Louise McCartney and Mrs. Bessie Kyle, both of Springfield, Mo.; George O. Potter, Lordsburg, N. M.; and Edward Potter, St. James, Mo. Another son, John H. Potter, preceded his mother in death in 1918.

Mrs. Potter is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Boonville; 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

**21 Jan 1939**  
**Issue of the Boonville Daily News**  
**For Mrs. Alice Potter**  
**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

**rites for Mrs. Alice Potter to be tomorrow**

**Services To Be Conducted At Foursquare Gospel Church Sunday Morning At 10 O'Clock - Burial In Hail Ridge Cemetery**

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Potter, 201 Second Street, who died yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock at St. Joseph's Hospital after a lengthy illness, will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Foursquare Gospel Church here.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. Geraldine Grebe and the Rev. Evelyn Taylor. Burial will be in the Hail Ridge Cemetery.

Mrs. Potter was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Potter, two years ago. She was born November 28, 1874, at Versailles, Mo

She is survived by three children, Mrs. Robert Stillwell, Mrs. Bessie Brightwell, and John Potter, Boonville, and a brother, Burt O'Bryan, Independence, Mo.

The body will lie in state at the Stegner-Koenig Funeral Home until time for the services tomorrow morning.

**10 Feb 1939**

**From Issue of Bunceton Eagle**

**For John W. Richey**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

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**LAST RITES FOR JOHN W. RICHEY**

**Passed Away At Home of Son In Howard Co.; Funeral Here Monday Afternoon**

Funeral services were held for John W. Richey, 87, former Bunceton resident, at the Christian church here Monday afternoon with Rev. H. C. Clark, of Boonville, officiating. Burial was in the Masonic cemetery here. Six grandsons served as pall bearers.

Honorary pallbearers were O. L. Groves, N. A. George, Jim Daniel, C. R. Friday, Herbert Harris and Dr. J. B. Rand.

Mr. Richey passed away Saturday night at the home of his son, Wallace Richey, west of Franklin, after an illness of several days.

He was born in St. Clair county, Mo., December 22, 1851 and came to this county when a young man. He engaged in farming south of Bunceton until 1919 when he moved to Bunceton where he lived until about a year ago. Since then he had made his home with his son, Wallace and a daughter, Mrs. Belle Marcum, of near Fayette.

Mrs. Richey preceded him in death December 19, 1927. Surviving him are three sons, Lon, Jefferson City, Jack, of Moberly, and Wallace, of Howard County; one daughter, Mrs. Belle Marcum, Fayette; three brothers, James, of Bunceton, Josh, of Cooper county, and Wesley of New Mexico; eighteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

**05 May 1939**

**From Issue of Bunceton Eagle**

**Matilda Hurt**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

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**Mrs. Matilda Hurt Passes Thursday**

**Funeral Services Were Held at the Home Saturday Afternoon; Burial in Local Cemetery**

Mrs. Matilda M. Hurt passed away at her home in Bunceton Thursday afternoon, April 27, following an illness of several years. Until two months ago, she spent the past year at the state sanatorium in Mt. Vernon, returning to her home here February 27.

She was born in the Clark's Fork community May 16, 1884. On August 30, 1916, she was married to Benija F. Hurt, who preceded her in death January 11 this year. To this union were born four children, Leona Lois, Clothilda, and Ben Jr., and Christine June, who died January 20, 1929.

She was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church of Bunceton.

Mrs. Hurt was a lovable Christian woman, being devoted to her church, her family, her children, and her home. Ill health the past few years had deprived her of being active in those things she enjoyed the most.

Surviving are her three children of the home; two brothers, Leonard Langkop, of near Bunceton, and Martin Langkop, of California, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Theiss, of near Prairie Home, and Mrs. Herman Kopp, of Bunceton; one half-sister, Mrs. Paul MacDonnell of Brookfield, Ill.; and her aged step-mother, Mrs. Mary Langkop, also of Brookfield, Ill.

Funeral services, largely attended, were held at the home at two o'clock Saturday afternoon under the direction of the Parker Funeral Service. Rev. Herbert Pragman, Lutheran minister, officiated.

Burial was in the Bunceton cemetery.

The Eagle joins the many friends in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved children and relatives.

**13 Dec 1939**

**Issue of Boonville Daily News**

**John Henry Neef**

**Submitted by Bill Scroggin**

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#### **JOHN H. NEEF IS FOUND DEAD**

#### **16 Gauge Shotgun Used To Inflict Fatal Wound - Funeral to Be Friday Afternoon At 2:30**

John H. Neef, 55, was found dead at his farm home several miles west of Boonville about 7 o'clock this morning by Ray Pollard who had gone to the farm to cull Neef's flock of chickens. Neef had taken his life by shooting himself in the head with a 16-gauge shotgun.

Coroner J. C. Tincher, called about 8 o'clock to view the body, declared there would be no inquest.

Neef shot himself in the right temple with the shotgun, the Coroner said. The shooting is believed to have occurred early Monday evening or Monday night.

County officials who investigated the case this morning believed financial worries were responsible for the tragedy. A pocketbook containing \$30 in cash was found in his pocket.

A will was made by Mr. Neef on Tuesday, Dec. 5, this year, was found in his home. The will appointed Kenneth Hirlinger, Boonville, as administrator of his estate in case of death, bequeathed \$10 to his brother, Carl, and made arrangements for funeral expenses and a monument. The remainder of his estate was bequeathed to the German Protestant Home of St. Louis County, Mo.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the Evangelical church here. The Rev. Firdel Paul, pastor of the Evangelical church at Billingsville, will conduct the service. Burial will be in Walnut Grove cemetery.

Mr. Neef was born June 21, 1884. He is survived by one brother, Carl, of Boonville.